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# President's Letter

Welcome to the 2003 – 2004 edition of your yearbook, the Athena. I know the pages that follow will spark some special memories of your time at Ohio University.

“Crossroads of Time” is a theme that can have several meanings. Most obvious, perhaps, is the reference to Ohio University’s 200th anniversary. You have had the good fortune to be a part of our bicentennial celebration, and it is certainly noteworthy for any institution to have thrived for two centuries.

This is also a crossroads in time for you. You have completed the majority of your formal education, though many of you certainly may choose to pursue additional degrees. But as you finish your undergraduate education, you stand at a crossroad in your personal life, preparing to step over the threshold and into the “real world” you’ve heard so much about. I hope that the time you have spent at Ohio University has prepared you for the future in a variety of ways. I hope you have pursued an appropriate mix of educational and social activities, that you have learned and grown intellectually, that you have met and gotten to know people from other cultures and countries, and people whose beliefs and backgrounds are different from yours. In short, I hope you have taken advantage of all that was available to you during your time at Ohio University, and that your experiences here have helped you develop into a conscientious and capable citizen.

And finally, I hope the each road you take on all of your future journeys leads to success.

  
Robert Glidden





# The Bicentennial:

# Ohio University turns

## *Why we should celebrate, commemorate and never forget*

THIS YEAR, 2004, OHIO UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED 200 years of growth and changes after its founding on February 18, 2004, making it the nation's first institution of higher education west of the Allegheny Mountains. While observing the traditions of academic excellence, the search for knowledge and understanding, learning in a residential campus environment and the service to the region, OU brought to light its wealth of history and heritage with its bicentennial celebration.

To take on the enormity of the bicentennial, President Glidden formed a Presidential Bicentennial Commission in 2001 co-chaired by Alan Geiger, assistant to the president and secretary of the Board of Trustees, and Nancy Prichard Crist, director of the Office of the President. The Bicentennial Commission, with over 40 individuals in seven subgroups, helped shape the bicentennial projects and events, served as consultants for event hosts and offered advice on media relations. Funding for the bicentennial celebrations consisted of private donations and funds the University budgeted for the events.

### **A year-long celebration with something for everyone**

Chosen to draw attention to the lively OU community, the bicentennial events developed by the committee far surpassed Southeast Ohio. The celebrations began early in September of 2003 and continued until the end of the year in June, with events such as the Performing Arts Series and other concerts, the Kennedy Lecture Series, numerous exhibits and the Bicentennial Colloquia Series, which showcased areas of research and scholarly work that created unique interest on campus, all continuing throughout the year.

The wide variety of events on the bicentennial calendar made it easy for everyone to find something to enjoy and to  
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celebrate a part of OU's history. The Bicentennial Commission ensured that all affected by the University would be included.

"This is an extraordinary place we have here," Crist said. "We wanted the special and talented students, faculty, staff and community to be able to recognize and to celebrate [the University's] importance."

Tara Stuckey, one of two students on the board of trustees and a magazine journalism major with minors in business and Spanish in the Honors Tutorial College, said students especially should have been involved in the bicentennial celebration.

"Since the University is dedicated to students and has been for 200 years, it's important for students to be involved with what the University has given thousands of alumni," Stuckey said. "The bicentennial events illustrate the facets of the University, and the committee that chose them made sure that all areas were represented."

The community was also greatly involved in the University's bicentennial. Athens residents, uptown businesses and city officials hosted a Street Fair with bands and special displays on September 27 that coincided with Parents Weekend. And this year's Bicentennial Homecoming weekend from October 10 through October 12 included the community, students, alumni and faculty with events topping the traditional parade and football game. This special Bicentennial Homecoming included the unveiling of the OU U.S. Post Office Bicentennial Postcard at Cutler Hall, the Alumni Association Alumni Awards Gala, a one woman theatrical production and the Bicentennial Homecoming Festival.

But the event perhaps most significant to OU's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary was Founder's Day on February 18. In the past, on the new lecture facility, past presidents, guest speakers, students,

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faculty and local residents gathered to celebrate the University's past, present and future and to have a slice of one large birthday cake. "With OU having a very community-based population, this is a way for us to applaud ourselves and the university and to take pride in what we've accomplished over 200 years," said Student Senate President Jamie Walter, a political science and Spanish major.

In the evening on Founder's Day, the University hosted "Turning Two Hundred—A Celebration of the Bicentennial of Ohio University," a multimedia event. The performance was a collaboration of OU Professor of Music Mark Phillips and Associate Professor of Dance Lisa Ford Moulton. Phillips created the music and conducted the event while Moulton choreographed the presentation. President Glidden commissioned the piece to interpret OU's history and to celebrate the bicentennial but did not want the composition to be tied to either so it could be performed for years to come.

Another bicentennial event that will be a part of the University for years to come was "Free Man of Color," a play that opened at OU from March 10 to March 13. Presented by the Victory Gardens Theater in association with the OU Bicentennial Celebration and the School of Theater, the three-character play portrayed the relationship between OU's first African-American graduate John Newton Templeton and then-OU President Robert Wilson and his wife, Jean, who hosted Templeton during his college years. The production was written by Charles Smith, head of OU Professional Playwriting Program, in recognition of Templeton's critical contribution to the University's history and campus lifestyle today.

International Week from May 9 through May 15, including  
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an International Street Fair with music, dance, food and speakers from nations all over the world, was another bicentennial calendar event that played a role on today's university campus and was an important week for diversity. "More students should take advantage of [International Week]," Stuckey said. "The campus has greatly benefited from contributions of international students."

Another bicentennial May event was the dedication of the OU Bicentennial Park and reception honoring architect Maya Lin, an Athens resident known for her design of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. The park, located across from the Convocation Center and Peden Stadium, serves as a new gateway to the University and a way to bring the natural aspect of OU's campus to the forefront, Walter said. "The park will help celebrate the timeline of the last 200 years and help keep students aware of our traditions," she said.

Commencement closed the bicentennial celebration on June 12. Unique to this important year, the graduation ceremony included special diplomas, special commemorative programs and medallions, which the University awarded to all graduates. On one side of the medallion was the University seal, representing the past while the flip side represented the present and the future with OU official logo, Crist said. "They were designed to showcase both the 200-year anniversary and to celebrate the historical nature of the University."

From September to June, Ohio University celebrated its bicentennial socially and individually with an extensive array of events for all students, faculty, alumni and Athens residents to enjoy. But the bicentennial year was not just a time to celebrate a 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. This year was a time to recognize the people and events that helped develop Ohio University into something worth celebrating and remembering.

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#### **Tangible commemorations**

The year brought many ways to recognize the people and events that led the University to its present essence and also ways to hold onto history for a lifetime. Before the books, CDs, posters and other items were available and even before OU's bicentennial celebration began, members of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission dedicated a historical marker at the University's Alumni Gate on May 12, 2003. As Ohio, which became a state in 1803, and OU, 1804, proudly shared their bicentennials so closely together, the historical marker detailed the University's founding fathers and its charter, reminding students and Athens residents for years to come of the connection between the University and the community.

Two books commemorating the bicentennial also linked OU to the Athens community. The OU Emeriti Association invited emeriti, faculty, staff, alumni and local residents to share personal memories in Ohio University for the Bicentennial Anniversary, 1804-2004. The book walks down memory lane with the reminiscences of past presidents, stories of relationships between retired faculty and their students and influences of the

University on the community.

The other book, *Ohio University: The Spirit of a Singular Place* by Betty Hollow, travels through two centuries of college memories and covers the social history and daily life at OU since its beginning in 1804. "The book is an absolutely tremendous recalling of the history and founding of the University, giving a nice cultural aspect to what the University has been for the last 200 years," Crist said.

The bicentennial photo mosaic provides a visual aspect of this heritage and history. The mosaic was composed from thousands of photographs of the University's people, places and moments used to create the image of Cutler Hall. Senior Class President Amanda Cunningham came up with the idea of the mosaic to honor OU's bicentennial and to raise funds for the seniors' gift to the University. Sadly, before the artwork was finished, Cunningham died in a car accident, and she never saw the accomplishment of her own and so many others' hard work. The mosaic and the tragedy of its initiator have now become a new part of the University's history.

The mosaic, a collection of images, was joined by Four



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*Up in Heaven: Songs of Ohio University Celebrating the First Two Hundred Years*, a collection of songs about OU, written for OU and performed by OU students, faculty and alumni. A collaboration between the University and The Local Girls, known for their tight harmonies, jazzy arrangements and spirited performances, the CD features 18 tracks that reveal what is required to maintain an accomplished and significant university such as OU.

These media of commemoration only began to represent the richness of the University's past. From the very beginning in 1804 to the end of this year's bicentennial in 2004, OU came a long way from the bleakest and best of times, and through change after change. No number of books, plaques, photographs or music could ever cover the University in its lush entirety.

#### **A look back: from the foundation to the present**

Less than a year after Ohio became a state in 1803, the Ohio General Assembly approved Ohio University's charter on January 18, 1804, making it the first institution of higher education

in the Northwest Territory. The charter was founded by Rufus Putnam and Manasseh Cutler, who purchased the land for the Northwest Territory. Ohio University, first a prep school known as Athens Academy, did not offer college-level courses until 1819 when tuition was charged for the first time—six dollars per semester. Not long after the first college classes, John Newton Templeton became OU's first and the United States's fourth Black graduate on September 17, 1828.

Templeton, along with Margaret Boyd, OU's first female graduate in 1873, serve as positive marks in OU's history. But the University saw many hardships along the way to success. OU closed from 1845 to 1848 because of financial problems and did not reopen until August 2, 1848. And in 1943, enrollment dropped to 1,306 from a record high of 3,501 just three years earlier, as hundreds of male students and 17 percent of the faculty enlisted in World War II. The University bounced back in 1966 when enrollment topped 15,000 for the first time. But

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students could do nothing against Mother Nature when the Hocking River flooded in 1967, causing costly damage and convincing the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers to reroute the river. Other hard times hit campus in May of 1970 when student demonstrations focused on the presence of ROTC on campus after the National Guard killed four students at Kent State University. The incident led to sit-ins, protests and escalation on campus, resulting in the arrival of the National Guard on May 15, the closing of the University for the remainder of the term and the cancellation of commencement.

Without the University's suffering throughout the 200 years, the University may not be what it is today. And the OU of the bicentennial is as unique as its history. A century after its founding in 1896, Ohio University turned green and white when the student body adopted the University's colors. In 1914, "Alma Mater, Ohio" became the official school song, and in 1925, the Bobcat became the official athletic mascot.

OU has come a long way since 1804, now with computers

in every residence hall room on campus. The University has also seen its share of unforgettable students with notable alumni such as Roger Ailes, chairman, CEO and president of Fox News; news anchors Thom Brenneeman and Matt Lauer; voice of Bart Simpson; Nancy Cartwright; actors Richard Dean Anderson and Piper Perabo; U.S. Senator George Voinovich; and many others. OU has also hosted a great number of extraordinary and prominent speakers such as U.S. presidents Theodore Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy; first ladies Eleanor Roosevelt and Hillary Rodham Clinton; Supreme Court Justice William Douglas; poets Carl Sandburg and Robert Frost; Martin Luther King, Jr.; women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony; among many others.

With all of its rich heritage and history, Ohio University offers students, faculty, alumni and Athens residents a wealth of experiences and provides opportunities to interact with special and talented people, Geiger said. "The ability to remember and to celebrate those before us sets the tone for the future," he said. "There is such a wealth of history here. We should be proud of our heritage and the opportunities it affords us."





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What is next for Ohio University? What will change in the next 200 years? Thinking about how rapidly the first institution of higher education in the Northwest Territory has aged within two centuries, no one can guess what OU will be in the next two. "I don't know what the University will look like," a speaker said. "But I hope it always values the people and values opportunity to learn." And if there has been only one constant at OU throughout time, it is the necessity of education that first inspired its founders and continues to inspire today.

By Bethany Miller





N a Shariyf, a freshman from the Washing-  
to D.C., area, applies her makeup before her  
economics class. Shariyf was Ohio University's  
2003-2004 Homecoming Queen.  
Photographed by Alicia Whissel

# Student Life

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AS STUDENTS, ALUMNI AND ATHENS LOCALS CONGREGATED on Court Street on the morning of October 10, the 2003 Bicentennial Homecoming officially began. The parade that morning resembled other homecoming parades of the past, except had a more special meaning; it marked the 200th year of Ohio University. Viewers applauded flashy floats that glided the wrong way on the one-way street.

"This year was special for me for two reasons," said senior Toni Jones. "First, it is the bicentennial year, and second, it is my senior year. I was so glad to be part of OU's 2003 Homecoming and hope to be back in the future as an alum," she said.

Homecoming events started on Thursday, October 9 with the Student Alumni Board's annual "Yell Like Hell" pep rally, starring President Robert Glidden, Coach Brian Knorr and the Marching 110. The Dance Team and cheerleaders showcased their talents as well. This event fired up the students for a successful Homecoming game and weekend. The Student Alumni Board not only helped out with Homecoming's many events, but also took home the award for "Best Float" for the second year in a row.

The Alumni Awards Gala was also held on Thursday. This annual event, produced by the Ohio University Alumni Association,

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## Bobcat Victory Marks Bicentennial Homecoming

honored alumni and friends who had outstanding accomplishments in their lives after OU. It was a black tie event that brought students, faculty and alumni together in a prestigious manner. Recipients included Leona Hughes '03, who won the Founders Citation Award, which is the highest honor alumni can receive. The Charles J. & Claire O. Ping Recent Graduate Award went to Robin Pickett Bowling '98, and Piper Perabo, who starred in the movie "Coyote Ugly". The Gala also featured balloons, cake and live music from the local band, The Local Girls.

The football game was unlike recent Homecomings because the Bobcats won. Freshman Austen Everson started in place of the other two quarterbacks and led the Bobcats with a 4-4 performance with a touchdown and 118 yards through the air. Everson also ran for 130 yards and three touchdowns. Although he was spotlighted that day, the score was 28-0, and it was the Bobcats' defense that provided the first shutout at Peden stadium since 1997. "It was my first Homecoming football game," said junior Jamie Patrick. "It was awesome to see us play so well."

This year's Bicentennial Homecoming was one to remember and a special 200th birthday for the university. Many students have come and gone in 200 years, but one thing remains: we are all tied together by our Bobcat spirit.

T. David Couch

Above: A clarinet player in the Ohio University Marching 110 plays during the halftime period of Ohio University's Homecoming game on October 11, 2003. Photo by Alicia Whissel

Opposite: Members of the Ohio University Alumni Marching Band drum-line relive memories of yesteryear as they perform in the Homecoming parade October 11, 2003. Photo by Doug Peterson





**Cheerleaders** — The Ohio University cheerleading and dance squads were present during the Homecoming parade on Oct. 11, 2003, to cheer on the Bobcats. [View Photo](#)

**Flags** — Members of the International Student Union carried the flags of their respective countries during Ohio University's Bicentennial Homecoming parade. [View Photo](#)

**Residential Center** — The Hocking Valley Community Residential Center participated in Ohio University's Homecoming parade. [View Photo](#)

**Color Guard** — Members of Ohio University's AFROTC Color Guard carry the colors down Union Street during the Homecoming parade. [View Photo](#)



# Homecoming



# Hispanic Heritage

## Celebrating a Culture

The opening day barbeque on September 20 kicked off OU's celebration in honor of all Latin Americans and their days of Independence. A live Salsa band, guest speakers and scrumptious Latin American food contributed to Hispanic Heritage Month. Although, the official celebration of Hispanic Heritage month actually began September 15 and ended October 15, the events at OU started on September 8 with a Latino Art Exhibition in the Lindley Cultural Center Art Gallery.

On September 18, Alpha Psi Lambda sponsored a dinner in the Ping Center lounge with Dr. Angelina Pedrosa, who spoke about the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month. In addition to Dr. Angelina Pedrosa and in honor of OU's prestigious journalism reputation, Maria Hinojosa, a CNN correspondent, spoke. Hinojosa told the audience about her experience as a journalist as well as the state of Latin Americans in the United States. Hinojosa is a Mexican native who, in addition to her CNN career, has written two novels and hosts her own show, *Latino U.S.A.*

The SalSoul Comedy Troupe ended September with a bang and a couple of laughs. The Troupe's Latin-themed comedy entertained those who attended the show in Baker Center on the September 25.

Even though Hispanic Heritage month ended on October 15, OU had a few more events planned. On October 1, Richard Rodriguez spoke in the Baker Center Ballroom. Rodriguez is an editor at Pacific News Service, a contributing editor for "Harper's Magazine," "U.S. News & World Report" and the Sunday "Opinion" section of the "Los Angeles Times." In addition to his already busy life, Rodriguez has written three books and has contributed to two BBC documentaries. Rodriguez's visit was sponsored by the Black Student Cultural Programming Board and the Office of Multicultural Programs.

Alpha Psi Lambda, in association with the Lindley Cultural Center, hosted movie nights, which began on September 16 with "El Mariachi" and concluded on October 14 with "Real Women Have





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es. Also featured on the movie nights, in honor of the Latin American Culture, were films such as 'Frida' and 'La Belle Époque'.

Hispanic Heritage month provided Ohio University students with an opportunity to learn more about Hispanic culture through movies, speakers, and activities - all things most students can get to and enjoy.

Written by: [Name] | Edited by: [Name]

Hispanic Heritage month is a time of celebration and education. So let's celebrate and educate ourselves.

For more information, visit [www.ohio.edu](http://www.ohio.edu).





# Halloween

## Follow the Brick Road

SORRY, DOROTHY, YOU'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE. You're in Athens on Halloween! Walking down Athens's brick roads on Halloween night, revelers were surrounded by students and visitors dressed as priests, Care Bears, cats, even Batman and more. Anyone who was anyone was dressed in the most interesting and original costume they could come up with. Some of the most popular costumes included the classic schoolgirl, along with hippies and people of different decades. One student dressed as the Monopoly Man, complete with cane, money, and monocle.

Sophomore Monica Lombardo said some of the best costumes of years past have been the Stay Puff Marshmallow Man, Harry and Flovd from "Dumb and Dumber," and Spiderman, "who I saw climb up a pole." People try every year to have unique costumes no one else has thought of.

"Last year someone dressed up as the Burrito Buggy," said junior Lindsay Baloun.

"Each year you see priests and male or pregnant nuns," said junior Andrew Razzano. One of the best parts of the weekend is going Uptown and watching everyone scramble to get the finishing touches on their costume or finally picking one out at the last minute.

"I'm excited to have my friends come down and visit for the weekend Athens is known for," commented freshman Jon Peters. "It is a great way to have fun and relieve the stress from writing papers and studying for midterms."

Court Street is the place to be Saturday night. First-time Halloween partiers haven't had the full "Athens Halloween experience" until they've walked Uptown. Part of the Halloween ritual is to see everyone dressed up and stumbling around in their costumes.

"It's key to have the buddy system. Never let go of one another, or you'll be lost in the crowd," said Lombardo.

Halloween is supposed to be a fun holiday filled with costumes, fall festivities and friends. This year, however, it was reported the worst Halloween gathering in Athens' history, with 81 arrests.



100 Pauline Liu, left, her son Jan Ling Qiu, center, and Pauline's mom Jui Ying Liu, right, join in the Planet Ping Halloween activities on Friday, October 24, 2003 at Ping Recreation Center at Ohio University. Pauline Liu, a graduate student from China, is studying to get her MBA in business administration. Photo by Rebecca Drake

101 Two students join in the Halloween festivities on Court Street. Photo by Doug Peterson

al fires, and one stabbing. Partiers who participated in a mini-  
on Mill Street threw bottles at the police and firefighters who were  
to help. Most of the arrests over the weekend came from those  
ing from outside the university's jurisdiction, not Ohio University  
nts. President Glidden released a statement the following day  
g, "But to say that Ohio University was not damaged by this  
rior would be a serious error. This is not the university's party, but  
ertainly get blamed for it." The president was disappointed in the  
ne university was given due to the Athens Halloween festivities,  
ta are not affiliated with Ohio University. Residents have sug-  
d shutting down the event that brings in thousands of people and  
y into area businesses.

"We have often said that if we could shut this event down,  
ould. But we cannot do it without full cooperation from City  
ouncil, the citizenry, etc., because it will take stern measures to have  
y effect," said President Glidden.



A student carves a pumpkin in anticipation of Halloween.



Mary Beth Gillam, an Ohio University graduate student from Athens, Ohio, stands back and watches one of the live band performances during the Uptown Block Party on Oct. 31, 2003. This year was the first year that there were two stages with bands playing simultaneously during the Halloween bash.

This odd-couple debated the moral virtues of a nun and bride kissing at the Court Street BP. Photo by Tony



# Halloween

Robert Haddy, an artist from Charleston, W.Va., stands above the crowd on Court Street in his "jack" costume from the movie "A Nightmare Before Christmas" for Athens, Ohio's annual Halloween Street Party Saturday November 1, 2003.

This hulk wannabe might have gained some bravado from the mystery substance that was in his cup.





# Dads' Weekend

## Dads Invade Campus

During the weekend of January 16-18, dads of Ohio University students flocked to campus. In addition to serving as a mini-vacation and a chance to spend quality time with their sons and daughters, Dads' Weekend provided many activities to keep dads and their OU students entertained.

Headlining the weekend was "Saturday Night Live" alumnus writer Al Franken. Templeton-Blackburn Memorial Auditorium was filled with students and dads eager to listen to Franken's political satire.

For students and dads more interested in sports, Ohio University Athletics provided opportunities to cheer on the Bobcats. Friday afternoon at the Aquatic Center, Bobcat Swimming and Diving had a meet against Denison. The Bobcats were victorious, 129-112. Later that evening and again on Saturday, Ohio Club Hockey took on Illinois at Bird Arena. On Friday, the game ended in a 3-3 tie and Illinois won the shoot out. At Saturday's game, Ohio won 2-3. Also on Saturday, the Men's Basketball team took on Northern Illinois at the Convocation Center. The Bobcats won, 80-59.

Other events included Dance Dance Revolution and Friday Night Anime, both sponsored by Japanese Connection, a voice recital by visiting artist R.J. Fralick, a Bingo Tournament sponsored by Citele

K, a Tool Show with columnist Tim Carter, a Jazz Festival sponsored by the Black Student Communication Caucus, and a brunch at Hillel.

While many students and their dads participated in OU-related activities, others chose to hit the bars on Court Street instead. The violence on Court Street is probably what Dads' Weekend 2004 will be most remembered for. There was a quadruple stabbing at the Crystal, and when police approached a crowd outside Evolution four gunshots were fired. No one was injured and police have not named a suspect. In addition, Athens Police reported six fights, two assaults and multiple arrests.

Senior Lauren Kuntz said the Court Street violence did not put a damper on her weekend with her dad.

"We went to the basketball game, made dinner at my house, and then went Uptown," she said. "I had a lot of fun hanging out with my dad. We haven't spent time together one-on-one in a while, and it was fun to hear him tell me about what he was like when he was my age."

Jenn French plays bingo with her father, Bob, at the Circle K bingo night during Dad's Weekend 104

Lynn Heward and her dad play bingo at a bingo night event sponsored by Circle K during Dad's Weekend 104

William Tarter Sr., left, and William Tarter Jr., right, a junior at Ohio University, enjoy hot chocolate during Dad's Weekend at the hockey game versus the University of Illinois 104





# Sibs' Weekend

## Siblings Visit Campus

AS EVENING APPROACHED, BUSES AND CARS transporting hundreds of siblings to Ohio University for its annual Sibling Weekend began to arrive. Sibs' weekend is one of OU's family weekends during the school year, and has been a part of campus life at the University for many years. Throughout the weekend, the University offered a variety of special activities adding to the other possibilities that Athens provides.

The Ohio University Alumni Association arranged for bus transportation from areas across the state so that siblings could make the trip to Athens, a program that the university has been supplying for the past few years. Siblings had the opportunity to take the chaperoned bus ride to OU Friday night and then returned home late Sunday afternoon.

During the weekend, the University provided a variety of activities, ranging from bingo to fishing. Students could take siblings to Retro Bingo in Boyd Dining Hall or to Baker Center, which hosted a game night in the Rec Room. Byrd Arena also kept busy during the weekend, holding two late-night skates, including a glow skate that featured glow-in-the-dark necklaces and decorations. The Aquatic Center held open swim and even had glow fishing. Ping Center also held events for siblings. Students and siblings could work out or attend Rec Fest, which offered games, contests, and even laser tag. Ping Center also held a Sibs' Weekend Casino on Saturday and a

Super Bowl Party on Sunday.

This year, students and their siblings provided the main entertainment. On previous Sib's Weekends, performers have been brought to campus by the university. This year, however, a variety show was instead held in Baker Center that starred students and their siblings.

However, some students took siblings out on the town. With the many restaurants, bars, and stores, activities were not hard to find. Jill Stefaniak, a second-year student, and her sister, Dana, did not attend as many university sponsored activities as they did last year.

"We did our own thing, but last year, when [Dana] was younger, we went to the Ping thing," said Stefaniak. "It was nice."

For Stefaniak, as well as many other students, being able to spend time with siblings was the best part of the weekend, especially for those who aren't able to get home to see family members very often.

"It's nice to have a time just to spend with my sister," Stefaniak said. "I just think [Sibs' Weekend] is a great way to be with your siblings."





# Black History Month

Every year since 1926, the United States of America has celebrated the month of February as Black History Month. Ohio University joins in the annual celebration by offering numerous activities and events for people from all backgrounds to learn the history of the African-American culture. This year the university offered a variety of activities, ranging from conferences to dances held on campus for students, faculty, and community members to experience.

The Cultural Arts Director of the Black Student Cultural Programming Board told *The Post* of the importance of Black History Month, "I definitely think it was a much needed contribution because for a long time (black history) wasn't something common in public education."

