



# BUCKEYE BATTLE CRY

Newsletter of The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Greater Richmond, VA

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## Origins of the Term “Buckeye”

Although the Athletic Council officially adopted the term in 1950 to represent Ohio State’s sports teams, records indicate that “buckeye” had probably been used before the turn of the century.

The buckeye tree is native to Ohio and prevalent in the Ohio River Valley. Its shiny dark nuts with lighter tan patches resemble the eye of a deer. Settlers who crossed the Alleghenies found it to be the only unfamiliar tree in the forest.

Pioneers carved the soft buckeye wood into troughs, platters, and even cradles. Before the days of plastic, buckeye wood was often used to fashion artificial limbs. The nuts, although inedible, are attractive. Folk wisdom has it that carrying a buckeye in your pocket brings good luck and wards off rheumatism. In general, though, the trees and their nuts are of little practical use: the wood does not burn well, the bark has an unpleasant odor, and the bitter nut meat is mildly toxic. Still, the tree has grit. It grows where others cannot, is difficult to kill, and adapts to its circumstances. Daniel Drake, on behalf of the buckeye said, “In all our woods there is not a tree so hard to kill as the buckeye. The deepest girdling does not deaden it, and even after it is cut down and worked up into the side of a cabin it will send out young branches, denoting to all



## Two Buckeye Victories Raised \$1,750 for Scholarship Fund

Congratulations and thank you for your profound generosity! At our Michigan and Bowl Game Watch raffles,



the Club successfully raised a combined \$1,750 for the Club’s Endowed Scholarship Fund (and enjoyed Buckeye victories at both).

We appreciate the generous buckeye gear donations of Tammy Barnett, Sarah Cone, Jim Faucett, Greg Gilligan, Harry Keller, Dan Kelliher, Dave and Marcina Mason, Ralph Straub, Martha Wade, and John and Betty Wilson.

We owe a big thank you to Tammy Barnett for her hard work coordinating the raffles and silent auctions for both events!

## Change in our Listing with the Ukrop’s Golden Gift Program



We apologize for any confusion from the November newsletter regarding the Ukrop’s Golden Gift Program. They have corrected our listing in the directory, so you can now find our Club listed under its proper name:

*The OSU Alumni Club of Greater Richmond, Virginia*

If you already signed up under the Club listing mentioned in November, you will automatically be switched to the correct Club listing as the database is updated.

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the world that Buckeyes are not easily conquered.”

The first recorded use of the term “buckeye” in reference to an Ohioan was in 1788. Col. Ebenezer Sproat led the legal delegation at the first court session of the Northwest Territory in Marietta. The Native Americans in attendance, allegedly impressed by Sproat’s 6’4” stature and swashbuckling manner, greeted him with shouts of “Hetuck, Hetuck” (their word for “Buckeye”). He carried the nickname for the rest of his life, and it gradually spread to his companions and other local settlers.

The 1840 presidential election, however, put the term “buckeye” permanently in the vocabulary when William Henry Harrison, originally a Virginian, adopted the buckeye tree and buckeye nuts as campaign symbols.



At the Whig convention, Harrison delegates carried buckeye canes, decorated with strings of buckeye beads. The buckeye nut was a precursor to today’s campaign buttons. The buckeye became indelibly linked with Ohio.

It is rare for an athletic team to be named after a tree, but the Buckeye name is so ingrained in the history of the state and University that few stop to consider how unusual it is. It is native, tenacious, attractive, and unique – traits with which Ohioans and OSU alumni are proud to be associated.

Source: “Origins of Buckeye Name” <http://www.lima.ohio-state.edu/trees/buckname.html>

## Member Spotlight:

### Dave & Anne Randall

David (Dave) and Anne Bishop Randall have been members of the Alumni Club for many years, and even helped found a local group in Wilmington, Delaware in the 1980s. They have been in Richmond since June 1999. Dave graduated from Ohio State in 1982 with a B.S. in Business Administration. Anne is also an OSU alumna; she graduated in 1985 with a B.S. in Computer and Information Science from the College of Engineering.



Dave works in governmental insurance for St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company. He was raised in the Philadelphia area and enjoys golf, home improvement projects, and Sudoku. Anne is a busy stay-at-home mom from Louisville, Ohio. Dave and Anne have three children: fourteen year-old Amanda, nine year-old Andrea, and seven year-old Abigail; they also have a Shi-Tzu named Louie. In her “free time,” Anne volunteers on two PTA Boards, as a Girl Scout Leader, with their church and various sporting activities, and plays tennis. Dave says that the girls can go to college wherever they want, but he refuses to write the word “Michigan” on the check.

The Randalls miss living in Columbus and being part of football Saturdays. They cite their favorite OSU memory as their trip to the Fiesta Bowl in January 2003 for the National Championship game.

