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The Nutshell is the official e-newsletter for Ohio State alumni club and society officers and board members. We encourage you to share any of the information with your membership via your own newsletters or Web sites. The current issue is also available at www.ohiostatealumni.org/resources/clubs-societies/Pages/TheNutshell.aspx.

DATES & DEADLINES

Mar. 29	Ohio Union grand opening celebration
Apr. 7	Diversity grant applications for clubs and societies due
Apr. 26	Archie Griffin honored at National Football Foundation banquet www.ohiostatealumni.org/blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=72
Apr. 30-May 2	All Decade African American Alumni Reunion www.ohiostatealumni.org/connections/reunions/Pages/AfricanAmericanAlumniReunion.aspx
May 1	Speaker requests for events in Aug. through Oct. due to Kimberly Lowe
May 22	Ohio State Alumni Day with the Cleveland Indians
June 12	Ohio State Alumni Day with the Cincinnati Reds
Sep. 10-12	Ohio State Reunion Weekend
Oct. 8	2010 Alumni Leaders Conference at the new Ohio Union

OSUAA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members can vote online for OSUAA constitution changes

In the most significant event in its 131-year history, the Alumni Association is formally aligning itself with The Ohio State University. Two immediate changes that will occur at the leadership level require amendments to the OSUAA constitution and, therefore, the approval of voters. For detailed information, see pages 60-61 of the March/April issue of *Ohio State Alumni Magazine*. Active members of the Alumni Association can vote online through Apr. 15 at www.ohiostatealumni.org/whoware/pages/constitution10.aspx.

Webmasters: Update your links to OSUAA site

As you know, the new www.ohiostatealumni.org was unveiled in December, and it has slightly different navigation than the previous site, so many URLs have changed. We truly appreciate having links back to the OSUAA site on club and society Web pages, so please check to make sure your links are pointing to the right destination. For example, many sites have a link to join the Alumni Association—this should now point to www.ohiostatealumni.org/membership/.

Take part in the "Bobblethon" to raise \$10K in scholarships for Ohio State students

The Big Ten Network's "Bobblethon" challenges fans of all Big Ten schools to visit a Web site and click on a school's featured bobblehead (Jesse Owens is representing Ohio State). The Big Ten school's fans that register the most clicks (or bobbles) between now and August will earn their Alumni Association a \$10,000 donation to its scholarship endowment. Participants are allowed 10 bobblehead taps (or bobbles) per day per e-mail address, so head over to www.bigtenicons.com/bobblethon and get bobbling!

Support the Ohio Union by ordering Ohio State data planners

Show your Buckeye spirit year-round by reserving your copy of the new Ohio Union Activities Board Dates & Data Planner through the Union's new retail store, Station 88. Features of the planner include weekly and monthly calendar pages, the official 2010 football schedule, lyrics to Ohio State songs, and pictures of campus. Planner Dates range from spring quarter 2010 through spring quarter 2011. Please contact Emily Madden at Emadden@studentlife.osu.edu if you're interested in placing orders.

Some helpful reminders as spring approaches

We're approaching a busy time of year, and we appreciate your hard work and attention to upcoming deadlines when planning for 2010. Here are some friendly reminders to add to your calendar:

Events

- Speaker requests for events in August, September, and October are due May 1 to Kimberly. www.ohiostatealumni.org/resources/clubs-societies/Pages/SpeakersforAlumniClubandSocietyEvents.aspx
- If you would like to print and mail an event invitation, please contact Mike Pohle at pohle@ohiostatealumni.org as early as possible to discuss your options. Third-class mailings can take 10-12 weeks to be completed, so please plan ahead.
- Please continue to send event information and attendance to Susan Long at long@ohiostatealumni.org.

Diversity programming

- Diversity grant applications are due Apr. 7. For questions about what type of programming might qualify, or examples of how the grant has been used by other clubs and societies, contact Craig Little or Kimberly Lowe.

Online giving

- Direct online giving is now available for your club or society through the Ohio State Development Web site at https://www.giveto.osu.edu/igive/onlinegiving/category/alumni_association.aspx?num=107. Donors will be able to give to your scholarship or endowment fund and receive a tax credit from the university. If you would like to have your fund added, please contact Courtney Shenk at shenk@ohiostatealumni.org.

There's still time to nominate someone for the 2010 Alumni Awards

Do you know an outstanding alum? Maybe you know a club or society leader who has served for 10 years. Why not nominate him or her for the [Ralph Davenport Mershon Award](#) for service to Ohio State? For information about all the awards or to download a nomination form, please go to www.ohiostatealumni.org/Awards. Nominations will be accepted through Mar. 31, and groups that submit a nomination will earn five points toward their Alumni Association Award totals. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Kopp (kopp@ohiostatealumni.org) or Lisa Peck (peck@ohiostatealumni.org).