Two prestigious African-American leaders spoke on the importance of Black History Month as well including surviving Black Panther founder Bobby Seale. Mr. Seale offered a first-hand look at the civil rights movement in the 1960's and outlined the various points of purpose for the Black Panther organization. Also, Eleanor Holmes Norton, a nationally recognized civil-rights leader who is serving her seventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives, spoke at the Baker Center Ballroom. Norton is also the first woman to chair the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Several Greek organizations were also involved in the celebration. The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. sponsored the Dove Ball, a semi-formal dance, and Sleep Out for the Homeless, where members camped out at the College Gate and collected food, money, and clothing for the homeless in Athens. The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

sponsored AKAAnomic Awareness: Tax Forms and FAFSA How To Program, where financial counselors helped explain how to complete your taxes and correctly fill out your FAFSA, and Women in History, which featured two monologues from two great African-American women from the past, Josephine Baker and Sally Hemings. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., sponsored Phrozen Pharoah, a pre-Valentine's day ice skating event at Bird Arena that was co-sponsored by the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, and a Tribute to Women, a program where Ohio University men show their love and appreciation to the women on campus.

Other events around campus included a Relationship Discussion, Mind, Body and Soul Women's Discussion Group, Interact for Change, where students were led by a theatre company in improvisational skits that teach diversity, Midnight Pancake Poetry Lounge, a Malcolm X commemorative, Sports, Youth, and Africa Symposium, Nguzo Saba Leadership Conference, Business Etiquette Workshop, and an African-American Knowledge Bowl, where students competed in a fun trivia contest based on African and African-American history for \$200 in cash prizes.

Sponsors for the events included the Unified Sisters, the Black Student Cultural Programming Board, the Office of Multicultural Program, the Office of Institutional Equity, United Campus Ministry, the Institute for the African Child, African Student Union, the Sports Administration Program, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Student African-American Brotherhood (SAAB).

By David Berger





# Multicultural Events

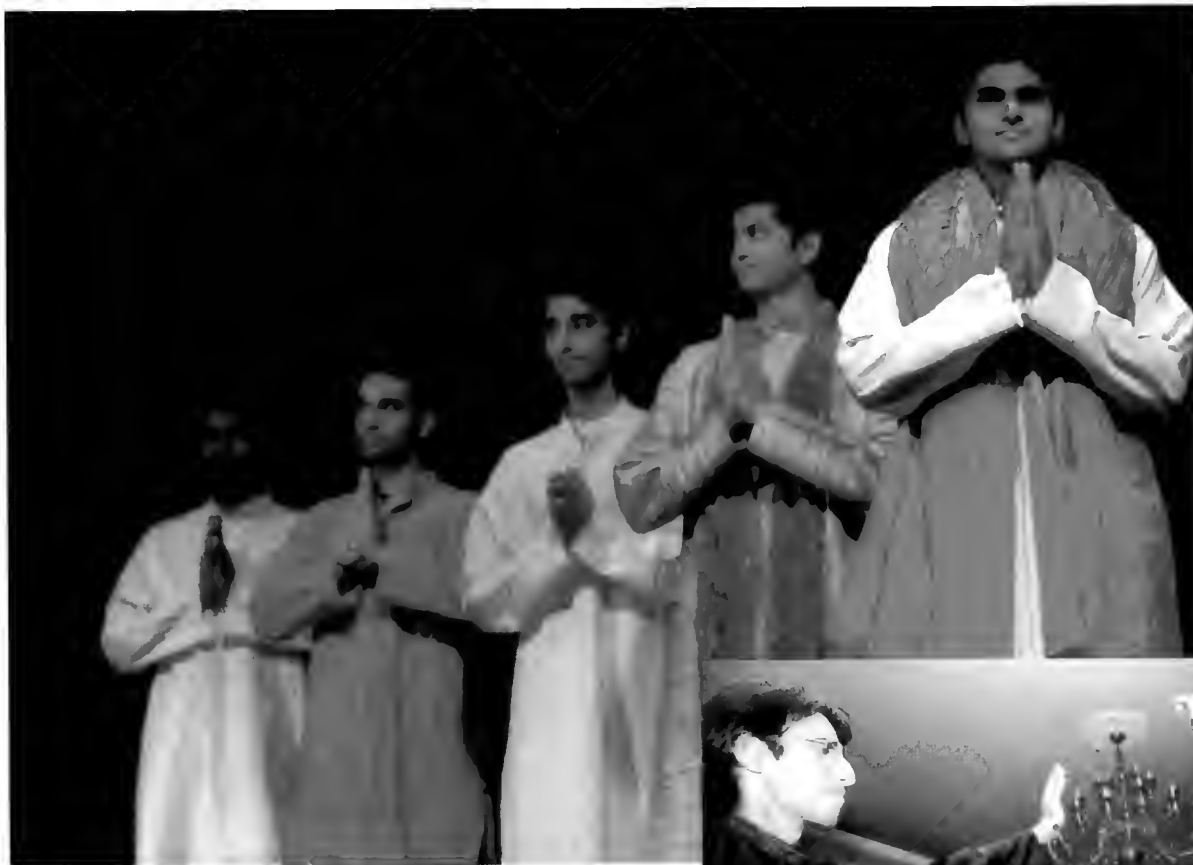
Throughout the school year, Ohio University works to provide new opportunities and experiences for all its students. Students from 100 different countries are enrolled at OU, and through the university there are at least 29 different student organizations working to emphasize culture in some way. With so many different cultures and backgrounds, there is a variety of activities in which students can participate.

Helping to organize some of these events is the Office of Multicultural Programs. During the year there are specific times set up to allow students to learn about other cultures. For example, there is Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month and Native Peoples Heritage Week. Various cultural and international dinners are also held each quarter.

Along with dinners and special programs, the Office of Multicultural Programs also helps bring in special lecturers. One of the biggest events of the year is the international street fair held in May during International Week. Last year, the street fair included parades, music and dancing from different groups. Students also had the opportunity to gain information about the Peace Corps. During International Week, there was also Around the World in Gordy Hall which allowed guests to experience food and music from several other countries without ever leaving the building. There were even international dance lessons.

If students are interested, there are many ways for them to learn about and celebrate different cultures and meet new people during their time at OU.

By Jenni L. Bishop





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From Left to Right): Laura Hageman, 6,  
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Lindsay Judice, 3, rejoice after scoring  
point against Marshall University on Nov.  
2003. The Bobcats won the game with  
final score of 3-0. Photograph by Allison  
file

# Football

A season plagued by injuries could not have left the football team more disappointed in its 2003 campaign. Ohio won just two games, finishing 2-10 overall, 1-7 in Mid-American Conference play.

Already a young team, Ohio was forced to look to its youth to carry it through the season after losing 13 players for the season due to injuries. Going into the final game of the season at Marshall, starters and key reserves had missed 92 games combined.

The hardest hit position was at linebacker, but most notable were the injuries at quarterback. Senior quarterback Fred Ray went down with a shoulder injury in the first quarter of Ohio's overtime loss at Northern Illinois Oct. 4, causing him to miss five games and most of two others. Junior quarterback Ryan Hawk, who had been splitting time with Ray but not starting, took command, playing through injuries of his own.

"Certainly we've been in some tough situations from an injury standpoint," Ohio coach Brian Knorr said. "I don't know too many teams in the nation that can win when you lose your starting quarterback."

However, a surprise change in the line-up for the Bobcats' Homecoming game against Central Florida resulted in their only conference win, a 28-0 shutout of the Golden Knights Oct. 11. True freshman quarterback Austen Everson, who had spent the first half of the season leading the scout team offense, ripped off a redshirt to help Ohio break a four-game losing streak in a memorable collegiate debut. Everson was responsible for all four of Ohio's touchdowns.

"He's not flashy, but he's a winner," Knorr said after the game. "Our kids rally behind him too."

Ohio cornerback Dion Byrum said the Bobcats really needed that win after having lost two straight conference games (against Western Michigan and Northern Illinois) in which they had a lead in the fourth quarter. However, the game ended up being the last real high

point of the season, as Ohio went winless for the remaining weeks of play.

The Bobcats could not overcome second-half struggles in the next three MAC contests, and Ohio dropped all three despite holding late leads. Games against Kent State and Buffalo looked to be in the bag for Ohio in the fourth quarter, but by then fans knew not to hold their breath. The Bobcats also blew a 14-point lead in the third quarter at Akron, when the Zips scored 21 unanswered points to pull out the win.

Ohio finished the season with two tough losses in which it never held a lead, against rivals Miami, which was ranked No. 18 in the nation, and Marshall, with scores of 31-49 and 28-0, respectively. The Bobcats faced a tough schedule all round that included big-name non-conference teams such as Iowa State, Kentucky and Minnesota --- in the first Big Ten team's arrival to Peden Stadium --- but Ohio had its chances in-conference and did not execute, Knorr said. The Bobcats dropped four games in which they held a fourth quarter lead.

Knorr said the 26-17 loss at Buffalo was a defining moment for the Bobcats because it put them out of the race for the East Division. The Bulls rallied in the fourth quarter to collect their first conference win since they beat Ohio 44-0 two years ago. The win for Buffalo ended the nation's longest Division I-A losing streak at 18.

Though that was probably the most discouraging loss of the season, the most disappointing loss had to have been Ohio's near upset of the then-ranked No. 16 Huskies of Northern Illinois. Hawk put on a good show in Ray's absence, despite battles with an elbow injury and kept Ohio ahead for most of the game. But after trailing just one during regulation, the Bobcats let go of a 23-16 lead with less than two minutes remaining.

Northern Illinois quarterback Josh Haldi connected with senior end P.J. Fleck in the corner of the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown

Right: Defensive lineman Andre Parker, a senior from Cincinnati, prepares himself for the next play during Ohio University's Homecoming game against the University of Central Florida on Oct. 11, 2003. Parker, who was a candidate for post-season honors, opened fall practice as the starting nose guard and recorded a personal best of 401 pounds in the bench press during winter conditioning. Photo by Alicia Whisler

Opposite: Fullback Brad Young, with help from his defense, hits a Minnesota defender while rushing for some hard earned yards. Photo By Mike Newman



a fourth down with 1:42 remaining in the fourth quarter. The diving catch tied the game at 23 and sent it to overtime, in which the Huskies prevailed with the 30-23 win.

Ray was not the only one to come out of that game injured. Running back

Clifford Owens also went down against the Huskies with an ankle injury. Although it was a loss of a key ingredient to the option offense, Ohio found another weapon in redshirt freshman Chris Jackson, who stepped in to gain 82 yards on 19 rushes. He also capped the Bobcats' first scoring drive with a 17-yard touchdown run.

Hawk took a hit to his shoulder in the final play of overtime when he was sacked. Though he would continue playing through the season, he got a break in the next game when Everson stepped up. Everson got playing time in five of the last seven games.

In Ray's absence, Ohio's option took a hit, but Everson and Hawk brought a new passing threat to the offense that traditionally

focused on the running game. All three quarterbacks averaged 10 yards passing or more per game, but Hawk and Everson threw the long bombs to the end zone, recording longest passes of the season at 80 and 83 yards, respectively.

Knott said that he liked being able to add a new dimension to the offense with an attack that seemed to surprise a lot of teams.

It didn't hurt that Ohio found new talent at the wide receiver position. Redshirt freshman wide-out Scott Mayle became one of the Bobcats' top offensive threats this season, leading the team in receiving yards with 515 on 25 grabs. He accounted for four of Ohio's nine touchdowns through the air this year, the most ever by a freshman. Most of those catches were off passes from Hawk.

"When (Hawk) gets in there, we tend to throw the ball a little bit more," Mayle said. "It's just good to loosen the defense up with the passing game."

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Sophomore wide receiver Anthony Hackett found the end zone on Everson's 83-yard toss in the home finale against Miami Nov. 22. It marked the second-longest pass play in school history, overtaking Hawk's 80-yard strike to Mayle at Iowa State.

While Mayle and Hackett averaged above 40 yards receiving per game, senior Adam Porter also contributed for 28.5 yards per game, switching from a backup quarterback position.

Fullback Brad Young and halfback Ray Huston stepped up the running game in the last half of the season, to finish with 319 yards rushing each. However, Ray, despite missing five games, still held the lead for most yards on the ground with 382, averaging 55 yards per game and recording eight rushing touchdowns.

Ohio looks forward to a more balanced offense next year with a new offensive coordinator, Phil Earley, who was hired in January to replace Greg Gregory.

"We want to get away from the triple offense and become more balanced with our running and passing games," Knorr said. "With the talent we have, I think he is going to be able to make our offense more effective."



Quarterback Fred Ray, #10, hands off the football to running back John Taylor, #3, during the game vs. the University of Minnesota which ended in a 20-42 loss for the Bobcats.



Quarterback Fred Ray, #10, escapes being tackled by Western Michigan players at Peden Stadium on Saturday, September 27, 2003. OU lost to Western Michigan 32-39.

With a final score of 28-0, the Ohio University Bobcats clinched their first at-home shutout since 1997 during the Homecoming match up against the UCF Golden Knights on Sat., October 11, 2003. The game also marked the first time the Golden Knights have gone scoreless since 1984, a streak of 209 games.

# Football

# Women's Soccer



AVERAGE, DISAPPOINTING, AND AWAKENING describe the 2003 women's soccer season. After the regular season championship victory last year and almost winning the MAC tournament, many thought the team would be heading to the NCAA Women's Soccer championships this year.

The season began with a three-game losing streak, two of which were against Big 10 schools (Purdue and Illinois). The team got back on its feet, however, with its first win against another Big 10 team, Minnesota. With more losses than wins heading into its home field stand late in the season, the team had a breakout. The Bobcats finished the season strong with five straight wins at home against MAC teams, one of which was Miami, one of the Bobcats' biggest rivals. That game ended in overtime, with a pair of Bobcat senior captains, Carolyn Valade and Jennifer Wright, who combined for the game-winning goal.

With a winning streak on its side, the team headed into the MAC tournament. The Bobcats upset Kent State, who was ranked number two, by winning 1-0 with the solo goal scored by junior Gina Siedentoph.

Still red hot, the Bobcats faced three seed Western Michigan. The Broncos poured some water on the red-hot Bobcats by defeating

them 2-1 and ending the Bobcat season without a shot at the NCAA tournament.

"It was so disappointing to lose," said Siedentoph. "We all worked hard and still missed our goal."

Even though the Bobcats did not win the tournament, they did have some hardware to bring home. Tiffany Horvath received the MAC Freshman of the Year Award. Junior Kendra Hornschemeier was named First Team All-MAC, while seniors Christel Schiering and Horvath were named All-MAC Second Team.

The record books were also re-written this season in many categories. Schiering broke Ohio's all-time career points record, finishing the season with 104. Also, Hornschemeier became the University's all-time assist leader with 26.

"It was easy breaking the record with the talent around me," Hornschemeier said.

With great talent returning, the Bobcats hope to learn from the season of struggling and put Ohio soccer on top next season. Returning seniors will include talented players such as Natalie Greim, Kelly Prandi and fifth-year Carrie Kistner. Add them to the talents of underclassmen, and a great recipe for leadership is formed for next season. — Coach



100 — Ohio University freshman Tiffany Horvath (6, right) races to meet Robert Morris University players, Kystal Parenteau (7, left) and Jessica Rosso (center, 10) to the ball during the teams' match up on October 1, 2003. Horvath already stands in a tie for ninth in school history with five goals after just one collegiate season. Photo by Tom Iversen.

101 — Ohio University freshman Larissa Najjar (17, left) rushes forward to steal the ball from Robert Morris University player Megan Steighner (2, right) during their game on October 31, 2003. The Bobcats won the game 4-0. Photo by Tom Iversen.

102 — Ohio University Bobcat Natalie Grein (14, right) is blocked by Marshall University's Lauren Scott (13, left) during her attempt to gain control of the ball during the game on September 21, 2003. The Bobcats defeated Marshall University 4-1. Photo by Tom Iversen.



# Cross Country

THE OHIO MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM proved that hard work, along with determination, can lead to success. Drew Frum, a junior sports industry major, has been on the team since he arrived as a freshman. Frum attributes much of the team's success to its coaching staff.

"Our new coach, Clay Calkins, is a great asset to the program," Frum said. "Through him, and through our two assistants, Mitch Bentley and Justin Kempe, my running, along with the team's running, has reached a new level."

The team's outstanding season began with a fourth place finish at the Mel Brodt Invitational. Austin Schiele, who received 11th place with a time of 26:09, led the team. The Toledo Invitational was the team's second race. The top runner was Drew Frum, who took 5th place with a time of 25:18.

The Bobcats won their own Invitational in convincing fashion, beating the second place team 21 to 63. The Bobcats' first five runners finished in the top eight spots. The Bobcats had a stellar performance at the All-Ohio Championships, taking 6th out of 37 teams. Austin Schiele led the Bobcats with a 25th place finish and a time of 26:54.

Although there were no team scores taken at the Illinois Invitational, it was the best overall team race of the season. The team's top five runners crossed the finish line within 45 seconds of each other. In a very competitive MAC Championship race, the Bobcats took 8th place. Freshman Craig Leon led the way for the Bobcats with a 43rd place and a time of 25:51.

The Bobcats ended their season at the NCAA Regional race in Terre Haute, Indiana. They took 23rd place out of 32 teams, and were led once again by Drew Frum, who took 84th place and had a time of 32:33 for 10k. Overall the men's team had a successful season, with the entire team's times dropping as the season went on.

Brian List, a junior mechanical engineering major and three-year member of the Cross Country team, said the team, who will bring back all but two runners next year, has a bright future.

"Next year's team looks tough," said List. "There will be a lot of talent and a lot of people fighting for top varsity spots."

Ohio University's Women's Cross Country team had a rebuilding year. Sophomore Lauren Birnie said that aside from having a young team, the team, as a whole, made great accomplishments.

"We had a very young team, with one junior, four sophomores, and five freshman, so this year was basically the beginning of our rebuilding process," said Birnie.

At the Mel Brodt Invitational the girls took 10th out of 13 teams. Andrea Maas led the way with a 6th place finish and a time of 18:22. At the next race, the Toledo Invitational, no team scores were taken but the team ran with a very good pack. The team then went to the Greater Louisville Classic where it finished a respectable 12th place out of 33 teams. Andrea Maas led the team with an 8th place finish and a time of 18:46.

The Lady Bobcats then hosted the Ohio Invitational, taking 3rd out of 8 teams. The team put its top five runners in the top 30 places. At the All-Ohio Championships the girls took 18th out of 39 teams. Their top five runners all had times of less than 21 minutes. At the Illinois Invitational the team finished 9th out of 10 teams. Andrea Maas led the team once again with 18:16 and 10th place. At the MAC Championships the team finished 13th in a very competitive race.

"Although our performance as a team was not great, many people had personal records by the end of the season," said Birnie. "Because our team was so small, we also had the opportunity to get really close with everyone on the team, which I think makes our team unique from a lot of other teams out there."

By Jessica Moss







Drew Frum, a junior, pushes toward the finish.

Andrea Maas, a freshman, is well on her way to finishing first at Ohio University's only home meet this year.

The Ohio University Women's Cross Country Team starts the race off for Ohio University's only home meet.



# Women's Volleyball



...VE YOU EVER WANTED TO MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF?  
 This season the Ohio University volleyball team achieved this and  
 more. The coach as well as individual players contributed to this success,  
 which was not easy.

Pre-season conditioning began as early as July and the team  
 set their goals for the season early on. For its opening weekend,  
 the team traveled to Tempe, Arizona to compete in the Arizona State  
 tournament. Losing two out of three games that weekend, the Bobcats  
 were not off to a good start. They were defeated by San Diego State  
 (3-0) and Utah (0-3), but were successful in defeating Arizona State  
 (1-2). Not getting discouraged, the Bobcats bounced back immedi-  
 ately, winning nine out of their next ten games on the road, before  
 returning to home turf for the season home opener against Miami.

The team's skills and determination won the team its first  
 home game of the season, but it definitely was not the last win at  
 home. In fact, the Bobcats went undefeated at home (9-0). The win-  
 ning streak did not stop there. The team went on to win fourteen out  
 of their next fifteen games, crushing teams such as Northern Illinois,  
 Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Kent State,  
 Morehead State, Bowling Green, Toledo, and Buffalo. The team was  
 unstoppable. From there the team went on to the Mid Atlantic Con-  
 ference (MAC) Quarterfinals against Western Michigan. Winning that  
 game (3-2) placed the girls in the MAC Semifinals against Ball State.  
 That win (3-0) in turn led to a spot in the MAC Finals against Mar-  
 shall. Winning that game gave the team a chance at their first NCAA  
 tournament appearance. Despite losing (0-3) to No. 6 ranked Kansas  
 State, the Bobcats did not seem upset, but instead used it as a learn-  
 ing opportunity for the future. This volleyball season set a number of  
 program records. Records included holding the best record in program  
 history (28-5), ranking 27th in the nation, earning the first MAC  
 regular season title, the first MAC Tournament Championship, most  
 wins in a MAC season (15), the longest winning streak in school his-  
 tory and second longest in the MAC (21 matches), the longest MAC  
 winning streak in school history (13 matches), and first win in school  
 history over a top 25 team (defeated No. 23 Missouri). The team also  
 led the MAC in hitting percentages, blocks, opponent hitting per-  
 centage and kills, and finished second in assists and service aces, and  
 fourth in digs. The Bobcats captured four tournament titles: IPFW  
 Invitational, Marquette Challenger, Lobo Classic, and the MAC Title.  
 In addition to the team success, individuals were also awarded. Head  
 coach Geoff Carlston was named First MAC coach of the year. Also,  
 three Ohio University players placed on the All-MAC teams. Senior  
 middle blocker Laura Hageman and junior setter Briana Adamovsky  
 made first team. Second team included outside hitters Holly Schetzslie  
 (sophomore) and freshman Lindsay Justice and libero Michael Black-  
 burn (freshman). All in all, the 2003-2004 Ohio University volleyball  
 season will be one that will go down in Ohio University sports history,  
 cherished by the team and its fans.

Kelene Kuzma



Above: Ohio University Volleyball team member senior Lindsay Justice (right, 3) forces a kill over Morehead State freshman Diana Jipp's (left, 10) block attempt inside of the Convocation Center Tuesday, October 28, 2003. Photo by Allison Toft.

Opposite Top: Senior Lindsey Justice (right), junior Ashley Elliot (second from right), sophomore Holly Schetzslie (middle), junior Briana Adamovsky (second from left), and freshman Michael Blackburn (left) cheer each other up after a lost point against Morehead. Photo by Allison Toft.

Opposite Bottom: Members of the Ohio University volleyball team, junior Briana Adamovsky (left, 13) and senior Laura Hageman (right, 6), combine for a block against Marshall University inside of the Convocation Center Wednesday, November 5, 2003. Photo by Allison Toft.

# Field Hockey



DESPITE FINISHING THE REGULAR SEASON WITH AN atypical 9-12 record, the Ohio Women Field Hockey Team advance to the MAC Tournament Championship game before falling to the second-seeded Louisville Cardinals 2-1. Senior forward Elizabeth Holtzman scored her 14th goal of the season, while sophomore goal Jennifer Cote saved four shots, but it was not enough for Ohio to overcome a 2-0 halftime deficit and capture its second MAC Tournament Championship in just three years. In post game ceremonies, senior back Amanda Freeman, Holtzman and junior back Kara Webster each earned All-Tournament honors.

"I thought we played great today," said fourth-year head coach Shelly Morris. "We out cornered and out-shot them but the ball did not fall for us today."

The Bobcats earned the right to play in the MAC Championship game by shutting out Ball State (8-12) in the quarterfinals and Kent State (10-10) in the semifinals of the tournament. Against the Cardinals, junior mid-fielder Kristen Hann scored with less than a minute remaining in the first half and Cote preserved the win by stopping five shots to earn her fourth shutout of the season. In the semifinals, Holtzman deflected Hann's shot with 1:16 remaining for the lone goal of the game to propel the Bobcats past the first-seeded Golden Flashes and into the championship game.

Holtzman was named first team all-region after leading the Bobcats in goals (14), assists (3), and shooting percentage (.179), while Freeman was named to the second team. In addition, Holtzman and senior mid-fielder Sarah Resch were named to the MAC All-Academic team.



Elizabeth Holtzman, a senior, defends against Ball State players on October 21st. The Bobcats continue to win the game in overtime. 2-1

Amanda Freeman, senior, left, gives a pep-hug to her teammate Jennifer Cote, sophomore, right, as her name is called for the starting line-up at Pruitt Field on September 26th. Before the beginning of each game, the announcer calls the names of the starting line-up for their entrance to the field.

Assistant Coach Tamara Hiramis and Lana Komin, a senior, right, lead their team in a victory check at Pruitt Stadium on October 21st. This winning shot was made 17 seconds into overtime courtesy of a goal by senior Elizabeth Holtzman.

Elizabeth Holtzman takes a moment to focus on the game.



# O-Zone



CHEERS AND SCREAMS ARE HEARD AMIDST THE SEA of green and white in Ohio University's student section, better known as the O-Zone. Visiting teams not only have to deal with being away from home field or home court, but also the rousing cheers coming from the O-Zone.

Students pay to belong to the select group of individuals who are permitted to sit in the designated O-Zone. Those who are interested in getting involved are able to do so. To join for the football season, students must sign up at pay \$10 prior to the upcoming season. This \$10 guarantees one of the 740 available seats, as well as an O-Zone t-shirt.

To join O-Zone for basketball, the more popular of the two O-Zone sports, students have to get up at the crack of dawn. Each year, a certain date in October is selected for the sale of basketball O-Zone seats. Students form a line that is so long that it extends out the doors of the Convocation Center. There are designated seats for the basketball section, but the 150 spots open to students limit seating.

"Priority seating is given to members of previous years," said Lou Moorman, Promotions Coordinator for Ohio Athletics. "In past years, students have camped overnight to get a good spot in line."





O-H-I-O! The O-Zone cheers after the Bobcats score at the Ball State game on February 7, 2004.



