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LETTER FROM KATIE

From the start, this year has proven it will stand out from those that came before it. OU saw a new president whose actions so far have shaken the campus' collective consciousness. In the fall, College Green played host to countless speeches and debates leading up to the *GWB v. Kerry* election. However, it's the constants in Athens – the piano man on Court Street, the food buggies lining Richland Avenue, the drunken students stumbling over the brick-laden streets – that have kept all of us grounded during these transforming times.

The Athena staff this year wanted to portray the changes and constants that compose Athens in the best way we know how. Our staff is made up of talented people from all walks of life and majors – photography, English, journalism, graphic design, accounting. We came together because we saw a campus whose story needed to be told, whose essence needed to be captured so that 20 years from now, when you pick up this book its pages will catapult you into memories of your time in Athens.

A small town at the foot of the Appalachians, Athens is a town where, as my History of Rock professor Andre Gribou put it, "You can improvise a life." Barely anything in Athens is set in stone; a constant flow of ideas cascades through its buildings and streets. People come here to learn, to get a way from the outside world, some to settle down, and some to figure out where to go next.

I hope you've enjoyed your time here, as I know I have. And I also hope whenever you find yourself missing dinners with roommates in Jefferson Dining Hall, flipping through Shakespeare plays in the dimly lit Ellis, darts and drinks at Tony's, parties on Palmer Street, or barbecuing at Stroud's Run on the first nice day of spring, you pick up this book and find that those relatively carefree times aren't so far away.

Shout out,
Katie Brandt

LETTER FROM KARA

To say that this year was the most emotionally draining year of my life is an understatement. So I'm extremely grateful that I had the opportunity to be the chief copy editor and head writer for the 2004-2005 Athena Yearbook. Although this job sometimes added stress to my already-full plate, it often served as a welcomed escape from my personal life.

I knew when I accepted this position last year that it would be time consuming. But I didn't know just how much was required of me until I dove into it. However, I can say in all honesty that I have benefited from every minute of it. I am very proud of this yearbook because it is completely different than anything done by previous yearbook staffs.

At the beginning of the year, I decided that I wanted to change the yearbook's content. This edition includes more than 40 pages of feature stories, which is about 39 more than usual. I thought delving into hot topics like The Ridges, Cornhole, McDavis' inauguration, the 2004 presidential election and the ever-popular Burrito Buggy, among others, might have more selling potential.

So take some time to kick back, crack open an ice-cold Natural Light and flip through the pages of the 2004-2005 Athena Yearbook.

Thanks for the memories,
Kara Steele

I dedicate this book to Amy Buckland and Andy Howick, two people whose souls were unconquerable through death.



FEATURES





McDAVIS INAUGURATION

by Kara Steele

Policemen stopped traffic as he waltzed across West Union Street and through College Gate. He was draped in an ensemble modeled after the attire of monks and students in the Middle Ages. A seemingly never-ending line of distinguished guests followed him into an event that would officially recognize an unforgettable milestone in his career.

Roderick J. McDavis' inauguration as the 20th president of Ohio University was held on Sept. 10, 2004, in Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial

Auditorium. Classes scheduled after 2 p.m. on Sept. 10 were made optional by the university in order to give each student an opportunity to attend the historic event. The inauguration was also able to be viewed via webcast – McDavis' two sons, Ryan and Anthony, took advantage of this option, as academic duties prevented them from attending the event.

McDavis, a native of Dayton, Ohio, earned his bachelor's degree in social sciences in secondary education from Ohio University in 1970. He then

received his master's degree in student personnel administration from the University of Dayton in 1971 and his doctorate in counselor education and higher education administration from the University of Toledo in 1974.

McDavis' resume is extensive. He has held a variety of positions – ranging from associate dean of minority programs to provost and vice president for academic affairs – at colleges including the University of Arkansas, the University of Florida and Virginia Commonwealth University.

After the national anthem

was sung and the greetings and introductions concluded at the inaugural ceremonies, Robert Walter, chair of Ohio University Board of Trustees, turned the podium over to L. Douglas Wilder, former governor of Virginia and friend of McDavis'.

Wilder noted the significance of McDavis' presidency taking place 50 years after the historic Brown versus Board of Education ruling, which dismissed the "separate, but equal" doctrine and brought America one step closer to eliminating segregation. Wilder said it would have been highly unlikely for Ohio University – or any university, for that matter – to have a black president in the 1950s. Much has changed over the last half century, however, and McDavis, a successful, qualified,



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distinguished African American man, was installed as OU's president. Wilder said McDavis has the qualities to successfully carry Ohio University to the next level in awareness, equality and excellence.

"[McDavis] has shown that discipline, hard work and steadfastness have been the order of the day," Wilder said. "He is someone I have come to know, admire and respect... I am proud to call him my friend."

After Wilder's speech, McDavis took the oath of office. He swore on a 13th century illuminated Bible manuscript, which was Alden Library's one millionth volume.

The seal of office was also presented to McDavis. This

seal is a symbolic representation of the authority of the presidential office and is to be worn at all university functions. It includes two medallions, which contain a silhouette of Cutler Hall, the year 1804 (Ohio University's founding), the words "Ohio's first uni-

versity" and the university seal.

Then, Charles Ping, former OU president and

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namesake of Ping Center, Ohio University's elaborate recreation facility, presented McDavis with the university charter.

"Possession of this charter identifies [McDavis] as the steward of the university's past and the architect of its future," Ping said.

Ohio University was chartered by the state of Ohio on Feb. 18, 1804, which makes it the oldest public university west of the



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of the Allegheny Mountains.

After the seal and charter were presented, McDavis took the stage.

“To be granted the privileged honor of providing leadership for my Alma Mater at the dawn of its third century leaves me with a profound sense of responsibility and duty,” he said.

McDavis is the second alumnus to lead OU and the first since William Henry Scott, who held the presidential office from 1872 to 1883.

McDavis described OU as an exceptional institution.

“I want the world to be captivated by the great achievements of this university,” he said.

And he has just the plan to do so.

McDavis outlined four ambitious goals that he would like to achieve during his time as OU’s president. He wants to “reach for the highest star” because “not fail-

ure, but low aim, is a sin.”

First, McDavis said OU will become a nationally prominent research university. Currently, “U.S. News and World Report” lists Ohio University among the top 100 research universities and the top 50 public universities in

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the nation, “but more can, must and will be done to advance our position among the very best research and public universities in the United States,” McDavis said.

In order to assure that more will be done, McDavis said a

university-wide committee, composed of faculty, students and members of the Board of Trustees, will be appointed to develop the vision and plan in order to help OU achieve its goal of becoming a nationally prominent research university. McDavis stressed that excellence in national rankings in academic and research programs will be increased.

Second, McDavis said diversity within the university itself will be increased. He urged students and faculty alike to create a more welcoming and inclusive campus environment. McDavis hopes to achieve this goal by escalating the number of students from out-of-state, and by increasing underrepresented groups, such as students from different socioeconomic statuses, minority groups and geographic origins.

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McDavis introduced the Urban Scholars Program, through which OU will actively pursue outstanding students from urban centers across the state and throughout the nation. He and his wife pledged \$8,000 to support Ohio University's first urban scholar.

Third, McDavis promised to “secure the resources necessary for Ohio University to rise to national prominence as a research university.” He said private funds must continue to be raised in order to support scholarships for students and professorships for faculty. Also, Ohio University “must continue to forge better partnerships

with state leaders to secure additional state support for mutually beneficial university programs and projects.”

Currently, OU's research funding nears \$57 million, but McDavis wants to increase those funds to \$100 million over the next five years.

“Bold aspirations have an uncanny habit of fueling progress and achieving it,” he said.

Lastly, partnerships in the region throughout Ohio – as well as the nation – will be increased, McDavis said. In order to achieve this goal, faculty, staff and students must work closely with local, state and nationally elected leaders to build more “economic development partnerships” with our regional neighbors.

McDavis also stressed that OU must continue to “work collaboratively with health care

institutions in the region to strengthen and provide better healthcare for the citizens in southeast Ohio.” This action will lead to the formation of new partnerships with healthcare professionals in the area.

Education must be applied to improving schools throughout southeast Ohio, McDavis said, because “a better educated population leads to a better workforce for tomorrow's jobs.”

McDavis concluded his inaugural speech by saying: “Our history demands that we strive toward these goals, and our destiny depends on it. Together, we will accomplish these goals in Ohio University's third century.”

After the audience's standing ovation, Walter boasted, “And that's why we chose Dr. McDavis.”





Election Fever

democrats and republicans battle for votes



by Maggie Bushek

Athens was quiet the day Sen. John Kerry conceded the election to President George W. Bush. The curtain was pulled on a seemingly never-ending battle – Republican Bush fans claimed victory over Democratic Kerry supporters. Many students who favored Kerry in the election race were struck with disappointment in the early hours of Nov. 3. Despite the result, many students

– regardless of their political affiliations – successfully persuaded many of their peers to showcase their support for the presidential election by voting on Nov. 2.

It is common for students to be bombarded with fliers as they make their way through College Gate to Court Street. During the months leading up to the election, however, these leaflets contained fewer band logos

with concert information, and more political messages urging students to make it to the polls. "There was handout

get OU students registered and, in the words of MTV's famous campaign, "rock the vote." Amy Flowers, president

registering students to vote. "With no one registered, there is no point," Flowers said. The party sponsored several liberal



celebrity speakers on campus, including Michael Moore, Jerry Springer, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sen. John Edwards and Sarah Jessica Parker.

The Athens County Democratic Party spread support by passing out 20,000 pieces of literature aimed to

after handout after handout," said Annie Mickey, a junior childhood education major. Many organizations on campus took the initiative to

of OU College Democrats and executive director of the Athens County Democratic Party, said the College Democrats began the election year at pre-college by

educate people on who election's main issues affected students. College Democrats also took part in "knocking and (continued on page 16)



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enced the horrors of President Bush.”

Nonetheless, Flowers is satisfied with what Athens Democrats accomplished. She said they would regroup and prepare for city elections.

“A democratic officeholder at any level is what we strive for,” Flowers said.

Flowers was confident that local elections would please OU’s liberal student base because “democrats own this county,” she said.

Clayton Hensen, chairman of OU’s

College Republicans, said it is a challenge to find ways to support the Republican Party in such a liberal town.

“[Democrats] definitely are dominant in Athens,” he said. “That’s one of our big hurdles.”

Hensen’s group tries to counteract this dilemma by reaching out to areas beyond Athens County.

To prepare for the election, the College Republicans, like the College Democrats, began recruiting at the beginning of the year. By the first two days of school, the College Republicans had established about 400 new members.

The College Republicans geared its campaign efforts differ-

dragging,” Flowers said. Members of the group literally knocked on students’ doors and dragged them to the polls.

About 6,500 OU students voted in the election, which Flowers said is a university record. While she was pleased with the voter turnout in Athens, Flowers said only nine to 10 percent of students across the nation voted.

Flowers also said democrats must do more to encourage young people to vote.

“I’m highly disappointed because it didn’t turn out the way I wanted,” Flowers said. “I was shocked at the popular vote



because everyone has been alive for four years and has experi-

ently than the College Democrats in part because they didn't have the resources to sponsor celebrity speakers.

"We focused on grassroots campaigning," Hensen said.

As far as the presidential election goes, the College Republicans are happy with the results and proud of their accomplishments, Hensen said.

A concern other than the presidential race that brought many Ohio voters to the polls was Issue 1, a proposed amendment to Ohio's constitution that would not recognize common law marriages. This amendment passed by a wide margin – and



vote," Long said. "I feel like we had somewhat of an impact in Athens, but it's still really disappointing to see that it's passed because it might effect domestic partnership benefits here that took a long time to achieve."

Although the majority of OU's liberal students were unhappy with the outcome of the presidential election, most were pleased with the increase in voter turnout. But both Democrats and Republicans agreed that even though the election is over, their work is not close to being done.

Athens was the only county in Ohio to vote against it.

Nicole Long, treasurer of the Swarm of Dykes, an activist group for lesbians on OU's campus, said Issue 1 is what won Bush the election.

"There were 11 states that had a constitutional amendment on the ballot, which brought out a lot of conservative people who wouldn't usually



diversityoncampus



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by Heather Foss

The 2004 inauguration of President Roderick McDavis marked the beginning of a new era for diversity at Ohio University. McDavis, the university's first African American president, works to achieve a more diverse campus.

"Any limitation to our diversity is unacceptable," McDavis said during his inauguration speech.

The president urges members of the university community to create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for a diverse student and faculty population. He introduced the Urban Scholars Program, which will allow outstanding students in urban areas across the nation to attend OU. McDavis and his wife, Deborah, pledged \$8,000 to support the first urban scholar.

Increasing diversity

Terry Hogan, dean of students, said the university works to increase campus diversity on a daily basis.

"All in all, we are making progress, and we have a clear commitment in place," Hogan said.

Part of Hogan's job is to advocate the importance of diversity on campus and to also keep tabs on the numerous departments responsible for the oversight of international students, including the Lindley Cultural Center and the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered

Students.

The above organizations are used not only as support groups for students who are not a part of the dominant culture, but also to educate other students about diversity.

"I think we do a good job at providing support to student organizations comprised of minority students," Hogan said.

The Lindley Cultural Center

Angela Davis, assistant director of the Lindley Cultural Center, has worked at the university since 2001. She completed her bachelor's and master's degrees at OU.

"You see things through different lenses as an undergrad, grad and then a professional," Davis said.

The university is striving to do more, and she noticed an increased awareness about minority groups, Davis said.

The Lindley Cultural Center is focused more on domestic diversity for students born in the United States. It serves as a support group for those who are not a part of the majority, and as an educational tool for those who are.

Despite its efforts, Davis said the Cultural Center is not able to be fully successful.

"If we really want to make changes, and make the majority students understand, then we need to be more submerged in the environment," Davis said.

Currently, the Cultural Center is not located by any other organizations, but

Davis said they will be after the completion of the new Student Center. In this new space, the Cultural Center will be next door to many other student programs.

The Cultural Center is focused on increasing awareness and breaking down stereotypes of minority groups.

"We get so caught up on skin color that we forget who we are," Davis said. "It is important to recognize it, but it is not the defining point in a person's life."

The main goal of the Cultural Center is to make people feel comfortable with each other. When that happens, then true diversity has been accomplished, Davis said.

OU has an international student population, but it lacks domestic diversity, Davis said.

"You hang out with people that are like you; that is just the way people are," she said. "I think everyone is intimidated because the African American and Latino students gather in the Cultural Center ... Come in and find out what we're talking about; come see what's going on."

OU needs to give all students the best, most practical experience it can offer. The university should strive to simulate as much real-world discussion as possible. The university should help everyone – no matter his or her race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status or sexual orientation – feel welcome and comfortable, Davis said.

To accomplish the above goal, OU students and staff need to visit multicultural

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communities and make an effort to recruit diverse people for the university, Davis said.

Diversity ... does it exist on campus?

Amanda Sorrell, a junior journalism major, said often times, looks can be deceiving.

"I think when you walk around, [the campus] looks diverse, but my classes are 98 percent white," Sorrell said.

OU's admission standards

should recognize special circumstances like low socioeconomic status, Sorrell said. Also, high school students should be rated against their fellow classmates. That way, students who attend schools in poorer districts aren't being compared only to students who go to more affluent schools, she said.

"Diversity is important because it will prepare you for the diversity in the real world," Sorrell said.

Jie Gao, a second-year graduate student from China, said OU is a good environment for international students.

"I went to international coffee hour a few times, and I was able to meet people from Mexico and Africa," Gao said.

Though Gao chose OU because of the applied math program, and because the weather is similar to that of her hometown, she is comfortable at the university, she said.



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A NIGHT ON THE TOWN

no matter the day of the week, uptown athens is always hoppin'

by Cari Yavorcik

Athens may be a small town, but life uptown on the weekends is anything but boring. Besides a plethora of bars and eateries, some establishments host unique events for students to enjoy.

Casa Nueva, 4 W. State St., is the home of two uptown traditions. Open Doors Night, held on the second Saturday of every month, offers lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students a chance to be who they are without judgment.

"It's weird at first because everyone's out and no one cares," sophomore Benjamin Nodzak said. "If you've never been in that kind of environment, it can be a little jarring, but once you get used to it, it's a lot of fun and it helps you set up a network of friends."

Casa also hosts Latin Dance Night, which junior Tracy Kolp said is "full of energy." She also

said it's impossible to have a bad time during the dance night.

Kolp said spending time with friends is a big part of the experience. If one goes with friends, "you always have someone to be with, then you can expand and dance with other people."

Friends are also a big part of why senior Jessica Costello goes to Dance or Die, which is held every other weekend at The Union, 18 W. Union St.

"I go to see all my friends, to dance all night and to get a better workout than I can at Ping," she said. "It's a dance party like you would experience in New York or L.A. at the best dive bar in Athens."

Even on nights with no special events, the bars are always open.

"I like bars better than parties," senior Bill Sowa said. "I don't like to wait in line for beer."

Sowa said his favorite bar is





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The
Pigskin,
38 N.
Court

St., because that's
where most of his
friends go.

"The bars add
to the whole social
element," he said.
"You see everybody
from your classes in
a different setting."

For those stu-
dents who prefer non-alcoholic
beverages, uptown Athens also
plays host to several coffeehouses.

A student favorite is Donkey
Coffee and Espresso, 17 1/2 W.
Washington St. In addition to
serving drinks, Donkey also hosts
Designated Space, a forum for
poetry and prose readings, as well
as Musician's Open Mic Night.

"[Open Mic Night] is really
laid back," fourth-year Ph.D.
student Phil Allman said. "The
music is relaxing, everyone is in
their own little groups, playing
games and talking and having a

good time."

The quality of the music is
also good, Allman said, although
it does vary.

"Sometimes you have people
coming up just to introduce
themselves or a song that they
play, but then you have others
who are obviously more pol-
ished."

Whether your cup of tea
is dancing, music, drinking
or hanging out with friends,
uptown Athens offers a variety of
nightlife opportunities that are
sure to fit every taste.



ROCKIN 'N ROLLIN OU STYLE



Photo | Maggie Bowles

local bands unify students with their unique sounds

by Maggie Bushek

Sometimes, Ohio University students just need to relax. Music provides students with a legal means to fill the air and ease the stress of exams, projects, money – or lack thereof – and other college realities.

In 2004, Bobcats danced the night away to the Black-eyed Peas comeback “Let’s Get it Started,” Eminem’s satirical “Just Lose it” and Gwen Stefani’s solo debut

“What You Waiting For,” just to name a few.

However, nothing represents the personality of OU better than the unique flavors of local groups. The uptown bars often choose live, local music over recordings of national Pop music fads.

“[Local music’s] expressions of the richness of the area are really cool,” said Laurel Wakeley, manager of the Blue Gator Bar and Grill.

Bars in Athens work with local musicians to put on entertaining shows while aiming to attract equally amusing crowds.

Matt Harvey, a musician in the local student band Longfellow, said

the bars provide bands with ample gig opportunities.

“The managers of bars use local bands to bring in people,” Harvey said.

Wakeley said many of the bands she books for the Blue Gator are new and young. She also said the Blue Gator and other local bars act as stepping stones for their musical acts because they are often the first venues where new bands play.

“It’s cool as a business to help people along their way,” Wakeley said.

Businesses also benefit from the crowds drawn by local bands.

Brittany Buxton, an OU student, said she will only go to a bar when there is a live performance.

"I like to hear live music," Buxton said. "I prefer going to a party more than going to a bar in other circumstances."

Buxton attends a few live performances each month and is hardly ever disappointed.

"Sometimes I hear people that aren't as good as I expect, but for the most part, I'm happy," she said.

Last year, students couldn't walk down Court Street on a Saturday evening without running into Rick, the street performer stationed outside Taco Bell. And last spring, students walking across the greens often heard various guitar medleys from their musically inclined peers.

Much of OU's sense of community is centered on music.

"This is a unique area in the state," Wakeley said. "There is lots of Appalachian influence, as well as university influence."



Photo | Jake Mecklenborg

Although the area is economically depressed, cultures have maintained a lot of their musical background."

As long as there are students in Athens, there will continue to be plenty of uptown nightlife. One can only hope this means Athens will remain a friendly community with a signature sound, actively welcoming its visitors, especially former Bobcats.

BANDS OF THE MOMENT

- * fat pocket
- * dj x-plosive
- * longfellow
- * cactus pears
- * chronic insomniacs
- * crackers & jam
- * todd rooster
- * cranberry sauce



DORM Life



Photo | Maggie Bowles



losing privacy, gaining friends

by Katie Kiracofe

From learning to share space with roommates to using a community shower, dorm life always proves to be an interesting experience for Ohio University freshmen, sophomores and even upperclassmen.

"I like the fact that I get to meet so many people, but I don't like the fact that I have to walk across the mod in my towel," said Amberleigh Lennon, a freshman living in Ewing, located on New South.

The New South dorms have a mod setting – hallways, each of which have 6-8 bedrooms and one bathroom, branch out from a common area.

"I like [the mod setting] for the fact that I know everyone and we're closer knit, but with that, it's harder because the rooms are so much closer, so it's much louder," Lennon said.

Lennon and her roommate, Meredith Fuller, get along well, which is good considering the two are together more than they are apart – they eat, work out and walk to class together.

Lennon and Fuller's room is brightly decorated in pink and purple shades.

"My mom made us curtains and it's very exciting because [Fuller] likes purple and I like pink, so our room looks like a 12 year old's," Lennon said.

Living in a double, triple, or quad is a unique experience that requires work and cooperation.

"I've never shared a room before, so it definitely took some getting used to," Fuller said. "[Lennon

and I] are both very accommodating, but it's hard because we like to keep different hours."

Living in the dorms has taught Lennon the art of sharing.

"I'm the kind of person who needs my own space and does things my own way, so I've had to learn to compromise [with Fuller]."

As for dorm set-up, Fuller and Lennon rearranged their room on numerous occasions in an attempt to figure out the most practical way to have their dressers, beds and desks.

"It took some rearranging and consolidating, but it worked out," Fuller said.

Matt Brainard, a sophomore living in Scott Quad, didn't have any problem arranging the room that he shares with his roommate, Andy Howell.

"It's really cool," Brainard said. "We have it set up so that the dressers separate the room into two parts so we have the TV, futon and coffee table, and then we have the dressers and beds."

Brainard said the dorms can be loud, but also very practical.

"They're convenient because everything is provided – the bed, desk, dressers and micro fridge."

