

## Treasurer's Report 2006

It has been a fantastic year for fundraising!! A key tribute to the Club's financial success was the Golf Tournament, which brought in over \$5,000. Kudos to the organizer, Charlie Philpot. The club brought in almost \$1000 from member donations for Bowl Game tickets. Also a big thanks to Moondoggies who donated \$1000. They appreciate our business almost as much as we enjoy watching games

there. The OSU Alumni Club of San Diego has around 125 members, which includes individual and family memberships. The annual revenues from member dues are approximately \$2700. The club's growth and success can be attributed to the participation of all of our members.

Throughout the years, we accumulated \$28,753 in the Gary Rectenwald Endowment Fund which generated

approximately \$1,411 per year in scholarship awards. At our last officer's meeting, we decided to contribute an additional \$10,000 to increase our annual scholarship allowance to around \$1900. Our goal is to eventually be able to fully fund a scholarship to a worthy San Diego student who wants to share the same Buckeye experiences that we have had. Go Bucks!

## 2005-06 Student Recruitment a Huge Success

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with the college fairs for 2005-2006. Your energy and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated. We attended four college fairs this past year and have four planned again for this next year including the Big Ten Fair where we 'rocked' the competition by having the most interest and students at our table all night! The student turnout was vast and it was exciting to

talk with interested students about academics, athletics and everything in between.

If you are interested volunteering your time this coming year to attend a college fair please contact Kelly McKean via email (kelly@osusandiego.com) or telephone (619-733-2006). It only requires 2 hours of your time and you get to promote The Ohio State University to eager

students. You don't need to know everything, just how to refer them to the right place for more information and all that is provided.

This year's efforts resulted in one of our scholarship awardees who first learned of OSU at the Big Ten fair. Once again thanks to those who helped and we look forward to another great year of college fairs and football!



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## Annual Meeting and Scholarship Student Send Off - Free to Members

Sunday, August 27 at noon, the OSU San Diego Alumni club will host its annual meeting to meet and send off our scholarship winners to Columbus! This year's event has been designed to center around the freshman by welcoming speaker, Allen Kraus, Director of the "First-Year" Experience and past admissions coordinator. Parents and prospective OSU students are to be encouraged to come and hear this speaker as they meet other students who are attending our 'beloved' or are preparing to begin their journey this fall.

There will be fun and food for everyone. And, the event is **free** to current dues paying members. Friends and guests of

members are welcome to attend at only \$5 per person, to be paid at the event. The club has decided to do this to celebrate the club's first scholarship awards from the long-awaited "Gary Rectenwald" Scholarship Fund and to thank loyal members who have made it all possible.

Please join us for a fun afternoon complete with great catered food, great friends, new students, an informative university speaker and lots of pre-football enthusiasm! There will even be a little friendly volleyball after the meal. The picnic will be held at Crown Point in Pacific Beach. Crown Point is east of the intersection of Ingraham St. and Crown

Point Drive. Watch for "OSU" signs from any of the three park entrances. Then, look for an OSU flag.

You can join or renew your club membership by mail, online (www.osusandiego.com) or at the event. To help our planning, we'd appreciate your RSVP by Sunday, August 20. Contact Jera (858-273-3360 or jera@osusandiego.com) to RSVP or with any questions. Please be considerate of costs and do not respond if you cannot make it.

See you at the meeting!

## Buckeyes Make a Difference at Pacific Beach

San Diego Buckeyes teamed up with San Diego Coastkeeper and Surfrider Foundation this summer to make Pacific Beach a better place. Volunteers were asked to donate two hours of time to help collect trash along the Pacific Ocean coast by Crystal Pier. Buckeyes made a real impact my filing 10 bags of trash and recyclables. Over 800 cigarette butts were picked up - the most common litter.

Besides removing trash and making the beach more environmentally friendly, it was a good chance to meet new Buckeye friends. The volunteers met for lunch after the work was

done. The event took place on June 24, 2006.

Community events like this impact the local area and also show the caliber of Ohio State Buckeyes. While picking up

debris along the boardwalk, beachgoers and tourists offered numerous "thank you's" and "Go Buckeyes". Thank you to all those who volunteered!



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## Buckeye Football Recruiting Review

Twenty football players signed with the Buckeyes. As usual, Coach Tressel has assembled an outstanding group. In time, this could be considered a top 5 class or better.

The Buckeyes recruited 10 from Ohio 3 from California, 2 from Florida, 1 each from Michigan, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. The class was also broken down to 12 on defense and 8 on offense. However, we all know Coach Tressel recruits players that can play both sides of the ball.