O-Zone members anticipate a three-point shot by the Bobcats at the Ball State game.

Two O-Zone members show their enthusiasm for the Bobcats.

Students in the O-Zone cheer on the Bobcats at the Homecoming football game.

# Men's Basketball

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## FINISHING THE 2003 SEASON WITH A LOSS TO BOWLING

Green, the Ohio men's basketball team secured its fate in the record books as one of only three teams to turn in a 20-loss season in Ohio University's history and failed to lock up a road win in the Mid-American Conference. The Bobcats (10-20 overall, 7-11 in the MAC) endured a season of close games and overtime losses after losing a core group of top scorers from a year ago due to graduation.

Saying its farewells to seniors Thomas Stephens, Jaivon Harris and Delvar Barrett on Senior Night in the Convo versus Kent State, the Bobcats won a nail-biter after watching the Golden Flashes come back late in the final minutes with fierce defense and high shooting percentage.

Coach Tim O'Shea has a lot of pride for his graduating players and their contributions to the team and its future. According to [Ohiobobcats.com](http://Ohiobobcats.com), when O'Shea was asked about his seniors, he had nothing but praise for their effort and leadership in an otherwise underwhelming season.

He said, "We're going to win a lot of games in the future here and when we look back from one of those successful seasons, I'm going to always point to this year because Thomas Stephens, Jaivon Harris and Delvar Barrett provided great leadership for this team. There was a never-say-die attitude that permeated this team and they always competed."

A standout this year for the Bobcats, senior Jaivon Harris averaged 31 minutes per game and contributed 15.1 points in his final season at the Convo. He averaged 4.6 rebounds and 79 percent from the free throw line. Most impressively for the senior, he earned a spot as Honorable Mention All-Mid-American Conference by leading the MAC in three pointers and ranking fourth all time for three-point percentage.

Thomas Stephens was solid from the free throw line this season averaging 84 percent. In his average 31 minutes per game, he scored 10 points and brought down 2.6 rebounds.

Delvar Barrett in his 22.7 minutes per game pulled down 4.6 rebounds and maintained a team-high field goal percentage of nearly 47 percent.

The future of the MAC and Ohio men's basketball is bright despite the tough season. Freshman Sonny Troutman, who averaged 9.2 points and 4.2 rebounds in his 25.7 minutes, was named to the MAC All-Freshman Team.      By Nathan Chamberlain











# Men's Basketball

# Women's Basketball

## OHIO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH LYNN

Bria could have looked at the 2003-2004 season as a jigsaw puzzle.

The pieces: three new assistant coaches, a freshman point guard in the starting lineup, a junior college transfer and a core of returning letter winners including three seniors. The mission: to fit those pieces together and vie for a Mid-American Conference title.

While the Bobcats fell short of taking the MAC crown, they did achieve 13 wins, equaling the highest win total in the Bria era.

To be sure, the influence of a trio of new assistant coaches at Bria's side played a role in the team's success.

"I just think the whole culture changed," Bria said. "The whole mentality changed, from our work ethic, to our energy, to our enthusiasm. It was just a lot more fun."

In the off-season, Bria tabbed Gary Becker, Samba Johnson and Shanele Stires to replace her former staff. Becker coached for

14 years at Casper College in Wyoming before departing to Athens and Johnson spent a year as the head man at La Roche College. Stires traveled a much different road to Athens, joining the Bobcats family just one week after finishing her three-year career with the Minnesota Lynx of the WNBA.

"I think the knowledge they brought was tremendous, they are good coaches, but the energy and the enthusiasm, the passion they have for the game really trickled through our team."

Another new face, freshman Angel Hornsburger, quickly found her niche in

Athens. Hornsburger was inserted into the starting lineup 19 times as she averaged more than seven points in just less than 26 minutes per game.

"The thing that has surprised me the most about her is how quickly she adapts and learns," Bria said. "I knew she was a talented player, and I knew she would help us, but she ended up really taking on that role and doing a great job for us."

The McDonald's All-American nominee's 64 steals, an average of 2.9 per game, was good for sixth in the conference and put her on pace to shatter the Ohio career steals record.

"I don't think she's even close to as good as she can be," Bria said. "Her upside is tremendous."

Hornsburger was not alone, however, as a group of seniors made their lasting impression on the team and the program.

"I think all three of them really did a good job of stepping up their game, and I thought they represented us very well in regards to their commitment to our program," Bria said.

One of those seniors, Andrea Gay, proved once again to be the heart and soul of the squad.

"She was a great leader for us, she was very verbal, she took care of the younger players, even an Angel, under her wing," Bria said. "I think the ultimate team player is Andrea Gay."

Latrece Bagley, a fellow senior, shot better than 60 percent from the floor on the season, tops in the MAC for the second straight season. Bagley's season culminated in the final game of the season and her career, a 20 point, nine rebound effort against Toledo in the MAC Tournament.

"I think Latrece Bagley saved her best game for last," Bria said. "Her Toledo game was incredible. She played an incredible game up there."

The final piece of the triangle, Candace Bates, had her fair share of highlights on the season, as well. In February, Bates became just the 11th player in Ohio history to reach the 1000 point plateau.

"She's such an unselfish player, she probably could've gotten it even sooner, but she's just not that way," Bria said. "She cares about the team, she's a team player."



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With such a mix of new faces and familiar veterans, Bria took the squad to Florida for the Hatter Classic in December for a pre-game stint and a chance for the team to gel. Ohio took care of business on both ends, winning the tournament and becoming a poster on and off the floor, Bria said.

"You're forced to get to know each other when you're down here hanging out," she said. "We do some fun things, get away from the basketball court a little bit, and get to know each other a little more. I think that really helped us, just as much as winning the tournament."

The Hatter Classic was an integral portion of Ohio's best start in nearly a decade. As the conference season kicked off, however, the Bobcats hit the skids, losing six of their first seven league contests. Ohio got back on track, though, going 6-3 for the rest of the regular season docket.

Included in those six wins was an upset victory against eventual MAC tournament champion Eastern Michigan on Senior Night in The Grove. Ohio's three seniors combined for 36 points in their final game in Athens.

"We played really well. I always said, 'once we hit on all cylinders, we're going to be a good team,'" Bria said. "I think down the stretch, we did."

Ohio earned the tenth seed in the conference tournament, traveling to seventh seeded Toledo for the first round. Ohio out-scored the rockets 34-27 in the second half, but the effort was not enough as Ohio fell 68-65, concluding the season with a 13-15 mark.

"I've never had a team take that so hard. I've never had a team be so upset that our season was over," Bria said. "It kind of lingered through the week. They took it really personally, and I think that's a huge step towards your following year. They don't want to feel that again."

It's that response, in good times and bad, that Bria values the most about the 2003-2004 edition of Ohio women's basketball.

"This was a close group," she said. "They were fun off the court. They handled winning and losing with class, and that's more of what I'm interested in, how they represent us even when things aren't good. I felt like this group played hard, played with passion, played with energy." By Bill [unclear]





# Swimming and Diving

## Men's

THE OHIO UNIVERSITY MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING teams concluded their 2003-2004 campaign with a fourth place finish at the Mid-American Conference Championships in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The team had finished fifth the previous two seasons, but earned 515 points over the three-day tournament, which was the Bobcats' highest finish in nine years.

Several individuals were honored with post-season awards. Senior diver Robert Krichbaum was named MAC Diver of the Year after winning the only event for the Bobcats by earning a first-place score of 475.90 in the one-meter diving competition. Krichbaum won the award for the third time in his career, which tied him with only three other previous divers in MAC history. He also was named to the All-MAC First Team. Head coach Greg Werner was named MAC Coach of the Year, his first win as a men's coach. He won the award for the women's team in 2000.

Senior Jonathon Palmer, junior Mike Shelby and sophomore Matthew Bey were all named to the All-MAC Second Team. Palmer

finished fourth in the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 15:46.00 at the MAC Championship. Shelby finished ninth in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:51.94. Four swimmers scored in the 100-yard freestyle, led by junior Donald Jupp, who set a new career best with a time of 46.37.

The terrific showing in the MAC Championships was the caper to an up-and-down year. The season had disappointing losses to rival Miami, OH, Eastern Michigan (who won the MAC Championship) and a tough 124-119 loss to Buffalo. But the great finish at the MAC goes with the other bright spots of the year, including a win against Denison and a sixth place finish at the Akron Invitational in Akron, Ohio.

Werner told OhioBobcats.com about the year, "The men's team has continued to improve. I am happy for all the seniors because they really did a great job of getting better every year."

By Donald Jupp







# Swimming and Diving

## Women's

THE OHIO UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND Diving Team continued its tradition of success in 2003-2004. The team had a successful regular season and finished second at the Mid-American Conference Championships in Oxford, Ohio by scoring 547 points, only 117 behind champion Miami of Ohio.

Senior Shannon Kelly led the Bobcats at the MAC Championships with six wins during the three-day tournament. She won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00.42, which qualified her for a wild-card entry into the NCAA Tournament. She also teamed with seniors Samantha Pfaller and Courtney Gould and junior Becky McGaughey for a 3:26:90 time to win the 400-yard freestyle relay. Other wins were three individual events, including the 100 and 200 back stroke and the 200 IM, and she was part of three relay victories in the 200, 400 and 800-yard freestyles. Senior Heather Rennebohm also qualified for a wild-card entry into the NCAA Tournament in the 1650-yard freestyle with a 16:45.71 time, good for second at the MAC Championships.

For their efforts, Kelly, Gould, McGaughey, Pfaller and Rennebohm were all named to the All-MAC First Team. Juniors Melissa Dunn and Amanda Smith were named to the All-MAC Second Team. Pfaller and Gould were named to the All-MAC Academic team as well.

Kelly also won the MAC Senior Swimmer of the Year Award, which is given to a senior based on her contributions during her career. An Ohio swimmer has won the award the past five seasons.

The Bobcats shined throughout the regular season as well as the MAC Championships. The team went 9-2 in dual meets with impressive wins over all of their conference foes except Miami of Ohio, a meet that finished in a disappointing 189-109 loss. The team also had a strong sixth-place finish at the Akron Invitational in Akron, Ohio.

By David B. ...



Left: Picture by Rebecca Droke.

Below: Picture by Michael Newman





# Wrestling

LED BY NCAA TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS JUNIORS JAKE Percival and Jeremiah Beltran, the Ohio Wrestling Team finished third at the MAC championships. Percival entered the tournament undefeated and the top seed in the 157 pound weight class. Percival dismantled Joe Henning of Northern Illinois by fall at 4:16 and Ty Morgan of Central Michigan by an 8-0 decision to become MAC champion for the third consecutive year. Percival was named most outstanding MAC tournament wrestler and co-MAC wrestler of the year.

Head coach Joel Greenlee said, "He was so dominant tonight. I don't think I have ever seen two better performances by him."

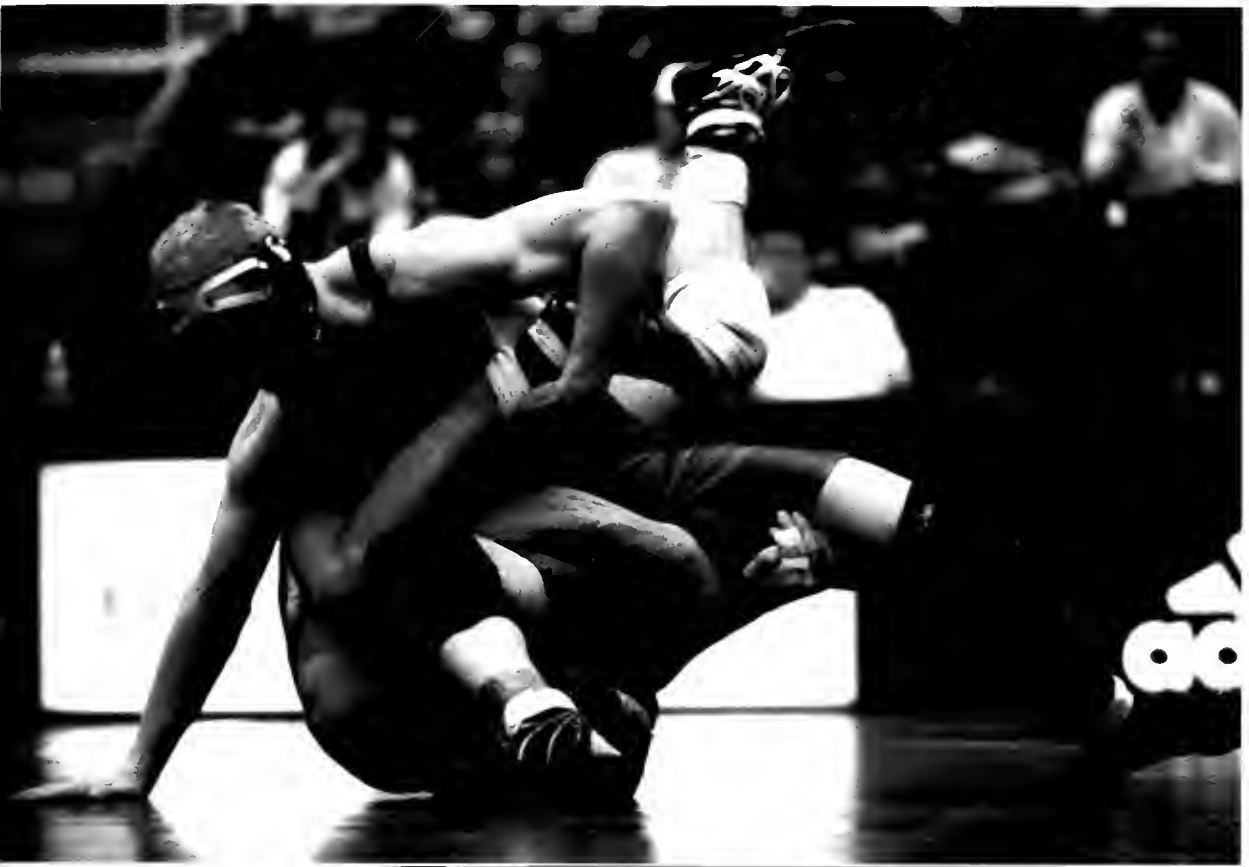
In the heavyweight division, Beltran entered the MAC tournament as the third seed. After earning a first round bye, he notched a 4-1 decision over Joe Sapp of Northern Illinois and pinned top-seeded Bill Stouffer of Central Michigan at 6:15 in route to his first MAC championship.

"He is a big meet wrestler," said Greenlee. "He really did a good job today."

In addition, junior Joel Weimer placed second at 197 pounds. Also placing for the Bobcats was senior Anthony Carrizales (133 pounds), junior Jon Spires (141 pounds) and redshirt freshman Matt Smith (125 pounds) who all recorded third place finishes. Junior Tony DeAnna placed fourth at 165.

Ohio finished the year at 8-6, 2-3 in the conference. The wrestling team defeated rivals Eastern Michigan 32-10 and Buffalo 17-16 for their two conference wins. By [unreadable]





# Cheerleading

MOST PEOPLE THINK THAT CHEERLEADING IS NOT competitive and that the cheerleaders are just around to get the crowd pumped up for the big game. That, however, is not the case. The Ohio University cheerleaders are a big motivator of crowd support, but their main objective is to qualify for an invitation to the NCAA competition. To do this, the squad must practice for months and send the NCAA a tape of its best work. Then, the national committee invites squads who qualify to the national competition. Qualifying for the competition requires long hours of practice, teamwork and constant improvement.

"We have continued in our re-building process this year," said junior captain Brian Dearing.

The squad is trying to reach its goal of competing in a national competition, and at each tryout, the squad looks for new recruits to help achieve that goal. Tryouts are held in September for junior varsity positions and in April for varsity positions. Even current cheerleaders must secure their places on the squad by trying out each year. To earn a place on the squad, the students must be able to cheer, tumble, do stunts, dance and communicate with each other and the crowd.

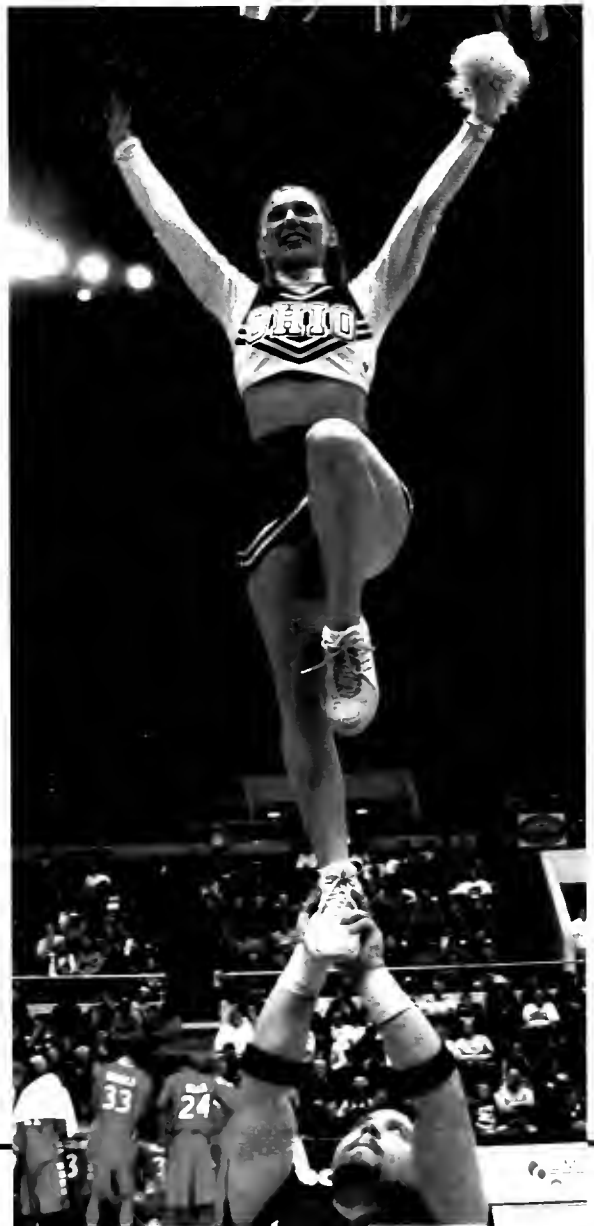
Even though the cheerleaders made their jobs look easy, there are hours of hard work behind their cheers, stunts and tumbling. During football season, the cheerleaders practiced between two and four days a week for several hours. During basketball season, space in the Convocation Center is in high demand, so the cheerleaders only got to practice two times per week.

The cheerleading squad started off the year with a private one-week camp in August. The squad worked on its weak areas, which included spots, improving in transitions and their basket tosses. The week-long focus on cheerleading brought the squad members closer together and allowed them to improve and grow.

"With the knowledge we gained this year, it will be a promising 2004-05 season," said Dearing. By T. David Couch



Ohio University's Cheerleading Squad cheers for their team during the Bobcats game against Ball State on Feb. 7, 2004. Photos by Doug Peterson



# Dance Team



THE OHIO UNIVERSITY DANCE TEAM, A 14-MEMBER TEAM plus one alternate, is full of dedicated and hardworking dancers. The team is led by senior Team Captains Anita Vensel and Amy Gossett, and junior Team Captain Liz Sayers.

Nearly 200 people showed up at the first tryout meeting in the fall. The captains held four days of clinics where they taught prospective Dance Team members the fight song dance, two other dances and a combination of leaps and turns. With first cuts, the captains narrowed the candidates to approximately 25. For final cuts, the Dance Team hired outside judges, who determined the final dancers to join the captains and form the 2003-2004 Dance Team.

Being on the dance team requires time and dedication. During football season, practices are three days a week for two to three hours, and during basketball season practices are Monday through Friday for three hours each practice. And that doesn't include games. Sometimes there are two basketball games a week, which can require about 5 hours each. These hours add up to 20 or 25 per week.

On top of regular team time commitments, the Captains choreograph all of the dances, work with a DJ to mix the music the team performs to, order team uniforms and organize fundraisers. Since the Dance Team has no coach, Captains are responsible for the duties a

coach would normally perform.

Since the Captains choreograph each dance, they can add elements of their own styles, like jazz, hip-hop, or modern dance. The team only performs at home games and tries to learn a new dance for each game. That's about eight different dances to learn per season. The team does not compete on a national level because it chooses to perform a variety of dances instead of perfecting just one dance for the single purpose of competing.

Before each performance, team members calm each other's nerves and give each other encouragement.

"You always get really nervous before each performance. But it's a good nervous, and once the music starts, the nervousness goes away," said freshman team member Allison Marshall. "It's a good bonding experience."

Like most student organizations, the dance team takes part in activities and fundraisers. They watch videos, have car washes, and organize socials. Even though being a part of the Dance Team is time-consuming, captain Anita Vensel says it is worth the hard work. "I've been dancing all my life," said Vensel. "Dance Team is a way for me to have a creative outlet while dealing with the pressures of school work and other commitments." *By Lillian Johnson*





Members of the Ohio University dance team perform during halftime of the Bobcat game against Ball State on February 7, 2004.

The Ohio University dance team holds its annual tryouts during Fall Quarter 2003.



THE MARCHING 110, OHIO UNIVERSITY'S MARCHING BAND, is a group of more than 180 students working in synchronization to entertain viewers with their music and routines. Recognized by students across campus and members of the community, the band is famous for its pre-game and half-time performances given at Peden Stadium during every home football game.

However, the band has not only gained popularity and support from students, faculty, and alumni, but from fans all over the Midwest. During the year, but especially in the fall, the band travels to high schools and occasionally to away games when it is part of a group trip. This year the Marching 110 traveled as far as Chicago to the game against Northern Illinois University. After performing during the game, they made a trip to a local high school and then had the chance to do sightseeing around the city.

Their performances and skills have also earned them the respect and support of competing bands. A second-year student, Bonnie Briggie, said that even fans from adversary teams were won over by the band. While at a game, fans from an opposing team who had never seen the 110 began jeering the members as they marched out onto the field. But after the show, the Marching 110 received not only applause, but also cheers and a standing ovation.

The success that the Marching 110 has does not come easily.

Members began working on the basic drills and material soon after Labor Day when band camp began. During the season, the band focused on pieces to be performed at football games and at high schools, but they also put on a show for Varsity Night, where the 110 performed the entire season's music and alumni and others came together to watch. The members practiced each evening including some Saturdays, working on the music along with the choreography that goes with it. Field shows changed every two weeks, so the band usually started learning new musical pieces around two weeks before but they did not start learning the choreography until about a week before.

The 110 practiced the performances until all the details were perfect and actions were done with precision.

"Attention to detail sets us apart," said Briggie.

The marching band was named the Marching 110 in honor of the band's original 110 members. However, to the current members of the Marching 110, the name has an even more important meaning.

"It symbolizes the 110 percent effort that everyone gives," said Briggie. By Jennifer Bishop

# Marching 110





One trombonist feels the funk during the Ohio University Marching Band's post-game show after the Homecoming game on October 11, 2003. The Alumni Band and the Marching 110 combined to play during the show.

Members of the Ohio University Marching 110 lineup on the field and in the stands during the halftime period of Ohio University's Homecoming game vs. the University of Central Florida on October 11, 2003.

Homecoming at Ohio University means everyone gets involved, including alumni members of the Ohio University Marching Band. The alumni band played during the Homecoming parade as well as parts of the game.





Members of the Marching 110 drum line perform during the half-time portion of Ohio University's Homecoming game on Oct. 11, 2003.

Members of Ohio University's Marching 110 brass section stop to play on Union Street during Ohio University's Homecoming parade on Oct. 11, 2003.





It takes practice and dedication to become a member of Ohio University's Marching 110, but practice leads to fun as members of the Marching 110 perform during the Homecoming parade on Oct. 11, 2003. [View photo gallery.](#)

Stand tall. Chin up. Horn in the air. One member of the Marching 110's trumpet section plays during the Marching 110's appearance in Ohio University's Homecoming game on Oct. 11, 2003. [View photo gallery.](#)

# Marching 110



# Hockey

THE OHIO UNIVERSITY MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM propelled itself to National Champions in 2003 – 2004. Coming off a loss in the National Championship Game the season before, the team was focused on completing the goal of bringing back a National Championship to Ohio University, its first since 1997.

Ohio Hockey experienced growing pains in the early part of the season, dropping five of their first nine games while acclimating thirteen freshman to Coach Morris' system.

Prior to the beginning of the CSHL League Championship Tournament, Ohio had clinched the #1 spot and received a bye into Saturday's Semi-Final where they faced St. Louis University. Ohio came away with an easy 10-2 win and would face rival Illinois in Sunday's Championship. Ohio came away with a 3-2 win and its first league championship since 2000.

With a season record of 29-7-2, the team unbeaten in ACHA play since October 18 and the seniors just four wins short of 100 career wins, the stage was set for a run at a National Championship in Ames, Iowa.

Having the second seed in the tournament pitted Ohio against two teams they had not faced in the past; Arizona State and Weber State. The first game for Ohio was a 4-1 win against Arizona State followed by a day-off which allowed the team to focus on the next three games. On Friday, Ohio took on a much improved Weber State team. Weber gave Ohio all it could handle taking the game to two overtimes before Ohio would score and solidify its place in the National Championship Semi-final. Rhode Island was ranked below #1 Penn State for much of the season and Ohio had to play their best hockey to win. Getting out to an early 1-0 lead helped Ohio to take the play to Rhode Island with Ohio coming out on top 2-0. The win allowed Ohio possible redemption for last year's loss that came by the hands of Penn State.

Coming into the finals, Penn State had won the past four National Championships, the last one against Ohio at Ohio University. With a graduating senior class of ten athletes, all with 99 career wins and the bitter taste of last years defeat, Ohio took the opportunity and ran with it. At the end of the first period, Ohio found themselves down by a score of 2-0.