Next year, Brainard plans to live on Stimson Avenue. He said he will miss not

having to pay for utilities.

Although the dorm has its perks, Brainard said close living quarters can become irritating.

"The loud music, the vomit all over the bathroom floors, the 3 a.m. screaming at each other ... those are annoying," he said.

Regardless of bothersome factors or the joys of convenience, living in the dorms proves to be a learning experience for everyone involved.



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the ridges



haunted by sadness



by Phil Ewing

Many Ohio University students think of The Ridges only at Halloween — when tours of the eerie, decrepit compound are sometimes offered — and their sense of its supernatural spookiness overwhelms how legitimately sad a place it is. As part of my freshman orientation in the waning summer before I started at OU, the kiddie handlers made us watch a TV program about “Haunted Athens,” one of the things that perpetuated the bogus myth that OU’s

campus was the location of an ancient Indian burial site, and that it lay in the center of a pentagram with five cemeteries at its points. These things, and the paranormal flotsam left by all the poor souls tortured and buried at The Ridges, made Athens the world's "13th most haunted place," the video warned. Nonsense, of course. The town is haunted by shortsighted bureaucrats, perhaps, and a rarefied collegiate hedonism, but in four years, I have yet to see a single ghost.

I have seen what's at The Ridges, though: The barred windows that look out into sunless courtyards; the wrecked ruins of buildings whose functions were knowable only to the long-gone architect; the steep road that fairly plummets from the hilltop down to Rt. 682, as if to provide visitors with a quick escape.

A filmmaker friend of mine once got permission to shoot a movie inside the main building, back when the university was much freer about letting people in, and said many of the holding cells still have their original chains on the walls.

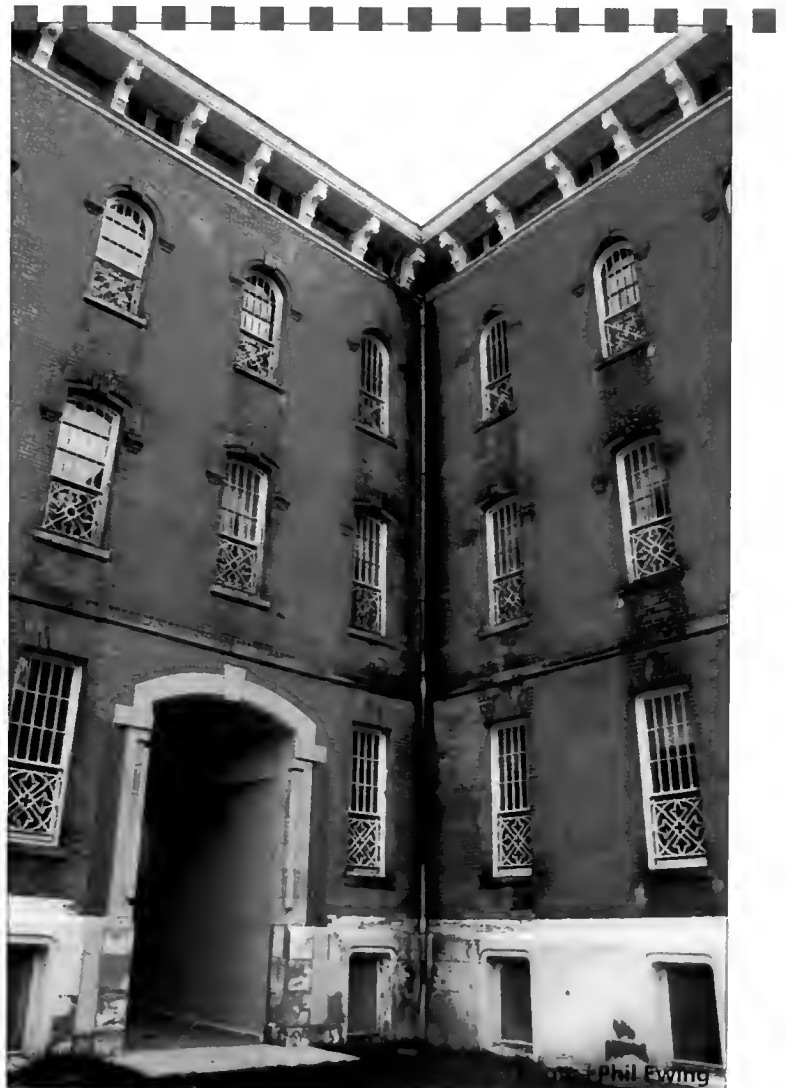
The Ridges is sad because, in its day, it was where America sent the people it wanted to forget. It was the last home to shell-shocked Civil War veterans who couldn't cope with having seen comrades blasted apart on Southern battlefields. It was the repository for mental patients who were sent away by families ashamed of their relatives' infirmities. It was the place where all these people were "treated" cruelly — or not treated at all — and the place where, perhaps just as cruelly, they were forgotten.

When one walks in the

various Ridges cemeteries, it's difficult to conceive how callously families and the government treated the people interred there. Only a few headstones identify who is buried in which grave; others only list the patients' hospital numbers. There are no dates, hometowns or any other identifying characteristics. A few families have researched which of their relatives is buried there and have placed their own headstones for the graves, but most in The Ridges' graveyards lie there anonymously. Except for the odd deer and the occasional curious

freshman, nobody visits them.

Still, there are worse places to wait for eternity, I suppose. Athens is hardly a noisy place, but The Ridges cemeteries are quieter by comparison, and they provide their few visitors with commanding views of Athens, far below on the other side of the Hocking River. For mental patients whose families disowned them, or Civil War soldiers whose minds were ruined by the horrors of war, the cemeteries may afford the type of peace that they were unable to find in life.



athens apparitions



tales from one of the world's most haunted cities



Ohio University and Athens, Ohio, have been rumored to be haunted for many years. The Fox Family Channel featured the town on its TV special, "World's Scariest Places," where Athens was named the "13th most haunted place on Earth." Whether you choose to believe urban legends or not, you have to admit that Athens has quite a spooky reputation. Here's a taste of some of Athens' own ghost stories...

wilson hall

A freshman girl moved into a room in Wilson Hall. Almost immediately, unexplained chanting and howling came from her room every night. Then, one evening, the girl let out a death-curdling scream, and a green substance oozed from under her

door. She wasn't heard from for days, so the RA took matters into his own hands and broke into her room. The girl had killed herself and smeared her blood all over the walls.

One year later, a student moved into the same room, but

she wasn't there for long because every night, the dead girl's blood would seep through the repainted walls. The university knocked the walls down and turned the room into a maintenance closet.

To this day, screams can still be heard late at night.

washingtonhallbasketballteam

A high school girls' basketball team stayed in Washington Hall one summer. They practiced in the halls of the dorm day and night. Tragically, a few weeks after the summer ended, every member of the team was killed in a bus accident.

Legend has it that the girls returned to Washington Hall after their deaths to relive their summer fun, and the dribbling of basketballs can still be heard to this day.

simms cemetery

Legend has it that Judge Simms hanged many of the people he sentenced to death on a tree in his family's cemetery. There have been many reports of visible rope marks on the "hanging tree," and many curious students said they have seen a lifeless human figure hanging from the tree, blowing back and forth in the night.

zeta tau alpha house

This house, one of the oldest on campus, was used during the Civil War as a hiding place for slaves traveling along the Underground Railroad. One slave, Nicodemus, took shelter in the house, but he was eventually found and murdered.

Residents of this house say that his ghost still haunts them – they hear sobbing and scratching noises coming from behind the wall where Nicodemus hid. Some residents have even caught glimpses of a transparent black man dressed in rags.

bryan hall

A massive amount of unexplainable happenings have been reported by Bryan Hall residents. Menacing footsteps in hallways, lights and water fountains turning themselves on and off, and ghostly conversations can be heard in the middle of the night.

Luckily, Paris Hilton's attempt to trademark the phrase "that's hot" didn't work out. If it had, people around here may be in some financial trouble when talking about the things that make life worth living at OU. The following are just a few of the games, places, web sites, and ideas that students now consider "hot."



Beer pong and flip cup tables? Check. Dart board and cornhole? Check. Cards, chips, and visors? Walk into a party now and you're just as likely to see people gambling this week's drinking money away in a game of poker as you are the usual party entertainment.

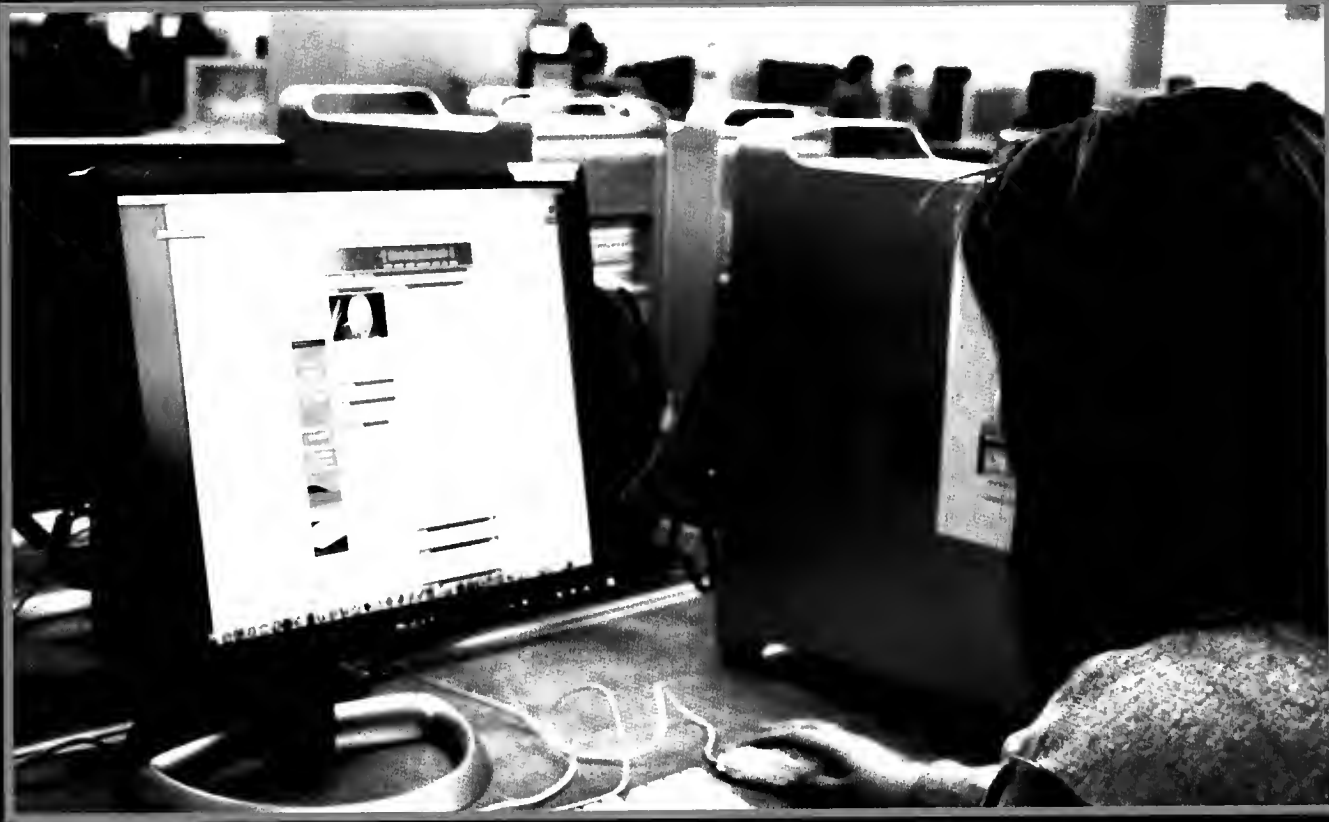
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September 2004: OU unveils its freshly renovated second floor computer lab. Ever since then: Students can't get enough. If a computer is what you crave, try elsewhere. Open spots are few and far between.

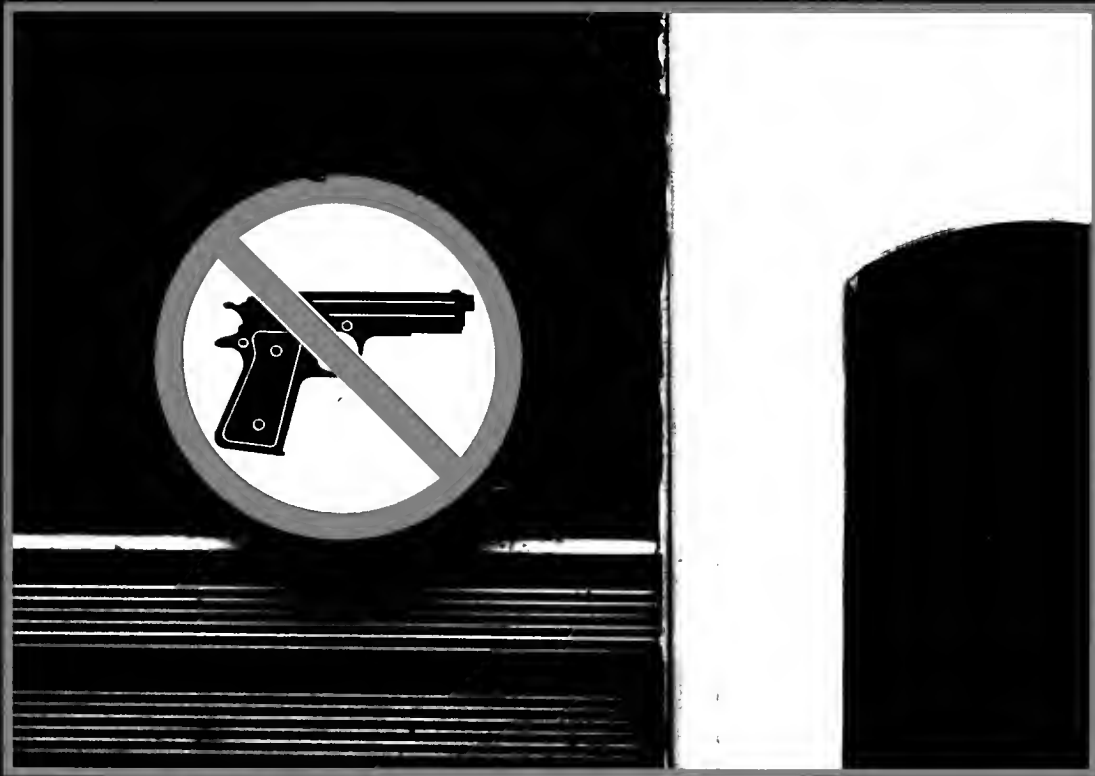
HOT



Last night, junior Beth Comer was up until three a.m. writing poetry. Her work, however, was not for class, nor was it for publication in a book or magazine. Instead, she was posting her geologically-oriented poems on Thefacebook.com. Composed of thousands of students and alumni across the country, Thefacebook.com offers a way to rekindle old and create new relationships via its virtual groups and outlined connections from person to person.

THAT'S

In an attempt to make campus a safer place, signs proclaiming: "No Guns" were posted on campus building doors all over OU. Unfortunately the signs did not register with senior Ryan Salim when he ventured into the "hot" second floor of Alden Library carrying guns.



HOT

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■ Evolution of the bean bag



- from grade school gym class to college front lawns, cornhole invades athens

by Samantha Rudnick



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Corn Toss, Bean Bag, Bean Toss, or Indiana Horseshoes – it doesn't matter what you call it, because Ohio University students know the name of the game is Cornhole. This popular activity has consumed OU's campus in recent years.

"In the spring and summer, I usually play every weekend," senior Ashley Ante said.

For those unfamiliar with the game, Cornhole consists of two wooden platforms with a small hole in the center of each stage, six bags of corn, four players and – more often than not – a choice beverage. Two players stand by each platform and throw the bags, aiming for the hole located on the opposite end.

If the above description doesn't help, a drive around Athens on a nice day will prompt a better understanding of

Cornhole's dynamics. The game is often played on front lawns of houses all over campus, especially during street parties.

Though many students take pride in their Cornhole skills, the talents associated with the activity are not acquired overnight. Much hard work and practice contributes to one's ability to throw a bag of corn into the tiny hole situated 27 feet away.

Depot St., holds an annual Cornhole competition, but many students host tournaments of their own.

Senior Justin Feldkamp has organized Cornhole contests for the past two years.

"I have been playing the game since high school," he said. "We get about 25 co-ed teams together for the tournament. First place wins the cash

Though every player's strategy is unique, Ante admits to having a slightly different approach to the game.

"My strategy is to rely on my partner," she said.

So what is it that makes this game so popular among OU students?

"It is fun to play with friends at parties, and you can socialize while still participating in the game," senior Melissa Eaton said.

Feldkamp enjoys the game because "it does not require much athletic ability; anyone can play," he said.

No matter the strategy or reason for playing, there is no arguing that OU loves Cornhole.



"I, one time at the beginning of my Cornhole career, was aiming for the board and hit my partner in the stomach," senior Sara Anderson said. "But I have progressed since then."

Senior Bryan Hunt said his luck changed when he moved into his house.

"Before I had my own yard, I hardly ever got a chance to play, but now that I can play whenever I want, I beat all my friends," Hunt said.

Many OU Cornholers play for fun, but others enjoy a little friendly competition. Various tournaments are held during the year to challenge the skills of Cornhole lovers.

Toscano's Italiano, 4

total of the entry fees paid by the contestants, minus the purchase of the kegs."

Feldkamp was even able to get Coors Light to sponsor one of his tournaments – the company provided banners, hats and shirts for the teams that finished in the top three slots.

Those of us who don't possess the best Cornhole skills may wonder if there is an actual strategy to the game.

Senior Kyle Hess, an avid Cornhole player, said, "I just bend at the knees, take a moment to wink at my opponent and give a strong underhanded throw."





ping

workin' it



by Heather Foons

The Charles J. Ping Recreation Center, Ohio University's state-of-the-art recreational facility, is much more than just a place to work out.

"[Ping] serves a lot of purposes for students," Ping Director Hafeedh Benhadj said. "It is a gathering place, a social place; lots of events go on here."

Ping provides "great opportunities to meet people," Benhadj said.

The facility hosts many events unrelated to "fitness." Four to five special events are held each year. And students don't have to be the "slim and trim and buff type" to come to Ping, Benhadj said.

Each quarter, the facility offers an exam week stress reliever, where students



can get free pizza and massages. This event is set up for fun, games and relaxation with friends. Other special events include Planet Ping, Rec Fest, a Super Bowl party and a Parents Weekend 5-mile walk.

Ping is home to a 36-foot climbing wall, five basketball/volleyball courts and many multipurpose gymnasiums. It also houses an indoor track, a free-weight room, an aerobics area and rooms for other various fitness activities.

A variety of intramural and club sports take place in Ping. And if a sports team doesn't have the equipment needed for practice, it can be rented inside the building.

Many students use Ping as a constructive outlet for their frustrations.

"It's a good way to get away from everything," junior Adam Ramirez said. "It's nice to have a place to relieve stress from all the business you go through everyday."

Ping's hours make it easy for students to visit throughout the day and night – it's open until midnight, so its services are available to every student, regardless of his or her schedule.

Some students, like Ramirez, go to Ping for the social



atmosphere.

"We can play racquetball and tennis, and we can work out," he said. "We just go for socializing mostly."

Others go to Ping solely for the fitness aspects.

"I like the indoor track because I can do my own thing; I don't have to work out at anyone else's pace," junior Tracy Werling said.

Werling also enjoys the workout gear located on the

second floor. There is a large variety of equipment available, and student trainers are present to help people use the machines correctly.

Ping also provides students with job opportunities. Ping is a "98 percent student operation," Benhadj said. Currently, about 20 trainer positions are filled by undergraduate students and graduate assistants, all of whom lend an instructive hand to fellow students.



smallbusiness



backbone of athens' culture



Photo | Rachel Russ

by Samantha Rudnick

They serve as the backbone of Athens, and can tell you more about the town's history than everything held within the walls of Alden Library. They have been a part of the Athens community for many years, and are looking to students and residents to keep them around in the future. Whether it's selling music, food or gifts, small business in Athens is a vital, traditionally rich sector of the community.

In 1970, Sue and Thomas Zano wanted to open a store that would sell natural and organic foods. The residents of Athens supported the Zanos' wish, so 35 years ago, these OU dropouts opened the Pharmacy, 28 W. Stimson Ave.

Ania Preuss has worked at the Pharmacy for more than a year, but has lived in Athens all her life.

"Athens is so friendly, which is why I stay here," Preuss said. "If you are driving down any street, people will stop and wave."

"I enjoy talking to the people who come into my store," said Kip Parker, owner of Athens Gifts and Treasures, 25 S. Court St. "I meet people from all over



the world on a daily basis.”

The store, formerly known as Mountain Leather, has existed for 25 years, and Parker has been the owner for 23 of those years. He was a state employee, but “when politics got bad,” he decided to buy the store.

One of the most popular small businesses in Athens is the Village Bakery & Cafe, 270 E. State St. The restaurant/store’s owner, Christine Hughes, “wanted to open a place that would provide organic food and support local area farmers,” said employee Brandi Holloway.

Three years after its opening, the Village Bakery & Café has established itself as a premier place to shop and dine on organically baked goods and seasonal foods in Athens.

It’s the diverse mix of city and country attributes in Athens that keeps Frank McDermott, manager of Blue Eagle Music, 40 N. Court St., in Athens.

“I like the music and



cultural aspects of the town,” McDermott said.

Blue Eagle’s owners, Ethan Greene and Jed Foley, opened the establishment in 1971. The store offers musical instruments and other equipment, with a specialization in acoustic items.

The Blue Eagle management has future plans of building teaching studios in the store’s basement.

About 14 years ago, Joe Merkle and Phillip Berry opened Beads and Things, 8 N. Shafer St. This Athens favorite specializes in selling all the bead and jewelry making gear that one could want.

Employee Chrystie Cotrier said it’s the independent businesses like Beads and Things that keep her in Athens.



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Haffa's Records, 15 W. Union St., one of the few outlets for consumers to buy new and used music in Athens, has gained much popularity over its 30-year run.

Eric Gunn, Haffa's owner, said there was "no specific reason I bought the business; it just ended up that way." Gunn remains in Athens because of the small-town atmosphere.

It's easy for us to take small businesses in Athens for granted because of the sheer volume of stores and restaurants that exist. However, these local businesses need support from students and residents alike so we can visit them 10 years from now and not have to say, "I remember when..."

