

Visit the New Buckeye Gift Shop at Moondoggies

The "Buckeye Gift Shop" at Moondoggies is back in 2003. But this year, it is more than your source for great Buckeye gear.

The Gift Shop is a great place to get Buckeye clothing and accessories. You can choose from flags, t-shirts, hats, music CDs and more. As always, the official OSU San Diego club t-shirt will be available for \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members and are available in M-2XL.

We have your favorite items plus a huge selection of National Championship gear. Look your best all season long and sport a National Champs hat and shirt. Or, pick up a copy of the Fiesta Bowl DVD and relive the action over and over.

This year, the Gift Shop is more than just a gift shop. It's also a great place to:

- **Say hello.** The welcome table is a

good place to meet friends and ask questions. Please stop by to meet our awesome Gift Shop hostess, Rita Church. Thank you Rita!

■ **Reach the Goal.** Please donate all you can to our club's scholarship fund. Look for the gray "Scholarship Fund" box. The Fund was recently renamed as the OSUSD Gary Rectenwald Scholarship fund. Our dream is to reach the \$25,000 mark this year! With your help, we'll reach the goal to keep the club strong. (Checks payable to the OSU Foundation are welcome. Please note Account #310362 on your check so money is directed to the correct OSU account.)

■ **Sign in / Sign Up.** We want to keep members posted on all the benefits your club has to offer so sign up or renew your

membership at the table and make sure we have your current address. Plus, sign in and receive a raffle ticket for door prize drawing(s) at half time - every week!

■ **Network with Buckeyes.** New this year is our Buckeye networking business card portfolio. Leave your business card in the album. We welcome business cards and/or any special discounts you may want to offer other club members. We'll also scan your card to include on our web site for the world to see. Need financial planning help, wine for your next event, or your home renovated? You might find a fellow Buckeye in the portfolio who can help.

The Buckeye Gift Shop is located at the main entrance to Moondoggies. See you there!



Scholarship Update

Congratulations to the 2003 "Gary Rectenwald - OSU Alumni Club of San Diego Scholarship" recipient, Jessica Martinez! Go Jessica! Go Bucks!



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Message From the President

Whew! What a year and what a game! It gives me great pride and joy to begin my first term as this club's president on such a grand note. I am humbled and honored to be the replacement of our past president, Gary Rectenwald. It has been such a pleasure and an adventure to serve beside such a devoted Buckeye all these years (since he restarted the club in 1992). I must tell you it is his love for this university, its people and all for which it stands that propels me into my term. I can only hope to serve you and this club with as much unbridled enthusiasm and commitment. We love you and thank you, Gary!

Like any new officer that has been entrusted with a duty, one must begin with a few goals. So this year there are three key things I wish for this club:

1. To raise \$5K toward our endowment

scholarship fund and form the board to begin our financial security in its administration

2. To provide a visible and cost effective community service that says "Ohio State" is here in San Diego
3. To improve the networking opportunities for our members

However, in order to achieve such goals I need YOU! Yes, YOU! There are many ways to get involved...just come to the Greeting/Gift Shop each Saturday and look through the book then talk to one of the officers more about how to get started. A few KEY positions needed currently are: Student Recruitment Chairperson and volunteers for the college fairs, Holiday Event Chairperson, Big Game "Bonfire" Nite Chairperson, Community Project Chairperson, and any other committee you might be interested

in. Don't be shy...JUMP IN and make this club better.

I'd like to end by thanking all those that have donated their time (much of which was not there to give) and out of a labor of love for this great university has made this club one of Ohio State's best! Vickie Stone and Jim Biddle, our devoted club secretary and treasurer for the past 2 years. What a great job! You have left your mark and with it a new standard of excellence. Carl Best, our devoted newsletter Editor for the past 5 years, is turning over his laser printer and resting on a job that has been outstanding in every way! I hope you know how much we all appreciate the jobs that you have done. This club would not have been the same without you!

Alright, let's play some FOOTBALL!
Respectfully, Jera

Buckeye Football Back at Moondoggies, Pacific Beach

The 2003 Buckeye football season is about to begin. Are you ready? Here's everything you need to know to take in all the action in San Diego.