The team rallied around each other and knotted 1 goal during the second frame, with a score of 2-1 for Penn State entering the third and eventual final period. Ohio came out strong scoring 3 goals in the first ten minutes of the period to take a commanding 4-2 lead. With the National Championship only ten minutes away, the clock seemed to slow, and so did Ohio. Penn State, 4 time defending National Champions tied the score with 5 minutes to play on two goals in three minutes.



Ohio would not relent however, taking the play back to Penn State in the closing minutes of the game. With 3 minutes and 36 seconds to play, senior captain Tony Arkeilpane threw a wrist shot at the Penn State goal. The puck was tipped by a Penn State player and found the back of the net. Ohio would hang on to win its first National Championship since 1997 and giving their seniors a great send off by capturing their 100th win as a Bobcat, a feat not easily attained.

Ohio University Hockey has regained its rightful status as National Champions. The final game of the National Tournament mirrored the season for Ohio; start slow, stay consistent and success is only defined as hanging the 2004 National Championship banner from the rafters of Bird Arena. Congratulations to the team, the 2004 ACHA National Champions.

By Ryan Walicki, GA Ohio Hockey



# Gymnastics



PRACTICING THREE DAYS A WEEK AT GLOBAL GYMNASTICS in the Plains and going to a gym in Lancaster to practice on the weekends is just another week for the Ohio University club gymnastics team members.

“At a typical practice, the girls do many routines, perfecting them for competition,” said Katie Sprenger, Co-president of the OU club Gymnastics team. “The last half hour of practice consists of strength and endurance conditioning. The events include: Vault, Uneven parallel bars, Balance Beam and the Floor exercise. Some girls do not compete all four events, instead they specialize on maybe 2 or 3 events,” she continued.

There are 24 girls on the team, and try-outs are held each spring for the upcoming season. Sprenger said the team does not have a permanent coach.

“We just coach each other,” she said.

According to the Ohio University website, the OU club Gymnastics team was founded by Kelli Marimpetri, who had been in gymnastics all through middle school and high school. She missed the sport so much that once she got to college she pulled together a small hard working group of gymnasts during winter quarter of 2000-2001 and called them the OU Gymnastics Club.

Since the team is so new and there is not a steady coach, team members must show devotion to one another, and this year they have had success in all four of their competitions. According to Sprenger, the team came in first out of 16 teams at Virginia Tech, first out of four teams at a home meet, second out of 17 in the Miami Cup and second out of 15 at Purdue. *Written by Elizabeth Comer*





UNIVERSITY IS HOME TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS, and the equestrian team helps to add variety to the school's club sports.

For the equestrian team, the season begins with the school in the fall and continues through the winter quarter, but there is not much activity in the spring, according to Molly Tampke, the team's advisor. During the season there are two different types of competitions, western and hunt seat. Hunt seat is the form that most of the team members choose. It is mostly on the flat, but there is some jumping, Tampke said. The team has even won the national collegiate championship in hunt seat riding in past years.

In the fall of 2002 the team encountered one of its toughest challenges when the barn where horses and equipment was kept burned down. The team lost not only some of its equipment, but one of the horses was also killed.

However, news of the team's troubles quickly spread and the team was sent support from all over. "There was an outpouring of support," said Tampke. "I think we even received an email from Argentina."

Despite problems in the past, the team is now in good shape, said Tampke, who has been advising the team for five years now. Based out of Cooleville near Athens, the team's coach owns the new outdoor facility with a barn and stalls and an outdoor arena. The new facility was built where the previous barn burned down.

Many of the team members are women, but there are a few men on the team. Riders are required to take lessons once a week and then are able to go ride more often if they'd like. The team also has a people at a variety of skill levels. Some of the members have no experience before joining the team and are novice, said Tampke, and there are others who are very accomplished.



# Equestrian

# Women's Club

THE OHIO WOMEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL TEAM, LED BY freshmen libero Janice Maticic, sophomore outside hitter Tracie Leone, and junior setter Kelly Morgan, qualified for the National Club Volleyball Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina after finishing first out of 15 teams at the Penn State Volleyball Tournament on November 8, 2003. During fall quarter the team also was victorious at the Kent State Tournament and finished runner-up at the University of Tennessee Tournament. Head Coach Christie Mallet attributes the team's success to consistent blocking, good defensive, and coachable, athletic players.

"This is by far the best defensive team I have seen at the three tournaments we have been to," said Mallet.

In addition to six hours of practice each week, the team also participates in numerous fund-raising activities ranging from selling Domino's Pizza Cards to soliciting for monetary donations on Court Street during Dad's Weekend.

Club president Heidi Stillings said, "It was eight degrees outside when we begged dads for money so we could afford the \$900 admission fee to the National Tournament," club President Heidi Stillings said. "However, even though we froze, it was well worth the effort since we collected \$450 in four hours."

The Ohio Women's Club Volleyball team was not the only women's club team with an impressive season. The Ohio Women's Tennis Team, Rugby Team, and Ultimate Team all had successful

seasons as well.

The Ohio Women's Tennis Team, which is sponsored by the Pigskin Bar and Grill, had an impressive fall quarter. Sophomore first singles player Jen Kish led the team. Comprised of 14 members, the team went undefeated at the Miami Club Tennis Tournament and the University of North Carolina Tournament. During fall quarter, combining singles and doubles play, the team posted a record of 18-0.

The Women's Club Rugby Team also had a notable season. After fall quarter, the 17-member Rugby Club was ranked first in Ohio for Division II.

"Tough, perseverant and athletic are three words that best describe the Ohio Women's Club Rugby Team," said Team President Kyra Eversman.

Led by seniors Lindsay Neary, Melissa Borsz, and Marley Sweeney, the Ohio Women's Club Ultimate Team posted a 10-4 fall quarter record including a first place finish at the University of Michigan Tournament and a third place finish at the Fall Sectional Tournament. Team President Colleen Neary describes Ultimate as an intense, fast-paced game combining aspects of soccer, football, and basketball.

Other women's club sports included basketball, crew, cycling, equestrian, softball, fencing, field hockey, gymnastics, lacrosse, water polo, martial arts, shotokan, soccer, synchronized skating, mountain bike, and tae kwon do.

By Kelly Michael



# Sports



# Men's Club Sports

FOR MALE STUDENTS SEEKING TO FULFILL THEIR competitive needs in competitions other than a friendly pick-up game, Ohio University offers club sports, athletics with more than pride on the line.

Since the 1970s, OU has offered nine male club teams and several co-ed teams including tennis and water polo. Club sports are another opportunity for students to meet their peers in a non-classroom setting and are also an alternative to the Greek organizations and other student activities. Most sports have open tryouts, and if one is not available, student interest and a few petitions are all it takes to create one.

"It really depends on student interest for a sport to be offered," said OU club sports assistant director Scott Jones. "If there is significant student interest in a sport, then we look to develop the idea and try to help provide additional resources to get the team off the ground," he said.

Sometimes the interest outgrows the club sports capabilities. Case in point: the Men's Hockey team. The hockey team started out as a club sport and became so popular that club sports could no longer run the program. Now Byrd Arena, the location of Men's Hockey home games, runs it. Rugby is another sport with a large membership. The rugby squad fields a team of more than 80 members spread over A, B and C teams.

Traditional sports are not the only popular teams, though. The Ultimate Frisbee team has a strong following and a strong alumni base. The Ultimate Frisbee team takes on its alumni members in an annual competition. The team also competes against some of the bigger area schools such as The Ohio State University, University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

The men's club crew team even faces competition from varsity teams from other schools. Each spring, the crew team participates in the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia, which is the nation's largest collegiate regatta. More than 160 colleges with both club and varsity teams, and more than 1,000 students take part in the festivities. For the last three years, at least one team has made it to the finals of a competition, and in 2003, the lightweight four-member team had the crew's best showing yet.

"We had our best finish last year, with our lightweight four-member team finishing fifth in the finals," said Ohio University junior and Crew President Mike Clevidence. "We had a pretty good fall, and we hope to improve at Dad Vail this year."

Students wanting to learn how to better protect themselves have opportunities through club sports because the martial arts Tae Kwon Do and Shotokan karate are also offered. The Tae Kwon Do team helps guide students to increased strength and flexibility as well as increased mental and physical self control. To achieve this goal, each class puts members through a rigorous stretching of the whole body, dynamic cardiovascular exercises, and drills and sparring to hone kicking and punching skills. Self-defense and awareness techniques are also taught.

While competition is always fun, many members of the various club sports teams love the camaraderie between members the best.

"The biggest benefit of the team is that it's like being in a family," said Clevidence. "We compete, travel, and work out together. They become not only teammates, but family members, too."

By David Berger





# Intramural Sports

OHIO UNIVERSITY INTRAMURAL SPORTS OFFERS MORE than 130 different indoor and outdoor activities to students throughout the year, ranging from football to broomball. The program, directed by Christopher Morris, has a variety of activities that are individual, dual, and team oriented, and also offers training through the Ohio University Student Official Association (OUSOA) to students interested in becoming officials for sports. Intramural Sports also hosts special events during each of the school quarters.

During the school year, students have the opportunity to sign up for intramural sports as part of a team or on an individual basis. On average, about 70 percent of the student population participates in an intramural sport. Students assemble teams made of friends, neighbors from residence halls and members of their student organizations. At the end of the regular season, teams are put into brackets for playoffs. The champions win T-shirts with their crowns. Each year there is a new shirt, and according to Morris, this year's competition is intense. Teams look forward to winning the retro-looking shirt, which displays a Pacman-like character.

Joining a team or playing one of the intramural sports is not the only way to be part of the program, though. Through Intramural Sports, students also learn to officiate activities. This is done through a student organization known as the Ohio University Student Official Association. Before a season begins, people interested in officiating are given "long and arduous training," according to Morris. Students

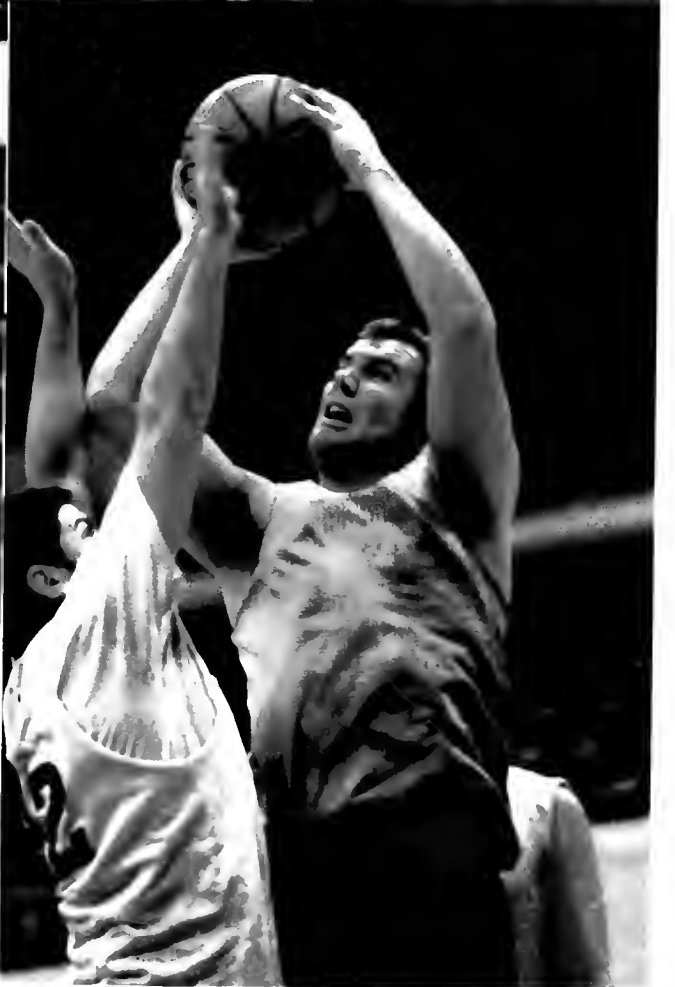
take courses in the classroom, are taken to the areas where they will be working, and even work as officials at scrimmage games before finally beginning the season. When tournaments begin, the Ohio University officials are sent to work. Student officials are also given the chance to meet professional officials. Last year, officials went to a Cincinnati Bengals game and were able to meet NFL officials.

Intramural Sports also holds special events that change with each quarter. There are weekend tournaments and special competitions such as the bench press competition, wrestling matches and 3-on-3 basketball tournaments.

For the past six years, Christopher Morris has been the director of Intramural Sports. "I love it here," Morris said. "It's a new experience and the students are unique."

This is not the first time that Morris has been in charge of a program like OU's Intramural Sports. He has worked at other schools, including the University of Alabama. However, he explains that it was very different working there than working at OU. For example, at the University of Alabama, when teams would play, one day would be fraternities playing against fraternities and another would be residence halls against residence halls. Students did not really meet anyone new. When students play at Ohio University, "it's kind of a melting pot. Students get to meet everyone else on campus," Morris said. By Jennifer Bishop





# Intramural Sports

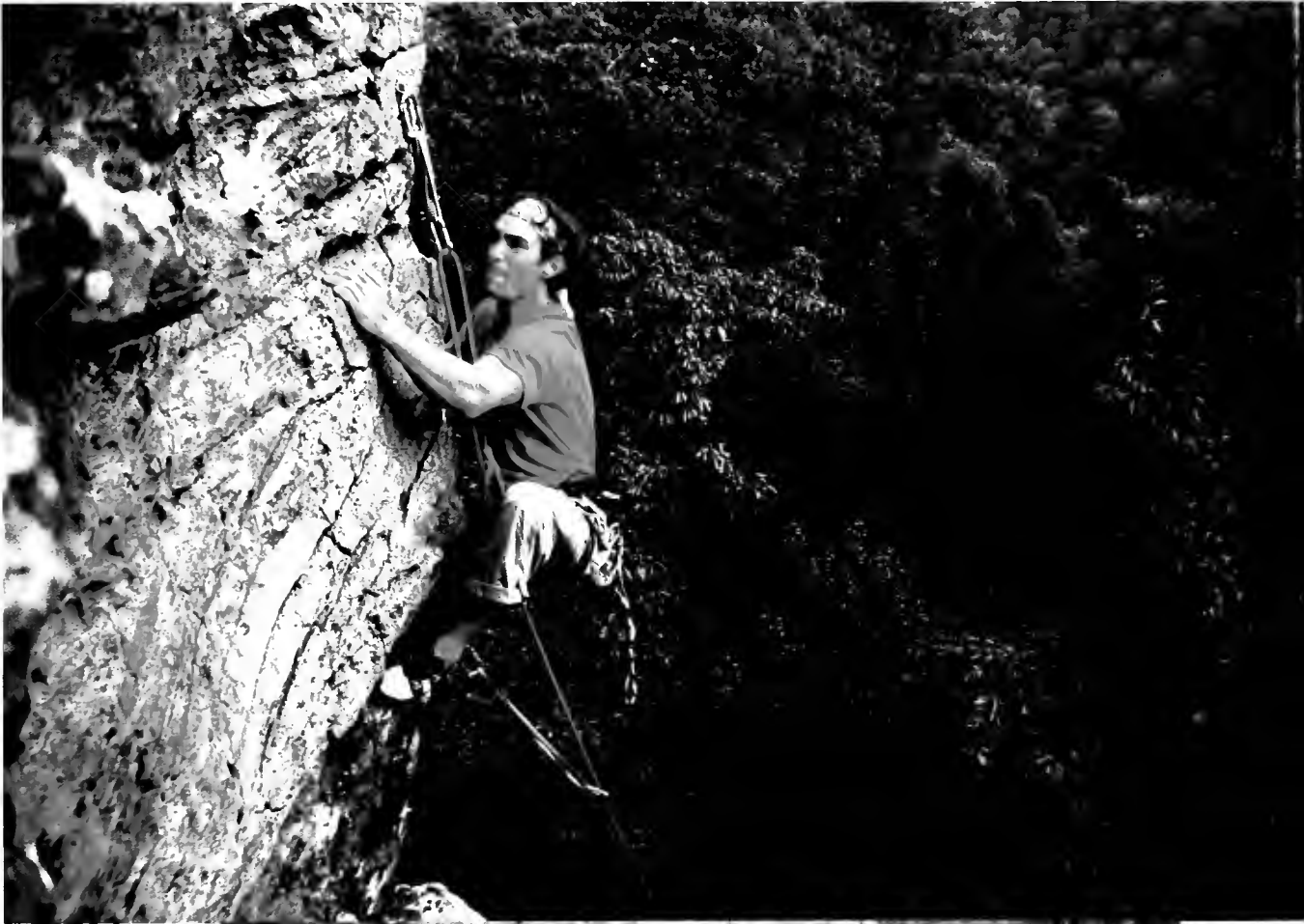






# Outdoor Pursuits

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COLLEGE IS AN ADVENTURE IN ITSELF FOR THOSE brave souls who choose to attend. But for those students who seek a real opportunity for adventure, Ohio University offers Outdoor Pursuits, a program that lets students participate in activities in an open-air environment.

"Outdoor Pursuits is offered as a part of Campus Recreation's mission to students to encourage them to be healthy," said Outdoor Pursuits coordinator Scott Zimmerman. It also encourages mental as well as physical health through activities that can be both physically and mentally demanding, such as hiking and backpacking.

The program offers day, weekend, and week-long trips or adventures like backpacking through the Great Smoky Mountains in West Virginia and day hikes to Old Man's Cave in Ohio. Ski and snowboard trips are also options, and trips include cross-country skiing at Laurel Ridge State Park in Pennsylvania and Mad River Mountain in Ohio. Most of the trips cost a minimal fee, and students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community are all welcome to participate.

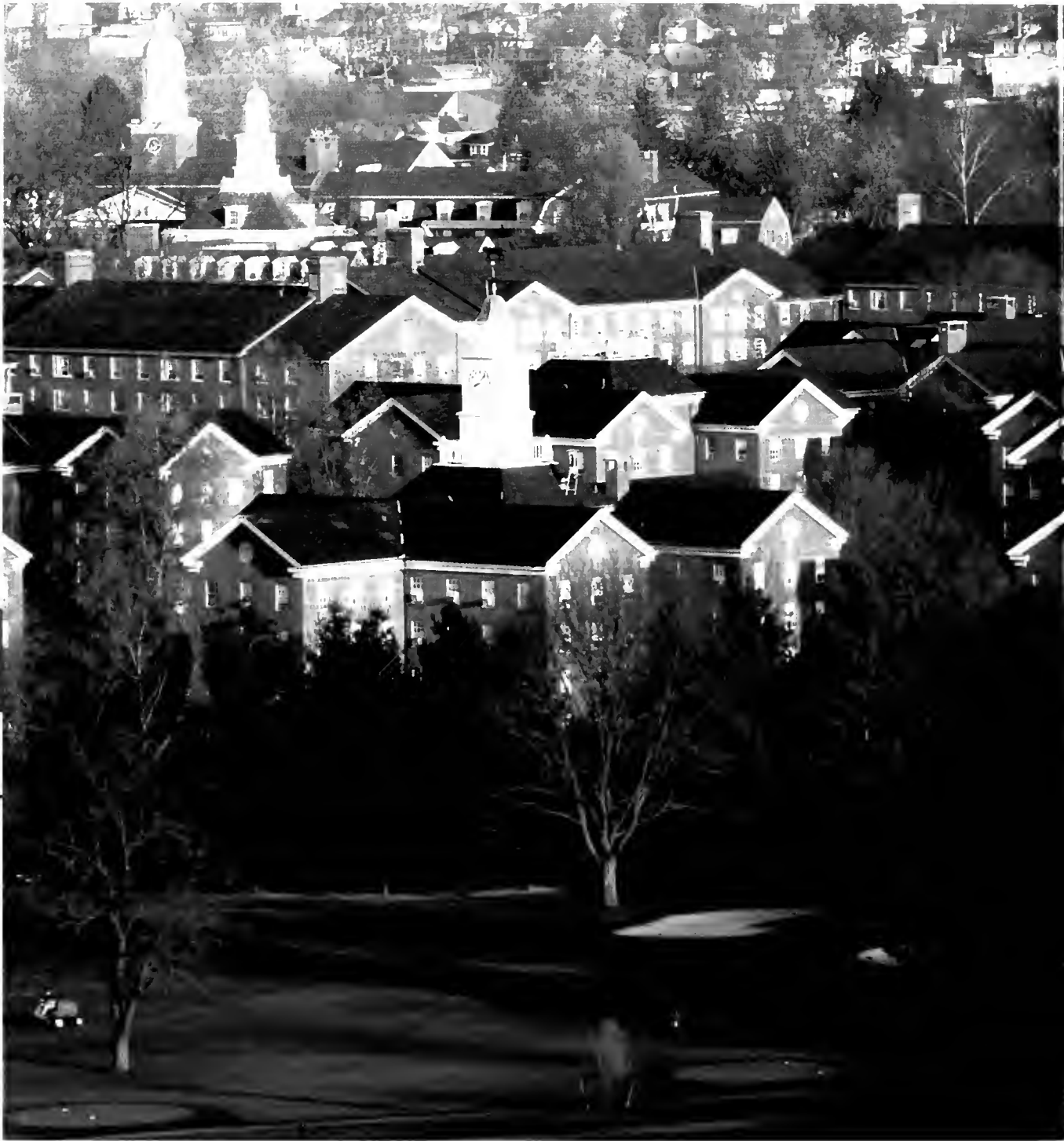
But not all of the program's activities are away from campus. The Indoor Climbing Wall, located in the lobby of the Charles J. Ping Recreation Center, is a recreational structure on two sides, with one more physically demanding than the other. They both measure 13 x 36 feet, which means it offers 36 feet of climbing surface. In the fall and spring quarters, the Climbing Tower, located at the Ridges, is a 42-foot vertical limb and can be used during select operating hours. Outdoor Pursuits also offers classes to both certify climbers who want to challenge others and help more experienced climbers gain advanced knowledge.

Also on campus is the Outdoor Pursuits Challenge Course, which is also known as a ropes course. This course challenges participants to use teamwork to complete physical and mental tasks. It strives to be not a measure of individual strength, but a test of people's abilities to work as a group by promoting team effort, group problem-solving skills, and strong communication skills. The demands of the low and high challenge course are designed to build self-confidence and leadership skills while also developing group relations.

One of the most popular activities offered by Outdoor Pursuits is the scuba class. Through the Physical Education Department, participants can become trained scuba divers and even go on trips with groups. This year over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, the program took a group to Florida for a glance at the underwater life. Over spring break, a trip is planned for the Bahamas as well.

For students interested in getting a jump-start on the benefits of Outdoor Pursuits, an orientation called New Adventures is offered ten days before classes even start. The trip is from Athens to Minnesota where the group canoes over various lakes and rivers for seven days. The program is a great way for incoming students to meet new people and build strong bonds with their peers.

Maybe the biggest benefit of the program is the rental and resale center, which offers all the equipment needed for the various trips. This center enables participants to get the full enjoyment out of their experiences without feeling like they are losing their wallets.





# Residence Life

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South Green in the Fall.  
Photograph by Alicia Whissel



## RA's and SA's

IN EVERY RESIDENCE HALL, RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RAs) and Security Aides (SAs) help students to settle into life away from home. From organizing floor and hall events to passing along information, RAs and SAs are on campus to help students.

RAs live in the residence halls with their peers and are in charge of helping students ease into campus life. They also plan activities throughout the year. In some halls the floors may get together for movie nights or celebrating birthdays or even to watch a game.

While SAs also work very closely with their peers, they are not required to live on campus. SAs often deal with violations against school policy or, at times, even the law. RAs, although not always on duty, are always in the residence halls, while SAs are on duty Thursdays through Saturdays.

In order to become an RA or an SA, students must have at least 15 credit hours, must maintain an accumulative GPA of 2.25, and must pass a background of their judicial history. Each quarter, students have the opportunity to apply to for the positions by going to the different green offices to get information. Both also take classes in order to prepare themselves for situations and working with people before beginning to work with students.

However, neither position is an easy job. RAs and SAs must handle many different situations and despite classes and training, real situations can be very different. Sometimes situations are met that are difficult, said Eric Long, an RA in James Hall on West Green.

"The hardest part [of being an RA] is probably being in a situation where you feel uncomfortable, dealing with confrontation or topics that you are trained for, but hope to never encounter," said Long.

Despite the work, there are also many benefits to the positions. Both RAs and SAs receive salaries, and those living in the residence halls are given their own room along with saving money on room and board. The program also has bonuses like quarterly Bobcat Cash and pay increases according to hours of work. Being involved with the programs also gives students opportunities in leadership and working in situations with a variety of people.

"I like being an RA because I can educate the unknowing residents about a wide variety of information and help them understand many life lessons they might encounter within the residence halls that may affect them later in life," Long said.

*By Jennifer H. Hays*





# West Green



SINCE WEST GREEN IS SO CLOSE TO MOST OF THE athletic facilities such as the Ping and Convocation Centers and many of the outdoor playing fields, it is no surprise that many residents are athletes or try to remain active at Ping or by just playing sports outside on the lawns.

"The majority of West is athletes," said first-year James Hall resident Marc Hilko.

Last quarter, Resident Assistants on West Green held a flag football game in which teams were set up in the residence halls and played teams from other residence halls.

"It was our floor and the girls on the fourth floor, and we played other dorm teams," explained Hilko.

Organized group activities such as flag football are not rare on West Green. RAs on West Green, like those on the other greens, try to keep students active, involved and social. This helps students feel

more comfortable in their environment.

West Green is close to the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Health and Human Services, and Engineering and Technology.

The always-popular engineering building, Stocker, is located on West Green and seems secluded to those residents who live on other greens. For second-year Engineering major Anthony Schwartz of East Green, Stocker holds most of his classes and the 10 to 15-minute walk in the cold winter isn't exactly something he looks forward to each day.

"There needs to be a bus just for engineers who have to go there four times a day," said Schwartz of his multiple trips across the campus, "or a helicopter," he joked.