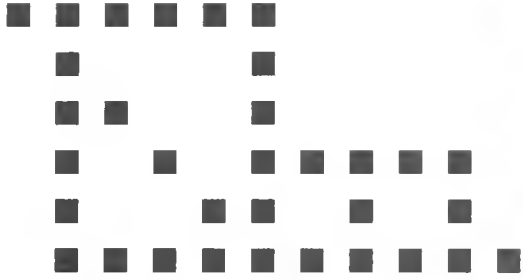


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FOOD ON THE SIDELINES



by Jennifer Bishop

street vendors
cook their way
into student body

It's hard to miss the mouth-watering scents of food that waft through the streets of uptown Athens. It seems no matter what time of day or night, Ohio University students are always in the mood for food. Restaurants and bars cover Court and Union streets, leaving patrons with a wide variety of choices, ranging from Chinese food and pizza to subs and pitas. There are, however, some choices that are

unique to OU.

Burrito Buggy, Ali Baba's Gyros, Hot Diggity Dog and the hand-rolled soft pretzel stand are among those establishments only offered at OU. Located on Union Street, near Baker Center and College Gate, these vendors often set up in the early morning just as students begin their treks to class.

Both Burrito Buggy and Ali Baba's Gyros are long-standing

traditions in Athens. Burrito Buggy has been in business for the past 20 years, said Michelle Wass, a 5-year employee. Wass came to Athens to attend OU and began working at Burrito Buggy soon thereafter. She confirmed that the street vendors are unique to Athens.

"I haven't seen street vendors like these at other schools," Wass said.

Ali Baba's Gyros has also been a part of the Athens community for many years, only changing locations from one side of Union Street to the other. After creating his business and obtaining his



Photo | Maggie Bowles



license, Ali Baba's owner, Nasir Shaikh, originally had to park on the side of Union Street opposite Baker Center. However, parking on that side of the street is not reserved for vendors, so he often had to arrive as early as 4 a.m. just to secure a parking space. Today, Shaikh is able to park next to Baker Center where he proudly serves gyros and homemade desserts.

The other two vendors are newer to Union Street. Hot Diggity Dog appeared in Fall Quarter 2002, and the hand-rolled pretzel stand is the newest addition, having just opened this past Fall Quarter.

"I've rolled pretzels before," said Sarah Milliken, a pretzel stand employee, "so I applied for a job when [the stand] opened."

With these establishments open from early morning until late in the evening, a variety of food is always available to hungry students and townspeople.

The sizes of orders vary with the time of day, as do requests.

During special weekends, such as Parents Weekend, sales rise.

At the pretzel stand, pretzels are three for \$5. Milliken said she once had a \$13 order. While customers often buy pretzels and then return, it was unusual for so many to be bought at one time, she said.

Similarly, Wass said she had one of her largest orders recently – 30 burritos at one time. Wass doesn't generally work at night, but she said every shift proves to be entertaining.

Some of the most interesting requests come while working nights, said Jeff Frisse, a Hot Diggity Dog employee. "I've had people ask for frozen corndogs," he said.

With homemade desserts, gyros, hot dogs, fresh-cut fries, pretzels and burritos, OU students are sure to be drawn to the unique tastes of Union Street that have been a staple of student life in the past and are sure to continue their individual traditions in the years to come.



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SENIOR QUOTES

information compiled by Kara Steele

What will you miss?

*"I will miss
Friday happy
hour at the
Cat's Eye with
my friends."
– Amy Sandel*

*"I will miss all the awesome
people I've met here and all
the good times I've had with
them, especially Jan Palmer."
– Brian Mosier*

*"I will miss my friends, the fun and all the random moments of OU."
– Chrissy Engle*

*"I'm going to miss it raining 7 days a week
and getting soaked no matter what direc-
tion I walk. And I'll miss spending countless
hours sitting on the couches in Grover Center
scheming over the four group projects that are
all due within three days of each other."
– Brian Axe*

"I'll mostly miss the great friends I've made at OU over the past four years, and being in an environment where I'm constantly challenged academically."

– Heidi Snead

"I will miss my friends, the Pub, cheering at OU football games and the late-night trips to Wal-Mart for crap I don't need."

– Veronica Ware

"Any dedicated journalism student would say that he or she would miss Scripps Hall and the instructors – Dashiell, Reader, Haggerty and Westfall – who have influenced our thoughts for the rest of our lives. But what I think I'll miss the most is walking down the steps to the entrance of Scripps and thinking of all the memories I've made on the grassy steps of the amphitheater." – Melissa Cottrill

"I'll miss the friends I've made in the past four years, the parties, some of the classes and the laid-back atmosphere. Most importantly, I'll miss the unicycle guy and the piano/banjo man."

– Emily Morrissey

"I'll miss the way we almost pass out after running up Jeff Hill and I'll miss the gathering of people late at night at Wendy's uptown. I'll miss the crowd of people studying and eating on College Green in the spring. But most of all, I'll miss the late nights spent with my friends who have taught me more than any class ever could have."

– Allyson Rauch

How do the views of an Ohio University freshman stack up to those of an OU senior? The Athena's Beth Comer takes an in-depth look at these two very different worlds, filled with distinct experiences, views and opportunities.



Tom O'Hara

Non-Western History and Political Science double major

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BC: Do you work? If so, where?

TO: Yes. Shively. I'm a student manager – emphasize my student managerial position in the book.

BC: How many nights a week do you party?

TO: Two, but I drink steadily. I'm Irish.

BC: What is your favorite bar? Why?

TO: Tony's. Provides best atmosphere, especially with the music, and it is more of an older, reserved crowd that goes there. You don't have to fight your way to get a drink.

BC: What is your favorite hangout spot? Why?

TO: Outside of Perk's. It is the hub. Everybody walks by there at least once a day, so I see everyone I know and meet those who I don't already know.

BC: About how many hours a week do you study?

TO: Not as many as I should. I read more than I study.

BC: What green did you live on freshmen year? What did you think of it?

TO: East. It's much better than South because the mods always scare me, and it's much better than West because the hormone-driven athletes always scare me, too.

BC: What do you think of the greens now, as a senior?

TO: Good atmosphere, but overpriced. The grass is nice.

BC: What do you think of the dining halls?

TO: They're okay. Overpriced and much room for improvement. The food is good sometimes, but not really consistent.

BC: Would you relive dorm life?

TO: Yes, albeit much differently.

BC: In terms of on- or off-campus living, which do you prefer? Why?

TO: Off campus. Much more space and freedom. Don't have to share a bathroom with community. Don't have to deal with fellow students defecating where there should be no defecation, i.e. hallways.

BC: What do you think of all the walking you have to do at OU?

TO: Walking is amazing exercise and it's cheaper than gas.

BC: Do you have a car? If so, what do you think about the parking situation on campus and uptown?

TO: The parking is horrendous.

They should build another parking garage on West Green. A big one, too. There are just so many things they should do.

BC: How big of a role does the Internet play in your daily life?

TO: I cannot afford the Internet, which is unfortunate because so many classes rely so heavily on it. Not having it is very inconvenient because teachers use it a great deal.

BC: How do you feel about the amount of money you spend on books?

TO: The books I actually read and keep I don't mind spending that much money, but the textbooks that the professors arbitrarily assign that we don't even read, when the buyback is like 10 percent of the price ... that's where I have the problem.

BC: How do you feel about graduation?

TO: Right now, I can't wait, but I'm sure at the time, I will probably be emotionally concerned.

BC: Has OU helped you prepare for the future?

TO: My professors helped me expand my knowledge and I learned a great deal from them.

BC: What is your overall opinion of OU? Students? Professors? Campus?

TO: The professors are phenomenal, top notch. The students are generally nice, but they have ups and downs. The campus is beautiful, but the city's profit-making goals dehumanize the student body.

BC: Do you work?

AT: No.

BC: How many nights a week do you party?

AT: Two.

BC: What is your favorite hangout spot? Why?

AT: My dorm, because I know a lot of people there. We are all friends – we hang out, watch movies and do random stuff together.

BC: About how many hours a week do you study?

AT: 10 hours a week. Two hours a night during week.

BC: What green do you live on?

AT: East.

BC: What do you think of the greens, in general?

AT: I like all of the greens, but I think East Green is the best because that is what I call home.

BC: Do you consider OU a home away from home?

AT: I actually consider OU my home. I call my dorm my home.

BC: Do you miss living at home?

AT: Sometimes, but not really.

BC: So you adapted quickly?

AT: Yes. I was surprised at how quickly I got used to college life.

BC: Did you meet a lot of people right away?

AT: Yes, I went up and down the halls in my dorm and popped my head into open doors and introduced myself.

BC: So living in the dorms helped with the social scene?

AT: Oh yes, especially if you go out of your way to meet everyone.

BC: What do you think of the dining halls?

AT: Nice variety of selection. The

food tends to be pretty decent.

BC: How many roommates do you have?

AT: I have one roommate. My first roommate moved out after 2 weeks of school, so my friend down the hall moved in.

BC: What do you think of the amount of walking you do at OU?

A: It's not that bad; I don't need a car. It is good exercise.

BC: Is the Internet a big part of your daily life?

AT: A very big part.

BC: Are you able to access the Internet regularly?

AT: Oh yeah.

BC: Do you think you will stay in the dorms or move off campus your junior year?

AT: Probably off campus.

BC: Are you aware of the new printing rule at Alden? What do you think of it?

AT: Yes, it is OK, but I primarily don't use the library to print stuff. No big deal to me.

BC: How do you feel about the cost of books?

AT: Something you have to do. You get used to it.

BC: What do you think about the six-week winter break?

AT: I think I will like it a lot, but at the same time I will be missing OU and counting the days I have till I come back.

BC: Did you go uptown during Halloween?

AT: I did – it was a lot of fun. Cool to see how packed it was, and neat to see the interesting costumes.

BC: How do you feel about graduation? Have you considered it?

AT: I don't think about graduation.

I have a long way to go.

BC: What is your overall opinion of OU? Students? Professors? Campus?

AT: I have gotten used to it so far, and it's a lot of fun. I'm glad to be here – I'm having a ball. I'd never think of leaving or transferring from this campus.

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Andy Tima
History major

BC: Which year do you think will be the best? Why?

AT: I think junior year will be my best year because I will turn 21.

BC: Have you had any serious relationships while at OU?

AT: No [laughs].

BC: Do you think you will change while attending OU?

AT: I have actually changed since I have been here, and I see myself changing as I adapt to college life.

BC: What do you think of the partying scene?

AT: Always nice to have a good party if you want. There are lots of other things to do, so if you don't want to party, you have other options.

BC: Favorite off-campus party spot?

AT: 25 Palmer. I know all the guys who live there, and they are really cool to hang out with. A fun and happening place to be.





STUDENT life





homecoming



it's all
fun and
games



by Phil Ewing

I shan't prevaricate about my Homecoming experiences at Ohio University: They were light on veneration and heavy on inebriation; short on respect and long on ribaldry.

Homecoming in Athens begins around 7 or 8 a.m. with mimosas — orange juice and cheap champagne, traditionally purchased at the now-defunct Bob's IGA — and soon accelerates into a jest-filled romp to Court Street in time for the parade. Parade viewing is accentuated by

screwdrivers — vodka and orange juice, concealed in those ubiquitous plastic bottles that undergraduates of my era all seemed to carry — and features cheers and heckles for the local dignitaries and groups that file past. Court Street's bars are crammed with revelers, its windows lined with enthusiastic Bobcats boosters, and its sidewalks crowded with tipsy students and alumni. It is the start of a deliriously fun weekend, rich with irresponsible tradition.

When the parade is finished, watchers typically stumble home, where the day's college football games await on television, as does a sizable cache of Natural Light. (Anecdotal reports during Homecoming 2004 held that Wal-Mart's supply was completely cleaned out by Saturday morning.)

A few OU colleges host alumni functions during this time, too — meet-and-greets highlighted by hors d'oeuvre

and nostalgia. But what people do in the interim is essentially immaterial compared to what comes next — the football game.



OU's athletics tradition is not storied, its athletes' names are lost to history and its modern teams are mediocre. Except at Homecoming, when generations of Bobcats forget all this and convene to watch their team at beloved Peden Stadium. In my day, it usually lost.

But there were always the Marching 110 performances at halftime, which included band alumni who'd returned from the real world to resume the arcane disciplines of high steps, plumed hats and silly capes. In their distinctive black "alumni band" t-shirts, they joined in the undergraduates' pelvic-thrusting dances and got an ovation at every Homecoming game that I have attended.

I'm ashamed to say that only one year did I dawdle at Peden after the band performance at halftime, and then only until a steady rain in the third quarter drove me out. No, normally I split right after the band and withdrew with my cronies to a restaurant on East State Street, where reports of our team's loss trickled in as we watched other football games on massive televisions. But Homecoming is a festive time and the Bobcats' perennially grim dénouement seldom dampens the spirits.

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day, usually around 4 p.m., Homecoming revelers have put away quart after quart of booze, and have been doing so since they awoke that morning. So with the parade, afternoon and football game behind them, they are ready for food and quiet recuperation, which usually follows the early dinner on East State Street. Naps are in order, or, at very least, semi-conscious watching of more football games on TV. OU alumni — who have been living responsibly since their graduation and are unaccustomed to such gratuitous self-abuse

— usually need this rest time the most.

It occurs to me that I myself am a future alumnus, and my enthusiasm for collegiate excess may wane down the line. I don't welcome the change, but it probably wouldn't be healthy to live this way my entire life. That, perhaps, is what makes your time in Athens so precious, and why so many former students come back for Homecoming: For the span of one of our outrageous Athens jags, you can live forever.







HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



by Melissa Cottrill

Hispanic Heritage Month is a historical commemoration that marks the contributions and heritage of Hispanic and Latin American cultures. The lecture series that took place throughout the months of September and October, which was sponsored by Alpha Psi Lambda, a co-ed Hispanic interest fraternity, proved

to a popular, well-attended event.

Maria Hinojosa, Latina journalist and news anchor, was the keynote speaker on Oct. 1 in Baker Center Ballroom. Her presentation, entitled “The U.S. Mambo: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back – the State of Latinos in America,” explored the urban culture of Latin Americans.

“Her issues related to Latinos, women and the poor,” said Mosadi Rhodes, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Programs. “Her range of what she reports is so wide that it can engage a whole audience.”

Ohio University also invited Hinojosa to speak because of her affiliation with journalism, Rhodes said.

“OU is such a big journalism school; we felt combining the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with an academic proponent would be appropriate,” she said.

In her speech, Hinojosa said she traveled to New York to become an actress and didn’t think of entering the world of journalism before she attended college.

As a Mexican immigrant on the south side of Chicago, she felt invisible because her image was

not portrayed in the media.

“There was no woman like me in the news,” Hinojosa said. “The first Latino I saw doing U.S. reporting was Gerardo Rivera.”

Another speaker who shared his thoughts during Hispanic Heritage Month was author Richard Rodriguez. Rodriguez has written three books. His most recent publication, “Brown: The Last Discovery of America,” explains America’s preoccupation with “black” and “white” in terms of race. Rodriguez suggested the integration of colors – the formation of “brown” – to understand the future and the past.

To conclude the events of Hispanic Heritage Month, Jamie Escalante spoke about his career as a famous educator. Escalante was the focus of the 1998 film “Stand and Deliver,” and he

is best known for leading his students, who were underprivileged and predominately Hispanic, to achieve top scores in the Advanced Placement Calculus Test in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Sarah West, a Spanish major, attended Hinojosa’s speech and enjoyed her lecture. West studies abroad every year and witnesses the hardships Latinos face firsthand.

“Through struggle and hard work, Maria Hinojosa is a very good example of what Latinos can do to overcome adversity,” she said.

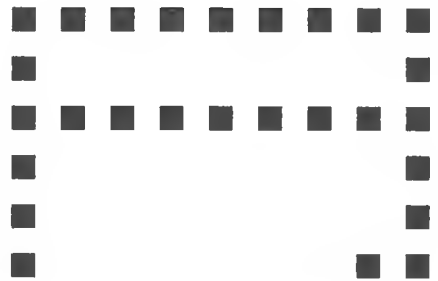


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HALLOWEEN 2004

by Melissa Cottrill

Ohio University is located in a town with a median age of 21.5. There are 19 bars within 3 blocks of the main drag. So, what better place to host a huge block party than Athens, Ohio?

Halloweekend 2004 marked the 30th anniversary of the block party, which spontaneously started in the early 1970s with a few students, some beer and a trailer hooked onto the back of a semi truck.

Despite the populated rumors of the city's plans to squash Halloween, 30,000 people were present this year. This crowd enjoyed an additional hour of fun as a result of the time change that occurred on the same night.

Authorities arrested 98 people at this year's event, compared to only 66 last year, which was

a direct result of "more foot patrol," Mayor Ric Abel said.

This year's crowd was "milder" than in years past, Athens City Council member Sarah Sexton said. In 2002 and 2003, couch burnings, riots and assault were commonplace. Offenses cited for arrests at this year's event were mostly due to alcohol consumption rather than violence, and Sexton said only 29 percent of arrests were OU students.

Ten years ago,



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the block party was more of a costume event, where OU students and guests would stumble up and down Court Street in creative, often giant costumes that included a two-story tall Stay Puft marshmallow man, an entire pool table complete with 10 pool sharks, a hand with 5 people as fingers, and a plethora of walking laundry baskets. Halloween was more of a celebration of creativity than a party with beer.

Recently, the festival has seemed to turn its back on creativity – sure, there are still unique costumes, but one can't help but think Halloweekend might be a giant set for the next "Girls Gone Wild" video. Despite the changing attitudes surrounding the celebration, there is no doubt that OU students know how to host a good party.

While some partiers start celebrating Halloween on Thursday and continue into Sunday afternoon, Saturday night is what this



event is all about. The costumed party-goers flock to Court Street to take part in a celebration of spook and splendor.

Not everyone at Ohio University is into the uptown scene, so alternative events that were held during the weekend included the annual Fright Fest at Jefferson Library, which featured tarot card readings, games, food and horror movies; late-night ice skating at Bird Arena; and Skull Busters, a concert in Baker's Front Room.

As usual, students in the residence halls were only permitted one guest, and in order to gain admittance to the dorms, both guests and residents had to don the infamous hospital-like wrist bands. The Residence Life Staff, which includes residence assistants and security aides, worked extra hours from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. to make sure rules were followed and safety precautions were taken.





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DAD'S WEEKEND



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Ohio's activities entertain dads on their weekend

by Melissa Cottrill

The dads who visited Ohio University the weekend of Jan. 14 had a long list of events and activities to attend with their children.

The fun and games started Friday afternoon with the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving meet. Then, a School of Music recital, featuring faculty percussionist William Sallak, took place. Several events were hosted by Baker Center, including a Texas Hold 'Em Poker game in the Corner Café, open stage in the Front Room, game night in the Recreation Room and "Laughter After Dark," featuring comedian Becky Donohue.

When Saturday morning rolled around, the Hocking Hills State Park held its annual winter hike, a 6-mile trek from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave. The hard work and sweat continued as many dads attended the basketball double header: The lady Bobcats were victorious over Central Michigan, and the

men's team won the battle against Kent State.

University Program Council brought Bill Walton to town for Dad's Weekend on Saturday evening. Walton, one of the NBA's 50 all-time greatest players, has served as an analyst for ABC Sports' coverage of the NBA since 2002. He won the NBA's Sixth Man Award and was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Dads were given the opportunity to stretch out their legs after listening to Walton. Late-night skate, themed "Casino Night," was held at Bird Arena.

Senior history major Emily Morrissey spent a jam-packed weekend with her dad. Morrissey and her father played

beer pong, watched football, walked around campus and attended the men's basketball game, she said.

With numerous activities to choose from, junior physical therapy and exercise physiology major Monica Schaupp had no problem keeping her dad busy. The pair played tennis, ate lunch at Pita Pit, attended the men's basketball game and went out to dinner at Seven Sauces.

Schaupp said she didn't invite her dad down the two previous years because she thought the weekend would be boring.

"But my dad and I ended up having a ton of fun and I'm already looking forward to next year," Schaupp said.



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Sib's WEEKEND



promoting sibling bonding
on athens' home turf

by Katie Kiracofe

Ohio University played host to a variety of sisters and brothers during the first weekend in February. Sibs weekend, an annual event, featured numerous activities offered to OU students and their sibs.

Many sibs enjoyed the annual Sibs Weekend Fashion Show, sponsored by the Faces Modeling Club, while others donned ice skates for late-night skate at Bird Arena.

Sibs Night, sponsored by the University Programs Council, was held at Baker. The event featured video and casino games, as well as



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other activities.

Ping sponsored a Super Bowl Sundae Party for sibs and students, spotlighting the football game on multiple big screens, while giving guests a chance to chow down on ice cream sundaes.

Campus life was a new experience for many younger sibs, as they got a taste of a college atmosphere.

"I think [college] is actually good," 11-year-old Christopher Bradley said. "You have a little more freedom."

Christopher visited his sister, Nicole, a senior public relations major. And Nicole made sure her brother had a fun-filled weekend.

On Friday, the pair played basketball and squash, and went to a variety show, Christopher said. And they spent Saturday taking a trip to the laundry mat, attending the basketball game against Western Michigan and stopping by Ping for RecFest.

RecFest featured a variety of activities, ranging from laser tag and crafts to inflatable games and cotton candy. The event was a huge success among sibs and students.

"We came in [to Ping] and got on the inflatable jousting game, and he pounded me!" Nicole said.

After jousting, Nicole and Christopher took a break and relaxed with cotton candy, snow cones and a game of checkers.

Another pair of sibs enjoying RecFest was freshman Jessica Desvari and her 11-year-old sister, Kate. Although Jessica didn't participate, Kate enjoyed

bouncing around on the inflatable games and riding the mechanical bull – her favorite.

"I probably only stayed on [the bull] for five seconds, but it was really fun," Kate said.

Jessica bonded with her sister by sharing typical college experiences with her. She took Kate on a campus tour and to lunch at the dining hall.

Then, Jessica taught Kate how to play Cornhole, after which the pair walked up Morton Hill.

"I was so tired when I got to the top of the hill," Kate said.

That night, Kate experienced the Ridges for the first time.

"I had so many nightmares after that," Kate said.

Sibs Week-



end provides a chance for sibling bonding to take place – no matter the age difference – on campus every year.



BlackHistoryMonth



february: a time to celebrate the cultural and personal triumphs of african americans



By Melissa Cottrill

About 50 Ohio University students and Athens residents gathered in the Baker Center Ballroom on Feb. 3 to attend “Slavery: What We Didn’t Learn In School,” a speech by Donna Wyant Howell. Ohio University’s chapter of the NAACP sponsored the event to commemorate Black History Month.