### Benefit Concert to Raise Money for the Jessica Beck Memorial Scholarship

On Sunday, February 26, 2006, Hot Apple Pie will perform with special guests The Marna Bales Band, Robbin Thompson, and CMT’s Miranda Williams at the Canal Club to raise money for the Jessica Beck Memorial Scholarship. Beck was a senior on the Ohio State synchronized swimming team, a Richmond native, and a scholarship recipient who passed away in September.



Doors open at 2:00 pm for the silent auction. The first band takes the stage at 3:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the door or for \$15 in advance at [www.ticketstobuy.com](http://www.ticketstobuy.com). Donations are being accepted for the silent auction. They also need volunteers to help staff the silent auction. Please contact Joyce Beck ([jbeck84113@aol.com](mailto:jbeck84113@aol.com)) to donate or volunteer. For more information, please visit [www.jessicabeck.net](http://www.jessicabeck.net).

Scholarship interviews will take place soon. Contact [hephner@msn.com](mailto:hephner@msn.com) or [ggilligan@timesdispatch.com](mailto:ggilligan@timesdispatch.com) to serve on the interviewing committee!





# OSU UPCOMING EVENTS

## OSU vs. University of Richmond Synchronized Swimming Meet

*Saturday, February 11, 2006, 3:00 p.m.*

Join us at the Robins Center on the University of Richmond campus to cheer on the OSU Synchronized Swimming team. Afterwards, we'll have dinner with the team at the Robins Center in room 245 to celebrate the meet and remember Jessica Beck and Peg Hogan. Please R.S.V.P. by February 10th to richmondbuckeyes@hotmail.com or to Sarah at (804) 754-7254. We ask that each alumnus attending plan to contribute \$5 towards the meal (we're ordering family style - Olive Garden carryout) or bring a dessert to share.

## Buckeye Happy Hour

*Friday, March 24, 2006, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Legend Brewing Co.*

Let's keep the successful Happy Hour events coming! Meet us after work at Legend Brewing Co., 321 W. 7th St. in Richmond. R.S.V.P. by March 23rd to richmondbuckeyes@hotmail.com or to Sarah at (804) 754-7254.

## Spring Reception & Annual Meeting

*Sunday, April 30, 2006, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*

Please see enclosed flyer for details. R.S.V.P. by April 25, 2006.

## Big 10 Golf Scramble, hosted by the OSU Alumni Club

*Saturday, May 6, 2006, 8:00 a.m. shotgun start, Mill Quarter Plantation*

Details and the registration form are available on our website at [www.alumni-osu.org/~richmondva/golf.html](http://www.alumni-osu.org/~richmondva/golf.html) or contact Sarah at (804) 754-7254. Register by April 25, 2006.

## President's Message: "Why Should I Support the OSU Alumni Association?"

I'm very proud that a number of our Club members are also members of the OSU Alumni Association (OSUAA). Some folks, however, still wonder why they should join.

First, I'd like to clear up a common misconception: you do NOT need to be an Ohio State alumnus to join the OSUAA. If you attended for fewer than 15 credit hours (including zero), you may become an associate member. If you completed at least 15 credit hours at Ohio State, you are eligible for active membership. What's the difference? Active members have all of the benefits of membership, while associate members have a few limitations (like football tickets).

The benefits of membership are too numerous to list in the limited space of our newsletter. For a complete list, check out [www.ohiostatealumni.org](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org).

More importantly, though, is what your membership does for Ohio State: makes OSU stronger. Student scholarships and recruitment, diversity programs, the Student-Alumni Council, class reunions, career networking, Welcome Week, Homecoming, and supporting the 225+ Alumni Clubs worldwide – your membership in the OSUAA makes it all happen! The Association funds many programs to benefit current OSU students. I remember so many of the events I attended as a student just a few

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## Year-Round Endowed Scholarship Donations

Remember that you can support our Club's endowment fund year-round in several ways:

1. Donate through the Club (please check the Club website for a donation form),
2. Send your contribution directly to the University, specifying our Club's name and endowment account number **602731** (use your employer's matching gift program to increase your contribution), or
3. Donate online through [igive](http://www.giveto.osu.edu) at <http://www.giveto.osu.edu>. Click on the "igive" icon and follow the instructions.

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years ago being sponsored in part by the Alumni Association. According to our 1973 Constitution, our Club was formed to promote the interests of The Ohio State University and closer fellowship among the alumni and

former students of The Ohio State University. We are inextricably linked to the OSUAA and its mission: to connect alumni, students, and friends in lifelong support of Ohio State and each other.

Cheers and Go Bucks,  
*Sarah Cone, '02*

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#### Dates to remember:

February 11th – OSU vs. UR Synchro Swim

February 26th – Jessica Beck Benefit Concert

March 24th – Buckeye Happy Hour

April 30th – Spring Reception & Meeting

May 6th – Big 10 Golf Scramble



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ADDRESS FORWARD & CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Reminder:** If there is a 2006 membership renewal form inserted in your newsletter, we have not yet received your 2006 Club dues.

**Thank you to those who have already renewed for 2006!**