Although Schwartz must face the "frigid" walk each day to Stocker, when springtime comes, he is rather delighted to walk through the middle of West Green, where students are sprawled across the lawns on either side of the pathway.





West Green, unlike South and East, lies right across Richland Avenue, so instead of climbing Morton or Jeff Hill, students generally go uptown or to classrooms via the Richland Avenue Bridge or the steps behind Porter Hall.

"I like Richland Bridge better than Morton or Jeff Hills," said Mike Smith, a second-year student living in Sargent Hall on West.

Although some people enjoy crossing the Richland Bridge, it can be a little less enjoyable for one civil engineering major, Andrew Wargo, who travels daily to Stocker Center.

"They have a serious drainage problem and water backs up on the lawns when it rains," said Wargo. "There is a lot of water down the main walkway, but it only happens when it rains," he said.

West Green includes Boyd and the recently renovated Bromley Hall, which is located uptown, which contain the green's dining halls. Boyd also has a convenience store that is similar to the Nelson Market on South or the Shively market on East. All the residence

halls, excluding the Convocation Center and Bromley, are traditional style with community bathrooms that were built in the 1960s.

"The location is nice and I love the playful squirrels outside in the fall," said Hilko of his green. "It is close to my classes and close to the bars," he added.

by Elizabeth Gomer





# East Green



AS THE OLDEST RESIDENTIAL GREEN, BUILT IN THE 1940s and 50s, East green features traditional-style living quarters, with community bathrooms and one to three students per dorm room. Although there are no "mods," East green offers two dining halls: Shively and Jefferson, while South Green only has one dining hall. Since students have such busy schedules and they don't always have time to check into a dining hall and sit down for meals, Shively offers a "Grab and Go" where the dining hall food is served take-out style. With this advantage, students can sit down outside their classrooms and do that last minute studying, eat and not be late to class.

The Shively Market, which was renovated in 2003, accepts unused meals from the Super 14 or 20 meal plans in exchange for groceries.

"The Shively market is an excellent convenience to have at my disposal," says Ryan Navaroli, a second year student and first

year resident of Shively. "I have the super 14 meal plan and I am glad to save a few extra meals which give me spending money to buy snacks, which I bring up to my room and enjoy," he said. Jefferson dining hall plays host to the ever-favored "Wok Bar" for dinner Monday through Friday. Although regular dining hall food is served in addition to the Wok Bar, many students prefer the change. It gives students the opportunity to grab fresh veggies, meat, rice or even noodles and cook them in a wok right before their very eyes.

"The Wok Bar is a good idea, and I hope that they put it more times during the day," said sophomore Gamertsfelder Resident Mark McGlynn.

While celebrations for Halloween stirred in students' minds across campus, East Green is celebrated a week in advance with Octoberfeast. This special occasion was held outside in front of Johnson Hall and was hosted by East Green Residence Assistants. There was music, carnival foods and a hayride that took students



Photos courtesy of Rick Fatica.

the Ridges.

In addition to Octoberfest, East Green also hosted cookouts and luaus, and offered free treats to students.

"I went with some friends across the street to Lincoln, where we were able to get free ice cream," said Johnson Hall resident Evan Witte. "It was a treat to be able to leave my studies for a while and get some ice cream," he said.

Within the complexes on East Green, Hall Council members usually set up a cookout that is offered to the dorms in a particular complex.

"I went to a Gam/Tiff cookout which was a success," said McGlynn. "I was glad to get out and throw the ball around with my friends. East Green is the Prime location because it is set directly at the heart of campus," he said.

For some, the location of East Green is the most promising and enjoyable feature. For others, however, it is the way it looks. Katie Brandt, who is a sophomore in Johnson Hall, she says it's the

layout that she likes.

"I like the way all the buildings are, versus West Green where they're all across from each other with the open area in the middle," said Brandt. "I like the people too, and after living on East for the last two years, I recognize and know a lot of them," continued Brandt.

By Elizabeth Comer



# South Green



SEPTEMBER 2003 MARKED THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF the South Green Games, which had a huge level of participation, according to officials on the Green. For this annual event, students from Ohio University's South Green can join with their dorm-mates to participate in activities such as sports or banner making, which are planned for enjoyment and held on the giant lawns in front of the Green for an entire week. These games kick off the school year and provide a chance for fellow mod members to get to know one another as well as the rest of the students living on South.


"The banners we made at the South Green games were strung up in Nelson for everyone to see. It was pretty cool," said sophomore and Dougan House resident, Erin Shirley.

There are 19 residence halls on South Green, all of which were built in the 1960's and 70s. Many students refer to the four older buildings that serve as the front of South Green as "The Front

Four." These four are different from the other 15 residence halls on South because they are traditional style with community bathrooms. The other halls on South have "mods," which hold 12-15 people in either a single or a double room setup. The students in the "mod" share a lounge and six people to each bathroom. The "mods" set South Green apart from its neighboring Green, East Green, which has only single, double or triple rooms which are all traditional style.

"I like the lounge in my mod," said sophomore Mike Rolitsky, a resident of the Weld House. Rolitsky also said that it is nice to have somewhere to hang out and socialize other than the dorm room.

South Green's convenient location to the departments of mathematics, chemistry, physics and astronomy gives students a less-than-10-minute walk to many of their classes. It is also located close to the Ping recreational center as well as the campus golf course than either of the other residential greens.



(the Nelson commons, the official dining hall of South Green, a "Grab and Go," offers students the options of take-out pizza, chicken strips, fries and cookies, which is a change from the regular dining hall food offered in the "Grab and Go's" in Shively and Boyd.

"I walk to Nelson Grab and Go to get away from the crowded line of the regular dining halls because it is faster, freshly made and more enjoyable," said East Green resident Julie Dougherty.

Also located in the Nelson commons is the Nelson market, where, every Saturday, those students who haven't used up all their credit for 16 or 20 meals can be found picking up snacks, pop, candy or anything they want or need. This is because the excess meals of the meal plan, if unused, serve as cash for the students to purchase groceries, school utensils, ice cream and snacks at campus grocery locations.

"After my pizza I stop at the Nelson Market to grab a candy bar for my walk back to East Green," said Dougherty, who uses her Beat Cash to buy her treat.

A newer addition to the Nelson Commons is the gift shop across from the Nelson Market. Gifts such as OU sweatshirts, mugs and teddy bears can be purchased here. Also, students who are craving something more than a candy bar can buy fancier sweets in bulk. Students' favorite candy, whether it is Swedish fish, gummies, or Sour Patch Kids, can be scooped into a bag and weighed for their delight in the gift shop.

"South Green is a very pretty green and, for the most part, very quiet," says Shirley and fellow mod member Brittany Free. "Maybe the reason for the silence is because we are way out in the boonies," the two joked.

By Elizabeth Comer



# Greek Life



# Greek Life

WITH 20 FRATERNITIES AND 12 SORORITIES CURRENTLY active on campus, it is difficult to cover every activity and event that Ohio University's Greek life population has participated in over the past year. It is probably better to describe their influence through select examples. For the 2003-04 school year, 14 percent of all students on campus were members of a fraternity or sorority, and here is what they accomplished.

According to Michael Sprinkle, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, recruitment numbers were stable with no unfortunate events occurring. "Things have gone relatively smooth," he said.

OU welcomed their second historically Latino-oriented sorority to campus. Sigma Lambda Gamma aimed to have 20 members by the close of spring quarter. "I am so proud of them," said Rosalie Romano, advisor. This year Sigma Lambda Gamma received their Greek letters, created their bylaws and co-hosted a "Dove Ball" with the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity in late February, a dance which invited all students to come and get to know their members.

Several Greek organizations partnered with Extended Orientation to bring T.J. Leydon, a former neo-Nazi white

supremacist, to OU's campus to speak about the fight against hate and hate-crimes.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) hosted a "Greek Open House" in order to familiarize others about OU's multicultural Greek organizations. The event drew about 150 people. Other events such as the NPHC and Alpha Psi Lambda's "Greek 101" and the quarterly "Icebreaker Dance" continue to raise awareness of minority Greek life on campus.

More than \$2,500 was donated to the Big Brother/Big Sister organization by a collection of Greek organizations who participated in the annual Omega Mouth lip-synching competition. In other Greek Homecoming events, another \$2,500 was donated to the "Five Angels Foundation" in honor of the three OU Alpha Gamma Delta women who were killed in the April 2003 house fire at The Ohio State University.

Alpha Phi Alpha, OU's historically first African-American Greek-lettered organization, celebrated its 85th year on campus spring quarter. To commemorate, the brothers planned a weekend of festivities for Black Alumni Weekend in May, allowing them to reflect





where the Phi chapter has been and where it is headed.

Members of Beta Theta Pi returned to a rebuilt and remodeled home in September. The university helped to house the members of the fraternity who did not have a home in Bromley Hall until Beta alumni Eric Coon and Les Cornwell of Cornwell Rentals oversaw the \$500,000 rebuilding project.

Kappa Alpha Psi continued to raise awareness about the still unsolved murder case of Terris Ross. The fraternity passed out flyers on several occasions as well as hosted a fundraiser at College Gate. Other minority Greek organizations continue to raise money for Ross' family and push for the solving of his murder.

The Student Alumni Board hosted a "Yell Like Hell" pep rally. Heather Henry told The Post that the homecoming pep rally that was "bigger than last year." Music from the Marching 110 filled the corner of College and Union as members of Greek organizations showed their support for a hopeful MAC football victory.

Members of Alpha Psi Lambda, a co-ed Hispanic fraternity, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council protested and threatened to boycott College Book Store after their merchandise had been removed

from the store's Greek section. Michael Brown, president of the OU National Pan-Hellenic council, told The Post that he felt the store's actions contributed to the obscurity of groups that he thinks already are marginalized due to their relatively small chapter sizes. Following the protests, College Book Store eventually replaced the merchandise.

By Paul Kita

**October 10** A sorority member passes out candy to children on the corner of Union and College Streets during the OU bicentennial homecoming parade. (Photo: Al...) [View Photo](#)

**October 11** Kappa Alpha Psi brothers Frank Sanders and Julio Cumba. (Photo: N...) [View Photo](#)





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Opposite: A barbeque for the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Sitting (L to R): Joy Wilson, Larae Booker, and Michelle Ward Standing (L to R): Crystal Alexander, Monique Taylor, Danita Brown, and Nicole Long. Photo courtesy of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Above: Three sorority sisters ride along on a float and cheer in celebration of OU's bicentennial homecoming during the annual parade. Photo by Alicia Whissel

Left: Alpha Psi Lambda's Daniel Para, winner of the Black Student Cultural Programming Board Homecoming Pageant. Photo courtesy of the National Pan-Hellenic Council



Above: The Men of Alpha Phi Alpha (L to R): Karl Daniels, James Hamilton and Kendall Frenche. Photo courtesy of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

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On the right: A sorority and a fraternity member portray the styles of past generations of Ohio University students on a float in the OU bicentennial homecoming parade. Photo by Alan V. Wilson

# 2004 Greek Organizations

## Fraternities

Acacia  
President: Adam Bodenmiller

Alpha Epsilon Pi  
President: David Friedman

Alpha Phi Alpha  
President: Karl Daniels

Alpha Psi Lambda  
President: Arturo Reyes

Beta Theta Pi  
President: Ryan Moore

Delta Lambda Phi  
President: Joseph Dudek

Delta Tau Delta  
President: Quentin Arndts

Delta Upsilon  
President: Joseph Gibson

Kappa Alpha Psi  
President: Julio Cumba

Lambda Chi Alpha  
President: Zachary Pyers

Phi Beta Sigma  
President: Michael Brown

Phi Delta Theta  
President: Dane Gross

Phi Gamma Delta  
President: Anthony Albanese

Phi Kappa Tau  
President: William Harcourt

Phi Kappa Theta  
President: Christopher Whitaker

Pi Kappa Alpha  
President: Brandon Kordic

Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
President: Dustin Smurdon

Sigma Phi Epsilon  
President: Richard Heyeck

Theta Chi  
President: Benjamin Wickert

## Sororities

Alpha Delta Pi  
President: Molly Devine

Alpha Gamma Delta  
President: Lindsey Schoenberg

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
President: Larae Booker

Alpha Omicron Pi  
President: Danna Roberts

Alpha Xi Delta  
President: Oriana Pietrangelo

Chi Omega  
President: Alyson Boggs

Delta Gamma  
President: Jennifer Davis

Delta Sigma Theta  
Advisor: Danita Brown

Delta Zeta  
President: Kimberly Ellison

Pi Beta Phi  
President: Jessica Jung

Rho Lambda  
President: Suzanne Schildhouse

Sigma Kappa  
President: Mary Ginder

Sigma Lambda Gamma  
President: Jisabelle Garcia





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PHI — members of Phi Kappa Psi Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.





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Above: A Delta Sigma Theta informational. Photo courtesy of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.



Above: President Larae Booker leads an Alpha Kappa Alpha informational. Photo courtesy of National Pan-Hellenic Council.

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# Student Activities

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my Schurrer, president of the Newman  
up at Christ the King University Parish,  
s for the piece of bubblegum buried in  
whipped cream pie during the Newman  
mpics on Feb. 4, 2004. Photograph by  
cia Whissel



EXPLORING AND SHARING THE CULTURE, THOUGHTS, and perspectives of African American students along with minority students on campus: this is the purpose of the Black Student Cultural Programming Board (BSCPb). According to Crystal Alexander, a member of BSCPb, the organization is annually funded, and its primary goal is to increase cultural awareness in the Ohio University and surrounding community. The BSCPb is especially proud of its work because "it is one of very few organizations on campus with a goal such as this and the resources to actually meet the goal," said Alexander.

The activities that the BSCPb holds each year are aimed at meeting the organization's goal. During the year, the Black Student Cultural Programming Board sponsors a variety of events. Some of the organization's biggest and most popular include K is for Kwanza, the Hip Hop Concert on Siblings Weekend and the Unity Fest.

K is for Kwanza is a program that is done in Athens elementary schools in which members work with the students to introduce the holiday and its seven principles. During the day at the elementar

## BSCPb

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schools, members lead games and activities to show these principles, including sharing and community. The Hip Hop Concert is especially exciting because of the national performing artists that the organization has brought to campus in the past, like Busta Rhymes, who came to Ohio University last winter. The Unity Fest takes place the last weekend before Spring Quarter finals in McCracken Fields and is a completely free event open to all students on campus. Offering food prizes, and games, it often includes a water fight, a boxing ring, laser tag, and even a dunk tank.

For Bianca Butts, treasurer of BSCPb, being a member and on the executive board is rewarding because of how it helps develop leadership skills.

"With all of the responsibility come opportunities to work and interact with others, including other executive members from different organizations," said Butts. She also explained how she enjoys being an executive member and implementing the programming that the organization works on in order to make a difference.

By Jennter Bishop



The National Communication Association's mission is to promote effective and ethical communication by supporting the communication research, teaching, public service, and practice of a diverse community of scholars, educators, administrators, students, practitioners, and publics. This is exactly what the Ohio University's branch strives to promote quarterly.

Senior Visual Communication major and current president of NCASC Kristie Wellman said, "We are constantly trying to provide communication majors with the opportunities and tools they need to be successful throughout and after their college experience." Wellman continued, "I've made valuable contacts and friendships that will go beyond college. NCASC has also enhanced my leadership, planning and time management skills."

The NCASC holds many activities throughout the year on campus to promote fundraising and community service, and provides networking opportunities and social activities. It holds fundraisers such as serving grilled cheese uptown and serving and receiving tips at

the Red Brick Tavern. These events raise money for the organization and the NCASC scholarship. They have participated in community service activities such as First Alarm, distributing fire alarms and batteries around Athens; Relay for Life; and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, taking underprivileged children to places like Old Man's Cave and hockey games.

The NCASC holds networking trips to places like the Limited, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and Mills James Productions to help its members learn about their majors and how they will be useful in future careers. NCASC also travels back to high schools to promote the Ohio University College of Communication. The organization also holds socials at the Pigskin, Red Brick, and the Rollerbowl to provide members opportunities to get to know one another and relax. Mike Naso, senior Organizational Communication major and current treasurer of NCASC states, "NCASC has enhanced my college experience by giving me the opportunity to take place in our events, and has enabled me to meet many friends and faculty members."

By Jessica Moss



# The Newman Community

THE NEWMAN COMMUNITY IS A STUDENT ORGANIZATION centered around God, with activities based on service, education, worship and fellowship. The Newman Community serves to provide—through the Catholic faith service—education, worship and social aspects by means of food, fun, faith and friends.

“The Newman community is a great way to meet friends with similar values and interests,” said Vicki De Santos, treasurer. Newman Youth Group participates in a variety of activities, including ice-skating, movie nights, trips to Lancaster and formals. On homecoming weekend, some members got together to eat and attend the football game. Similarly, for Sibs weekend, members and their sibs went to lunch and to the basketball game.

The Newman Community also sponsor many fundraisers. These have included pancake breakfasts, exam baskets and a special Benefit concert at O’Hooley’s. Fifty percent of the proceeds from this concert went to charity, and the other half went into the Newman treasury.

Newman offers a variety of service opportunities in the parish as well as the Athens community. For one service meeting, the Athens Community High School Youth Group joined members for a night of fun and fellowship. Once each quarter the Newman Community held a “Parents Night Out.” Parents dropped off their children, and the Newman Community members babysat them for free. This allowed the parents to go out, have fun, and know that their kids were safe and in good hands.

The Newman Community is completely run by students, and, this year, its leaders were President Jim Schurrer, Vice President Amanda Williams, Secretary Sarah Polace and the Treasurer Vicki DeSantos. The organization met on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King University Parish Center. *By Kalene Kuzma*



Top Left: Members of the Newman Community pause for a nature break during their retreat during Fall 2004. Photo by Alicia Whissel

Bottom Left: Members of the Newman Community make Valentines for each other during a service meeting. During the evening, they also made Valentines and decorated cookies for the staff at Christ the King Community Parish. Photo by Alicia Whissel

Top Right: Becca Wood sings during a practice before the Fall concert. Photo by Alicia Whissel

Bottom Right: Members of the Women's Chorale perform during their Fall concert at Memorial Auditorium. Photo by Alicia Whissel



## Women's Chorale

OHIO UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CHORALE, DIRECTED BY Peter Jarjisian and aided by graduate students, is a student organization headed by Student President Jewelée Peters, but it is also a class with credit towards graduation.

To become a member, interested students had to audition, and after they had been accepted, they were able to return to the group each quarter. The Chorale rehearsed three times a week. Because it was set up as a class, the Women's Chorale changed members each quarter, although there were veterans in the group.

"There is a fellowship," said Kristina Holz, a third-year student who has been with the Women's Chorale for seven quarters.

During the year, the Women's Chorale gave several performances and even performed with other musical groups on campus. The Women's Chorale worked with the University's student orchestra for a Halloween Concert, and also worked with other groups like the Singing Men of Ohio.

The Women's Chorale gave one of its biggest concerts during Homecoming Weekend. The Women's Chorale performed a variety of music, from traditional to "Queen of Soul," a tribute to Aretha Franklin and "Team Heat" from the musical "Pajama Game."

Within the Women's Chorale was another, smaller group known as Title 9, which is comprised of Women's Chorale members who auditioned a second time to be in the smaller group. Singing an a cappella, Title 9 performed at the same concerts as the Women's Chorale, but the members also performed at other special events and have even sung the national anthem at Ohio University hockey games.

The Women's Chorale had to plan ahead to accomplish its goals. Throughout the year, the Chorale gave performances and organized fundraisers to help pay for its costs, including the dresses that all the members wore during performances. One of the Chorale's biggest goals was to raise money for its 2005 spring break trip: a cruise where the members can relax, but will also have the chance to perform.



# OU Fulbright Scholars Association

THE OHIO UNIVERSITY FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION is one of the newest additions to the many organizations on campus. Just over two years old, the organization hosts Fulbright scholars and students studying and performing research at OU under the Fulbright Program as well as faculty and Fulbright alumni. The program, also known as the Flagship International Educational Exchange Program, is sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to enhance understanding between Americans and people of other nations.

A group of Fulbright students founded the organization early in 2002. "The students realized they didn't have an organization that could connect them all," said Fulbright Scholars Association President Syahgena Ardhila.

The objectives of the organization include: providing a forum for discussion on educational and international issues, promoting international awareness and friendship at Ohio University and within the Athens community and providing assistance to new and visiting Fulbright scholars. "Because we're very new and we're still learning

things, this year our goal is to promote our organization to a wider community," Ardhila said.

To achieve its objectives each year, the organization, with approximately 25 to 30 students, hosts many activities such as student panels, cultural open houses and orientations for new Fulbright students. The group also has at least one potluck gathering per quarter. This year, the Fulbright Scholars Association held a film screening in February. With the film screening, the group hoped "to give exposure to international cultural and social issues," Ardhila said.

This year's officers were President Syahgena Ardhila, Vice President Michelle Garzaro, Treasurer Gabriela CastaCeda, Secretary Alicya Lloyd, Socio-Cultural Committee Chair Nita Murjani, Communications Committee Chair Jesus Sanchez and Academic Committee Chair Edgar Ek.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State administers the Fulbright Program, which was established in 1946.

By Bethany Miller



Above, Left: OUFSA executives Nita Murjani, Syahgena Ardhila, Gabriela Castaneda and Alicya Lloyd hold their regular meeting at The Front Room.



Above, Right: OUFSA members enjoy food and sunshine at the Fall 2003 Welcome Picnic and Orientation.

Right: Current OUFSA officers: Gabriela Castaneda, Nita Murjani, Michelle Garzaro, Alicya Lloyd and Syahgena Ardhila. Officers not pictured are Jesus Luis Sanchez and Edgar Ek. All OUFSA photos submitted by OUFSA.

Opposite, Top: Fashion Associates officers: Melissa Roth, Samantha Honaker, Abby Gilmer, Chris Kokal, Shannon Tracey, Amanda Champ, Carly Evans and Maura Hudson.

Opposite, Left: Fashion Associates members Katie Sanders, Carly Evans, Chris Kokal, Melissa Roth and Abby Gilmer enjoy the winter social.

Opposite, Right: Carly Evans, Chris Kokal, Melissa Roth, Samantha Honaker and Justine Ames sell treats at College Gate at the fall quarter fundraiser. All Fashion Associates photos submitted by Fashion Associates.





## Fashion Associates

FASHION ASSOCIATES, A STUDENT ORGANIZATION within the College of Health and Human Services, had a year of growth in more than one way. President of the organization, Melissa Roth, said active membership almost doubled from last year to about 100 members. The organization consists mostly of Retail Merchandising majors, but is open to all majors.

"This year, one thing we focused on was getting students from a variety of majors, interests, and knowledge to expand the organization," said Roth. Besides retail merchandising, students from the College of Fine Arts, College of Communication and College of Business have joined Fashion Associates.

The event that Fashion Associates is known for is its Annual Women's Weekend Fashion Show, held every spring at Ping Center. The show features student design and artwork and is totally produced by students.

"The show is entirely planned by students, including cater-

ing, model recruitment, wardrobe, stylists, venues, music, lighting and advertising," Roth said.

All of the proceeds from the show go to a local charity. Last year, My Sister's Place, a local abused women's shelter, received the proceeds. Roth said Fashion Associates and the Fashion Show have helped her learn about local causes and that the organization is a good way for students to get involved in local philanthropy.

While members of Fashion Associates gain opportunities to help local charities, they also get professional experience. The organization brings speakers from the industry to its weekly meetings. Speakers have included local business owners, entrepreneurs and OC Professors.

"I've really made a lot of contacts for when I'm finished with school," said Roth, a senior who is beginning the job search. "I've gotten to know the merchandising professionals really well. They've taught me things I couldn't learn in a classroom."





## Singing Men of Ohio

THE SINGING MEN OF OHIO IS THE PREMIER MALE VOCAL ensemble at Ohio University. SMO, as it is commonly referred to, is a class in the School of Music which meets 3 days a week for 1 credit hour. But the credit earned doesn't, by any means, represent the amount of work put in by the 90-plus men in SMO.

The group, originally called the Ohio University Men's Glee Club, was restarted by the late Dr. Ira T. Zook in 1989 after a 20-year hiatus. The choir became known as The Singing Men of Ohio in 1995. Along with the name change, SMO created an executive committee, a group crest and went from wearing tuxedos to the famous Green Blazers.

The current director is Assistant Professor of Voice, Raymond Feener. Professor Feener was one of the original members of the glee club in 1989 and as a graduate student, assisted Dr. Zook in the transition to The Singing Men of Ohio in 1995. He is in his third year at Ohio University, following in the footsteps of the late Dr. Zook and interim director Richard D. Mathey.

Each spring, the Singing Men entertain audiences throughout the world during their spring break tour. SMO has performed in New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., Ohio, Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Toronto and even China. This year the group will travel to Indiana, Kansas City, Denver, Omaha and Wyoming.

SMO was invited to Columbus, Ohio, where it performed in the Ohio Music Educators Association Professional Conference on February 5th, 2004. This was the first time the group had been selected to perform at the conference.

On April 24th, The Singing Men of Ohio performed with the legendary Bobby McFerrin as part of the Ohio University Performing Arts Series.

Within SMO is a 12-member a cappella group called Section 8. The group, which started in 1991, released their debut



album "We May Be Disturbed" in the fall and will host the 2nd annual Ohio University A Cappella Invitational on May 29th.

The Singing Men of Ohio is an official ensemble of the School of Music, but is also registered as a student organization. This is a true brotherhood in song. For more information about SMO, visit [www.ohio.edu/smo](http://www.ohio.edu/smo). "Cuz when you SMO....you SMO for life." Story submitted by the Singing Men of Ohio

Top: The Singing Men of Ohio practice in the parking lot next to Peden Stadium prior to singing the national anthem. Photo submitted by SMO

Above: Section 8, a 12-member a cappella group within Singing Men of Ohio, pose for the cover of their recently released album. Photo submitted by SMO

THE OHIO UNIVERSITY ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION, also known as OUAA and Ad ClubF is a professional organization that is affiliated with the American Advertising Federation. OUAA invites speakers directly from the businesses of advertising, public relations, promotions and graphic design to its weekly meetings. OUAA also offers pre-professional training in the form of resume building, job interview training and networking experience.