Howell, a Howard University alumna and specialized historian, compiled thousands of slave narratives from the 1930s into a book series titled “I Was a Slave.” Six books from this series have been published, including “I Was a Slave: Slave Children.”

Her speech presented stories from the federal government’s slave dialect archives. Howell covered a range of topics in her presentation, including slave auctions, slave inbreeding and the roles of slaves on plantations.

“Many of the [black] children would either be sold



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right after they were born, or taken into the house to work,” Howell said. “And some slaves were given to the master’s children as pets.”

These slaves were about the same age as the master’s children, but were treated as insignificant, inferior and subordinate. At night, the child slaves would sleep at the foot of their master’s bed so they would be ready to take care of his middle-of-the-night requests, Howell said.

Howell also touched on controversial issues like the “shades of slaves.” Eighty percent of Americans have a portion of African blood in their lineage

because masters “wanted a little more company,” she said.

Lisa Flowers-Clements, NAACP adviser and resident director of the Sergeant-Wilson Complex, was pleased with the event’s turnout, even though it was less than she expected.

“Hopefully, the information that was presented will be spread,” Flowers-Clements said. “I think that the crowd was greatly impacted by the speech, especially the narratives, because it’s not what you learn in school; it’s the words of the slaves themselves [that have an impact].”

Brittany Roberts, a junior biological sciences major and treasurer of OU’s chapter of NAACP, began organizing the event in late September. She said the organization wanted to sponsor a speaker who would benefit OU students for Black History Month.

*See pages 72-73 for more information and events held during Black History Month.



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Multicultural Events



by Melissa Cottrill

honoring the contributions of other cultures, promoting awareness via education

Ohio University's Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored a series of events to commemorate Black History Month. Linda Davis, director of multicultural programs, said it is important to recognize the achievements of blacks during February.

"Many current textbooks in high school highlight the European American history,

and students do not learn about the contributions of people of color," Davis said. "Black History Month is a way for people to honor those contributions."

One of the first events presented during February was a weeklong campaign that focused on the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. "Get Educated, Get Involved. Get Tested" was the main theme of this day, which was sponsored

by the Ohio University Office of Multicultural Programs and the Lindley Cultural Center.

This event featured free HIV and AIDS testing, as well as a speech by activist Stephen Arrington. Testing was conducted by the Newark Country Health Department throughout the day at Lindley Cultural Center, followed by Arrington's presentation. Arrington shared his AIDS struggles with the audience. He also conducted a remembrance ceremony for those who are living with the disease or have died because of it.

Arrington encouraged those who attended his presentation to educate others about HIV and AIDS.

"I am here to challenge you to make a movement and hopefully plant a seed in you to show that this disease is real," he said. "We need to make sure people of color are at the table

and our issues are heard."

Arrington also discussed HIV and AIDS research in Africa. Africans who have the disease are not able to receive the advanced treatments available in the United States, he said.

"AIDS is not a gay disease; it's an equal-opportunity disease," he said.

Bob Marley was also recognized for his achievements during Black History Month.

The Bob Marley Music Festival, held on Feb. 18, featured live Jamaican music, dance performances by Zelma Badu-Young, various poetry readings and a food-tasting booth.

Winsome Chunnu, an OU graduate student, came up with the idea for a Bob Marley Festival last quarter.

"Bob Marley is popular across college campuses," Chunnu said. "When I went to the bagel shop uptown to put up

a flier, the guys in there were so excited; they said, 'Oh my God, we heard about [the event] and we were so happy for it.' The reaction has just been tremendous."

The legacy of Malcolm X was also honored through a ceremony at the Baker Center Ballroom on Feb. 21. The event touched upon Malcolm X as an educator, as well as his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement.

Roger Hill, a fifth-year specialized studies major, said he came to the event to gain an understanding of the Civil Rights leader.

"I wanted to broaden my horizons and see outside the socially constructed box – the way we were supposed to see African American leaders historically," Hill said.

Senior education major Amanda Jones attended the ceremony to get a social studied

and cultural perspective of Malcolm X.

"All the speakers had such amazing things to say. As a white person and future educator, I needed to hear these things to prepare for teaching people who don't look like me, and to keep in mind everyone has a different history," Jones



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SPORTS



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by Evan Witte

football



a season of ups and downs
can't crush the team's spirit



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The Ohio Bobcats football team finished its 2004 season on Nov. 13 with a disappointing 31-19 loss to the Akron Zips. With the defeat, the Bobcats final record fell to 4-7, a two-win increase from the 2003 squad. The win total

also equals the highest total in head coach Brian Knorr's tenure.

The Bobcats got off to a good start against Akron, building a 13-0 lead on an 81-yard punt return for a touchdown by senior Stafford Owens, and a 1-yard touchdown run by freshman running back Calvin McRae. The defense couldn't hold the lead, however, as Akron's star quarterback Charlie Frye led the Zips to 24 consecutive points en route to victory.

The 2004 season was full of ups and downs for the Bobcats. The ups began on opening day when Ohio crushed their opponent, the Virginia Military Institute, 42-14, which was a great way for the team to show off its new offense. Before the season, Ohio University hired Phil Earley to be the Bobcats' new offensive coordinator, and he replaced Ohio's wishbone run-oriented offense with a more balanced, spread attack. It paid dividends against VMI, as senior

Justin Roush and McRae both rushed for more than 100 yards, and senior quarterback Ryan Hawk threw for 223 more yards.

After two tightly-contested road losses to Pittsburgh and Miami (OH), the Bobcats pulled together consecutive impressive victories, a 34-0 trouncing of Buffalo and a 28-16 shocking victory over Southeastern Conference opponent Kentucky.

Against Buffalo, the defense led the way, scoring two touchdowns. The first was a 33-yard interception return by sophomore linebacker Tyler Russ. The second was a 98-yard fumble return by sophomore wide receiver Scott Mayle led the Bobcat offense with 134 yards receiving.

The win against Kentucky was the first victory for



Ohio over a major conference opponent since an upset against Minnesota in 2000. The defense

again led the way for the Bobcats, as they forced five Kentucky turnovers. The offense was able to cash in those turnovers as they were led by Hawk's 114 yards passing. Sophomore Austin Everson went 3-3 passing and threw for 104 yards, including an 89-yard pass to Mayle, who finished with 157 yards receiving, as well as 52 yards rushing.

The Bobcats followed with a tough four-game stretch against the best teams the Mid-American Conference had to offer. After dropping a heartbreaking 16-13 loss to arch-rival Marshall, the Bobcats traveled to Toledo for the school's first nation-

ally-televised football game. The Bobcats played their hearts out, but fell short against Toledo's unstoppable offense.

Ohio then played host to Bowling Green for the annual Homecoming game. The Falcons showed the Ohio fans why they are considered the best team in the MAC, dominating Ohio 41-16. The following week yielded a disappointing 42-16 loss to Kent State.

Ohio played their final road game on Nov. 6, outlasting a scrappy Central Florida squad 17-16 in overtime. While the offense struggled, the defense held the Golden Knights to just over 200 yards of total offense. A Hawk-to-Owens touchdown pass in the extra frame led the Bobcats to victory.

The outlook for 2005 looks promising, as Ohio returns several key members of the 2004 team, including top receiver Mayle, top rusher McRae and most of a strong defensive unit.



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Women's Soccer

team overcomes injuries, kicks its way to MAC Tournament semifinals

by Bob Lee

The Ohio University women's soccer program has formed a tradition of winning Mid-American Conference titles. The Bobcats lead the conference with three regular-season championships, and have made it to the MAC Tournament semifinals seven of the past eight years.

Ohio entered the 2004 season with high hopes and a talented senior class. The Bobcats, who returned eight starters among 14 letter-winners, were picked to finish second in the conference in the coaches' pre-season poll.

"I knew that we would have great leadership from a strong group of seniors on the field," said Stacy Strauss, Ohio's head coach. "We knew we definitely had the talent to challenge for the conference title

and hopefully get to the NCAA Tournament."

The Bobcats had to contend with a difficult non-conference schedule to begin the season. Making matters worse, starting goalkeeper Michelle Meglaughlin suffered a concussion just 30 seconds into the season-opener against Wisconsin.

With starting sweeper Crystal Reed also missing those first two matches, Ohio fell to Wisconsin and West Virginia

at the University of Kentucky Invitational. Following a 5-2 loss to Louisville in their Sept. 2 home opener, the Bobcats lost 3-1 at Michigan, despite Meglaughlin's return to the lineup.

"We lost to great teams, but we remained very confident," Strauss said. "That enabled us to bounce back pretty quickly."

After missing three consecutive games, senior forward Natalie Grein returned to action for the Bobcats in the Sept. 10 MAC opener against Northern Illinois. The Huskies, who entered the match with a 3-0 record, led 1-0 at halftime. Ohio answered, however, with freshman midfielder Danielle Young's first career goal. The 1-1 tie lasted through two overtimes, and began a record-setting streak for the Bobcats.

For nine straight matches following the tie to Northern Illinois, Ohio did not allow a single goal to any opponent, a streak that tied them for the eighth-best mark in NCAA Division I history. Before missing the Central Michigan game on Oct. 15 to attend her brother's wedding, Meglaughlin posted a scoreless streak of 824 minutes, placing her ninth in NCAA records.

"A lot of things started to come together," Strauss said. "We were mature, played the way we needed to play and stepped up to the challenge week after week."

The Bobcats' unprecedented run began with a 0-0 tie to Western Michigan, and was followed by a school-record streak of seven straight wins: 2-0 at Bowling Green, 1-0 at Toledo, 1-0 at Akron, 1-0 at Charlotte, 1-0 at Miami (OH), 3-0 at Ball

State and 3-0 at Marshall.

Both Meglaughlin and Reed earned their first MAC Player-of-the-Week awards during the midseason stretch, as Ohio's defensive domination became the talk of the Midwest. In mid-October, the Bobcats received their first-ever votes in the regional rankings.

The Bobcats earned hosting rights to the tournament's semifinal and final rounds as the highest-remaining seed heading into the weekend. At the championship banquet the night before the semifinals, a school-record five Bobcats earned All-MAC honors. Meglaughlin, Reed and sophomore defender Larissa Najjar represented Ohio on the first team, while sophomore forward Tiffany Horvath and senior midfielder Kendra Hornschemeier received second-team honors.

Following a three-goal, three-assist rookie campaign, Bobcat forward Lindsey Price was named to the All-MAC Freshman Team. Also, earlier in the day, Horvath had become the first student athlete in the history of the Ohio Women's Soccer Program to earn academic all-district honors when she made the CoSIDA Academic All-District IV third team.

Ohio's season ended Nov. 5 with a 1-0 loss to Central Michigan in the MAC Tournament semifinals. Although

the Bobcats held the advantage in shots (15-11) and corner kicks (6-2), they could not overcome a first-half miscue on a Chippewa corner kick that resulted in the contest's lone goal.

It was a heartbreaking loss, especially for the squad's six seniors – Meglaughlin, Grein, Hornschemeier, Carrie Kistner, Gina Siedentopf and Kelly Prandi – who guided Ohio to a 46-31-6 record over the past four years, including a 30-12-6 mark in the conference. All six were starters and played significant roles in the team's record-breaking season.

The Bobcats will begin looking for athletes to fill those open spots in the lineup, alongside returning starters Reed, Horvath, Najjar, Price and junior defender Sara Williams, for a championship





MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

individual talent prompts team's accomplishments

by Samantha Rudnick

Most of the Men's Cross Country team cringes when the words "hilly-dog" or "the beast" are uttered.

So what is a hilly-dog?

"About three miles of pure uphill hell," senior Jamie Stahler said. "Every year we run it, about a quarter of the team pukes. It's awesome."

And the beast is a treacherous hill off US-33 by the East State Street entrance.

"It is the shortest hill, but takes the longest to run up," Stahler said.

The hill's steepness has been known to inflict a few

bloody noses.

The team's season was a success, as they finished first in the Ohio Invitational, third in both the Malone Invitational and the Mel Brodt Invitational, and fourth at both the MAC Championships and All-Ohio Championships.

Senior Drew Frum took home second place at the Malone Invitational, with fellow senior Pat Harvey close behind in fourth.

During the Ohio Invitational, senior Jason Linton clinched the top spot with a time of 25:43.9, while sophomore Brian King came in third. Linton also finished in fourth in the All-Ohio Championships.

Junior Austin Schiele took home first place at the Mel

Brodt Invitational with a time of 25:31.

So why do Ohio runners put up with all the pain and sweat?

"I like inflicting pain on my legs," Linton said. "It is every other sport's punishment."

Stahler's adrenaline rush keeps him going.

"Running gives you a high that you just can't explain. When your body keeps telling you to stop, but your mind tells you to go faster, and you do, it is just an incredible feeling," Stahler said. "What the mind believes the body can achieve, that's what it is all about. That is why I love this sport."

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women's crosscountry



injured senior serves as role model for younger runners

by Samantha Rudnick

Running is second nature to Ohio University's Women's Cross Country team.

"I have been running since seventh grade, so after this year is over, I will have ran for 10 years," said Carly Spellman, the only senior on the 2004 squad.

Although Spellman was injured and unable to compete throughout the season, her spirits were high, and she had nothing but positive things to say about her team.

"I am most proud of my team because after everything that our program has been through, everyone stuck with it, and the team constantly got stronger," Spellman said.

Spellman's teammates were proud of her, too.

"Carly is a wonderful person and teammate," sophomore Stephanie Knous said. "She has always been like a big sister; she is a good listener and can make you laugh."

Spellman enjoys both the

individual and team aspects of running.

"The thing I like best about running is that you can do it alone, but on the other hand, it is so much fun to run with my team," Spellman said. "There have been times when I wanted to quit so badly, but my team-



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mates were there for me, telling me to stick it out and that things would get better."

Spellman couldn't have asked for a better group of teammates, she said.

The Bobcats showcased their talents by finishing second at the Ohio Invitational, fifth at the Malone Invitational and sixth at the Mel Brodt Invitational.

Among the team's strong runners was freshman Carime Reinhart, who finished fourth at the Notre Dame Invitational, fifth at the MAC Championships and ninth at both the Mel Brodt Invitational and Pre-Nationals.

And another team asset, sophomore Andrea Maas, lunged to claim the third spot at the Ohio Invitational with a time of 19:10.5.

The lady Bobcats finished the season by placing 21st at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional in Ypsilanti, Mich.



women's volleyball

team bumps, sets and spikes its way to most successful season in Ohio history

by Maggie Bushek

Ohio University's Women's Volleyball Team owes its record-breaking season to the year-round dedication of both the coaches and teammates.

The team members practiced daily during Fall Quarter to prepare for matches. And in the off season, players conducted team workouts and scrimmages to stay in shape.

Coaches encouraged players to stay in Athens during the summer to train as a team, but if some players chose to return home for break, they were required to complete individualized training schedules.

"We had something to do every day," outside-hitter/middle-blocker Ashley Elliot said.

The players' time together has molded them into a tight-knit family, both on and off the court, Elliot said.

"All of us hang out together outside of volleyball," Elliot said. "My closest girlfriends are all on the team."

Elliot and fellow outside-hitter Holly Schetzle cannot imagine how different their OU experience would have been if they hadn't been a part of the team.

"I'll leave OU with fifteen lifelong friends," Schetzle said.

Elliot began practicing OU volleyball before she

was officially enrolled at the university.

"I had a group of friends before school even started," Elliot said. "Some people are only friends with their teammates on the court; we are lucky that we're so close."

With four graduating seniors, the team has some big shoes to fill. But members are confident that next year's team will be successful, too.

Elliot, one of the four seniors, set the record for most block assists at OU, and was ranked second in the league in the same category.

Setter Briana

Adamovsky, another senior, was named Collegiate Volleyball Update's National Setter of the Year, MAC Player of the Year and Most Outstanding Player.

Senior outside-hitter Erica Fiene earned the team's Heart Award, and fellow senior outside-hitter Katie Smith served as a multi-talented asset to the team.

"We're losing great seniors," Schetzle said. "But we have five freshmen coming in who are

outstanding players."

Elliot agreed.

"I've been going in and playing with the new girls. I think it's going to be another great year," Elliot said.

The 2004-2005 volleyball squad concluded its season with a 29-3 record, and it won the MAC Tournament for the second consecutive year. Team members also advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in Ohio history.

"I was so proud of going to the NCAA," Elliot said. "I don't think we could have finished better."

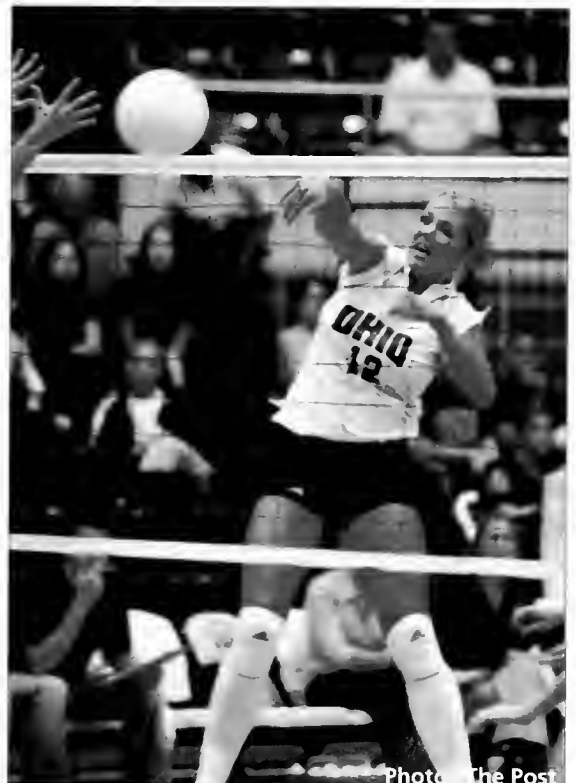


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field hockey

by Evan Witte

a season of ups
and downs

The 2004 Ohio Bobcat field hockey season ended just one win short of a shot at the Mid-American Conference championship. On Nov. 5, the 4th-seeded Bobcats fell to a 4-0 decision at the hands of the Louisville Cardinals in the semifinals of the MAC tournament at Ball

State University. This loss ended a season of ups and downs for the Bobcats, who finished with a record of 7-15.

Of the team's 22 games, an astounding 11 were decided by only one goal, with Ohio winning four of those matches. Among those one-goal losses was a 4-3 overtime loss to the then-20th-ranked California Golden

Bears, and a 2-1 heartbreaker to in-state rival and Big Ten opponent Ohio State. "The one-goal games really showed how well the team played overall," said Mark Shugar, a sophomore journalism major who covers the team extensively. "If the team wins all of those close games, they are up to 15 wins and have a great season."

In the match against California, junior forward Taylor Edwards tied the game with under a minute to play, sending the game to the extra frame, where the Bobcats were eventually just shy of nabbing the victory. Senior midfielder Kristen Hann and freshman forward Torrie Albini scored the other Bobcat goals. In the Ohio State game, junior Erica Bundalo tallied the only score for the Bobcats.

Among the highlights of the season included a visit to Athens from the fourth-ranked team in the nation, the Michigan State Spartans. Although Ohio lost to the Spartans, having the chance to play against such a good team on their home turf gave the Bobcats some great experience.

The biggest victory of the season came Oct. 23 when the Louisville Cardinals visited Athens. The Cardinals finished the season first in the Mid-American Conference, but were unable

to escape Senior Day at Pruitt Field as the Bobcats shocked Louisville 3-2. Edwards scored her second goal of the season in this game, and it proved to be the game-winner. Senior forward Colleen Marshall and sophomore back Amanda Arnold also scored for the Bobcats. And junior

Webster received second-team honors.

Another Bobcat player, midfielder Bundalo, made her mark this season as an emerging star. Bundalo tallied 13 assists in the 2004 season, moving her up to second place on the all-time Ohio list for assists in a season.



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goaltender Jennifer Cote provided crucial defensive tactics and played a strong game for Ohio.

"The win against Louisville was huge for Ohio," Shugar said. "It gave them some momentum heading towards the MAC tournament."

Four Bobcat players earned All-MAC recognition for their exemplary seasons. Hann and junior Lindsay Rothenberger were named to the first team, while Arnold and senior Kara

"Erica anchored the majority of the team's penalty corners this season, and she really did a great job finding her teammates," Shugar said.

The Bobcats had a semi-successful season, but the outlook for next season is even better. Ohio will return eight starters, including their goaltender and several top scorers. They also only lose five seniors, and regain a few key players who battled injuries this season.

OU wins MAC TOURNAMENT

by Nick Miller

The Ohio men's basketball team will get to play for a berth in the NCAA Tournament after a 63-56 victory against the Miami RedHawks last night in the Mid-American Conference Tournament semifinals.

The Bobcats made their case by playing a physical game inside that brought them to the free throw line where they shot 20-of-23, which ended up a being the deciding factor in the game.

However, the 'Cats' inside battle slowed down in the second half, where the RedHawks switched to a zone and giving up multiple 3-pointers for the Bobcats.

"Given how badly we shot the ball - it was our defense that kept us in the game and when our shots started falling we got a great victory," coach Tim O'Shea said. "I am very pleased with the victory." >After missing 11 3-pointers in the first half, forward Sonny Troutman knocked down three clutch 3s and guard Mychal Green hit two, swinging the momentum back to the Bobcats after they fell behind by six in the closing minutes

of the game.

Troutman, who ended up with a game-high 19 points, said he knew his team's shots should start falling after their offense drought.

"The whole team was getting open shots, we were just missing them.

Eventually the shots are going to fall; you just have weather the storm," he said. "I just got hot for a stretch there." >Even though the Bobcats were lacking in their perimeter game, Leon Williams carried the load scor-



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ing all 12 of his points during the first half. The 'Cats continued attacking the basket and drawing fouls, which brought them to the charity stripe and kept them in the game.

"They went to a zone so

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they collapsed on me and Terren (Harbut) more, so it opened it up for our perimeter to guys to hit the 3s," Williams said. "I think we handled the pressure well." The team concluded in the post-game press conference that its success has come from team game and having no single star. O'Shea waned about not having an all-conference player on his team and went on a rant during which he praised his players. "Thank you," Troutman told his coach.

"The difference with this season and last is that we

are all playing together as a team and have one goal: getting to the tournament," Troutman continued. "I think we all just trust each other and we have been focused on playing hard the whole season." >With the team's second win against Miami this season, O'Shea explained why his team deserves an at-large bid into the big dance if they don't win the game tomorrow.