Four of the players were in spring ball. Linebacker Larry Grant, JUCO player of the year from San Francisco, running back Chris Wells, National player of the year, linebacker Ross Homan, 3 time 1st team All-Ohio, and defensive back Kurt Coleman, 2 time 1st team All-Ohio. Expect these 4 to contribute early and often.

On offense Coach Tressel recruited 1 QB, 1 RB, 1 FB, 2 TE, 1 WR, and 2 OL. The QB Antonio Henton was the Georgia Offensive Player of the Year. He will remind you of Troy Smith in his capabilities. The RB Chris Wells from Garfield HS in Akron is a big back at 6-1 and 225. He was the MVP of the Army All-American Bowl game and plows over people. The FB, Aram Olson, is a bruiser from South Carolina. He stands 6-2 and 250 and loves to hit people. The two Tight ends are, Jake Ballard, Springboro HS, Springboro, #8 TE in the nation,

and Andy Miller from Pennsylvania. They stand 6-7 and 6-6 respectfully. The wide receiver is Ray Small from Glenville HS in Cleveland. He was ranked the #7 wide receiver in the nation and was selected Ohio's top all-purpose athlete. The 2 monsters on the line are Bryant Browning, Glenville HS and Connor Smith Colerain HS in Cincy. Browning stands 6-4 and 340. He graduated #1 academically in his class and was All-Ohio. Connor Smith stands 6-6 and 300 and ranked in the top 6 OL in the nation. He played in the Army All-America game and was selected to the Parade All-American team.

The defense is just as amazing. Coach Tressel recruited 4 DB, 5 LB, 2 DE, and 1 DT. The four DBs include, Chimdi Chekwa from Fla, 1st team All-Central Florida, Kurt Coleman, Northmont HS, Clayton, 2 time 1st team All-Ohio, Aaron Gant from Michigan, 1st team All-Catholic league, and Grant Swartz, from Dana Hills Ca. an all-purpose standout in HS. The 5 LBs will make their names known in Buckeye history; they are Thaddeus Gibson from Euclid HS, ranked #9 Outside LB in the nation and 2 times All-Ohio. He stands 6-3 and 220 and runs the 40 in 4.5. Ouch! Larry Grant the JUCO player of the year from San Francisco stands 6-3 and 225 and runs the 40 in 4.45. Ross Homan, 3 time 1st team All-Ohio, ranked #10 Outside LB in the nation, and they say he was making big plays in the spring game. He stands 6-

1 and 237 and runs the 40 in 4.55. Mark Johnson from Dorsey HS in LA was all-state and league's defensive player of the year. He stands 6-4 and 230 and was ranked the #6 Inside LB in the nation. The last LB is Tyler Moeller from Colerain, the Ohio Div 1 player of the year. He stands 6-1 and 205 and runs the 40 in 4.5. The speed of these LBs is amazing. The 2 DEs are Walter Dublin from Florida, a Mike Kudla type player. He stands 6-3 and 235. The other DE, Robert Rose from Glenville HS was a total beast in the Army All-American game. He was ranked the #1 DE in the nation and was 1st team All-Ohio. He stands 6-5 and 260. The DT is Dexter Larimore from Indiana. Larimore is a 2 time 1st team All-Indiana. He is also ranked the #1 heavyweight wrestler in the nation. Remind you of any other former Buckeye? He stands 6-3 and 275.

The Buckeye bloodlines run thick as the Dads of Grant Swartz and Connor Smith played for the Buckeyes, Ross Homan had cousins who played for the Bucks, Larry Grant was coached by former OSU coach Dick Walker, and Mark Johnson wants to emulate his HS idol Na'il Diggs. These 20 young men may not play much this year but expect big things from them in the near future.

### Event Calendar

Date	Time	Event
September 2	12:30 p.m.	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
September 9	6:00 p.m.	@ Texas
September 16	9:00 a.m.	CINCINNATI
September 23	TBA	PENN STATE
September 30	5:00 p.m.	@ Iowa
October 7	TBA	BOWLING GREEN
October 10	TBA	Carlsbad High School College Fair
October 14	TBA	@ Michigan State
October 21	TBA	INDIANA
October 28	12:30 p.m.	MINNESOTA
November 4	TBA	@ Illinois
November 11	TBA	@ Northwestern
November 17	5:30 p.m.	Annual Beat Michigan Beach Bonfire/Pep Rally
November 18	12:30 p.m.	MICHIGAN/Scholarship Raffle/Breakfast
December	TBA	Holiday Event

## Club Awards First Scholarship Awards

Finally, we are celebrating the long-awaited product of our work since 1992's re-inception of the San Diego Club - our very first scholarships from our local Gary Rectenwald Scholarship Fund! Our scholarship fund was named after Gary after serving as our local club's president from 1992 thru 2003. This triumph is the culmination of a newly-developed process that started in March this year and ended in the review and interview of two qualified eager young students. Gary spear headed this venture and was joined by Jera as they were able to finally see the vision come true, from start to finish.