OUAA traveled to two professional conferences, one in New York City in October and one in Chicago in February. The conferences allowed members to learn more about the advertising industry, network with professionals in the industry, and meet with alumni at Alumni Receptions. While in New York, Ad Club members had the rare opportunity of touring the offices of Saatchi & Saatchi, the Global Agency of the Year. Members also toured the New York Times and had breakfast with Stuart Elliot, the advertising columnist for the paper.

Each year, OUAA competes in the National Student Advertising Competition, which requires college student advertising organizations to create an entire advertising campaign for a real-world company who needs a fresh perspective on its own campaign. This year's client was Florida Tourism.

In addition to its hard work and professional activities, Ad

Club also participates in community service, fundraisers and social events. The major community service project OUAA took on this year was organizing the College of Communication Blood Drive in partnership with the Public Relations Student Society of America.

"From start to finish, our club was there, getting donations, publicizing, and eventually, rolling up ad clubbers' sleeves," said Megan Averll, senior and President of OUAA. "In the face of a blood shortage, it was a big event for us."

Fundraisers included designing and selling advertising-related Halloween t-shirts, selling grilled cheese sandwiches and showing a romantic comedy in Morton Hall for Valentine's Day.

According to Avell, the long hours OUAA members devote to the club is worth every minute. "Almost all of our alumni are working in the business right now," she said. "For the younger students, OUAA is a great jumping-off point, a great way to tell if advertising is right for them. For older members, we have a high placement of jobs right out of school, not only because of the work we produce and show employers, but also because of the networking contacts already made and cultivated."

OUAA had open meetings every Wednesday at 11:00 in Scripps Hall and invited members from all majors.

# Ohio University Advertising Association

Below: Members of OUAA's executive board pose at their first meeting of the year. Top Row: Ashley Kline, Katie Ingersoll, Andrea Kartley. Second Row: Ming Tsang, Hvalac, Erica Lutterbein, Kelly Bucher. Third Row: Megan Averell, Phillip Reynolds, Hillary Hempstead, Jessica Folger, Nick Felch. Photo submitted by OUAA.

Right: Guests at OUAA's annual New Years in November social wait for the clock to strike midnight. Photo submitted by OUAA.

Bottom Right: Kelly Bucher, Nick Felch, Ming Tsang and Erica Lutterbein grill hamburgers and hot dogs at the executive board retreat. Photo submitted by OUAA.



# UPC

THE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM COUNCIL (UPC) is an organization run by volunteer students who take interest in planning campus entertainment events. Marisa Long, who currently serves as the president, emphasizes that the organization strives to arrange "a diverse array of social, cultural, educational, recreational and entertainment programs." This way, no matter what one's interests may entail, he or she can find a program to enjoy.

UPC takes responsibility for organizing events on Dads and Moms Weekends, running the Homecoming parade, showing Midnight Movies at the Athena, planning concerts and organizing a plethora of other smaller programs. The organization receives its financial support from the Student Activities Commission (SAC), which helps to fund other programming organizations as well. Every year, UPC has to plan a budget to present to SAC for approval.

The members of UPC, student leaders in their own right, sacrifice a lot of time and work diligently to keep the organization going. One event alone may require several months of preparation. According to Long, members like Natalie Pariano, who serves as one of the Special Events chairs, and Lee Freedman, the Public Relations chair, have demonstrated true passion for the organization in the past year.

UPC often aids other organizations, such as Student Senate, in putting together events, and sometimes serves as a co-sponsor. It sponsored Al Franken with the College Democrats, for example. This spring UPC will collaborate with the Black Student Cultural Programming Board and the International Student Union, two other influential programming councils, to arrange the major concert of the quarter.

"It would be impossible to bring quality programs without student input and involvement," said Long.

Those interested in becoming involved with UPC may join its street team at any time during the year. The organization's annual elections for executive positions occur at the end of winter quarter.

Some UPC events to remember include a speech given by a former skinhead in Baker Ballroom, which sold out, and a lecture given by Ana Gasteyer.

Long said, "The ability to bring educational and entertaining programs that students enjoy is gratifying, which makes the hard work worthwhile." Simply put, without UPC, many campus events would not happen.

By Noreen Rogot



Photo: Alan W. Lee  
Lindsay Mazza, a sophomore in Communications from Cincinnati, helps paint Ohio University's Graffiti Wall to announce an upcoming event for the University Program Council. Photo by Alan W. Lee.

Photo: Alan W. Lee  
Jasmine Lee, a junior from Cleveland, Ohio, majoring in Retail Merchandising, helps paint Ohio University's Graffiti Wall to announce an upcoming event for the University Program Council. Photo by Alan W. Lee.





## Synchronized Skating



OVERCOMING THE ODDS, THE OHIO UNIVERSITY Synchronized Skating Team earned its place this fall as a club sport. In the past there was a team, but it was many years ago, and it broke apart over time, according to team member Christina Yednock. In fall 2003 the team was reformed under the leadership of one of its members, Nadia Peskar. Currently, the team consists of 10 members, many of whom are new to the sport. Peskar, who, as the team's most experienced skater, is also taking on the task of coaching her teammates.

During the week, the team practices both on and off the ice. Twice a week, the team works out late at night at Ping Center while the members spend the other two practices on the ice at Byrd Arena whenever open skate is available. Comparing the sport to synchronized swimming, Yednock said that it is similar; there are routines that the group goes through, but on the ice there is also a wider variety of moves that can be done.

In order to help pay for equipment and other costs, the team members have done several fundraisers. So far, the most successful have included a bake sale, selling "Ohio Skating" shirts and selling 50/50 raffle tickets with the Hockey Team at hockey games and then splitting the earnings.

The season lasts from the fall through the winter quarters, with most of the competitions out of state. So far OU's Synchronized Skating team has been to one competition early in January in Fraser, Michigan, but the team hopes to travel to Cleveland in March for another. The experience was really good for the team, Yednock said. "It was a proud moment," she said.

This year has been a triumphant one for the team in many ways. Yednock explained that one of the greatest challenges has been getting everything together, organizing practices and time on the ice. "We are trying to achieve what no one thought we could," said Yednock, proudly.

Left: Annie Doyle and Nadia Peskar get ready to perform at the Mid-American Synchronized Skating Championships, held January 17-18 at Fraser Ice Skating Club in Fraser, Michigan.

Right: The Synchronized Skating Team performs at the January 23 Ohio Hockey game.

Center: The team poses at the January 10 Ohio Hockey game. First Row: Nadia Peskar, Danielle Speicher, Kim Ryan, Robin Pfingst, Elissa Bookbinder, Kate Berline. Second Row: Jana Willan, Lindsay Crawford, Annie Dowle, Christina Yednock.



# AWC

THE MISSION OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN Communication (AWC) is to "champion the advancement of women across all communications disciplines by recognizing excellence, promoting leadership and positioning its members at the forefront of the evolving communication era," according to the AWC website.

This professional organization strives to provide its members with the skills to express themselves personally and professionally by aiding in scholastic, personal and career development. According to the AWC website, "AWC recognizes the complex relationships that exist across the many fields of communication study. It allows communicators to demonstrate competence in these disciplines and to be able to network and make career moves across communication fields."

"I found the organization to provide useful information to help me build myself personally and professionally," said Lisa Laufik,

the current president of AWC. "The organization holds meetings to help our members learn what resources are available to them at the university, to teach them about getting internships and jobs and to bring in inspirational speakers that will teach members valuable skills," she said.

AWC has many events throughout the year including resume interviewing, and stress-relief workshops, inspirational speakers, philanthropic events, social events, and an annual etiquette tea with Mrs. Glidden, where members learn proper business etiquette for dinner parties and social events.

"AWC is open to all Communication majors and, specifically to women," said Natalie Zabor, a senior legal communication major and current treasurer of AWC. "Its purpose is to share information and understanding about the potential women have in the Communication field," she said. —By Jessica Moss



Members of the Association of Women in Communications hold their annual elections for new officers on Tuesday, February 24, 2004. Photos by Doug Peterson



PRSSA IS AN ACRONYM FOR SUCCESS. WHAT DOES IT stand for, you ask? It stands for the Public Relations Student Society of America. Some may see it as just another student organization, but those who know about the organization may tell you that it is an organization that jump-starts careers.

"PRSSA has been extremely beneficial to me in so many ways during my years at OU. It's opened the door to internships and networking opportunities, and our speakers have provided me with valuable insight about the field of public relations," said senior Sarah Bearce.

PRSSA has one meeting each week, where informative speakers give lectures and organization leaders give announcements. The speakers this year have included alumni such as Aaron Brown, an Account Executive at Fahlgren Mortine Public Relations, and M. J. Clark, the President of M.J. Clark Communications LLC.

"The speakers and programs that PRSSA has helped to open up my views on public relations," said sophomore Brian O'Keefe.

Besides the speakers, the organization has a mentot/mentee program, an online newsletter called Professional, a workshop for beginners called "PR for Dummies," and a national award-winning on-campus PR firm called ImpPressions.

This year, 10 students represented the organization in New Orleans at the National PRSSA Conference. ImpPressions was presented with the Teahan National Chapter Award for outstanding chapter firm on October 27. Teahan National PRSSA Chapter Awards recognize excellence in 10 categories each year. Ohio University has won one of these 10 awards each year for the past 11 years.



## PRSSA





# RTNDA

**THE RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS Association (RTNDA) is the largest professional organization devoted exclusively to electronic journalism. Ohio University's student chapter is one of 37 in the country.**

According to Amanda Harley, senior and President of OU's chapter of RTNDA, "RTNDA gives student members special learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom and instills a commitment to the highest ideals and principles of the practice of electronic journalism."

In order to help its members prepare for careers in electronic journalism, RTNDA provides members with a variety of educational and professional experiences. On March 6, RTNDA organized a local conference, where professionals from throughout the state came to OU to speak on panels, critique resumes and network with students. Members of RTNDA also attended a national conference in Las Vegas in April. A joint conference with RTNDA and the National Association for Broadcasters, it offered networking sessions, speakers, resume critiques and banquets. The keynote speaker for the conference was Ted Koppel.

In addition to its educational and professional activities,

RTNDA advisor Mary Rogus talks to members of RTNDA about the group's upcoming conference as well as the importance of networking.

RTNDA group president Amanda Harley talks during the RTNDA meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

One member of the RTNDA listens as group president Amanda Harley discusses aspects of the group's upcoming conference as well as RTNDA news and happenings on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

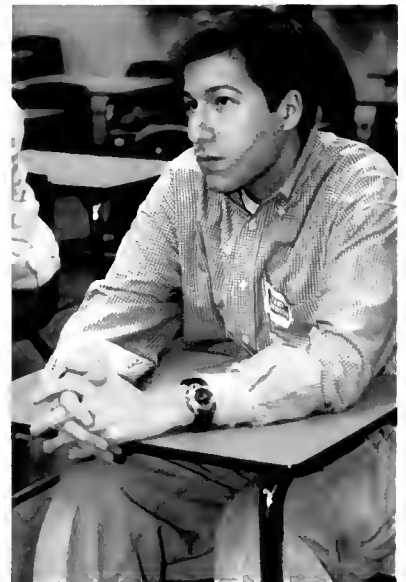


RTNDA also organizes fundraisers to keep its programming going. According to Harley, most RTNDA funds come from member dues but members also work together to raise additional funds. Every fall and spring quarter, RTNDA spends an evening preparing and selling grilled cheese sandwiches to passers by on Court Street. The organization also sells tapes to broadcast classes and production books to Journalism 452 classes each quarter.

But Harley said the most valuable aspects of RTNDA are its hands-on experiences and the contacts it helps its members make for the future.

"RTNDA gives students networking opportunities, hands-on experience and a chance to meet and work with other students in the major," said Harley. "It gives students access to broadcast terminology, equipment and processes before they get to their first job or internship. The club also helps students network to get that first job or internship. The basis of the club is networking, both with professionals and advisors, and with other students."

By Erica Lutterbeck



...see a lobster running around campus? No, you aren't studying too hard for that test. More than likely, it was Snat, the All-Campus Radio Network's mascot. The All-Campus Radio Network, more commonly ACRN, is a student-run radio station broadcast over the Internet. In its 33rd year, ACRN continues to offer professional experience to everyone involved. ACRN is all student-run, which is very important. "We have proven time and time again that undergraduate students are very responsible and competent," said Jessica Costello. "ACRN is the best real-world radio experience that anyone could get."

In addition to broadcasting live, ACRN is involved in many other facets of the radio world. Departments range from Sales to Mobile to Promotions and PR. The Sales department is charged with reaching advertisers throughout the Athens area. The mobile department provides great music for guests at a variety of events, such as the fall quarter Involvement

The highest-profile ACRN department is undoubtedly the Promotions team. This group works hard to plan, promote and execute a variety of special events. Throughout the year, ACRN brings students to Baker Nights for free shows, which also serves as a great opportunity to spread awareness of the station. In fall quarter, promotional efforts are vital in attracting new students to the station. A "Pre New Year's Party" at Casa Cantina allowed students to celebrate together one last time before winter break. In April, the Second Annual S2 Prom spoofed traditional proms, even crowning a king and queen. The station's



biggest event was Lobsterfest, a showcase of bands including national acts. Taking place in early June, the event provided stress relief to students preparing for finals.

ACRN members have a hard time selecting only one prominent aspect of their ACRN experience. General Manager Liz Reid, a junior, sums it up best: "It's really hard to pick one thing that I love. I've met almost all of my friends through ACRN, so there's definitely a strong social aspect that I like. Also, I like having the opportunity to work closely with telecommunications faculty members. Just the experience of working at ACRN—the challenges I've faced and the opportunities I've had—is absolutely irreplaceable."

By Nick Felch



Right: Snat, ACRN's mascot, is swept off his feet by an attendant of the Involvement Fair held on College Green in Fall Quarter.

Left: Many ACRN members attended the CMI 2003 Music Marathon held October 22-25 in New York City. Front Row (L to R): Lena Royale, Jennifer Salmon, Heather Longenecker, Kim Trick. Back Row: Elizabeth Reid, Chris Mooney of spin-T records, and Rohan Mahadevan.

Right: ACRNers Joe Hennes, Jessica Costello, Seth Coleman and Alex Weinhardt provide mobile entertainment at the Involvement Fair the opening weekend of Fall Quarter.

Photos courtesy of ACRN

# ACRN





# SND

AMBITIOUS, HARDWORKING AND DEDICATED ARE just a few of the characteristics of the members of The Society of News Design (SND) at Ohio University. This student-run organization is one of many professional clubs at OU, but its career-oriented members make it stand out.

Although most of its members are from the school of Visual Communication, all majors are welcome. Majors such as Informational Graphics and Publication Design as well as Magazine Journalism make up most of the club members. They hold meetings with guest speakers who advise students on many career aspects, such as how to create and improve resumes and cover letters, portfolios, internships and professional etiquette.

"Our goal is to broaden students' experiences professionally and receive feedback from peers and faculty," said Co-President Mackenzie Hoops.

The club organizes ways for students to get to know each other such as its "mentor/mentee" program, which pairs upperclassmen with new students to show them the ropes. SND also holds themed socials such as the fall quarter luau to toast a great year and initiate its new members.

The club took quarterly trips to publications, such as their fall tour of The Columbus Dispatch, which gave students a better idea of the different types of working environments in their field.

But the most exciting trip the club goes on is traveling to the National Society of News Design conference. The past two years have included trips to Washington, D.C. and Georgia. Attending the conference was a great experience with many networking opportunities, educational information about new technology in the field and career advice from motivational speakers who are currently in the business.

SND allows students to get involved and start planning out their careers. Its professional setting gives its members the confidence and competitive edge that is a necessity in the design field today.

By K. B. B. her

Above Left: Members of the Ohio University Society for News Design at the annual Society for New Design conference in Savannah, GA.

Above Right: Officers of the Ohio Society for News Design pose for a picture while at the group's luau. From top left to right: Kristi Wellman, secretary; Terrence Oliver; and co-presidents Mackenzie Hoops and Megan Gierhart. From Kristen Stotts, treasurer.

Below: Kristen Stotts, treasurer of the Ohio University Society for News Design attempts to limbo during the kickoff of OUSND's luau, while other members of the group cheer her on.

Photos courtesy of the Ohio University Society for News Design





AFTER PROFESSOR TOM HODGES GAVE UP HIS position as advisor for the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) at the end of last school year due to health issues, professor Bill Leder took his place, and witnessed a complete turnover in the group's executive board.

Jaimie Weiss, current SPJ president and junior studying broadcast journalism said, "We're going through a rebuilding phase."

The group's executive board began the year by traveling to Tampa, Florida during the first weekend of Fall quarter for the SPJ National Convention. Weiss said they plan to attend next year's convention in New York City.

"Overall, we want to get the word out to the community about what we do and why it's important, through diversity and freedom of speech," she said.

Meeting every other Tuesday in the Scripps auditorium, SPJ's executive members increased networking throughout the organization by holding socials and bringing in speakers such as Paul Kostyu, a journalist who covers the Statehouse in Columbus for Copley Newspapers.

"We get people in who talk about personal experiences," Weiss said. "They have such unique stories."

SPJ also donated money to Newline, an organization whose volunteers read newspapers to the blind. Weiss said. Throughout the year, SPJ's approximately 100 members sold t-shirts and mugs and partook in other fund-raising events in order to donate their earnings to the group.

Tim Bugansky (left), first-year graduate student from Hartsville, Ohio, and Chris Simpkins, a junior from Trenton, Ohio, wait on Cheryl Sadler, a sophomore from Westerville, Ohio, during a social held by the Society of Professional Journalists at the Oak Room Bar and Grill.

Lexi Fisher, a sophomore in Magazine Journalism from Ripley, West Virginia, and Jenny Miltner, a freshman in Journalism from Willoughby Hills, Ohio, talk with other Journalism majors at a Society of Professional Journalists social.





## Brick City Records

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE STUDENTS FILLED the room at the introductory meeting of Ohio University's first student-run record label, Brick City Records. OU had every intention of creating more outlets for the overwhelming student interest in the music industry, but all it took was three ambitious and passionate guys to make it happen.

Brick City Records was started in fall 2002 by OU seniors Nate Levin, Scott Rosenblatt and Matt Gerst, who wanted to find out more about their careers going into the music business. They started completely from scratch, attempting to operate their own small business, but quickly gained support from OU faculty and staff. After almost a full year of creating business proposals, event planning and meeting with university deans, professors, alumni and lawyers, Brick City was granted funding. OU funded their label in hopes to gain great educational services from it.

Brick City held events throughout fall quarter, giving local musicians an opportunity to audition for the label. The events were held at the uptown venue The Blue Gator and at the popular campus coffee house The Front Room. The acoustic rock feel of Brent Mulgrew and the folk-rock sound of Longfellow filled the air at the first event. At the second, the Dylanesque singer/songwriter JJ Reed auditioned against the rock-jam beat of Cranberry Sauce. The folk jam of The Bendables ended Brick City's first quarter with a bang. At the end of the first night of auditions, the three presidents looked in amazement at the crowd of people who had come out to support local music, which was what they had worked so hard for.

Once Brick City chooses an artist, the artist will get the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of recording an album, with radio airtime as well as publicity. OU will provide studio and equipment for the recording of a full album.

OU is one of five schools in the country to have its own fully-functioning student-run record label. Future plans include turning Brick City into coursework that will develop into an academic major for students to study more in-depth about the music industry. Further plans are in the making for other student organizations to get involved in the process of event planning, advertising and promotions.

Self-motivation is a key in every organization. The three founders all agree that you only get what you give. Their dream has come true as a result of their hard work, dedication and love for music.

By Kelli Bell



Matt Gerst, Scott Rosenblatt and Nate Levin, the founders of Brick City Records. Photo by Patricia Brown.

Brown. The guitarist from the band Todd Rooster performs at Brick City Night at the Blue Gator in February. Photo by Patricia Brown.



# Sigma Tau Delta

INCERITY, TRUTH AND DESIGN. THIS NOT ONLY stands for the first letters of Sigma Tau Delta, but has become their official motto and way of life. Sigma Tau Delta is the International English Honor Society on Ohio University's campus. It is a student-run organization which focuses on connecting English majors, English minors and Integrated Language Art majors while helping them discover advancements and job opportunities.

Senior English Pre-law major Kimberly Bowman is the current president of Sigma Tau Delta. Bowman said, "Our members have the opportunity to be recognized for their outstanding achievements, enrich their education, and advance their future careers, while interacting with other English students and faculty."

Sigma Tau Delta is very active on campus. Throughout the year, Sigma Tau Delta aids the English Department with the DARS event and the majors fair. In winter and spring quarters they hold graduate school conventions. During these sessions a panel of professors and graduate students present information to current students about furthering their education in graduate school.

Winter quarter they host a faculty-student dinner in Baker ballroom, where students are able to interact with faculty in a formal dinner setting. Sigma Tau Delta also holds a faculty panel, where students are able to learn about their professors' areas of research. Junior Integrated Language Arts Major, Emily Gordon, has been an active member since fall quarter and acknowledges the benefits of the faculty panels. Gordon said, "The faculty panel is beneficial because it allows me to familiarize myself with the faculty. It is a great networking opportunity and keeps me involved with the English department and the University."

Sigma Tau Delta not only provides their members with academic opportunities, but it also encourages comradery among those in the English Department. Katherine Higham, junior Integrated Language Arts major states, "I have made so many new friendships that will last a lifetime. Sigma Tau Delta has given me a chance to meet other students and professors that I otherwise would not have met, and for that I am very grateful."



Karen Ponikvar, Professor Beth Qutslund, Ashley Mazurek, Professor Joe McLaughlin, Matt Birdsall, Professor Carey Snyder and Katherine McKinnon enjoy Sigma Tau Delta's 2004 Student-Faculty Dinner.

Sigma Tau Delta Executive Board: Sean Riley, Caroline Knapke, Amanda Trotter, Kim Bowman, Robyn Haines, Corey Newman and Jen Houtz.



# International Student Union

All students on OU's campus are encouraged to attend activities such as International Dance Night in the fall, participate in the festivities of International week in the spring season as well as many more cultural celebrations throughout the school year on campus. The International Student Union, an organization committed to helping international students become part of the Ohio university community, sponsors these events.

"ISU serves to promote cultural understanding through activities aimed at expanding cultural awareness," said Kayla Sullivan, Vice President of the organization. "ISU functions at Ohio University as the umbrella organization for 23 international organizations and members come from all corners of the world, representing the collective educational, cultural, and developmental interests of over 100 countries," Sullivan explained.

The ISU activities help increase intercultural exchange and awareness across campus while giving opportunities for American and International students to learn about each other's cultures. Also,

among other services, the ISU serves as a consultant to the International Student organizations. Examples of the student organizations that contribute to the diversity of OU's campus are the African Student Union, the Association for Cultural Affairs, the Alpha Psi Lambda Fraternity, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association and many more. These organizations help contribute to the welcoming of international students while giving them special recognition for their efforts at OU.

"The International Student Union benefits everyone on campus," said Sullivan. "We promote diversity and understanding through a variety of events. All races, cultures, and religions are represented under the ISU umbrella, allowing everyone to be involved," said.

All the activities and hard work of the ISU members have been dedicated to making students feel welcome and the "home away from home" motto isn't just for the American students, but for the International Students who are much further away from home as well.

By Beth Comer



Permias, Ohio University's Indonesian student organization, unites students from Indonesia who are studying at OU. Permias stands for "Persatuan Mahasiswa Indonesia Amerika Serikat," which translates into "Association for Students from Indonesia in the United States." According to Permias' president, Nita Irawati Murjani, the objective of Permias is to promote the participation of its members in the University's student activities.

Besides participating in inter-organization activities sponsored by the International Student Union like the International Street Fair, Permias also hosted its own activities. It organized a Poco Poco Dance, which is a traditional community dance that Murjani said has become very popular in the last few years. Permias also hosted gatherings to celebrate religious holidays like Ramadan, Iedul Fitri and Christmas.

"Celebrating these holidays together maintains the community bond when we are away [from home] and far from our families and communities," said Murjani.

One way Permias creates this bond is through its mailing list. Even before Indonesian students arrive in Athens, Permias contacts them with information and advice. When the students arrive, someone from Permias picks them up at the Columbus Airport. Murjani said this initial support helps new students feel like they belong.

## Permias

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"Most of us are graduate students and married couples and we feel that we have similar problems," said Murjani. "Some of my friends told me that they always see Indonesian students together. It looks like we have a lot of members, but really there are only 30 to 45. It just looks like we are everywhere because we have a strong bond. It is just the same people in different places," she said.

Murjani is a second-year graduate student who studies communication and development with a specialization in environmental communication. She is in Athens with her husband and son. She said that because Permias is so diverse, it allows her and the other members to discuss issues from many different viewpoints.

"Before we came here to pursue higher education, most of us existed in our own careers. Some of us lectured in universities in Indonesia, some were researchers, some were authors, and some came from NGO's, like me," she said.

Not only does this diversity allow members to have interesting discussion, but it also allows them to make contacts for when they return to Indonesia.

"We are not just an organization," Murjani said. "We are building a network."

By Erica Lutterbein

# Online Journalism Student Society

ONE OF OHIO UNIVERSITY'S NEWEST STUDENT organizations, the Online Journalism Student Society (OJSS), spent its charter year planning and building membership.

Senior journalism major Joy Billings had the idea for the organization when the Scripps School of Journalism adopted a new online journalism sequence. Dr. Bernhard Debatin, a professor at Scripps, connected Billings with first-year student Cara McCoy, and the two students formed OJSS with Billings as the president and McCoy as the treasurer.