"We have won the most games in the MAC, we are going into the championship game sweeping Buffalo, beating Miami two out of three times

and beating Kent State two out of three times," he said. "I think we are the best team in the MAC."family."



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ohio's success surprises critics,
other teams

by Evan Witte

As of March 1, the Ohio men's basketball team had won eight of its last 10 games, and players were enjoying one of their more successful seasons in recent history. On the same date, Ohio had a record of 16-9, including a respectable 10-6 record in Mid-American Conference play. The Bobcats surprised many people and teams in college basketball

by staying in the mix for a MAC East Division title throughout the season. In fact, their 10-6 league record had them tied for second place in the division, only one game behind arch-rival Miami (OH).

Among the highlights of the season was a stretch from Jan. 15 to Feb. 12 when Ohio won seven of nine games, including huge victories over five teams who, at one point during the season, found themselves in first

place: Kent State, Bowling Green, Buffalo, Western Michigan and Miami (OH). The Bobcats also defeated pre-season MAC favorite Toledo.

The Kent State victory was an 80-54 blowout where junior guard Mychal Green scored 23 points to lead the Bobcats.

In the home victory over Western Michigan, Green led the way once again, this time with 25 points. This win was especially important because Western Michigan had the MAC's best record at that time, and they were widely considered NCAA-bound.

Ohio took out another



NCAA hopeful, Miami (OH), on Feb. 12. Freshman forward Leon Williams paved the way for the Bobcats in this game with

16 points. After the final buzzer, students from the O Zone stormed the court to celebrate Ohio's victory. This game signified Ohio's 11th consecutive victory at home, dating back to last season. Overall, with one home game remaining, the Bobcats have a record of 11-1 at the Convocation Center, one that could hardly be contested by some of America's top basketball programs.

Another highlight for the Bobcats this season was a buzzer-beating victory on the road against Detroit Mercy on "Bracker Buster Saturday,"

an event created by ESPN to showcase competition between some of the better teams from mid-major conferences. Freshman guard Jeremy Fears nabbed 17 points in this game, including a three-pointer as time ran out to give Ohio a 66-65 victory on Mercy's home turf.

With two more regular season games remaining, Ohio is looking to make a run for the MAC Tournament, and possibly the NCAA Tournament. If the team falls short of these goals, it will most likely receive a bid to the National Invitational Tournament, a 32-team competition reserved for the best teams not invited to the NCAA tournament.

As for next season, the Bobcats have a positive outlook. Ohio loses only four seniors to graduation, and only two starters. They also return their top four scorers, including Williams and Fears, who will most likely represent Ohio on the MAC All-Freshmen team this spring.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



team enjoys its first televised game,
mildly successful season



by Evan Witte

On March 1, the Ohio women's basketball team concluded a fairly successful regular season with a 65-63 victory over arch-rival Miami (OH). This win raised the Bobcats' record to 12-15 overall and 8-8 in Mid-American Conference play. Senior forward Erin Isbell led Ohio with 21 points and 18 rebounds. As of March 2, the lady Bobcats were preparing for a home game in the first round of the MAC Tournament.

It was a season of ups and downs for the Bobcats, who won their first two games, but then lost their next six. But Ohio bounced back from their losing streak by winning five of their next seven.

One of the highlights of the Bobcats' season was a 56-50 victory over the visiting Kent State Golden Flashes, one of the



MAC's top teams throughout the season. Senior Kristian Kirkpatrick nabbed 15 points in that game, and Isbell chipped in with 16 rebounds.

Another exciting event occurred in the Convocation Center this season for the team. On Dec. 1, Ohio State, the 11th-ranked team in the country at the time, and a team that has been ranked as high as third this season, paid a visit to Athens. This game also marked the first

time in history that Ohio's women's team appeared on television. Although the result was not as Ohio had hoped, they chalked the game up to good

experience. Kirkpatrick, junior Ciara Iglehart and senior Andrea Johnson tied to lead the Bobcats in that game's scoring category.

The Bobcats played in their share of close games this season, too. The most exciting game might have been on Jan. 14, when Ohio came back from a 15-point half-time deficit to knock off the Central Michigan Chippewas 71-70. Kirkpatrick drove by a Central Michigan defender to score the game-winning basket with only 1.2 seconds remaining. Freshman Simone Redd led all scorers in the game with 18 points.

After the MAC Tournament and potential post-season play, the Bobcats will look forward to next season, where they lose only five seniors: Isbell, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Megan Oriold and Elizabeth Brown. Ohio will return three of their five leading scorers, who were all freshmen this season, including Redd.



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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING



one-win season doesn't crush individual spirit





by Kevin Ziegler

Although the Ohio Men's Swimming and Diving Team finished its season with a dual-meet record of 1-6, when it comes time to swim at the 2005 Mid-American Conference Championships, regular season records will be forgotten.

The men's lone win came on Jan. 14 against in-state foe Denison. The Bobcats won nine of 13 events to claim a 135-102 victory.

Junior sprinter Donald Jupp was awarded the MAC Men's Swimmer of the Week Award for his Oct. 30 effort against Kenyon, where he won the 50- and 100-yard freestyles.

Mike Shelby closed out his senior year on the All-MAC

First Team. Shelby won the 100-yard butterfly at the MAC Championships with a time of 48.55 seconds, and garnered an NCAA Championship consideration.

"When I hit the wall, I immediately looked up at the clock and saw that I won, got my goal time, got the NCAA B cut, my Senior National cut and beat the kid that beat me last year," Shelby said.

Winning the event was a career goal of Shelby's.

"Winning the fly was almost surreal. It was four years of hard work and sacrifice paying off," he said.

The team comprised of Shelby, Jupp, freshman Robert Ihasz and senior Jan Wuttig captured the 200-yard freestyle relay title with a 1:22.18 clocking. Jupp earned a spot on the All-MAC Second Team by finishing

second in the 50-yard freestyle in 20.59 seconds and fifth in the 100-yard freestyle in 46.22 seconds.

Senior diver Richard Wade finished second in one-meter diving with a total finals score of 277.04, and fourth in the three-meter event with 453.82.

Men's and Women's Head Coach Greg Werner accepted a nomination to the 2005 USA Swimming coaching staff.

"Representing your country is one of the highest honors a coach can experience," Werner said in a press release on ohio-bobcats.com.

Werner will accompany the national team to the 2005 World Championships this July in Montreal.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING



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swimmers, divers a splash at the MAC

by Kevin Ziegler

The Ohio Women's Swimming and Diving Team played host to the 2005 Mid-American Conference Championships Feb. 24-26, and turned in a second-place finish in front of a home crowd.

The Bobcats finished behind in-state rival Miami for the fourth straight year, despite holding a slim lead during the final day of the three-day competition.

But the season, which began in October, was not without victories. The women's team finished the dual-meet season with a record of 8-2-1 (4-2-1, MAC) by racking up victories against non-conference foes Youngstown State and Ohio State, and perennial Division III powerhouses Kenyon and Denison, as well as conference opponents Eastern Michigan, Buffalo

and Ball State.

Freshmen Michaela Hahn-Lawson and Ilse Petersen solidified themselves as team standouts by earning First-Team All-MAC as a result of their performances at the championships. Freshman Emily Wylam and senior Jessica Waites earned Second-Team All-MAC nods.

Waites looked back on her college career with satisfaction.

"It was a huge sacrifice, but I can say with 100 percent certainty that it was worth it," she said.

Waites met her life-long swimming goal of finishing under five minutes in the 500-yard freestyle in the preliminaries with a time of 4:59.20.

"I couldn't have asked for anything more at the MAC meet," she said.

Petersen scored 50 points in the conference meet, good for fourth among all swimmers, by placing second in the 500-yard

freestyle at 4:53.16, second in the 200-yard freestyle at 1:51.29 and third in the 100-yard freestyle at 51.57.

Petersen came to Ohio University from South Africa, where she began competitive swimming at age 10. She said the most challenging part of the season was winter break, when the swimmers stay in Athens to train for up to seven hours each day.

"It was really hard," Petersen said. "If your mind wasn't into it, you wouldn't make it."

Hahn-Lawson placed third in the 200- and 400-yard individual medleys with times of 2:03.98 and 4:26.21 respectively.

The Bobcat relay teams finished first in the 400-yard medley relay and the 800-yard freestyle relay.

Freshman diver Debbie Thornbury finished ninth in one-meter diving and sixth in the three-meter event.



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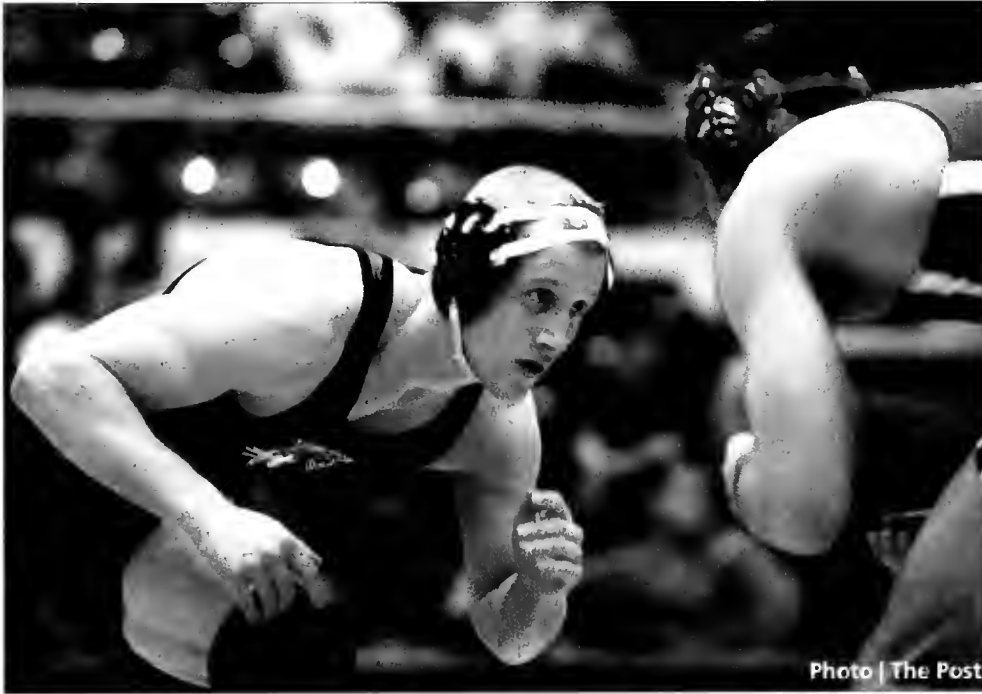


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WRESTLING



percival: the leader of the pack



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by Evan Witte

The Ohio University Wrestling Team concluded its Mid-American Conference schedule on March 5, as they finished fourth in the conference. One Bobcat wrestler, senior Jake Percival, won a MAC Championship. Two others, seniors Jon Spires and Joel Weimer, were runners-up.

Percival's victory capped off his successful career in the MAC, and sent him to the NCAA tournament ranked fourth in the country in his weight class. Percival was named MAC Wrestler of the Year for the third time. He finished his regular season with a 27-2 record. His career mark at Ohio rose to an impressive 137-9. This mark includes a combined 28-0 record versus MAC opponents in the

regular season and conference championships. Percival has also been a three-time All-American and 2004 NCAA runner-up in his weight class.

The team finished its regular season with a record of 10-12-1 in dual meets. There were several highlights along the way for the Bobcats, including a tri-meet victory over two in-state rivals, Ohio State and Findlay, on Dec. 11. The win over Ohio State was an accomplishment, not only because the Buckeyes are the "big school" in the state of Ohio, but because they are also a national power that finished third in the nation at the NCAA Championships last year.

The Bobcats took part in the 25th annual Virginia Duals on Jan. 14 and 15 in Hampton, Va. Ohio knocked off the home team, the University of Virginia, in the first round. In that meet, the Bobcats showcased victories from Percival, Spires, Weimer, senior Ed Willis and sophomore Brian Cesear. Ohio then moved

on to play then sixth-ranked Nebraska, a match in which the Bobcats competed hard, but couldn't capitalize. Ohio then defeated Old Dominion before falling in a tough match to Cal State Bakersfield. Spires, Percival, Willis and freshman Ryan Knapp won in their weight classes against Old Dominion. And Willis, Percival and sophomore Marcus Adelman held strong against Bakersfield, but the Bobcats as a whole came up short.

Ohio helped gain experience for its younger wrestlers by competing against several ranked teams throughout the season. Besides Nebraska, the Bobcats wrestled against Tennessee-Chatanooga, Missouri, Northern Illinois, West Virginia and Central Michigan, all among the top programs in the country. The Bobcats will have to make up for the loss of Percival, who will compete in the NCAA Championships on March 17, next season.





by Stephanie Capozziello

They “Yell Like Hell” at our homecoming pep rally, exude school spirit to the student body and pump up the crowd at each football and basketball game. They are the Ohio University cheerleaders.

Hardworking is one way to describe their three-hour practices, on top of early morning workouts

with other athletic teams.

“I feel like I’m an ambassador for the athletic department,” said Josh Stegman, a second-year graduate student.

Stegman arrives early for each game to stir up the players’ adrenalin. When the band starts to play, the “O-H-I-O” flags are run throughout the stadium to get the crowd on their feet.

For football enthusiasts, Stegman gets the ball rolling at the tailgate party held for green and white club members. Before the game begins, Ohio’s cheerleaders pump up students, faculty, alumni and fans.

And during the football season and homecoming weekend is the “Yell Like Hell” pep rally, which is held at Peden Stadium.

But the best part of this weekend might be the parade.

“The homecoming

Cheerleading



athletic department ambassadors



Photo | Maggie Bowles

parade brings together the community and the university,” Stegman said.

Stegman joined the cheerleading crew after this year’s “Yell Like Hell” pep rally. Since then, Stegman has been one of Ohio’s biggest supporters. He enjoys being the center of attention at basketball games, where cheerleaders are surrounded by O Zone members, who sit alongside the court, he said.

But students and other spectators only see the final product. What isn’t seen is the numerous hours of hard work put in by OU’s cheerleaders to make the events successful. They also raise money so they have the opportunity of travelling with the teams.

This year, cheerleaders have worked at Americheer and Cheerleaders of America. At these two places, college cheerleaders put on a show.

“This year, we’re trying to become more visible to other cheerleaders,” Stegman said.

Other college cheerlead-

ers need to see Ohio’s talents in stunting, tumbling and cheering, Stegman said.

Jana Polsley, the only senior female cheerleader, began her journey on the now non-existent JV squad. Because that team didn’t have a coach during Polsley’s freshman year, each cheerleader choreographed routines and stunts.

For many cheerleaders, creating routines is easy. Sarah

where cheerleaders give autographs and tattoo girls’ cheeks with Ohio logos.

Inspiring younger generations to cheer, bringing a crowd to their feet and motivating football and basketball players is the task taken on by Ohio’s cheerleaders.

“I have a great group of upperclassmen and hope in future years to have their same caliber,” said Coach Tricia Perry,



Kelner, Kamaron Guiler and Katherine Marion have experience teaching summer cheer camps.

Other events that help young girls get into the spirit of cheerleading include the Bobcat Open and “You Go, Girl Day,”

who has cheered for as long as she can remember. “I live for the competition of cheerleading.”



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marching 110

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'the most exciting band in the land'



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by Eric Rosecrants

“Great bands transcend,” said Dr. Richard Suk, director of the Marching 110. “The band faced adversities this year performance wise, but we had a very great-sounding group.”

The 2004 season proved to be the biggest in the 110 history with more than 200 students interested in becoming a part of “the most exciting band in the land.” Even with the largest cuts ever made in the band’s history, the ensemble was the biggest performing

marching band that Ohio University has ever seen.

From the season's start, the 110 faced many challenges. All marching bands need a field to rehearse. The Marching 110 unfortunately lost its regular practice field because of utility work being done for the Ridges, and was forced to move its practices to a grassy area near Lucky Dog, 309 W. Union St. Although many band members left their new practice field feeling itchy from ragweed each day, it was an area to practice, so the band progressed.

Not only did the Marching 110 face issues with its practice location, but it also suffered transportation problems. A faulty charter bus caused a detour trip to West Virginia and a tire blowout on the way to Cleveland, which forced the usual caravan of four to become a crowded and standing-room-only group of three.

Although the 110 faced some serious issues, the band learned to overcome those difficulties and live up to its name and reputation. Nothing could stop the 110 from performing crowd favorites from the radio and music of the past. The band also rocked out with its synchronized dance moves and chants.

Not only did the band perform at each home football game to an enthusiastic crowd, but it also traveled to other venues. Within the second week

of practice, the band traveled to New York City to put on an encore performance for the New York Giants, where nearly 70,000 people were present. The band also traveled to Cleveland in the first week of Fall Quarter to perform at the Palace Theatre, where they raised \$75,000 for the Ohio University Foundation, an organization aimed at fundraising for the university.

Although the band usually doesn't attend away games, the 110 traveled to Lexington, Ky., to support OU's football team. Not only did the Bobcats win, but the 110 turned a crowd of Kentucky supporters into fans of the Marching 110, as the band received a standing ovation for its performance.

community members gathered at Peden Stadium to celebrate the start of a new homecoming weekend. Following tradition, hundreds of Marching 110 alumni gathered to perform as a massed band with the current ensemble.

For the past several decades, the band has made it a custom to end its season with a performance at the Ohio Theatre in downtown Columbus. However, the Radio City Rockets booked the theatre this year, so the band performed at another Columbus location, the Palace Theatre, for an energetic crowd of screaming fans.

Each year poses obstacles for the Marching 110, but the band has yet to falter in its



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The band also welcomed new President Roderick McDavis at the annual "Yell like Hell" pep rally. Students, faculty and

performances. The 110 is and always will be "the most exciting band in the land," expanding its fan base every year.



rock 'n roll to the marching 110





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O-ZONE

Bobcat fans get rowdy courtside



by Samantha Rudnick

The Convocation Center is filled, the gym floor is buffed and the cheerleaders are ready to go. “O-H-I-O” is heard throughout the stadium, increasing in speed with each chant. Through all the cheers and noise, one group sticks out above the rest. They sit alongside the basketball court – all dressed in green and white – and chant in unison. They are the members of the O Zone.

The O Zone was brought to life during Winter Quarter 2002 with the help of Luke Sayers, director of marketing for intercollegiate athletics.

“We wanted to give students a premier cheering section, and also help the team to get the home-court advantage,” Sayers said.

So why be an O Zone member instead of just a regular

fan?

“By being a part of the O Zone, the students are more connected to the game,” Sayers said. “They get to meet the players, go to the away games and it is the only way to get a guaranteed seat.”

And securing a good seat for the game is not something taken lightly by O Zone members. It is rumored that a group of students stood in line for 38 hours to get the best seats in the O Zone.

Senior Shawn Bailes said he waited about six hours for his O Zone seats. Bailes, a first-year O Zone member, makes it a point to attend all home games.

“It’s a great chance to make friends while getting into the heads of our opponents,” Bailes said. “It gives you a great sense of belonging.”

Students join the O Zone for various reasons. But juniors James Dunn and Paul Schreiner agree that the best part of the O Zone is being close to the action.

“It’s cool being close

enough to the floor to affect the game with my cheering,” Dunn said.

Speaking of O Zone members impacting the game, senior Brian Mosier recalled the events of an away game he attended at Marshall.

“We were walking around [Marshall’s] stadium chanting ‘this is our house,’ and then cheered alongside the court during our team’s warm-ups. We were asked to go to our seats after a few minutes though; I guess Marshall didn’t appreciate the O Zone,” Mosier said.

The O Zone is comprised of 416 students, who create their own chants for the games and make sure all O Zone seats are full. The members started an O Zone newsletter, and they have their own message board on the Bobcat Attack Web site.

So whether it’s being close to the action, intimidating the opposition or wearing a cool t-shirt, one thing is obvious: Ohio University students love the O Zone.

Women's Club Sports



paving the way for new OU sports and athletes

by Samantha Rudnick

From basketball to fencing and soccer to synchronized ice skating, women's club sports give lady Bobcats a chance to be part of a team and play the sport they love, while also providing them with an opportunity to formulate friendships and share experiences.

Though there are numerous club sports available to female students, many have just recently been added by women who played a particular sport in high school and wanted to further their talents in college.

Senior Jennifer Case has been playing water polo for eight years.

"I love water polo; it's my favorite sport," Case said. "I have had the best experiences with the polo team and would have missed out on a lot if I had not continued playing."

No women's water polo team existed when Case was a freshman, so she and four other girls – now her roommates – started one.

Senior Patti Johnson, another student who didn't get discouraged when her sport's team didn't exist, helped generate

a women's synchronized swimming team.

"A friend and I started synchro as a student activity last year, and it just became a club sport this year," Johnson said. "We started it because we love synchro and couldn't imagine not doing it."

Another senior who took the initiative to create a women's club sport is Brooke Neuhart.

"When I first got to OU, there wasn't a club basketball

National Basketball Tournament during its first season.

With over 20 club sports for women to choose from, there is sure to be one for everyone. And there are many different reasons to play.

"I like the atmosphere of women's club sports the best," Case said. "There seems to be less pressure on winning and more on building relationships and having fun."

For Johnson, it is the freedom club sports gives that she appreciates.

"We get to be part of a community that contributes to the great environment of OU," Johnson said. "We get to be dedicated to our sport, but it's not our whole life, as it might be if we were a varsity sport."

Neuhart, who took over the coaching duties this year, likes the fact that women's club sports are run by students.

"Each team can control themselves and can pretty much run it anyway they want," Neuhart said.

Case, Johnson and Neuhart prove that with determination and dedication, achievements can be made.



team," Neuhart said. "We were told that for the team to become a reality, someone had to step up and take charge of organizing it. I was sort of nominated."

Neuhart and her supporters were successful in forming a women's club basketball team, which placed third at the

Hockey



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hurley on ice -- from windsor to athens

by Kylene Kuzma

He shoots ... He scores! Some might find the game a bit confusing, while others view it as a necessary adrenaline rush.

Hockey is a sport that has been around for many years. It evolved from Hurley, an Irish field game. Hurley was played on Irish fields year-round with a ball and a stick. The game was also explored regularly in the fields of Nova Scotia, Canada, in the early 1800s. But when winter came around, Hurley became difficult to play because of the rough, frozen ground formation caused by winter weather, so the game was moved onto the ice of lakes. This new game, called Hurley on Ice, started at King's College in Windsor, Nova Scotia, and became popular on the East coast of Canada in the early 19th century.