First, Deitric Hall, who plans on majoring in business administration with the entrepreneurial goal of creating a family-owned restaurant business, graduated from Mt. Miguel High School and is working hard to get enough financial support to enable his career at OSU. He has many successes as a participant on the speech team, drama, and enterprising projects in high school. A survivor of a near-death stabbing in the 8th grade has given him insight to life beyond his young years. A very motivated, loved, and respected 'leader' who is not only self-disciplined for

his own development, he is also so generous to others so says his teachers and his peers. We are very proud to have Deitric join the Ohio State family and as he puts it, 'be part of Buckeye history!' Go get 'em Deitric!

Stephanie Gac is a graduate of Valhalla H.S. with 3.8+ GPA who has secured a spot in the NROTC and hopes to study pre-med and become a U.S. Navy doctor. Stephanie is an avid synchronized swimmer and is a drum major for the high school marching band. She has participated in student government, honor societies, community service, and is active in her church. She has been an academic award winner and was the surprise recipient of the school's "Valiant V" Award, a top honor for the highest level of dedication to her school over 4 years. Way to go, Stephanie! Her teachers refer to her as a selfless leader who is humble and respectful of others. She is ready and certainly motivated to take on the challenge of being the 'Honors Program' at Ohio State. Oh, and look for her on the field at halftime, as Stephanie will be trying out for "TDBBITL" - The Best Damn Band In The Land - this fall.

Deitric and Stephanie were awarded

\$2,000 each. In addition, the club also awarded \$600 to OSU sophomore Brianna Watson. She received an Alumni Scholars award last year from our club as an incoming freshman. Brianna earned a 3.7 GPA in her freshman year and deserves this award. Way to go, Brianna!

Our club's Endowed Fund in Columbus held by the National Association is expected to produce an annual dividend that can be awarded in the form of annual scholarships. We expect to award more than \$1,500 each year in addition to the 2 Alumni Scholar awards of \$600 each. Thanks to your participation in club events and your direct contributions to the fund, we added \$10,000 to the fund this year. With your continued support, we will reach a mark that will produce a full-ride OSU out-of-state scholarship or enable us to do an annual award of a student for 4 years each.

Bottom line is that donations from our club's members, member participation at events and the donations from Moondoggies annually is what grows this fund. So keep up the great work!

## Biggest and Best

Archie Griffin recently kicked off a new vision for the Ohio State University Alumni Association. That vision is "to become the biggest and best dues-supported alumni association in the world."

Your Alumni Association membership is an important part of helping Archie realize the goal. Members support the Association's ability to share the OSU story with the world. Members "serve Ohio State and inspire present and future alumni to stay connected with each other in lifelong friendship and in support of our alma mater."

Besides membership dues, Archie asks for each member to participate and be an advocate on behalf of OSU. San Diego, California is 2000 miles from Columbus, Ohio. But, that does not stop us from being advocates for Ohio State. The OSU

Alumni Club of San Diego enables Buckeyes to participate locally in support of Association goals.

As an OSU Alumni Club officer, I see Buckeyes participating and being great all year long. At this summer's Beach Clean Up event, I saw Buckeyes wearing scarlet and gray helping a community and the environment. At the golf event, I saw Buckeyes buying raffle tickets to increase scholarship fund. I saw Buckeyes donate many hours for many weeks to organize events and help them run smoothly. I saw Buckeyes speak to high school students at college fairs. I saw Buckeyes identify top students for scholarship awards. I saw Buckeyes making new friends and I saw Buckeyes hug a stranger wearing blue and yellow after an OSU football victory. Club

members help the OSU Association be "the best"!

The local club accomplished great things last year while increasing the scholarship fund by \$10,000. How can we follow up on that success? Let's try something new! Doing everything the same will not help us surpass last year's successes.

The OSU Alumni Club of San Diego is starting its 2006-2007 membership campaign. Please join or renew today. Also, please help us do something new this year. When you become a member and participate at club events, you will feel the Buckeye spirit in San Diego that Archie wants to show the world.

Run Hard! Don (don@osusandiego.com)