The organization helps its members understand issues such as the cultural, legal and ethical matters in online journalism and provides them with hands-on experience in the field. For example, during winter break, members of OJSS updated *Athens.com*.

"It gave people a lot of experience with the technical aspect of putting things up on the Web, style and making sure everything is right, and learning how to meet deadlines," said Billings.

Although OJSS was created with the new online journalism sequence at Scripps, the organization is open to all majors. Billings

said she started the organization because she wanted students with the same, unique interest to be able to meet and talk about it.

"I really want heavy recruiting for everybody," she said. "Anyone in journalism, and anyone on campus, because this is where the future is really going. We would really appreciate anyone's input."

OJSS hosts guest speakers at its meetings, and in November members attended the Online News Association's annual conference in Chicago. During the Chicago trip members also toured the online department of the Chicago Tribune. During the year the organization also worked on building its own Web site and raising money for next fall's Online News Association conference in California.

Billings is not worried about leaving the club to its current members after she graduates in the spring. She said the group is motivated, organized and positive.

"I'm almost jealous, I guess, because I'll miss out on all the new recruits and all of the experiences they'll have," said Billings.

By Erica Lutterbein



Above: Members of Ohio University's Online Journalism Society. Photo submitted by Joy Billings.



Below: Senior Class Council poses outside of the newly constructed Bently Annex. Photo contributed by Rick Fatica

## Senior Class Council

THOSE SENIORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED EVENTS such as the senior class happy hours, senior week, Yell like Hell, alumni receptions, and any type of class trip can give their thanks to the Senior Class Council, because it was the organization responsible for planning such events. The purpose of Senior Class Council is to provide direction and advice for members of the graduating senior class. The people in Senior Class Council include elected senior class officers as well as a senior representative from each college. The students on this council work to provide activities that allow seniors to enjoy their remaining year at Ohio University:

“Through Council programming and outreach, Ohio University students benefit from efforts that include discounted rates from select local merchants, graduate receptions, career assistance receptions with alumni, and a host of other ‘life transition’ program offerings,” said Senior Class President Ryan Mick. “In addition, the class officers assist the University’s president in the selection of commencement speaker,” he continued.

Senior Class Council is sponsored and advised by the Ohio University Alumni Association and is funded by the Senior Class and fundraisers like the Bicentennial Mosaic poster. Aside from all the activities the Senior Class Council organizes, “one of the noblest efforts put forth by the council is the annual class gift,” said Mick. “In past years, senior class gifts have included fountains, recycling bins, bike path lights, benches and supported campus beautification projects,” he said.

Senior Class Council, according to Mick, coordinated and sponsored an initiative to raise significant dollars toward needed University programs, scholarships and other campus-related projects. The council members dedicated time and effort to their peers and surely helped the final year of college stick with the OU seniors. By Beth Comer

# BSCC

THE BLACK STUDENT COMMUNICATION CAUCUS WAS founded in the 1970s by a group of African American students within the College of Communication. According to the BSCC constitution, "with the upsurge of African American students interested and participating in the broad discipline of communications, there is a need for consistent dialogue and interaction among this student population at Ohio University."

The purpose of BSCC is to provide a voice and an outlet for minority students in the College of Communication, according to senior JaNelle Ricks. The organization works to enhance the classroom experience of members by providing personal enrichment and professional development opportunities.

BSCC is also involved in community service. This year, the organization worked with Love Luggage, sponsored by the OU Center for Community Service. Athens Big Brothers, Big Sisters and The American Red Cross fundraisers are held to raise money for the professional development trip. BSCC also has done traditional

fundraisers such as selling candy, singing on the corner and waiting tables at the Redbrick Tavern. BSCC is also working on a fundraiser for the American Red Cross to raise money for measles vaccinations in Sub-Saharan Africa. According to Ricks, measles is the number one killer of children in this region—more than HIV/AIDS or malnutrition.

Ricks said BSCC offers its membership a variety of things. First, it is a support system for minority students on a campus with a majority of white students. Second, it serves as an opportunity to enhance what students learn in the classroom through various professional initiatives. Members develop their skills and abilities as leaders as well. From the moment they step through the door they are challenged and educated on how to excel. Third, BSCC is like a huge family. In a comfortable atmosphere like the one provided by this organization, members are more willing to step out and try new things, knowing that they will have support along the way. BSCC is continual learning experience. Written by Kylene Kuzma



Above: Members of the Black Student Communication Caucus.

Right: Graduating seniors Jonathan Davis, Ladaska Robinson, Candice Brooks, and JaNelle Ricks.





Photo submitted by Laquetta Cortner, Advisor for the National Society of Black Engineers.

## NSBE

THE OHIO UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) is dedicated to program enhancement for the increase and retention of African Americans and other minorities in the engineering field. With more than 25 members in the association, the OU chapter is part of a national organization that has more than 15,000 members. NSBE is the largest student-managed organization in the country.

The organization's mission is to "increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community," said Laquetta Cortner, NSBE advisor. Some objectives of the organization include: motivating and developing student interest, striving to increase the number of minority engineering students, encouraging members to seek advanced degrees and promoting public awareness of engineering opportunities for African-Americans and other minorities.

Members of the organization enjoy many benefits such

as workshops, mentoring, community service activities, social and cultural activities and employment opportunities. NSBE's award-winning Taste of Culture program is one activity that achieves many of the association's goals. "The program is a pot luck in February for Black History Month," Cortner said. "There is a black history quiz, and it's a great way for students to socialize."

NSBE also hosts fundraisers, the fall Career Fair being its largest. Funds raised go to finance scholarships and the trip to the national conference. This year's national conference was in March in Dallas, Texas. The conference offers students the opportunities to attend workshops and a career fair. "Students can brush up on their networking skills," Cortner said.

This year's officers are President Alisha Milbry, Vice President Doris Colston, Recording Secretary Lekeisha Grant-Wortham, Corresponding Secretary Shantanelli Bland, Treasurer Karen Davis and Parliamentarian Tia Jameson. *Continued on Page A1*

The Executive Committee of SAB dresses up for the Annual Alumni Awards Gala



SAB members Amy McElroy, Chris Siracusa, and Julie Musick enjoy the Annual Yell Like Hell Pep Rally during the Homecoming festivities.

SAB President Chris Siracusa with famous Alumna Piper Perabo at the Annual Alumni Awards Gala

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Chris Siracusa





# Student Alumni Board

OHIO UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT ALUMNI BOARD IS THE gateway between students and alumni. SAB worked closely with the Alumni Association at Koneker Alumni Center. It helped with many events that the alumni center organized. SAB had 70 members, which included students new students as well as seniors and fifth-year students. Chris Siracusa, SAB President, and Senior Vice President Jamie Wenda led the group.

"SAB provides the epitomy of the college experience," said Wenda. "Not only do we have fun, but we also work hard to have opportunities that many other students never receive and we get to meet some of our best friends."

The board helped organize Homecoming Weekend, Sibs Weekend, Freshman Record and Take a Slice.

Student members of SAB had to go through a difficult process to join. First, they attended an open house and filled out an application. Next, they went through two interviews. Once these were complete, the board chose the members. The members went through the first quarter completing services that are mandatory to become

an active member and then participating in an induction ceremony. This year after the first quarter junior Shannon Wensyel was named "old member of the quarter" and junior T. David Couch was named "new member of the quarter." In addition to gaining experience with organizing events, the Board is also a great way to meet people.

"I have made over a hundred friends through SAB, an achievement that one cannot gain in the classroom," said Siracusa.

The SAB organizes the "Yell Like Hell" pep rally that kicks off homecoming weekend. The organization also does some community service such as adopt-a-highway. The Take a Slice program was a hit for the seniors last year. This event allowed seniors to meet representatives from around the country who are in alumni chapters from OU. The event allowed seniors to learn what the alumni center could do for them after graduation.

New member Lauren Wulker, a sophomore, says, "Knowing what's going on around school, getting to voice my opinion and meeting the people who walked these grounds before us has only added to my college experience."



SAB members enjoy their bus ride to a fall hayride

# Bodies in Motion Dance Team

MANY PEOPLE ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THE OHIO University Dance Team. However, another dance team exists on campus as well—one about which a number of people may not know. Seven women compose this unique team, which uprooted from a desire to change the “traditional perspectives of dance,” as President Shawna Darrington put it. Darrington also serves as a co-founder, choreographer, costume designer and “whatever else” the team requires of her. She, along with Crystal Alexander, Tishara Clement, Raquel Dichoso, and Amber Vaughn got together and created Bodies in Motion last year. They wanted to break away from the style of the other already well-known dance teams of Ohio University. Therefore, they have centered many routines on hip-hop style. The five co-founders share recollections of dancing together at John Marshall High School in Cleveland, Ohio. Their city championship team there was known as “The Lawyerettes.”

According to Darrington, Bodies in Motion has not had many opportunities to correspond with the other dance teams on campus.

This lack of correspondence has occurred because the foundation of the team happened only last year, Darrington said. However, she asserts that Bodies in Motion does plan to consort with the other teams at Ohio University in the near future. The team will be involved with various activities, such as the 2nd Annual Fish Fry of Mom's Weekend, which will take place on Saturday, May 1st, and a Tribute to Great Performers, which will occur on February 26th. Bodies in Motion has also arranged a hip hop workshop, but has yet to decide on a date.

Bodies in Motion requires each member to be enrolled at Ohio University, to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, and to dedicate herself to learn a five day dance clinic routine “to the best of her ability.” Darrington emphasizes the importance of all members when she declares, “I believe we've all made a difference for the team since it is a project, under construction. Every idea and action is considered to be a major difference for our team.”

By Norcen R...

## Pi Sigma Alpha

THE PI SIGMA ALPHA FRATERNITY IS AN ORGANIZATION that aims to help political science majors discover what they can do with their degrees after college.

“Pi Alpha gives students the opportunity to be recognized for outstanding achievement in academics and leadership in the political field,” said Brian Footer, a dedicated leader in this organization.

To be a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity, one must have a major or minor in political science and have an accumulated grade point average of 3.4 by graduation.

“Specifically, among political science students, active members are those students who challenge themselves, those who are active, and leaders who are accomplished in the academic and political fields,” said Footer. “The lifelong membership allows students the opportunity to be a part of the elite group that has interests in the political science field,” he continued.

According to Ohio University's Web site, the political science major prepares students for careers in law, public service, foreign service, business, and education. The organization aims at guiding those interested in political science careers by taking them to career fairs and by bringing political science alumni to campus to speak about their careers. These activities are meant to be enjoyed by the students, and a source of guidance helps lead the way to a less stressful employment quest.

“The non-partisan, fun atmosphere allows all students to feel comfortable learning and participating in politics,” said Footer.

Pi Sigma Alpha keeps busy around campus by remaining active in the Ohio University Honors Council as well as in the McNamara scholars program, which, according to Footer, is designed to inform, encourage and prepare students for graduate studies.

The 2004 primary election has been able to entertain students and allow them to see how the candidates represent themselves.

“Pi Sigma Alpha is fortunate during 2004 to focus on the presidential election,” said Footer. “Events held this year will offer students an opportunity to view the framework such an election,” he continued.

The fraternity's atmosphere doesn't circle around party politics but does consider the functions of politics and the possibilities for the future. According to Footer, the National Headquarters offers leaders within the Fraternity a chance to participate in several internship contests and many other exciting possibilities. Earning a political science degree can be a lot of work, but Pi Sigma Alpha aims at keeping it interesting and enjoyable.

By Beth Comer

# OU Recruiting Society

THE OHIO UNIVERSITY RECRUITING SOCIETY IS COMPOSED of OU students who work closely with Undergraduate Admissions in an effort to recruit high school students from traditionally under-represented groups at Ohio University.

Each year, OURS hosts several visitation programs for prospective students and their parents to experience OU and learn what it has to offer. Each year, OURS hosts a Multicultural Visit Program, or MVP, weekend, during which prospective students have the opportunity to network with current OU students, faculty and staff. They are taken on campus tours, participate in rap sessions and attend academic and financial aid information sessions.

Throughout the year, OURS also participates in Telecounseling and Online Chat sessions that allow prospective students to ask any questions that they may have about university life. During

Spring Quarter, OURS helps to plan and coordinate Cultural Connections, a visitation program for admitted students that encourages them to select OU as their college of choice. Through the year, OURS members also enjoy participating in community service projects in the Athens community and take pride in improving their world around them.

"One of the most memorable experiences of the year was the ATCO Valentine's Day Dance when OURS members did the Hokie Pokie with area mentally and physically handicapped individuals," said Caire Thorn, OURS President.

Members of OURS enjoy seeing the fruits of their labor when prospective students decide to attend OU and arrive on campus in the fall. They are rewarded also by knowing that through their own college experience they are helping other individuals make the right, and often difficult, decision of which college to attend. By Todd Grimham





# Athena Yearbook: Meeting Friends and Deadlines



THE WRITERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, DESIGNERS, EDITORS and promotions team behind the scenes of the 2004 Athena Yearbook put much of their free time into the yearbook, but pizza parties, lots of laughs and memories of their own were some rewards for their hard work. The 2004 Athena yearbook staff was full of fresh faces, which meant several new students were getting involved.

"This year the staff is young, with a lot of underclassmen learning together and helping each other along," said Erica Lutterbein, journalism advertising management major and the Athena's Copy Editor. Lutterbein began as Assistant Copy Editor in 2002.

"The staff this year, they're good times," said Katie Brandt, magazine journalism and English double major and one of the Athena's Assistant Copy Editors.

Brandt was a writer last year, which she enjoyed, but she said that her new responsibility as part of the editorial staff was more challenging and gave her more freedom in choosing how much she wanted to write. It also gave her a chance to read and edit what the other staff members had written.

There are always newsworthy activities going on at OU, and the Athena covers sports, organizations, homecoming, colleges, residence life and any special events that are held annually or deserve recognition. The staff consisted of writers, photographers, designers, editors and a promotions team who all met weekly to discuss their status on the tasks assigned. As usual, finishing the yearbook in just three quarters and making them available to seniors by graduation day was a tight squeeze. The deadlines that the staff had to meet were in competition with schoolwork, and it took organization and planning to fit everything in for these busy staff members.

"Last year we had an approaching deadline and everyone had to come together to finish on time," commented Lutterbein. "Even though it was stressful, it was nice to see everyone working together. The staff grew closer through that experience."

Nick Felch, a journalism advertising management major, Editor-in-Chief for the Athena, and this is his first year with the responsibility. Felch is in charge of making sure everything is going according to plans and that all the jobs are completed on time. Felch joined the Athena staff in 2002 as an Assistant Copy Editor.

"Nick is a busy man," said Lutterbein, "which is why I'm

being interviewed instead of him. He does a great job of motivating the editorial staff, while still keeping a good sense of humor."

Although there are strict deadlines, the Athena staff still tries to have fun outside of meetings. Last year, the owners of Lauren Studios, the firm who takes senior portraits for the Athena, took staff members to the Blue Gator restaurant in uptown Athens for dinner. Usually at one of the last meetings, pizza is ordered or some type of snack is offered for the staff members to enjoy while socializing with one another.



Opposite Top: The Athena Yearbook staff. Front Row (L to R): Nick Felch, Rebecca Droke. Center Row: Jessica Moss, Alicia Whissel, Kara Steele, Allison Toffle, Erica Lutterbein. Back Row: Lee Freedman, Katie Brandt, Beth Comert, Pam Hancock, Phyllis Dyer, Peter Lee.

Opposite Bottom Left: Photographers Allison Toffle and Alicia Whissel stand by as Rebecca Droke takes a shot. Photo by Dyer, Peter Lee.

Opposite Bottom Right: The Athena staff poses with College Green in the background. Photo by Dyer, Peter Lee.

Members of the Athena Yearbook gather in the stairwell outside the office in Baker Center. Photo by Dyer, Peter Lee.

Editor-in-Chief Nick Felch glances at the camera between photos. Photo by Dyer, Peter Lee.





Academics

# College of Arts and Sciences



ONE OF OHIO UNIVERSITY'S TEN COLLEGES, The College of Arts and Sciences, offers a variety of opportunities in a wide range of fields. The College offers 26 majors, 27 minors and five certificate programs for undergraduate students. Masters and doctorate programs that focus on the humanities and social and natural sciences are also available through the College. The College of Arts and Sciences offers courses such as biological sciences, classics, history, mathematics, modern languages, philosophy, political science and anthropology.

In October, the college expanded its faculty, adding 21 new members. With its wide range of studies, the College draws in a large number of students each year. More than 4,000 students were enrolled in the College, but many other colleges and majors require classes from within the college for general requirements.

Within the College of Arts and Sciences and its many departments, students have the opportunity to study abroad and to complete internships in the U.S. and abroad. The college offers a total of 38 education abroad opportunities in 28 countries and links a number of programs to the Department of Modern Languages. The College offers certain programs every year, one of which is the Tours Program, which takes place in the spring for students taking French. There is also a new program being offered in Pamplona, Spain.

The College of Arts and Sciences also offers many opportunities for students to become involved on campus. The College brings in speakers for the students throughout the year and hosts panels and special events such as Pre-law Day, which took place in the fall.

There are also many student organizations connected to the college and its many different focuses.

"There is a club for everything. There are even three different history clubs!" said Mary Beth Hartoon, a senior history major. There is something for everyone to become involved in, no matter what his or her major or interest is. From archaeology and anthropology to philosophy and psychology, students have many options of the organizations in which they can become involved. The Department of Modern Languages even holds weekly meetings in local restaurants for students taking French and Spanish.

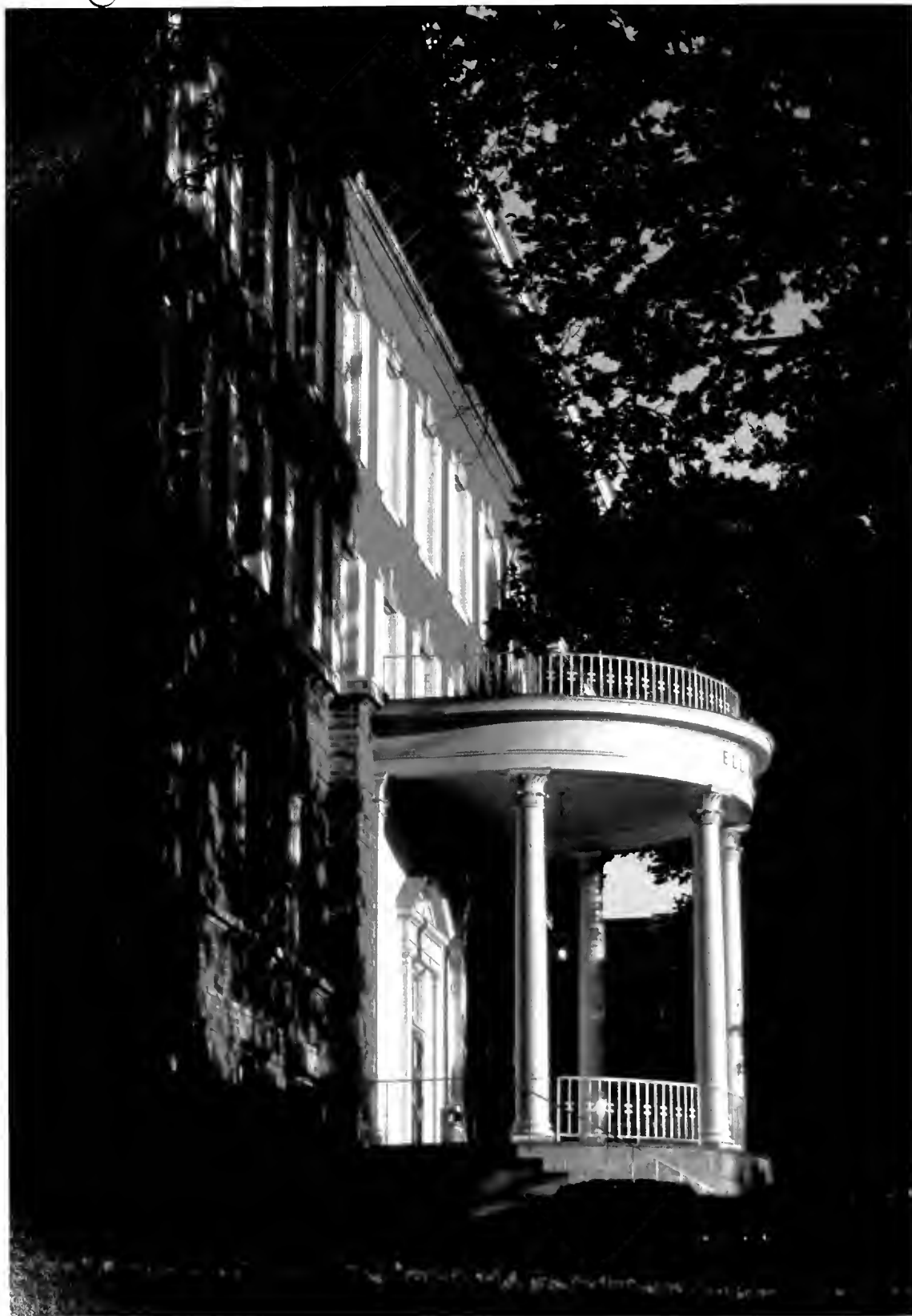


Although the College houses a wide variety of fields, advisors make themselves available. Hartoon said, "There is always someone who can help you find the answer to your question."

With so much diversity, the College of Arts and Sciences is not only important to the students with majors in it, but also to students in every other college.



# College of Arts and Sciences





# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



HISTORY OFTEN REPEATS ITSELF IN COPELAND, home of the College of Business. Sons, daughters and siblings are increasingly following in an elder's footsteps as the future of our business industries. The outstanding professional reputation of the College of Business often draws in family members of former alumni. Freshman Jim Burya is one student who was influenced by a family member to pursue a degree in Business from OU.

"My sister had such a good experience with it she encouraged me to do it as well," said Burya.

Ohio University began offering business classes in 1893 and currently offers twelve undergraduate majors, a M.B.A. degree, and an Executive M.B.A. program. Each year about 2,000 students apply to the Ohio University Business College, but the college has only 350-400 students.

"Admissions are very selective," said Angela Anderson, Assistant Dean for Career Resources. "It is possible to get admitted to Ohio University and not the College of Business as we limit the size of each class. Our applications have been going up for several years so the admissions standards likewise increase," she said.

What sets the College of Business apart from that of other universities in Ohio is its action learning method. Stu-

dents are given real-world situations and encouraged to problem solve and formulate situations that may help them with future endeavors.

Cluster classes are taught to sophomores and juniors. A cluster class is five to six different classes made into one. Students are team-taught by different teachers from various business majors, which help the individuals to become well-rounded business students. Focus is not only on a student's particular major, but segments of every major within the College of Business. Because students get the smaller classes and participate in the action learning method, by the time the graduate, business students find themselves six months ahead of other graduates from other Ohio colleges and universities.

The college offers 19 student organizations, including professional business fraternities such as Delta Sigma Pi, Phi Gamma Nu and Alpha Kappa Psi. The college also has student programs such as Copeland Scholars, Corporate Leadership Program, Business Fellows and the Global Competitiveness Program.

According to the College of Business' website, the Corporate Leadership Fellows Program is a unique developmental experience for outstanding seniors in the College of Business. Selected high potential juniors are identified during winter quarter to become such fellows.

The goal of Corporate Leadership Follows is to meet with different business executives who come to Ohio University, and to take trips to different companies.



"Through meeting with executives, this program has given me a good experience about seeing what it takes to make it to the top of an organization," said senior Adam Wachter.

Business Fellows is for future candidates to the Copeland Scholars program and molds them into what a Copeland Scholar is.

"This program [Business Fellows] is designed to take the students who were selected for the highly competitive Copeland Scholars program as freshmen and provide them with a mentoring program throughout their entire undergraduate experience," said David Payne, Advisor to the Business Fellows. The mentoring helps students gain internships by frequent meetings with business leaders.

The Global Competitiveness Program sends Ohio University business students to universities abroad and pairs OU students with students from the host university. The students work with a company in the host country to solve authentic business problems. Only 230 students go each year, and space fills up quickly.

"An hour after we opened for the summer session to take applicants we ran out of spots," said Director of External Relations Jack Barr.

The College of Business is full of students who come to the college because of word of mouth praise from former students. The academic emphasis and the many opportunities that students have for jobs make the College of Business at Ohio University one of the most recognized in Ohio. It is what keeps generations coming back.

"The College of Business is a source of pride for Ohio University," said Barr.

# COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

STUDENTS IN OHIO UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF Communication are some of the nation's top communicators. The College houses the School of Communication Studies, the School of Telecommunications, the School of Visual Communications, the J. Warren McClure of Communication Systems Management and the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism.

The College of Communication's 44 different programs within the five schools make for a very competitive College. With the help of the 1,000 internships and the numerous on-campus opportunities to get hands-on experience, it allowed a 96% job placement rate for graduates. The College of Communication implemented some major changes for the 2003-04 academic year.

What was formerly known as the School of Interpersonal Communication changed its name to the School of Communication Studies. The name change became effective at the beginning of the 2003 school year. Also new to the School this year was a doctoral program that began in the fall of 2003.

The School of Visual Communications named a new director, Terrill E. Eiler, the School's co-founder and now its third director. He had been with Ohio University since 1974, and since then, he has been a professor and worked with the National Geographic Society's books and magazines.

As in the past, the College of Communication held its Communication Career Connection, a student conference that allowed undergraduate and graduate students to meet with employers to talk about internships and jobs. This year's Career Connection included big names like Clear Channel Communications, Chandler Chicco Agency, and Procter and Gamble Productions.

"The Communications Career Connection was a great benefit for me. It allowed me to network myself and I was able to find out more opportunities in my major," said Junior Justin Feldkamp.

The College of Communication also organized its annual Red Cross Blood Drive. The Drive was February 10 in the Baker Center Ballroom. The blood drive allowed students in the College to volunteer their time by helping to organize and promote the drive, working at the registration or canteen tables at the blood drive, or by donating blood.