Hockey has been a part of Athens since before Ohio University was founded in 1804. The floor of the field house alongside the Hocking River was transformed to ice. This field house was named Bird Arena, home of the Ohio University Hockey Team.

This year, the Bobcats won their first two games against North Dakota State on home ice. The team kept its winning streak going, as it won its next six games, defeating Michigan-

after that loss, Ohio seemed unstoppable on home ice, winning 14 of its next 15 home games, as the team defeated Delaware, Kent State, Miami (OH), Western Michigan, Robert Morris College, Illinois, Michigan State, Mercyhurst College, Michigan-Dearborn and Eastern Michigan.

The Bobcats finished the season with a record of 29-7-5. The team captured its second consecutive Central States Collegiate Hockey League Tournament crown when it beat the



University of Illinois 5-1 at Kent Ice Arena. Ohio also traveled to the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Tournament, where they fell to Penn State 3-1, but went on to defeat Rhode Island 3-1 to nab a third place title.

Dearborn, Iowa State and Lindenwood College. But then, the team suffered two losses on the road to arch-rival Penn State.

The Bobcats were undefeated at home until Penn State invaded Athens on Jan. 7. But

Three Bobcats – goalie Ryan Baksh, defenseman Joe Branco and forward Nick Bas-sarab – were named to the American Collegiate Hockey Association All-Tournament Teams.



MEN'S Club Sports



'the perfect amount of committment'

by Samantha Rudnick

Men's club sports are popular activities among OU students. The men who participate in the program have various skill levels and play for many different reasons.

Senior Joseph Klobuchar participates in club basketball and boxing. He has been playing basketball since he was 13, and he helped start the club program at OU.

"Two years ago, there wasn't a men's club basketball team, so four guys and I got together with the club sports staff and created one," Klobuchar said. "We're like OU's JV team – there's a feel of high school basketball because we travel and play other colleges."

Senior Ryan Huffman is the president of the men's rugby team.

"I played rugby in high school, and I wanted to get involved at the college level," Huffman said. "I am very passionate about the sport; I get excited before every game."

Junior Kevin Ziegler is a member of the men's club water polo team. Ziegler swam in high school, but learned to play water polo at OU.

"I wanted to play a sport in college, and club sports have the perfect amount of commitment," Ziegler said. "We take it seriously and we are competitive, but at the same time, it is all about fun."

Athletes enjoy their involvement in club sports for many reasons.

"I get a chance to play a sport I love," Klobuchar said. "I get to be involved in something at OU and experience a leadership position with responsibilities and commitments."

It was the fun and free-

dom offered by club sports that attracted Huffman.

"We have a great time when we play, and I have developed great friendships from being on the team," Huffman said. "Club sports are less stressful than being on a varsity team – we are given more freedom to do other things, but are still able to play the sport that we love."

Ziegler has also made many friends through club sports, but other things keep him playing, too.

"Water polo keeps me healthy and in shape," Ziegler said. "And it is a great stress reliever and break from homework."

The OU Club Sports Program's mission is to offer a variety of athletic activities to students while helping them form friendships and develop valuable leadership skills. Klobuchar, Huffman and Ziegler said this goal has been achieved.



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by Samantha Rudnick

Intramurals

celebrating over 100 years of play

Have you ever wanted to play in an organized air hockey competition? What about dodgeball? Innertube water polo? Well, Ohio University's Intramural Sports Program offers students a chance to play these games – and many more – regardless of their skill levels.

Intramurals at OU have been around for more than 100 years. The program's beginnings

date back to June 1890, when the first annual field day was held. The program has grown to offer 32 different sports, which are designed to attract a wide variety of OU students.

Junior Kelly Rolf is a strong advocate for intramurals, and has played co-ed and women's basketball, soccer, broom-ball, flag football and softball. Although she loves all the sports she has played, it was her broom-ball team that won the championship.

"I like to play rough in broom-ball, but it's tough to stay on your feet. I fall a hundred times a game. It's pretty funny when it happens, but not so much the next day when you are covered in bruises," Rolf said.

Table tennis is the choice game for sopho-

more Scott Rutan and senior Noah Brader. Rutan also plays intramural broomball, softball and flag football, and has played ping-pong for about 10 years.

"I like to play intramurals because I like ping-pong, and this way, I have someone to play with once a week," Rutan said.

Brader grew up playing ping-pong, too, but also participates in intramural basketball and doubles racquetball.

"I love the competition," Brader said. "I am a very competitive person, and intramurals gives me an outlet, a chance to release my competitive side."

It is the competitiveness and the ability to choose one's own team that senior Zack Parsons likes best. Parsons plays soccer, and this year, his team – the Springfield Isotopes – won the championship.

aspect to the sidelines and play the sport for fun.

"We really don't take the games too seriously," Lackey said. "It is most fun when the other team is there just to have a good time as well."

Keller agreed.

"Some of us are not the most coordinated [people], so laughing at our own mistakes was really entertaining," Keller said. "There was never a game that we didn't have to take a break because we were laughing so hard."



Some students want to play competitive sports without a lot of time commitment. Others want to play sports, but don't possess the skills needed to make the

"My friends and I have played on a team together all four years, and it felt great to finally win," Parsons said.

Seniors Erin Lackey and Shannon Keller were members of the champion wallyball team – Yeller Toes – last year. They both throw the competitive

varsity team. For these students, intramurals are the perfect alternative.



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Outdoor Pursuits



finding fun in the great outdoors



by Katie Kiracofe

What is the probability of participating in scuba diving, rock climbing and skydiving adventures through a program at Ohio University? It's very probable, said Tom Tesar, assistant director of Outdoor Pursuits, a division of Campus Recreation.

Outdoor Pursuits is a program dedicated to providing students, faculty, staff and community members with opportunities for healthy outdoor recreation, leadership development, experimental learning and environmental awareness. With activities like white water rafting, canoeing and rappelling, the program is aimed toward fun in the outdoors, Tesar said.

The New Adventure Program, geared toward freshmen, takes place before the start of each school year.

"We take freshmen to North

Waters, Minnesota, and we teach them how to get along in the wilderness," Tesar said. "You take strangers, throw them together and put them out for a week, [which is] applicable when they get back to OU."

The New Adventure Program provides freshmen with an opportunity to meet other incoming students before stepping foot on OU's campus, Tesar said.

"The program is the most rewarding thing we do all year," Tesar said. "You come back from the trip and half of them are living together or taking classes together."

Spring break trips are also planned by Outdoor Pursuits. Last year, a \$1,100 scuba

diving trip to the Bahamas was taken. Other spring break trips include canoeing and camping in the Everglades, and rock climbing and kayaking at Cumberland Island in Georgia.

A key part of Outdoor Pursuits is education. Recreation courses are offered during the school year for credit. Two sections of scuba diving are taught every quarter, which "is a big hit," Tesar said.

The program also offers a challenge course, where numerous groups of students work together as a team. Group effort is strongly encouraged in this course.

Many Outdoor Pursuits student employees plan to base their futures off lessons learned through the program.

"I've got a motivated staff who want to go into a career based on this, and it's good for them because they get real-life experience while still on campus," Tesar said.

Although many employed by the program have majors relating to outdoor or sports activities, the concentrations are diverse.

Senior Derek Johnson, a recreational management and sports industry major, said working for Outdoor Pursuits is the best job on campus.

"It's great to take a weekend trip and get paid to go backpacking," Johnson said.

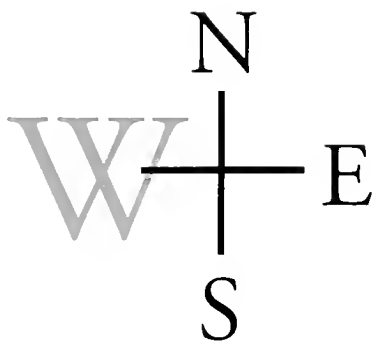
Whether it's skiing, kayaking, skydiving or camping, Outdoor Pursuits is proud to offer adventurous recreational activities to OU students.



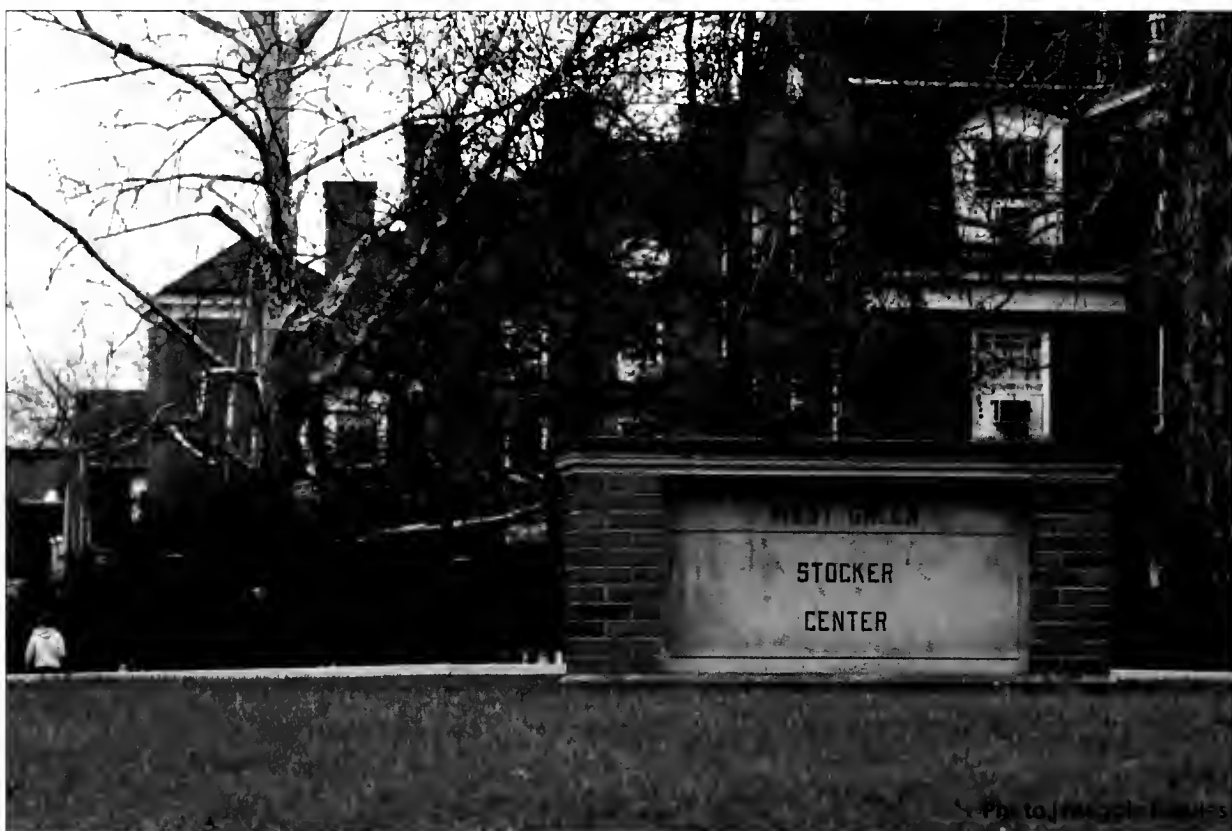
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RESIDENCE life



west green



the laid-back, seclusive green

by Carin Yavorcik

West Green plays host to a wide variety of characters. One side of the green houses the schools of Engineering and Osteopathic Medicine, and the other houses the colleges of Psychology and Health and Human Services. Slap on a major street and a smattering of dorms, and you've got West Green.

The green itself is slightly cut off from the rest of campus; a walk up Richland Avenue or a stroll through Emetiti Park is necessary to reach East, South and College greens.

"I either have to go up a big hill, down a big hill, or go the long way around to get to class," said Elaine Paulus, a senior engineering student who lives off campus. "It's very isolated, or at least Stocker is."

Sophomore Olga Waradzyn moved from East to West Green last spring. She currently lives in Sargent Hall and said while the green's location can sometimes be an inconvenience, she still likes its friendly atmosphere.

"I like how it's situ-



ated in a circle," Waradzyn said. "You see the same people around; [it's] like a little community."

Jen Cummings, a Wilson Hall RA, said the semi-seclusive, quiet environment offered by West Green is one of its biggest perks.

"It's just far enough away that I can get exercise walking to class," she said. "I also love that it has so much sunlight."

Visitors from South and East Greens describe West as

having a more laid-back feel. "It doesn't really seem like a party green," said Patrick Macatangay, a Scott Quad resident.

"I would describe it as pretty quiet," Paulus said.

Disrupting the green's quiet last year was the construction of its newest additions – Walter Hall and the Bicentennial Park. Both opened in time for Winter Quarter last year.

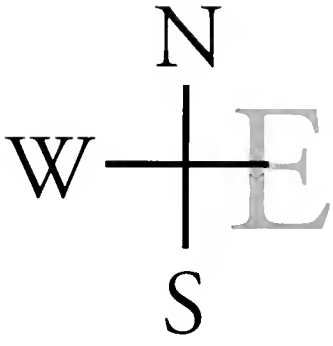
Will Vokac, a junior who lives off-campus, has a geology class in the new building.

"I like Walter Hall a lot," Vokac said. "It's really nice, especially the ability to hook a computer up to the internet at your desk."

Vokac was not as enthusiastic about the new park, however.

"I think we could have done something nicer," he said. "It's not that visually striking, though it would probably look cooler seen from a plane."





east green

jeff hall -- rich in tradition, memories



Photo | Maggie Bowles

by Melissa Cottrill

East Green is home to 14 residence halls, each of which were built during the 1940s and 50's. While Bryan Hall, Voigt Hall and Scott Quad are technically located on College Green, they are still considered part of East Green. All of the green's dorms resemble traditional-style residence halls that contain the ever-popular community bathrooms.

After years of Jefferson Hall being an all-female, freshmen dormitory, the building recently became co-ed. Several generations of women remember Jefferson and its estrogen-filled halls on the new online Web directory, Thefacebook, in a group named "Jeff Hall will always be an all-girls dorm in my heart."

Junior Andrea Toney waitresses in Athens during the summer, and she often serves many Ohio University alums who have come back to visit. Many of the former OU students regale her with stories of Jeff Hall.

"I met a guy who graduated in the 60's, and he shared all types of stories about sneaking into Jeff late at night or eating in Jeff dining hall because that's where all the girls were," Toney said. "It makes me sad that future generations won't have these stories to share with future OUsers."

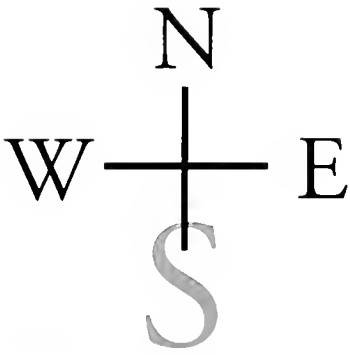
Not only has Jeff's living environment on the first floor and up changed, but a few of the menu items in Jefferson Hall, which also serves as a dining hall, are different this year. The Odyssey Café opened Oct. 7, and offers a regular menu for lunch and dinner consisting of Greek foods, such as beef and chicken gyros, chicken souvlaki sandwiches, gyro and souvlaki salads, hummus and pita chips and baklava, a traditional Greek dessert. Special additions to the Greek menu include spanakopita, a baked spinach and cheese pastry, mouska, an eggplant casserole, and pastichio, Greek lasagna.

Many students might not be

familiar with some of the menu items, but one of the university's goals is to educate students about the food of other cultures.

"We are encouraging students to try new things, and we are finding that many of them end up liking what they are eating," said Nikki Ohms, general manager of Jefferson Dining Hall.





Photos | Maggie Bowles

south green



the front four -- where all the magic happens

by Melissa Cottrill

South Green is always buzzing with activity, especially during Spring Quarter when students take advantage of the volleyball courts situated in the middle of the green. This section of campus also plays host to the South Green Games, usually held at the end of the year, where activities include a Moonwalk, jousting tournaments, sumo wrestling and a huge feast.

The green consists of 19 residence halls, which were all built in the 1960s and 1970s. The “front four,” the oldest of the 19 dorms, include Crawford, Brown, Mackinnon and Pickering. These dormitories are traditional-style residence halls with community bathrooms. The other 15 residence halls are designed mod style. Each mod houses 12-18 students, who all share a central lounge. The rooms are either singles or doubles, and six students share a bathroom. The mod-living environment encourages friendships among the hall and mod mates.

Senior Veronica Ware made some of her closest friends

while living in the dorms. She lived in True House, one of the substance-free dorms on campus, as well as Dougan House. Ware enjoyed having the opportunity to meet a number of diverse

own space.

Junior Robert Martin likes to stay up late on his computer or play video games.

“It’s nice having a single room; you don’t have to worry about someone else’s schedule,” he said.

But there is at least one disadvantage of living on South Green – it is the farthest green from most of the buildings on campus, with the exception of Morton Hall. So while the setting and atmosphere of South Green might be pleasing, the trek to class probably isn’t as exciting.

“I like the scenery [of South Green], but it’s miles away from everything,” sophomore Stephen Ashcraft said. “But I like that there just aren’t very many



people, who had very different personalities and life goals, she said.

Some students move to South Green in the hopes of finding a quiet, solitary atmosphere where they can have their

buildings around and it’s more open.”

So whether you want to experience a rockin’ good time during Spring Quarter or enjoy the quiet atmosphere of Winter Quarter, South Green might be the green for you!



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GREEK life



Greek Life



by Kara Steele

With 32 active chapters and over 2,000 students involved on campus, it's no secret that Greek life is an integral part of the social scene at Ohio University, said Michael Sprinkle, assistant director for fraternity and sorority affairs.

But it isn't all play and no business – each chapter participates in community service projects throughout the year. This year, Greek organizations have served school lunches at grade schools, participated and raised funds for Habitat for Humanity, held after-hours events in Baker Center as alcohol-prevention programs, joined the “party patrol” and volunteered at Echoing Meadows, a center for mentally challenged individuals, Sprinkle said.

So why should students be a part of the Greek community?

“The Greek system is

rich in tradition at OU, and it offers students the ability to network and meet other Greeks, and potentially enhance leadership skills to get jobs when they graduate,” Sprinkle said.

Spotlight: Lambda Chi Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha was formed nationally in 1909, and its first OU chapter began in 1918, with a stated mission of promoting lasting friendships, academic excellence and mutual support among brothers.

OU's chapter is comprised of 40 active members, all of whom showcase leadership potential and possess “positive attitudes that will help us recruit and keep numbers up in the future,” said Brian Axe, president of Lambda Chi.

Axe was a shy, quiet freshman who broke out of his shell when he joined Lambda Chi. The fraternity became his second family instantly, as he formed tight bonds with each active and potential member.

And he leaned on this family for emotional support on Jan. 22 when his best friend and fellow Lambda Chi, Andy Howick, died from his long, painful battle with Non-Hodg-

kin's Lymphoma.

When Howick's mom broke the news to Axe on the steps of the hospital, he broke down. He was emotionally unable to function, so Axe turned to his fraternity brothers for help and support.

"The number of the guys who helped spread the word the day Andy passed was phenomenal, and that made things a lot easier on me, because I was a wreck," Axe said.

This brotherly bond was in full force at Howick's funeral, as 25 of the 40 active members – and many Lambda Chi alumnae – made the 3-hour school-day trek to St. Mary's, Ohio.

"Everyone was able to lean on one another for support, and we were able to get through it," Axe said.

To honor Howick, Lambda Chi is playing an integral part in this year's Relay for Life. The fraternity as a whole also decided to donate money raised from philanthropic events to the American Cancer Society.

And three such philanthropic events take place annually – Brothers Feeding Others, Hot Tubbing and the Watermelon Bust. Lambda Chi members raise money and participate in Brothers Feeding Others, a food drive held for the less fortunate. Hot Tubbing is an event where a hot tub is given to the fraternity, and members raise money through a raffle, and collect donated items.

"We basically hang out in the hot tub to bring attention to

ourselves and what we're trying to accomplish, which is raising money for the American Cancer Society," Axe said.

And the Watermelon Bust is just like it sounds. Teams of 10-12 girls, who pay a \$100 entry fee, participate in an "Olympic-type event" in which watermelons are squashed, Axe said.

The above philanthropic events have contributed to a successful year, Axe said.

"My goal was to increase our numbers, as we were down to 25 at the beginning of this year, and I also wanted to get our name out on campus more," Axe said. "And I can say that both goals have been very successful."

Spotlight: Sigma Lambda Gamma

Founded nationally in 1990 on the principles of academic excellence, community service, cultural awareness, social interaction and ethics, Sigma Lambda Gamma, a Latina-based multicultural sorority, made its first mark on Ohio University's campus last spring.

Although the sorority is Latina-based, women of all ethnicities are accepted in order to "enhance our lives with the acceptance and understanding of different cultures," said Elizabeth Warren, president of Sigma Lambda Gamma.

While only 8 actives comprise the organization, the organization's message, which integrates the sorority's motto,

"culture is pride; pride is success," is strong.

"We are a sisterhood of support for the empowerment of women in higher education through the pride of our different heritage," Warren said.

The sorority hopes to spread the messages of diversity and higher education for women. Sigma Lambda Gamma strives to be "the premier organization committed to providing a mechanism of empowerment to all women," Warren said.