Plan to be at Moondoggies for every game. It's the best place to watch Buckeye football if you aren't in the Horseshoe. Moondoggies puts all of the Buckeye action on most of the TVs including the wide screen TVs and they pipe the audio over the house sound system. You'll be sure to see the game from any table. But, get to Moondoggies early - the best tables are often claimed before the game begins!

Moondoggies is at 832 Garnet Ave in Pacific Beach about 500 yards from

Crystal Pier. From I-5, take the Garnet/Grand Avenue exit west. If you drive into the ocean, you've gone too far. Moondoggies is just east of Mission Boulevard next to Denny's.

There is a pay parking lot behind Moondoggies. OSU Alumni Club of San Diego members get parking passes to park in the lot for free all season long. Join the club or make sure your membership is renewed to take advantage of this membership benefit.

Moondoggies has great breakfast, lunch and dinner food served to your table. If you come early enough, you can eat breakfast, watch the action then stay for lunch without leaving your table.

Plus, a portion of your tab is donated to OSUSD at the end of the year so EAT A LOT of food and support the club.

The awesome 2002 football season brought a lot of fans to Moondoggies. Be sure to arrive early so you don't miss any action.

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Do Your Dues

As football season begins also comes the time to renew your local club dues. Annually collected to help pay the costs that provide you with the hotline, newsletter, website, and all the events that honor our university and make The Ohio State University pride known in San Diego! Many of your fellow alum spend hours of their time devoted to this club and only ask that you support those efforts by joining at the nominal fee each year.

Back by popular demand are the nametags that we issued to all members last year. New ones will be afforded to new members to the club and replacement ones can be ordered (at cost) on the membership form. You may also have yours mailed at a nominal cost for those

that are unable to join us during football or other events.

New this year for all members will be... a surprise! That's right we are not telling but it will be something you are sure to like. Let's just say that it's something everyone 'must have'. Stop by the Greeting/Gift Shop in October to get your membership 'freebie'. As for the rest of the Membership Benefits see below:

- Discounts on ALL club events
- FREE parking at Moondoggies for all of Football season
- Newsletters that keep you up to date on all events and news
- Ability to purchase tickets for ONE home game each year (this year's was SDSU)
- Ability to participate in ticket raffles

for bowl games

- Participation ensures that the university continues to do student recruitment from the San Diego area (a KEY goal for the National Association)
- Networking for both social and business benefit
- Free nametag
- Discount on all OSU Merchandise at our Greeting/Gift Shop at each football game and event
- Scholarship participation as we build our \$25K Endowment Fund

All that and more when you are one of the OSU Alumni club of San Diego members!

Last Reds vs. Padres Alumni Game at the Q

Saturday, August 9 marked the end of a tradition as San Diego Buckeyes gathered to tailgate before the Reds vs. Padres baseball game. Next season the Padres will be playing downtown in PETCO Park. After filling up on food at the tailgate, including Ed's chili, the Buckeyes headed into the Q. They received a Tony Gwynn Russian Nesting Doll, three Tony's for the price of one! The Padres could have used at least one Tony that night as the Reds pounded the Padres. We will try to have a baseball night

next season in PETCO Park, downtown San Diego. See you there!



Event Calendar

Date	Time	Event
August 30	5:10 p.m. (ABC)	WASHINGTON
September 6	9:10 a.m. (ESPN Plus)	SAN DIEGO STATE
September 13	9:10 a.m. (ABC)	NORTH CAROLINA STATE
September 16	5:30 p.m.	Back to the Big Ten Party
September 20	9:10 a.m. (ESPN Plus)	BOWLING GREEN
September 27	TBA	NORTHWESTERN
September 29	6:30 p.m.	North County College Fair at Carlsbad HS @ Wisconsin
October 11	6:08 p.m. (ESPN)	IOWA
October 18	12:30 p.m. (ABC)	College Fair at Point Loma HS @ Indiana
October 19	7:00 p.m.	@ Penn State
October 25	TBA	MICHIGAN STATE
November 1	TBA	PURDUE
November 8	TBA	Annual Beat Michigan Beach Bonfire/Pep Rally @ Michigan/Scholarship Raffle/Breakfast Buffet
November 15	5:30 p.m.	Buckeyes Basketball/Maui Invitational Tournament
November 21	9:10 a.m. (ABC)	Holiday Event
November 22	TBA	
November 24-26	TBA	
December	TBA	