But what remains most important to Ohio University Communication students is the quality of the

classes.

"I was dead set on being a teacher when I first came to OU but after I took some communication classes I fell in love with it," said Freshman Katie Smolewski. "I am now in the College of Communication double majoring." T. David Couch





Left: Dan Corbett, a sophomore from Cincinnati, helps put on the broadcast of "Brave New World," a radio show featured on WOUB 1340 a.m.'s "The Nightshift," a student run radio program at Ohio University. Photo by Allison Toffle.

Top Right: Ohio University sophomore Dan Corbett of Cincinnati, Ohio, (left), and his co-host, sophomore John Lyons of Acton, Ma., during the Monday Night broadcast of "Brave New World" from the Television and Radio Building in Athens. Photo by Allison Toffle.

Bottom Right: Sophomore John Lyons of Acton, Ma., during the Monday night Broadcast of "Brave New World" from the Television and Radio building at Ohio University. "Brave New World" is just one of the many shows featured on WOUB 1340 a.m.'s "The Nightshift," a student run radio program at Ohio University. Photo by Allison Toffle.

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



IN 1891, THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE OF Education (COE) saw its first 13 students graduate with degrees in either secondary or elementary education. While surviving the passing of more than a century, the COE has gone through a multitude of changes, evolving into a very respected and well-known school. Today, its 41 professors educate over 2,000 students, and for the first time ever the COE witnessed an increase in enrollments in all departments despite a decrease in OU's overall enrollment rate.

"I think there's a renewed interest in education," said COE Associate Dean, Ginger Weade. "There's a new kind of commitment to the helping professions."

Of the COE's 41 professors, 10 of them began teaching at OU this year. Sophomore and middle childhood education major Brittany Hillier feels that she has learned priceless information from the COE professors she has had so far.

"A lot of them taught for many years, and now they're professors helping us," she said.

Fall quarter, Hillier took the course education psychology with professor Joan Safran. She said that she learned a great deal from Safran, who interacted with the class

instead of lecturing, and encouraged them to work in groups.

"The class met from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.," Hillier said. "So we would order pizza and had a potluck."

Faculty and staff within the COE are constantly working to maintain its four main academic priorities. They aspire to enhance student learning by working with colleges, universities, agencies at schools throughout Ohio and the country. Diversifying class forms and enhancing diversity of students, staff and faculty are also important aspects of the COE's goals. All of the COE's deans, chairs and program coordinators also support the COE as a learning community, understanding that they must monitor the college's opportunities, well as its challenges and constraints in order to keep it a respected place for education.

With all of their goals in mind, faculty and staff in the COE held three main events this year. During fall quarter they welcomed the annual Institute for Democracy in Education workshop, which focuses on diversifying teaching techniques in order to reach out to students more effectively. In the spring, the COE honored the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education with a special event. Students also participated in the Convocation Job Fair for undergraduate students. Representatives from Ohio schools and cities across the country that "have a huge need for teachers" held booths at the event, according to Weade. By KATH BROWN





# COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS



NOT ONLY IS ATHENS HOME TO OHIO University but it was also featured in John Villani's book, *The 100 Best Small Art Towns in America*. With 915 undergraduates and 265 graduate students, the College of Fine Arts certainly helps Athens maintain this title. The College has 21 courses of study leading to a Bachelors of Fine Arts or a Bachelors of Music Degree and 20 different Masters of Arts and Fine Arts degrees.

"The College is composed of an internationally acclaimed faculty, as well as extraordinary academic and artistic programming," said Dean Raymond Tymas-Jones. "Our nationally recognized professional Schools of Art, Dance, Film, Interdisciplinary Arts, Music and Theater offer innovative and invigorating academic programs," he said.

Every student enrolled in the College of Fine Arts is involved in one of six schools: art, dance, film, interdisciplinary arts, music and theater. It is not as easy as some may think to get into the College of Fine Arts. A student must be an accomplished musician, dancer or artist. He or she must

also attend interviews and auditions and submit a portfolio before even being considered for admittance. Every program requires rigorous involvement, with theatrical productions, art shows and concerts on a monthly basis.

With a series of galleries and performance spaces there is no shortage of places for a fine arts student to showcase their talent. Undergraduates have their own gallery on the fourth floor of Seigfre Hall, called Cube 4. Even the faculty of the College of Fine Arts chooses to showcase its talents in the galleries around campus. And many artists visit the school and give talks about their works to interested students. These activities are not limited to students of the College of Fine Arts. Galleries are open to the public daily and the discussion groups are on a first-come, first-served basis.

In addition to getting Ohio University students involved, the College of Fine Arts also involves the city of Athens. Students are actively involved with the Ohio Valley Summer Theater, Athens Center for Film and Video and even Monomoy Theater in Massachusetts. The College of Fine Arts covers all bases in learning and has plenty of hands-on activities to add to the experience.

By Tracy Boorman



April Steckman, a junior general art major, works during open studio on her 3-D design project.

Jill Bernot, a sophomore graphic design major, works on her 3-D design project during open-studio hours.

# College of Health and Human Services



Candice Brooks, left, helps a student with her homework while at the Kids On Campus program at Chauncey Elementary. Photo by Alicia A. Busch



Jeff Powell listens to a story from the student he tutors at Kids On Campus. Photo by Alicia A. Busch

IT IS NO SECRET THAT THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH and Human Services is quite diverse in its course and major opportunities. The College has over 2,500 students who are divided into six schools, including: Health Services; Hearing, Speech, and Consumer Sciences; Nursing; Physical Therapy; and Recreation and Sports Sciences. Students within these six schools can specialize in a large array of disciplines including Retail Merchandising, Interior Architecture and even Industrial Hygiene.

"We want our students here to get hands on learning experiences, not just the classroom learning," said Linda Lockhart, Director of Communications for the College.

Not only are various field placements available and often required for most majors, but students also have many hands-on learning opportunities. One of these is The Atrium Café, located on the ground floor of Grover Center. Students mainly run the café though a faculty member oversees the operation. Students plan the menu, cook and serve the food. The café includes a full community kitchen and is open to the public.

Also located in Grover is the Ohio University Therapy Associates Clinic, where students in the schools of hearing, speech, language and physical therapy work to help children and local community members with disabilities. The academic program in Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences was recognized as one of the top ten programs in the country.

Ohio University Child Development Center, located at the Ridges, is also a program that is part of the College of Health and Human Services. The daycare is open to the children of parents that work at Ohio University, as well as parents who live in the community. While the Center has professional staff on hand, it is mostly run by students. It has a capacity of about 100 children, varying from infants to preschool-aged children.

Well Works, a fitness and wellness unit that employees of Ohio University and members of the community can use, is located in Grover Center. Well Works has aerobic and cycling classes, as well as on-hand massage therapists and nutritionists. The Center allows Recreation and Sport Sciences and Fitness majors to gain experiences as trainers or nutritionists. A subdivision of Well Works is Heart Works, a cardiac rehabilitation clinic. This, too, is run by students and is aimed at helping them gain experience in their field of study.

Another program sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services is Kids on Campus. The program provides before-and-after-school care for school-aged children. Summer camps and other activities are also included.

Students do not need to be majoring in one of the specified schools in the College of Health and Human Services to be involved in the College's activities. All of the activities and facilities are open to the public and non-major students are always invited to volunteer their time with anything that strikes their interests. Though the College of Health and Human Services has many different opportunities for getting students involved, its main focus is to help students learn the value of teamwork.

By Kylene Kur...



Clockwise from top: Students learn about petroglyphs and their traditions and create their own during a Kids On Campus after school project.

Aaron Rich and Katie Gow roll out dough while preparing food at the Art Cafe in Grover Center.

While at Kids On Campus, elementary-aged students take a special interest in their administrators.

# Honors Tutorial College

## Looking Ahead

THE 2003 SCHOOL YEAR BROUGHT CHANGE TO the Honors Tutorial College: this is the first year that freshmen who enter the college must submit a thesis and are required to meet with the College's dean twice a week during Fall Quarter for discussion. The bi-weekly seminars took place Monday and Wednesday evenings with Dean Christine Fidler and focused on Intellectualism in America.

"The new requirements for freshman are more labor-intensive than I expected," said first-year journalism major Emily Vance. "For example, we have to advocate a university issue and then present it at a 'Mocktail Party' for President Glidden and other administrators, and we have to compile a learning portfolio and go through a review process with the dean and our director of study at the end of freshman year," she said.

While the first-year students may consider the additional requirements a little tough, others may feel differently.

"I think this is a good idea because it is a good opportunity to get to know other students in the college rather than just those in your own disciplines," said third-year history major John Ashton in regard to the new changes within his college.

There are 60 freshmen and more than 200 others in the College, which makes it one of the smallest colleges on campus. It holds the name Honors Tutorial College because it involves those students who harbor highly-developed academic abilities, motivation, focus, energy and all the qualities that make students strive for their education. According to Assistant Dean Jan Hodson, the students in this college have very high academic requirements.



In the Honors Tutorial College, a bachelor's degree demands that the student maintain at least a 3.0 overall grade point average, complete OU's English composition requirement and fulfill all requirements in the chosen area of study. This differs from the other colleges, which force students to take a certain number of hours in other areas of study.

"I register early and I have no Tier requirements, general education requirements, or prerequisite requirements," said Vance. "Instead of having to take Sociology 101 to fulfill a sociology requirement, I can pick whatever I want, which rocks because I can focus on classes that interest me and complete my major-required classes earlier," continued Vance.

The students not only had high academic requirements, but they also contributed their free time to volunteer work, Hodson said. Some students volunteered at area middle schools and high schools by conducting creative writing workshops. Others provided math tutoring services for students in elementary school who wished to study pre-algebra. The volunteer hours were not required by the college, but most students chose to devote their time anyway.

"I do volunteer once a week at Athens East Elementary School with the HTC's writing workshops," said Vance. "I work with fifth graders on their writing skills," she said.

Though Vance volunteered off campus, volunteer work for the HTC students could even be done on campus. Students didn't have to stray far from their homes to help the community and fellow peers. Ashton, for example, volunteered teaching tennis at Ping, which was both enjoyable and in walking distance.

There are two student organizations in the HTC: The Honors College Society and The Honors College Advisory Counsel. The former had its first year in the 2003-2004 academic year, and is considered a service organization. The latter is considered a social organization that acts as a liaison between students and administration within the College. It also takes part in sponsoring social events.

Students had to learn how to manage their time to meet the demands of the HTC as well as pursue their own interests, which many carried out through their volunteer work.

"The Honors Tutorial College allows you to explore your own talents and better prepare yourself for the workforce," said Ashton. Beth Comer



Dr. Joe Berman, one of the founders of the Honors Tutorial College, converses with HTC students after a speech fall quarter

Micali Mitchell and Chelsea Peters enjoy one of the many perks of the Honors Tutorial College—free food at lectures

HTC students Michelle Steinkle (left) and Bethan Lyon (right) fight for control of Michelle's camera after an embarrassing impromptu picture at an HTC seminar fall quarter

HTC students Ozan Sure and Anna Weed relax after a mentally stimulating lecture



# RUSS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

WITH 1,400 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, around 300 graduate students, and a total staff of about 215, the Russ College of Engineering is able to pull off an incredible and eventful year every year. In past years, this college has held some intense events and played host to some incredible speakers. The college attended the Dayton Air Show in July. Seeing the air show is always a treat, but for those pilots flying up there it is indescribable.

The National Intercollegiate Flying Region III flight team competition: SAFECON, or the Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference, was hosted by The Russ College.

"We came out in 2nd place, beating out Ohio State for the first time in 16 years," says Colleen Carow Girton, the Director of External Relations for the Russ College of Engineering and Technology. "The Ohio University Flying Bobcats team placed second overall against five other universities. This qualified them for the National NIFA SAFECON next spring. The team also placed second overall in flight events and third overall in ground events. In addition, Flying Bobcat David Fankhouser ranked third top pilot in the entire competition," continued Girton.

The Russ College was named in honor of Fritz Russ and his wife, Dolores. The school holds The Russ Prize, which is one of the top three engineering prizes in the world. It offers a number of degrees in areas of study such as the traditional engineering spectrum, aviation, computer science and industrial technology. Most of the courses students take and most offices are based out of Stocker Center on West Green.

The nationwide Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) allows students to take plant tours, which gives them an idea of what life will be like after college. It also allows members to socialize and make friends who share the same interests.

"I feel that SME will be beneficial to me in the future because it is an excellent learning experience, and it prepares me for my future in Industry," says sophomore Mark Pitzer, who is an Industrial Technology major.

On October 13-14, Dr. William Kolff, the 2003 Russ Prize winner and the inventor of Kidney Dialysis, gave a public lecture to the students in the Russ College, as well as any others who attended. He also met with several groups of students to discuss important issues of interest and provided an insightful learning experience.

Scholarships are offered to students in all colleges, and Natalie Kruse and Jessica Benson from the Russ College

were awarded several thousands of dollars for their outstanding accomplishments this year. The Russ college can also be proud of the faculty members like Professor Frank van Graas who is the leading global positioning system researcher, associate professor Ben Stuart who won several teaching and leadership awards in the spring of 2003, and many more.

"I think that the Russ College has a lot more organization than the other colleges," says sophomore, Jeremy Lewis, mechanical engineering major. "I feel that, due to the College's requirements, the students have a more close-knit relationship with one another. It's mainly because we are in class with the same people for so many hours a week, especially the juniors and seniors who take more engineering courses with their peers. We also work outside of class on our projects and we get to socialize and develop friendships amongst one another," continued Lewis.

The Russ College is a difficult program for Ohio University students, but it gives them something to work at and a very large goal to meet. "My courses are challenging, but the work I do now will pay off in the end," says mechanical engineering major Dan Edwartoski. "I feel that a degree in engineering is a respectable one." Hard work and dedication are what the engineering students can be proud of in the end. By Beth Comer







Bottom Left — Dr. Cindy Marling, a computer science professor, plays with a robotic dog during class. Marling is one of the several professors that are part of an interdisciplinary project in engineering, creating small robots that can play soccer in the international competition Robocup. Photo by Rebecca Droke.

Top Right — Two engineering students record their progress on the international Robocup project. Photo by Rebecca Droke.

Bottom Right — Bill Sabo, left, Adam Kristanc, center, and Mark Tomko discuss adjustments to the robot they are working on during a class that unites people from different specialties in engineering to create a robot that can play soccer and compete in the Robocup, an international research project and competition. Photo by Rebecca Droke.



# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

ON DESCRIBING THE GOAL OF UNIVERSITY College, Precollege Advisor Richard Linn said, "In University College, we're trying to get rid of students, where every other college is trying to keep them." But he meant that in a good way.

University College is the Undecided Majors' haven at Ohio University; a place that can provide help to the students who are unsure about their direction. UC's main function is advising, which helps the Undecided students find a major.

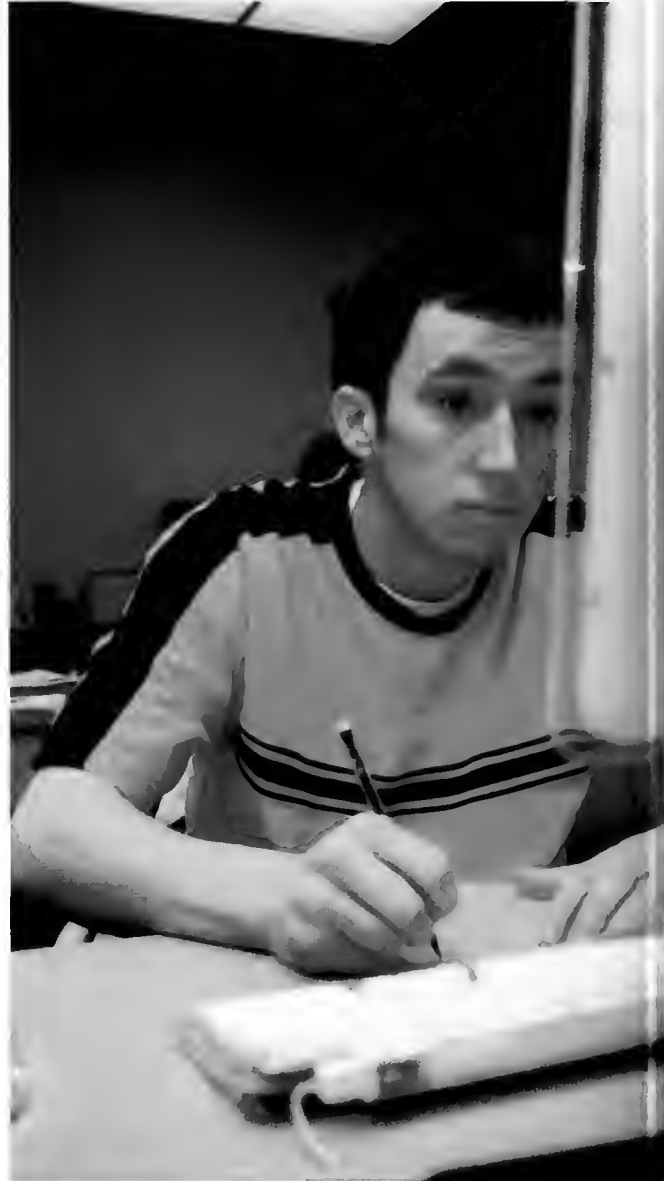
"UC has really been helpful for me," said Colleen Neary, an OU sophomore. "It allowed me to take classes I liked in order to sort out what I wanted to do."

Apart from individual advising, UC hosted a University-wide Majors Fair for the second year in a row. University College solicited representatives from all the other OU colleges to Baker Center Ballroom on January 24 to provide information on the majors available at OU. "It's an opportunity for students to find a major, change their major, add a minor, or discover what they can do with their current major," said Assistant Dean of Student Services, Laura Chapman. "It is really a neat program."

If the majors students learn about at the Majors Fair still don't sound appealing, University College can help by offering a Bachelor of Specialized Studies Degree, in which students create their own major by mixing areas of interest. "You design something that doesn't even exist," said Linn. Other majors offered through University College are the Bachelor of Criminal Justice Degree, Air Force and Army ROTC Programs, and various Associates Degrees.

University College also provides services for anyone looking to be a more successful student. The Academic Advancement Center, which is open to all OU students, provides tutoring, group study sessions, and academic guidance, while LINKS is a peer mentoring program geared toward minority students.

University College is a very versatile and accommodating part of OU. Whether trying to choose a major, getting help while in one, or graduating with a degree of your own invention, UC helps all along the way.  
By Stacia Golem





1-10: A student utilizes the Academic Advancement Center's computer lab in his free time. The AAC computer lab is a helpful resource to all students in the University College. Photograph by Michael Newman.



1-11: Student staff members of the Academic Advancement Center help answer questions about tutoring. Photograph by Michael Newman.

1-12: A student tutor helps to clarify a difficult math equation. Photograph by Michael Newman.



# Seniors 2004



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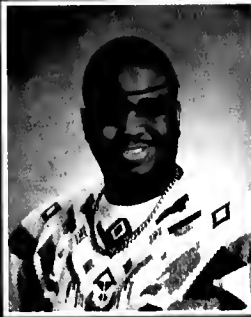
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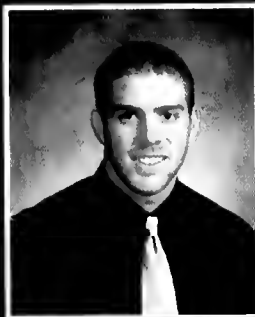
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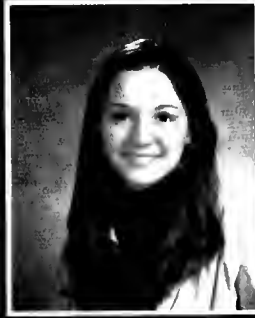
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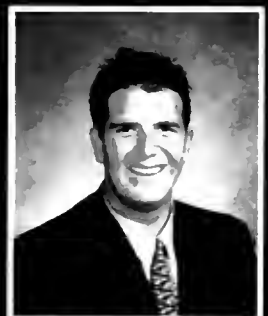
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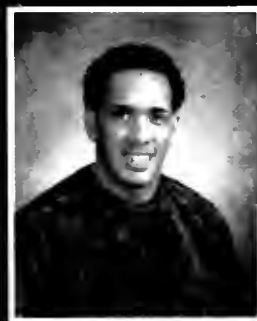
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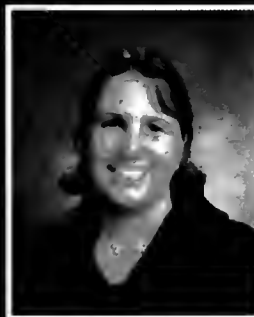
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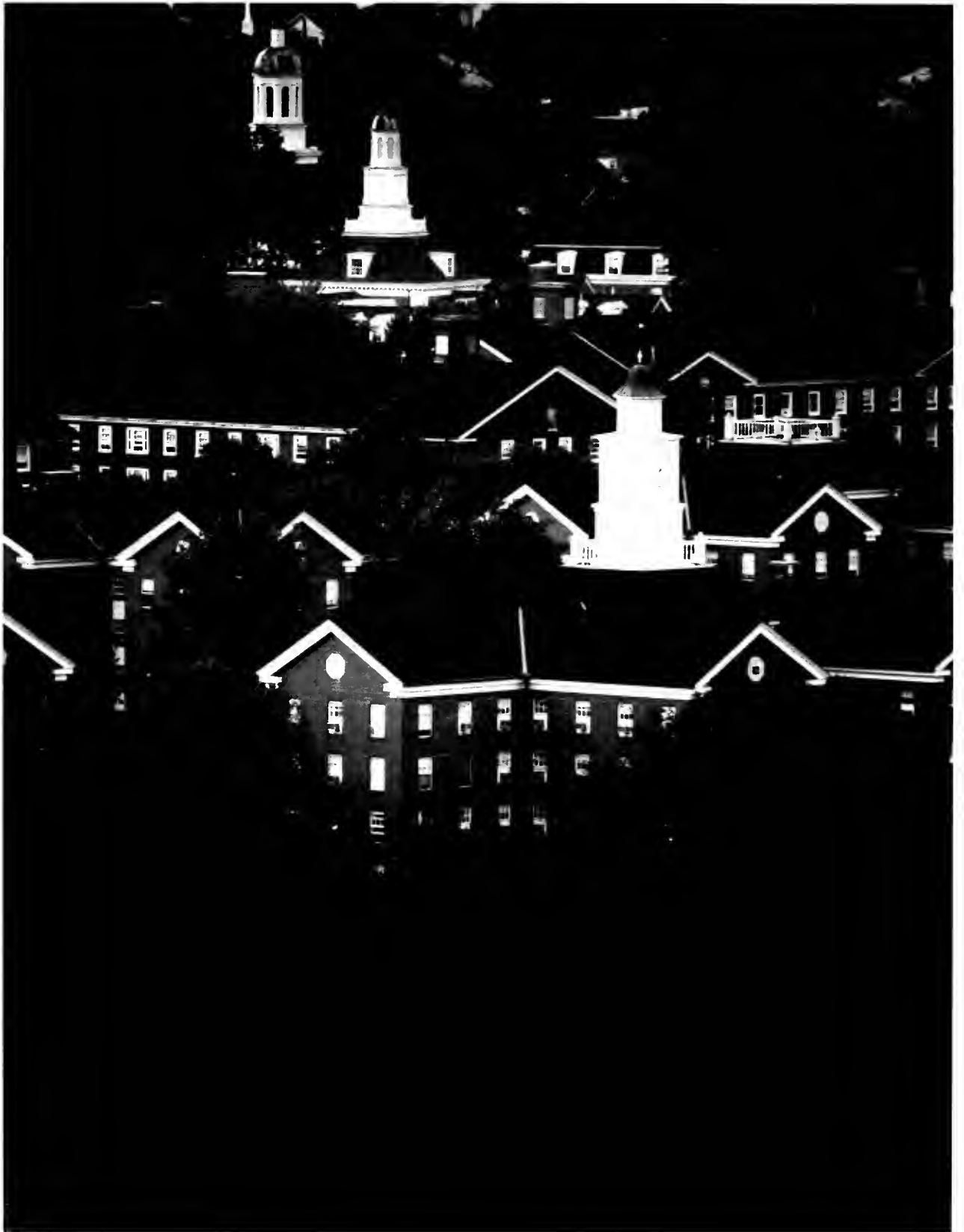
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# Letter from the Editors

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Dear Readers,

**W**e hope you have enjoyed the bicentennial edition of the *Athena Yearbook*. It is indeed the result of months of planning and effort. Photographers, designers, writers and editors combined their interests and talents to capture the essence of Ohio University in its 200th year.

Even though the staff was small and deadlines always seemed to be approaching, committed staff members pulled together to create this book despite schoolwork, jobs and other activities.

We hope this edition of the *Athena Yearbook* helps you remember your time and individual experience at Ohio University for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Editor-In-Chief

Erica K. Lutterbein  
Chief Copy Editor



The 99th edition of the *Athena Yearbook*, “Crossroads of Time,” was produced by students at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, from September 2003–June 2003. The full-color yearbook covers fall through winter quarters in one hard-bound edition and covers spring quarter in a 32 page supplement. Both will be either picked up by students or mailed in the summer of 2003.

The cover and pages were designed in InDesign CS on Apple computers: three iMacs and a G4. Other software applications used include: Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Photoshop 7 and Microsoft Word. A Nikon Coolscan III negative scanner was used for nearly all photographs. All pre-press production was done in-house with page negatives delivered to the printer, Jostens, in Clarksville, Tennessee. Robin Fritts was the Josten’s representative.

Senior portraits were taken by a contracted studio, Lauren Studios, of Rochester, New York. The representative was Joel Siegel. Education Services, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia, collected corporate advertising, with Paul Wimmeler as representative. Nathan Chamberlain collected local advertising.

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