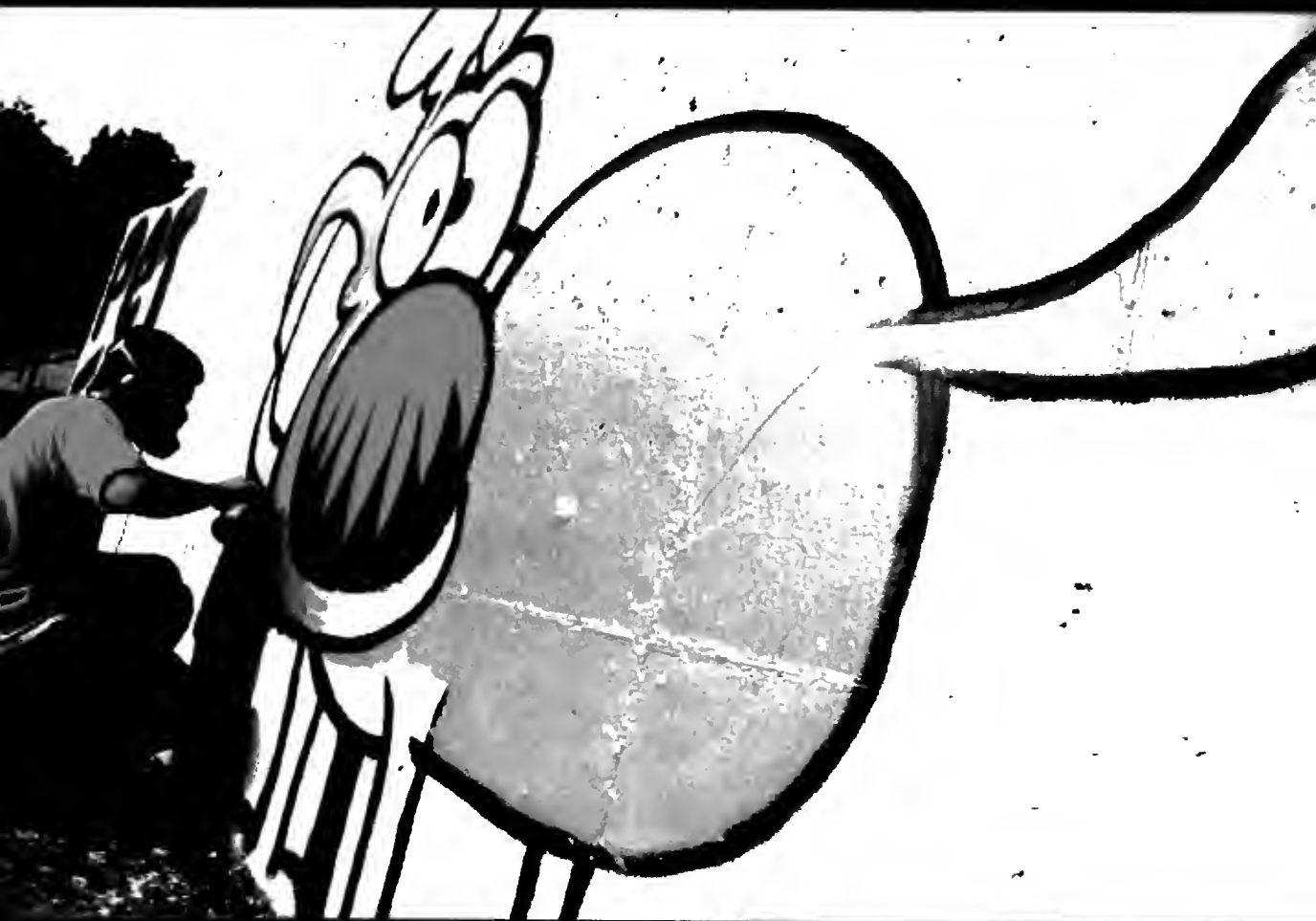
Greek life at OU can be "homogeneous," often lacking the diversity exhibited by Sigma Lambda Gamma, Warren said. This sorority offers an opportunity for women to congregate and work toward a common goal with cultural aspects at the forefront.

As with every Greek organization, volunteer opportunities are plentiful. Sigma Lambda Gamma sisters have participated in numerous community service activities, including Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes and Red Cross, and they have volunteered with the Salvation Army and Girl Scouts.

So what does this sorority offer OU students?

"The sisters and connections we have made across the nation have given us the opportunity to meet diverse and wonderful women who are willing and dedicated to making a change," Warren said. "Sigma Lambda Gamma gives each member an extended sense of family."

















ORGANIZATIONS



BSCPb

uncovering athens' minority population

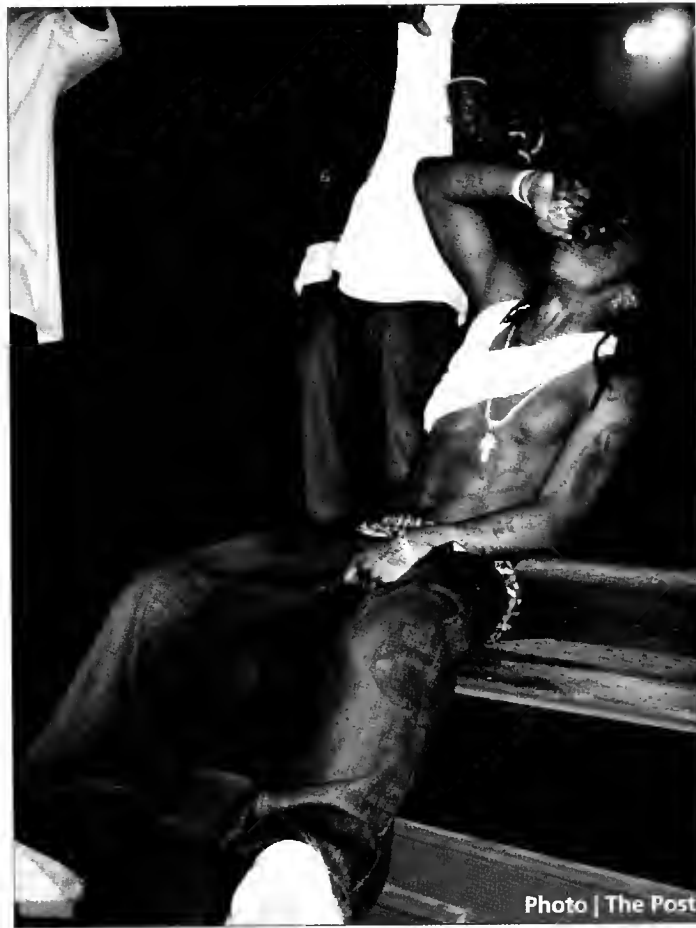
by Melissa Cottrill and Katie Wagner

The Black Student Cultural Programming Board (BSCPb) exposes Ohio University students and Athens residents to the culture, thoughts and perspectives of African Americans. Since Caucasian is the dominant race of Athens and OU, BSCPb members work to explore the minority population through social, recreational, cultural and educational programs.

BSCPb-sponsored speakers include: comedian Bill Cosby, author Richard Rodriguez, Black Panther Party founder Bobby Seale and Civil Rights pioneer Eleanor Holmes Norton.

The organization arranges annual events like the Homecoming Pageant and Dinner, Sibs Weekend Variety Show, Sibs Weekend Concert, Unity Fest, Kwanzaa, Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month.

This year for the Sibs Weekend concert singer John Legend and Cash Money Millionaire Lil' Wayne took the stage at Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, February 5.



black student cultural programming board

BSCC

by Melissa Cottrill

setting an example for the student body

black

STUDENT

COMMUNICATION

CAUCUS

The Black Student Communication Caucus (BSCC) is a student-run organization that encourages networking and leadership skills among communication majors. The purpose of the organization is to promote discussion among black students in the College of Communication and to encourage a well-rounded understanding of blacks in the field of communication, said Brandi Baker, BSCC president.

BSCC members meet once a week to discuss conferences, workshops, internships and forums. The organization produces "The Flow," a quarterly newsletter highlighting events and information about the African American community, Baker said.

The group participates in many community service events throughout the year, including WOUB telethons, ReUse Industries events and Habitat for Humanity projects, Baker said. By showcasing their care for the community, BSCC members hope to set an example that will be followed by the student body.

BSCC membership is open to all communication majors, but the organization focuses on issues surrounding black students.

ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN COMMUNICATION

by Cheryl Sadler |

promoting journalistic professionalism

The College of Communication has a variety of organizations for students to join, depending on their interests or majors. One group that encompasses all communication majors, however, is the Association for Women in Communication (AWC). This organization promotes professionalism in communication careers.

“We try to bring in professional speakers in the field who work in different communication careers in the hope that members will get good feedback and guidance,” said Jenny Bonnar, interim president of the Ohio University chapter of AWC.

AWC sponsors activities such as résumé workshops, panel discussions and professional speakers. The group also hosts non-professional activities to promote the cohesion of women, including self-defense classes and stress-relief workshops.

The OU chapter is one of 186 professional and campus chapters in the United

States, according to the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism Web site. The organization includes members – both men and women – from many areas in communications, including print and broadcast journalism, television and radio production, film, advertising, public relations, marketing, graphic design, multimedia design and photography, and the list is expanding as more professions are defined as media.

AWC congregates every other week, and the turnout ranges from 15 to 70 people each meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend, including non-members. It is an organization of college students, so it caters to the needs of college students now, Bonnar said.

“As a networking opportunity, it’s great,” Bonnar said. “The people in this organization are the people you will be working with in the future.”

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS

|by Cheryl Sadler |

promoting, defending journalism

Ohio University journalism majors have the opportunity to join a professional organization and become involved with the national chapter of the group through the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

The goal of OU's chapter is to get students involved with the national organization early on in their journalism careers. The intention of the national chapter is to promote and defend journalism and ensure that journalists are providing a service to society, said Meredith Heagney, president of OU's chapter of SPJ.

According to the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism Web site, the SPJ chapter at OU is one of 266 chapters, each of which work to protect and advance journalism.

SPJ sponsors events throughout the year to further discussion on journalism and its impact on society. During Fall Quarter, Miami Herald colum-

nist Leonard Pitts Jr. spoke, and SPJ hosted a debate between members of political groups on campus to find out which presidential candidate was best suited for OU students. A community service project in which SPJ members will teach local eighth graders how to write a news story about black history is planned for Winter Quarter. For the spring, SPJ has planned a "freedom of information" project about auditing open records at Ohio's public universities. The point of this task is to see how easy the materials are to access and which universities are complying with the laws, Heagney said.



STUDENT ALUMNI BOARD



connecting students with alumni

by Samantha Rudnick

The Student Alumni Board (SAB) works to enhance the relationship between students and alumni by creating programs and activities that open doors to students and connect alumni to campus.

“Through SAB, I have gotten so many opportunities to network with Ohio University’s amazing alumni,” senior Matthew Galmoff said. “Being on SAB has allowed me to immerse myself in the university and community, and make my experience in Athens much more memorable.”

Sophomore Kris McDonald, who organizes intramural sports teams within the organization, agreed with Galmoff. By forming relationships with OU alumni, “countless advancement opportunities” present themselves, McDonald said.

Working closely with the Ohio University Alumni Associa-

tion, SAB organizes many events aimed at OU students, faculty and alumni. During Homecoming, SAB organized the ever-popular “Yell Like Hell” pep rally; in the spring, the Faculty Excellence Award is given to one outstanding professor chosen by SAB; and “Take a Slice of OU With You” helps seniors prepare for post-graduation life.

SAB also designs and assembles campus publications. The daily planner, a must-have for many OU students, is available in the bookstores uptown. The Freshman Record, a book containing the names and pictures of incoming students, is another popular item created by SAB.

“SAB is a great way to get involved with the university,” junior Kevin Snyder said. “And it provides you with an opportunity to make a lot of good friends.”

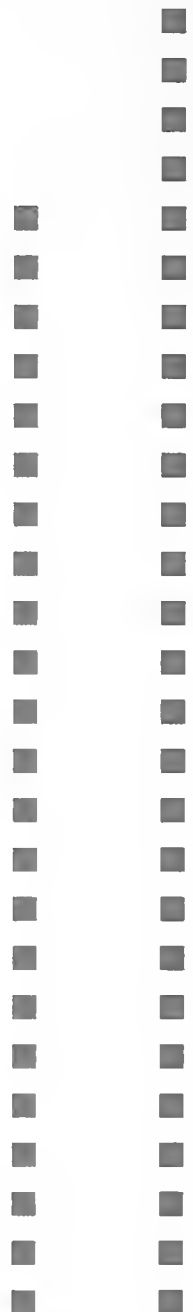




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UNIVERSITY PROGRAM COUNCIL



reeling in entertainment for athens, ou

by Jennifer Bishop

There are many different clubs available for student membership across campus, some provided by Ohio University and others sponsored by the Athens community. One of the university's largest organizations is the University Programs Council (UPC).

Throughout the school year, UPC provides students with a variety of entertainment choices. The concerts, movies,

lectures and special activities offered during family weekends are all organized by UPC.

Not only does UPC bring these programs to OU, but the organization also works to secure speakers and performers suggested by students.

"We are really here for the students," said Natalie Pariano, the president of UPC.

Run by about 60 student volunteers, UPC is comprised of a group of OU undergraduates known as the "street team." This group works as the organization's promotional arm by passing out fliers. After the team achieves

publicity for the upcoming activities, a group of about 20 students organize the events, Pariano said.

Thus far, UPC has already played host to many events, including "Roc the Mic" at the Homecoming parade Fall Quarter. UPC also welcomed celebrities like former NBA all-star Bill Walton, comedian Mark Curry and singer/songwriter Gavin Degraw.

Working with UPC members is rewarding because the club's team is comprised of "some of the most talented and incredible people," Pariano said.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

sharing the power of love, compassion

by Katie Kiracofe

Comprised of over 400 students, Campus Crusade for Christ is a rapidly growing organization on Ohio University's campus. The group is dedicated to serving God by spreading His love and compassion through retreats and campus outreach programs.

Many members attend the group's weekly meetings, which feature inspiring guest speakers, real-life student testimonies, heartfelt prayer and contemporary praise and worship. These meetings, held in Morton 201, aren't all work and no play, however. Games and music are almost always provided.

The most populated Crusader meeting totaled 180 members. Those who don't attend the

organization's weekly gatherings usually attend various activities held throughout the week instead. "Praise God It's Friday" (PGIF) takes place on Friday afternoons in the Galbreath Chapel on East Green. Bible studies, which explore personal issues and allow for mentorship, are held weekly on each green.



Spring Fling, Leadership Retreat and Developing Leaders and Laborers.

Summer Project, which gives students the opportunity to travel abroad to spread God's word, is also put on by the group.

Campus Crusade for Christ is 180 degrees different than any other organization found on OU's campus.



Events hosted by the organization include Fall Retreat,

organization found on OU's campus.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

helping those who can't help themselves

by Carin Yavorcik

Ever get the urge to build a house? Help the homeless? Use a hammer? The members of Ohio University's chapter of Habitat for Humanity do just that.

The group meets every Tuesday night at Baker Center to discuss upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. While the organization's main purpose is to build houses for low-income families, the group also works to raise funds for itself and offers its services to other volunteer organizations. Their own fundraising efforts included selling concessions at basketball games, and they have worked with Community Food Initiatives, ATCO, PassionWorks, ReUse Industries, Last Chance Corral, GoodWorks and the OU Center for Community Service, among others.

This year, the OU chapter of Habitat for Humanity teamed up with the Athens County Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a woman and her granddaughter in Glouster,



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Ohio.

"My absolute favorite thing about being in Habitat for Humanity is volunteering and connecting with the Athens community," said Laura Shaw, president of OU's chapter. "I've learned so much, but not just carpentry skills. I've met a lot of inspiring people who work hard to fulfill the goal of Habitat for Humanity International, which is to eliminate substandard housing. Habitat does more than build houses; it builds hope."



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LESBIAN,
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by Samantha Rudnick

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Programs Center provides outreach and education to the Ohio University campus via special activities and services.

The organization officially began in 1998, but the history of OU's LGBT center dates back to the early 70's. LGBT members work closely with organizations such as Open Doors, the Swarm of Dykes, Ally Group, GLOBE and Delta Lambda Phi to achieve their ultimate goals of acceptance and understanding.

The LGBT center focuses on advancing OU's mission by serving people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. OUT Week, hosted by Open Doors during Fall Quarter; Big Gay Love Week, produced by the Swarm of Dykes during Winter Quarter; and PRIDE Week, put on by the LGBT center during Spring

Quarter, are the major awareness weeks that help the center reach its mission.

LGBT center coordinator, Mickey Hart, has been a part of the organization for four years.

"We want to educate the campus and all of southeastern Ohio on LGBT issues and serve as a support group for all LGBT people," he said.

Open Doors co-chair Stephanie Thompson said her organization is open to everyone, including LGBT people, their allies and anyone who is ques-

great friends at Open Doors," Thompson said. "People are accepting of everyone and it's a great way to get involved in the LGBT community."

This year, the LGBT center hosted Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, whose murder was the outcome of an anti-gay hate crime. She gave a moving speech, touching on LGBT issues and the unfair discrimination that exists toward gay people.

Other programs, including Safe Zone, Lunchtime



tioning his or her sexuality. She originally joined Open Doors group to learn more about LGBT issues, but has gained much more since she became a member.

"I've made a lot of really

Lounge and Speak Out, also work to bring relevant speakers to the area in order to inform the Athens community of the injustices LGBT people face every day.

STUDENTS FOR

PEACE



by Samantha Rudnick

Students for Peace and Justice (SPJ) is an Ohio University organization that takes pride in its deep-rooted values of justice, peace and nonviolence. This group

Vorobok, SPJ's president and co-founder, said he started the organization with a broad goal in mind.

"I wanted to promote peace and equality through events and activities," he said. "Focusing mainly on students, I wanted to show them how they can become interested and active in their community as well as in the world."

Treasurer Ashley Ante, who helped found SPJ, also works for the parent group, Appalachian Peace and Justice Network (APJN).

"I saw how APJN worked to enrich and enlighten the community, and I wanted to be part of a group that helped to inform unaware students of the same issues APJN addressed," Ante said.

The members of this organization hope that it will continue to grow after they graduate.

"We just want to cause some awareness of injustices and inequalities that are happening in our town, state, country and universe," Vorobok said. "I would love to accomplish some sort of change."



Photo | PJ Club

assists with the Peace and Justice Film Festival and helps out with various local events that highlight social and economic injustices.

Senior Adam

JUSTICE

STUDENT SENATE

20,000 students find one voice

by Kara Steele

Student Senate is the voice and advocate of all students attending Ohio University, President Kristen Jensen said.

The Student Senate staff is broken down into a president, vice president, treasurer, 28 elected senators and 12 commissioners. Together, members collaborate to brainstorm innovative ways to tackle student concerns in order to positively influence the university experience.

The organization undertook many projects this year. Senate members assisted in creating a position for an off-campus housing director, who currently holds informative workshops for students planning to move off campus. Senate staff members also helped implement the blue light system, located along the bike path and other potentially dangerous after-dark areas, in order to improve campus safety. And Student Senate was respon-

sible for recruiting more than 700 students to register to vote in the 2004 election, Jensen said.

Student Senate's latest endeavor is creating the OU Superstar Award, which will be given to students who "go above and beyond a student's duty" by possessing strong leadership qualities, giving back to their community, being civically responsible or possessing anything else that makes them stand out in the crowd of OU students, Jensen said.

A popular topic in Student Senate meetings, especially since the inauguration of President Roderick McDavis, is to increase campus diversity. Senate staff has supported McDavis' implementation of the Urban Scholars Program, through which OU actively pursues outstanding students from urban centers across the state and throughout the nation. Senate has also played an integral part in the interior design planning of the New University Center, which will incorporate the theme of multiculturalism.

"We expand communi-

cation and funding to minority groups on campus because diversity is an important part of the university," Jensen said.

Although Jensen dedicates much time and work to Student Senate, she doesn't mind the commitment because she reaps many rewards from the organization.

"I am constantly amazed by my insightful colleagues and peers. They teach me something on a daily basis and expand my own thoughts and viewpoints on issues," Jensen said.

And Jensen's presidential position won't hurt when she applies for a governmental position.

So why should other students join the Senate staff?

"Because you could have the opportunity to serve on committees that, in essence, lead this university in its decision-making processes," Jensen said.

If students have grievances, they are encouraged to attend Student Senate's weekly general body meeting, held Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m., in Walter Hall's Governance Room.

VOICES FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD

students fighting for reproductive rights

by Beth Comer

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Every Tuesday at 7 p.m., Voices for Planned Parenthood (VOX) members can be found in Baker Center discussing important issues involving women's reproductive health. The organization's mission is to educate the Athens community about the reproductive rights of young women, said Ashley Feyedelem, VOX's president.

After marching for women's rights in Washington D.C., Feyedelem knew more could be done to further the advancement of women's health. So, she contacted Heather Hintz, a Planned Parenthood of southeastern Ohio employee, who told Feyedelem about VOX. Then, Feyedelem, with the help of a few friends, started an OU chapter.

VOX was formed during Fall Quarter 2004. The group is recruiting new members to add to the 10 students who currently comprise the organization.

Most women join the organization because they want to openly protect their rights and their bodies, Feyedelem said.

Most members want to prevent abortion and unwanted pregnancies by spreading accurate information about sexual health.

The organization aims to facilitate pro-choice activism on campus. VOX serves as a coalition partner to state, national and international reproductive rights efforts. Members plan activities and discuss current campus-wide issues.

"Lately, discussion has centered around the sexual attacks on campus, Hudson's mandatory sex ed class [that is required] in order to have a gynecological check-up and our 'Rock For Choice' benefit concert coming up on February 24, where all proceeds go to our local Planned Parenthood," Feyedelem said.

The organization recently applied for SAC funding. If they receive the money they requested, group members will purchase key ring safety whistles, and provide speakers on self-defense, sexual assault prevention and survivor services.

"VOX is a club that is well-needed at a liberal arts university in the present conservative political climate," Feyedelem said.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

actively supporting democratic candidates



by Beth Comer

Ohio University's College Democrats Club is a long-standing organization dedicated to promoting the Democratic Party, said Mark Mecum, treasurer of the College Democrats.

With close ties to the Athens County Democratic Party, the organization's members campaign and help generate support for local Democratic candidates. Student members also have the opportunity to assist these candidates as they run for

office.

The College Democrats worked on the 2003 local elections to help fellow member Sarah Sexton nab a seat on the Athens City Council. And with the 2004 election, members traveled across the country to promote presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry. One such trip was an anti-Bush protest held in Parkersburg, W. Va., during Fall Quarter.

Throughout the year, the

College Democrats host various fundraisers and special events. Members are currently working to create a Spring Quarter Democratic conference for the entire state of Ohio.

An advantage of being a member of the College Democrats is that "students have the chance to be active in the [Democratic] Party besides just voting," Mecum said.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

the 'sole voice for republicans on campus'



by Beth Comer

Ohio University's College Republican Club is a political organization comprised of about sixty members who work together to be the "sole voice of Republicans on campus," said Jordan Carr, a two-year member.

During the school year, the College Republicans sponsor discussions, speakers and

campaigns. The club also hosts an annual Conservative Week that features political debates and movies. College Republican members are able to talk with each other about important issues.

"It's a place to hear things that you don't normally hear and to get another opinion," Carr said.

Campaigning and working with candidates is a strong part of this organization. During the school year, College Repub-

licans work with local candidates – like Rep. Jimmy Stewart – to help with campaigns. But last year was especially exciting for the club because it led a local effort to re-elect President Bush, Carr said.