Back to the Big 10

We're #1! We're #1! Fellow Buckeye fanatics, get out your colors and prepare to defend your bragging rights! The annual "Back to the Big Ten" Party is September 16, 2003. We want our #1 Buckeyes to be the #1 group in attendance.

- Where:** Charger's Gold Club Room at QUALCOMM Stadium
- When:** Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30
- Cost:** \$20 in advance (by 9-10-03) \$25 at the door
- Contact:** Rita Church e-mail: rita@osusandiego.com or 619-238-7340, or at Moondoggies for tickets or info
- Why:** To support the best damn team in the land!!!! (also there will be food,entertainment, and you'll meet some fans from those "other schools")

Tim Spencer Visits San Diego Alum - Annual Meeting Report

It was standing room only to hear Tim Spencer, OSU Football's Runningback Coach, speak at our annual meeting in May.

Everyone was enthralled to listen as Tim described being a part of the last recruited team under Coach Hayes in 1979. He said he and his family would always remember Woody as just "Coach." He recalled the snowstorm of the early 80s when the team was then under Earl Bruce. Tim reminisced about how Coach Hayes drove his Blazer through 12" of snow to Saint Clairsvill when recruiting him. Tim would see his the Blazer coming down the street while he was out throwing the football with neighborhood kids. Coach Hayes would get out of the Blazer and say hello to Tim and then, "carry on with your play, I am just here to visit with your Mom." Tim said that was the type of man Coach was and why he was so admired by so many players and their families.

Tim shared his opinion that it was the Outback Bowl several years before that set the stage for the 2003 National Champion team. He said it was this game that started the spirit of "never say die." At the Outback Bowl the Buckeyes made an amazing comeback from behind, and Tim lamented that had there been one more quarter in the game, the Bucks would certainly have pulled off an impressive comeback victory.

Heads nodded in agreement when Tim stated, "We've had better talent but not a better team." He also shared that the team is "a unit, with many being Christians, believing in themselves as well as a greater strength." Tim shared that Coach Tressel assigned a book for the coaching staff to read as well as the players which was as much for motivation as it was to demonstrate that each person had to be on the same page.

Tim exclaimed that it was exhilarating yet exhausting winning The Game in Tempe, Ariz. By the time the team and coaches made it back to the hotel after the game, it was 1:30 a.m. and the bar at the hotel were closed. After what seemed to many to be the longest week of their lives in preparation for the game, the team settled on private parties in their rooms to celebrate the hard won victory. They were not going to be denied the right to Celebrate.

We had an added bonus of hearing John Brockington speak to the audience as well. This former football player under Coach Hayes, shared some great stories as well, but perhaps the most potent one being of his recent experience finding a kidney donor from the Buckeye Alumni family, which saved his life! John is President of the John Brockington Foundation, which raises awareness of organ transplants. John shared his amazing story of learning first hand the



family that is Buckeye Alumni. He heard from players he hadn't heard from in 30 years, offering their support and willingness to be tested as a possible match for him. It didn't stop there and continued with e-mails circulating via Varsity O about John's condition. John said he was so touched and realized that being a Buckeye is something special and lifelong. John is interested in starting a Buckeye mixer to socialize and network with fellow Buckeyes. If you are interested in helping John with this great activity he can be e-mailed at John_S_Brockington@glic.com. He is hoping to organize a sundowner or perhaps a wine and cheese reception.

After the meeting both Tim and John graciously talked to all members and patiently had their pictures taken with us. It was especially neat to see Tim's championship ring.

Thanks to both Tim and John for sharing their football memories. We enjoyed hearing your stories. You make us proud to be Buckeyes!
by Vickie Stone