Whether it's working for local or national candidates, each campaign activity is rewarding. But sometimes the smaller campaigns are more exciting because they allot more opportunities to personally interact with the candidates, Carr said.



skydiving club



free fallin'

by Samantha Rudnick

Imagine free falling through the air at a speed of 120 mph from 14,000 feet. All this after you work up the courage to jump out of a moving airplane. Sound like fun? For the members of the Skydiving Club, it's just the beginning.

Senior Alana Byrnes, president of the Skydiving Club, has traveled to numerous places to skydive, ranging from California to Switzerland. Why does

she do it? So she can taste the thrill of the rush.

"Skydiving is truly an addictive and amazing sport," Byrnes said. "Once you have jumped, you will never forget that experience."

Junior Justine Bowes said she was meant for the sky. For as long as she can remember, Bowes has been fascinated with anything and everything in the sky, from airplanes and hot air balloons to astronauts and birds. Every time Bowes jumps, she enjoys the sport even more.

"I love the people I've
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met, the vibes, the adrenaline rush and knowing that I own a piece of the sky,” Bowes said.

Byrnes has dived 292 times, but she expects to reach the 350 mark by the end of this school year.

Bowes hopes to catch up to Byrnes.

“I have 85 dives right now, but I will have many more as soon as the sun comes out,” Bowes said.



skateboarding ASSOCIATION

‘pushing each other past our limits’

by Kara Steele

After sophomore Teeya “Halo” Mills became pregnant last year, she knew she wouldn’t be able to skateboard anymore. Her solution: To form the Ohio University Skateboarding Association (OUSA) and remain in the game by teaching others to skate.

But forming the organization wasn’t as easy as Halo had originally thought. After she wrote the team’s constitution and filled out the necessary paper work, one piece of unfinished business remained – she needed a faculty advisor. Halo was turned down by many faculty members. But a stroke of luck eventually occurred. Halo was talking

to another student about her adviser dilemma when she heard a woman ask, “Did you say you need a faculty adviser?”

That woman was Laura Schaeffer, OU’s Supplemental Instruction coordinator.

“Ms. Schaeffer even wanted to learn to skate,” Halo said. “She attends meetings and comes to watch us practice.”

And the rest was history.

OUSA is comprised of 17 members. The 11 women on the team travel to Columbus every Tuesday to skate at the M3D Warehouse, an indoor skate park. The six male teammates travel to the warehouse every Thursday.

The skaters also meet bi-weekly at Baker Center, and weekly at the Athens Skate Park,

which was created with the financial help of skateboard celebrity Tony Hawk.

OUSA members practice about 10 hours per week, and they participate in various community volunteer opportunities. But the biggest reward of being a team member lies in the formation of close-knit relationships.

“The best part of being a part of the team is helping others progress and knock out their goals,” Halo said. “There is always somebody to skate with, and we push each other past our limits.”

OUSA membership is open to anyone with an interest in skateboarding. The team hopes to host its first event next year.

dedicated gamers boogie down

dance DANCE REVOLUTION SOCIETY

by Kara Steele

The Ohio University Dance Dance Revolution Society (OUDDRS) was formed in Spring Quarter 2004 to give DDR enthusiasts

a place to practice and compete with each other.

So what is DDR?

It's a video game that's easy to learn. A 3-by-3 foot dance pad with four arrows (up, down, left and right) is placed in front of the player, and four stationary arrows appear at the top of

the screen. Arrows scroll up from the bottom of the monitor, and when they overlap with the stationary arrows, the player steps on the corresponding arrow on the dance pad, said Kristen Petrarca, treasurer of OUDDRS.

The group meets once a week – Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in Bentley 022 – to discuss upcoming plans. Meeting topics focus on creative ways to approach the Student Activities Council for funding, and innovative methods of promoting the club to the student body. But meetings aren't all business – the majority of the time is spent playing DDR.

“DDR is a good way to get exercise if you don't like the repetitiveness of working out,” Petrarca said. “It's also a lot more fun than other physical activities, because it involves music and competition.”

Playing DDR is also a good way to meet people on campus. Meetings are free and anyone – even inexperienced DDR players – can attend.

Next year, the club hopes to host DDR tournaments during family weekends.





gettin' down and funky on the dance floor



Photo | Carin Yavorcik

by Carin Yavorcik

If you walk by Baker Center's Corner Room on Tuesday or Wednesday nights, you might hear the muffled sounds of jazz or blues music coming from behind the glass doors. If you feel inclined to poke your head inside, you'd see a handful of couples jumping, twisting and spinning around a makeshift dance floor. This description is a typical meeting of the Ohio University Jitterbug Club.

The group meets twice a week to

socialize, learn new moves and get down and funky on the dance floor.

The main two dances taught to the group's members are the Jitterbug and the Lindy Hop, but sometimes single lessons will focus on other dances, including the Charleston or the Balboa.

In addition to the semi-weekly meetings, the club also sponsors one or two dances each quarter, and often brings in a live band to supply the music. Some crowd pleasers have been Silky Ray and the NTB's, Leslie Byers and the Jazz Cats, and the Boiler-makers Jazz Band.

The club's biggest event – the second annual Athens Super Small Lindy Exchange (ASSLX) – took place in February. ASSLX is a full weekend of dancing, with workshops during the day, live bands at night, and after-hours dances until 5 a.m. Other swing clubs were invited to attend, and swing enthusiasts from around the country came to Athens to join in the fun.





SINGING MEN OF OHIO

guy's who make choir cool

by Katie Kiracofe

A combination of music, fun and fellowship is what sets the Singing Men of Ohio (SMO) on a unique pedestal. The group, which is comprised of approximately 80 male undergraduate and graduate students, is known for its talented vocal showcases.

SMO members attend a special class three times a week in order to prepare for their end-of-the-quarter concert. The group usually has about 10 songs to

learn, said Jordan Young, a freshman member.

The choir's energy isn't all saved up for the concert at the end of the quarter, however. The group makes several special appearances throughout the year. During Fall Quarter, members sang at the homecoming parade and performed at football games. The choir also plans to tour the entire state of Ohio in April.

The group is still recruiting talent for its upcoming tour — new singers are able to join at the beginning of each quarter.

Members have the opportunity to form friendships with peers who share similar interests, Young said.

SMO stands out in the crowd of other musical groups because of the sheer variety of music they perform. The choir's director, Dr. Raymond Feener, teaches "fun-loving music," traditional Ohio University songs and serious ballads, Young said.

"We sing anything from barbershop to classical, and that's what makes us different," Young said.

DANCE TEAM

'a highly competitive activity'



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by Kara Steele

To the naked eye, Ohio University's Dance Team might seem like an all-fun-and-games organization. But if one takes a deeper look into the background, it becomes obvious that hard work, dedication and talent is required of each dancer.

The Dance Team is an organization that performs on

the sidelines at all home football games, and courtside, halftime and post-game at all men's home basketball games.

"The Ohio Dance Team Program is a highly competitive and time-consuming activity," according to the Dance Team's policy statement.

And it is indeed. The squad, comprised of 14 members, is responsible for its own choreography, practices, uniforms and funding, according to the team's Web site. In addition, members must use their own money to purchase any other items needed

for home games, including uniform alterations or props.

Dancers are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA, refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while in uniform and discard any existing or potential hostilities in order to work as a team.

"Team members friendship or non-friendship must not have a negative effect on the team," according to the policy statement.

Respect and cooperation among team members is crucial because the dancers' job is to collaborate and "provide entertainment that raises the overall level of excitement at an athletic event," according to the policy statement.

Dance Team tryouts are held during Fall Quarter, and practices are scheduled three times a week.

Happy Birthday, ATHENA!



the athena yearbook celebrates its 100th year



Photo | Maggie Bowles

by Kara Steele and Beth Comer

Memories are easy to make. The task of linking these memories together in a tangible form is not as easy as it may sound, however. But this is the ambitious job tackled by the Athena Yearbook team. Each separate staff – copy, photography, design and advertising – works to make sure Ohio University students and alumni enjoy flipping through the pages of the yearbook, reliving memories created while attending OU.

The main task of the copy staff is to capture newsworthy stories in a creative manner. This staff has a newsroom-type atmosphere – Kara Steele, the Athena’s chief copy editor, dreams up story ideas, hands out assignments to her writers and enforces deadlines.

“Deadlines are extremely important to the copy staff because our stories cover every page of the yearbook,” Steele said. “And my writers know that if they don’t turn their stories in on the decided-upon deadline, I will kick them in the face.”

The photography staff, headed by Maggie Bowles, is tiny compared to the copy staff, but their work is far from insignifi-

cant. The photographers are in charge of capturing memories on film anywhere and everywhere, ranging from uptown venues to residence halls.

“[The photography staff] is definitely important – without us, there would be no visual element in the book, which would make it very boring,” Bowles said.

Designers are also a vital part of the Athena. This staff, guided by Katie Wagner, is primarily in charge of creating page layout templates and the cover design. The designers must find a way to tie every element of the page together so the book flows well.

“Designing each page is a lot of work, but it’s definitely worth it when I see the end product,” Wagner said.

This is the first year that the yearbook staff decided to devote a separate team dedicated solely to advertising. This group, headed by Beth Comer, meets with Athens businesses and Ohio University departments to sell ads

in order to raise money to pay for the Athena’s expenses.

“I stepped up because I’m awesome,” Comer said of her decision to take the reins as advertising editor.

And then there’s Katie Brandt, the yearbook’s editor-in-chief. Brandt mainly focuses on keeping the staffs organized and on top of deadlines.

“I would often ask the executive staff how soon they could get certain things done. And no matter what they would say, I would always ask, ‘now what if your life depended on it?’” Brandt said of her strict expectations.

Another goal of Brandt’s was to secure friendships among members of the yearbook staff.

“I wanted to bring our staff closer together because last year, we didn’t really have that connection,” Brandt said. “I wanted to make it more like The Post where everyone kind of dates each other and there’s plenty of drama to go around.”

Enough said.



Photo | Maggie Bowles





ACADEMICS





ARTS AND SCIENCES



the college with a little something
for everyone

by Heather Foos

With 4,250 undergraduates and 811 graduate students, the College of Arts and Sciences is the largest college on campus. Undergraduate majors range from chemistry to linguistics, with seemingly limitless opportunities for students to further their knowledge.

"We offer students a very rich learning experience that includes faculty who care deeply about students and their learning," said





Leslie Flemming, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Flemming also said freshmen take about 70 percent of their classes from the College of Arts and Sciences, regardless of their area of study.

The college aims to succeed outside the classroom by its involvement in many community outreach programs.

"We're dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and outreach to the community, and we work hard to involve students in all those activities as well," Flemming said.

The college recently added a World Religions program and hopes to add a Women's Studies major by the end of the year.



The major has been approved by the college, but has not yet been presented to the University Curriculum Committee.

Caryn Asleson, assistant dean of Undergraduate Student Affairs, said the college offers a great program for students.

"The breadth of the disciplines makes us unique," she said. "Students in Arts and Sciences are forced to be exposed to all kinds of majors."

The college also has many opportunities for students to excel via clubs. There are 25 organizations that cater to Arts and Sciences students, ranging from the Anthropology Club to Delta Phi Alpha, the German Honors Society.



The college's purpose, according to its Web site, is to "provide a distinctive learning environment that actively engages students, faculty and the business community in developing knowledge and skills relevant for success in a complex, global economy."

After students are enrolled in the College of Business – only about 300 are accepted each year – they have the opportunity to choose from a variety of different fields of study, including accounting, business economics, business pre-law, finance general business, human resources, international business, management and strategic leadership, management

information systems, and marketing.

Within the college, there are 21 different organizations available to students. Christian Business Leaders, the newest organization offered to business students, was officially recognized in 2004. One of its co-founders, junior Mike Kayle, said the organization trains leaders based on the principles of the Bible.

Teamwork, an important aspect of Christian Business Leaders, is also key to the college as a whole.

"The College of Business is a very tight-knit group of people compared to other colleges within the university," Kayle said. "Here, everyone knows everyone."

BUSINESS

by Kylene Kuzma

Ohio University's College of Business is ranked among the top 100 business schools in the country. Teamwork and unity within the college helped it gain its status as a prestigious program.



COMMUNICATION

by Katie Kiracofe

Students in Ohio University's College of Communication are like no other – their dedication is remarkable, said Florence Riffe, the assistant dean of Undergraduate Programs and Services. She said the faculty are forced to work just as hard as the students within the college because "[the students] challenge the faculty and administrators to meet their needs."

The college, comprised of the School of Communication Studies, the J. Warren McClure School of Communication Systems Management, the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, the School of Telecommunications and the School of Visual Communications, instructs success-driven students.

Not only do College of Communication students strive to triumph in the classroom, but also on a national stage.

"The fact that we stand out nationally, not just in the state of

Ohio, is what I am proud of," Riffe said. "We have many students who have won national competitions."

The College of Communication brings some local flavor into the mix by hosting area events and lectures. The college helped bring Miami Herald columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. to Athens. Also, the annual Communication Week encouraged interaction between students and industry leaders.

Current demands for information foster the importance of the college, Riffe said.

"[The college] is an administrative unit created to bind together programs that were not only similar, but whose function in society became more prominent," Riffe said. "We're in an information age, and 200 years ago, a College of Communication would seem unthinkable."

Riffe is confident that the college's students will continue to succeed.



EDUCATION

by Melissa Cottrill



The College of Education has a long history, which dates back to May 11, 1886, with the founding of a Normal Department at Ohio University. The Normal Department – the predecessor to today’s College of Education – was the first state-supported teacher preparation program in Ohio.

Two courses of study were established in the late 1800s. One prepared the secondary academy teacher, and the other trained the elementary teacher. The curriculum included courses such as the Science of Education, the National Perspective on Education, Theory

of Concentration, Education Reforms and Philosophy of Mind. Thirteen individuals earned the first degrees and certificates, which were offered in 1891.

Further legislation provided for the creation of the State Normal College and the State Preparatory School in 1902. The university, seeing an increasing need for trained teachers at the primary level, established the College of Education in 1921.

The college, which serves 1,700 undergraduate and 400 graduate students, provides a wide range of undergraduate programs that are aimed to prepare students for educational positions in various professional fields.

FINE ARTS

by Cheryl Sadler

“People who major in the arts are people who, in some way or another, understand that without this means of self-expression, they wouldn’t be who they are,” said Raymond Tymas-Jones, Ph.D., dean of the College of Fine Arts.

The College of Fine Arts has a total of 887 undergraduate and 246 graduate students and is composed of six schools, including art, dance, film, interdisciplinary arts, music and theatre. The college offers a variety of activities and performing ensembles for majors and non-majors alike, such as theatre, choir, instrumental and dance groups, including a new African dance troop that is instructed by Zelma Badu-Youngue.

“You can go as far as you want to go, experience as much as you

want to experience, all predicated on how much you want to give to your art form,” Tymas-Jones said.

The graduate program in ceramics is ranked fifth in the country by “U.S. News & World Report,” and the photography, dance, theatre and art programs have also been ranked nationally.

Tymas-Jones said students in this college are very dedicated to their majors because they have to be skilled in the creative and technical aspects of their art form,

as well as proficient in the general education classes they have to take.

“[After a person selects a major] in this college, there are opportunities of self-discovery, realizing your own artistic voice and understanding what it is that you’re really feeling compelled to say through the arts,” Tymas-Jones said.



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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

by Samantha Rudnick

The College of Health and Human Services is continuously striving to prepare its students for the real world by focusing on educational quality, community service and knowledge through research and inquiry.

The College of Health and Human Services is molded by the School of Health Sciences, the School of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences, the School of Human and Consumer Sciences, the School of Nursing, the School of Physical Therapy and the School of Recreation and Sport Sciences.

With all the programs the college offers – the Atrium Café, the Child Development Center, the Nutrition Treatment Program, Campus Recreation, WellWorks

and the Ohio University Therapy Associates Clinic – it's easy to understand why this particular college affects the lives of so many OU students.

The College of Health and Human Services prides itself upon its applied learning strategy. Students have the opportunity to experiment and to receive firsthand accounts of learning.

"All of the hands-on experience that I have been able to take advantage of has helped me learn more than I ever have from lecture classes," said Zack Parsons, an Environmental Health major.

country to emulate the academic traditions of British universities, including Cambridge and Oxford.

"This is such an incredible luxury and opportunity for anybody who is a bright, energetic student," said Dr. Anne Fidler, the director of the college.

Students enrolled in the Honor's Tutorial College work with a full-time faculty member from their program of study. They take part in tutorials, which are classes composed of a handful of like-minded students, or – in some cases – classes made up of only one student and a professor.

"[Individual attention] is what attracts such high-caliber students to our program," Fidler said. "It really is the best way to learn."

Small class sizes are not the only ben-



HONORS TUTORIAL

by Maggie Bushek

Students at Ohio University have an opportunity to embark on a path of academic growth and challenges that no other college in the United States provides. The Honor's Tutorial College is the only degree-granting college in this

efit the college's students receive. They are granted priority registration, special residence hall availability, enhanced library privileges, research support, eligibility to take graduate classes, unique opportunities abroad and scholarship availability.

However, students who are accepted into the college can't just sit back and relax in their slightly grander and cleaner dorm lounge. Strider said students need to be able to handle a rigorous academic course load.

"There is no backseat in a tutorial," she said.

The college requires students to maintain a 3.5 GPA in their program of study and a 3.0 GPA overall. They must also participate in a community service project.

Strider said this college is not for everyone; only students who will be able to handle extreme pressure will succeed.

"We're looking for people with a passion for pursuing a particular subject, and a passion for learning," Strider said.

The college doesn't cradle qualified students, but it does provide a community where students' dedication and zeal can develop.

ENGINEERING

by Katie Kiracofe



Photo | Maggie

To the outside eye, the Russ College of Engineering and Technology may seem strictly technical, but in actuality, it's not just nuts and bolts.

"Engineers are more than just problem solvers," said Ken Sampson, the college's associate dean. "Graduates from our college have excellent communication skills, work well in

teams, solve complex problems and have good self-discipline. These are the things that make engineers successful."

Enrolling approximately 1,400 undergraduate students and 300 graduate students, the college provides learner-centered education that is dedicated to creating graduates who will be prepared to succeed in the real world.

The Russ College of Engineering and Technology

provides areas of study including aviation, industrial technology and computer science, as well as traditional focuses such as civil, electrical and mechanical engineering.

Many different research opportunities are also key to the college's success, Sampson said. Significant funding is provided to the college for areas of research including avionics, distributed and secure computing, fuel cells, oil and gas pipeline corrosion, and environmental pipes and culverts.

"We concretely show a combined mission of teaching and research," said Colleen Girton, the college's director of external relations.

The Russ Prize, one of the top three engineering prizes in the world, is also an vital part of the college. The award, which was modeled after the Nobel Prize, recognizes outstanding achievement in a critically important field of engineering.

"[The Russ Prize] always goes to an extremely prominent person," Girton said.

UNIVERSITY



Photo | Maggie

COLLEGE

by Jennifer Bishop

Located on College Green in Chubb Hall, the University College is much more than just a place where students with undecided majors can find help. The college's employees are always busy assisting several students, but they still find time to be involved in many

campus activities.

For the past 21 years, Laura Chapman has worked with the University College. Currently the assistant dean for student services and an academic advisor to students in the college, she said the University College is always buzzing with activity.

"There is always something different to do," Chapman said. "It's

a great college."

Before the start of Fall Quarter, the University College is in charge of organizing pre-college activities. In Winter Quarter, the college also organizes the Majors Fair.

During the year, the college also works to help first-year students adjust to life at the university with residential learning communities and academic success programs. The Academic Advancement Center, located on the first floor of Alden Library, is also "an arm of University College," Chapman said.

Students are able to earn a variety of degrees to list on their resumes through the University College, including associate degrees and bachelor's degrees in Specialized Studies and Criminal Justice.

Overall, the University College offers help and information to students across campus. Chapman said she enjoys assisting students in their decisions.



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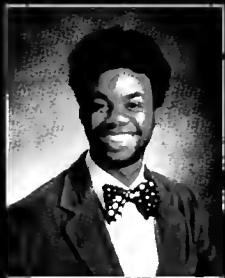
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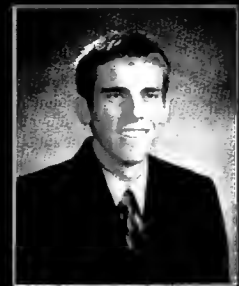
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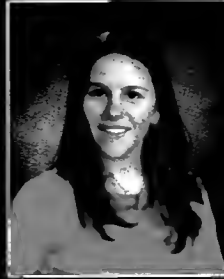
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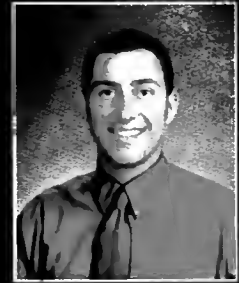
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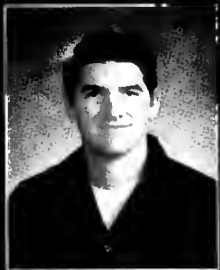


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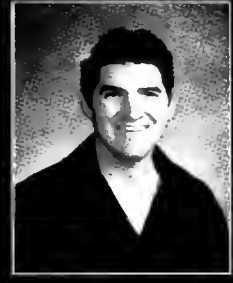
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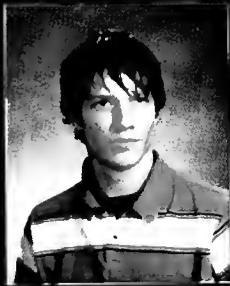


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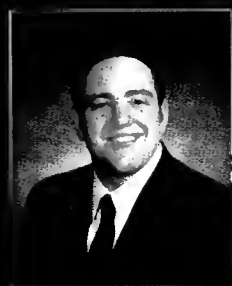


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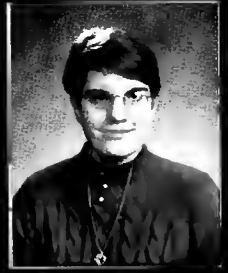




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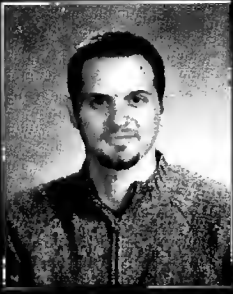


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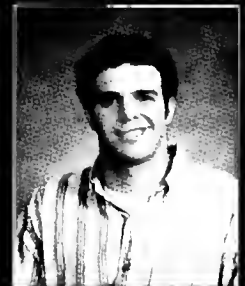
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