Send your graduating senior to Europe

June 20-July 14, 2010

\$3,859 + air

Next to a good education, the best investment in your student's future is a trip to Europe. Before settling into that new job or graduate school, students can celebrate their college successes with an unforgettable voyage through eleven wondrous countries. They'll capture the flavor of the cities and the beauty of the countryside; they'll climb the Eiffel Tower then bask under the Grecian sun, sample the delicacies and specialties of Germany, England, and Switzerland—Europe, in all its splendor, awaits. For detailed information, visit www.alumniworldtravel.com/school/osu/osu_eeu.html or contact Debbie Vargo at (800) 852-8687 or vargo@ohiostatealumni.org.

ACADEMIC NEWS

Two killed, one injured in campus shooting

University Police confirmed the identities of the victims and suspect in a shooting that occurred on campus early on the morning of March 9. Larry Wallington, 48, building services manager, a victim in the shooting,

was pronounced dead at the scene. Henry Butler, 60, operations shift leader, also a victim, is in stable condition at the OSU Medical Center. Suspect Nathaniel Brown, 51, custodial worker, sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound at the scene and was transported to OSU Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on arrival. 200 people attended a candlelight vigil to honor the victims several days later.

www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/03/10/janitors-desperation-turns-deadly-at-osu.html

Arts and Humanities dean takes position at Houston

John Roberts, dean of Arts and Humanities at Ohio State, has accepted the position of Dean of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Houston, effective July 1. Roberts is the author of three books and a number of scholarly articles. A folklore specialist, he has taught all levels of undergraduate and graduate courses. Roberts joined Ohio State's faculty in 1996 as a professor of English and in 1998 was appointed chair of the Department of African-American and African Studies. <http://oncampus.osu.edu/2010/03/roberts-to-houston/>

Columbus' bicentennial gets the royal treatment from WOSU Public Media

Of course, No. 198 isn't one of those "big" birthdays to make a fuss over, but 2012 will be here soon enough, and celebrating Columbus' bicentennial takes planning, panache, and a willingness to place the city on a pedestal and laud its historical richness. That's why WOSU Public Media will use the next two years to tell Columbus' story, starting with the premier of *Columbus Neighborhoods: Short North*, a one-hour documentary that brings to life the tale of this rough-and-tumble area now turned creative utopia. <http://oncampus.osu.edu/2010/03/columbus-bicentennial/>

RESEARCH NEWS

Exercise helps protect brain of multiple sclerosis patients

Highly fit multiple sclerosis patients perform significantly better on tests of cognitive function than similar less-fit patients, a new study shows. In addition, MRI scans of the patients showed that the fitter MS patients showed less damage in parts of the brain that show deterioration as a result of MS, as well as a greater volume of vital gray matter. <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/msbrain.htm>

Researchers show how far South American cities moved in quake

The massive magnitude 8.8 earthquake that struck the west coast of Chile last month moved the entire city of Concepcion at least 10 feet to the west, and shifted other parts of South America as far apart as the Falkland Islands and Fortaleza, Brazil. <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/chilemoves.htm>

Study: People sometimes less trusting when in a good mood

It seems to make perfect sense: happy people are trusting people. But a new study suggests that, in some instances, people may actually be less trusting of others when they are in a pleasant mood. "A person's mood may determine how much they rely on subtle—or not so subtle—cues when evaluating whether to trust someone," said Robert Lount, author of the study and assistant professor of management and human resources at Ohio State's Fisher College of Business. <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/trustmood.htm>

ATHLETIC NEWS

Synchronized swimming: One team, 26 U.S. Collegiate Synchronized Swimming titles

For the 26th time in the history of the program, the Ohio State synchronized swimming team was crowned U.S. Collegiate Synchronized Swimming Champions. Behind wins in the team, trio, and duet routines, the Buckeyes compiled 96 points at the Avery Aquatic Pavilion in Palo Alto, Calif. Host Stanford finished second with 82 points. [www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?](http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=89257&SPID=10655&DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=204907903)

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Women's basketball: Buckeyes overcome 16-point deficit to win Big Ten Tournament title

Ohio State center Jantel Lavender scored 35 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. She picked up another award. And yes, she walked away a champion again. Even for a three-time Big Ten player of the year, it was a big deal. Lavender capped a remarkable second-half comeback by making two free throws with 1.9 seconds left to give No. 10 Ohio State the Big Ten tourney title, 66-64 over Iowa. www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=87815&SPID=10422&DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=204903677

Men's basketball: Buckeyes top Gophers to win Big Ten tourney

Evan Turner didn't need any late-game heroics on Sunday. When it appeared there was nothing more he could do to make his Big Ten tournament performance better, the junior had 31 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 5 Ohio State over Minnesota 90-61 in the championship game. Turner hit a 37-foot shot at the buzzer to beat Michigan in the quarterfinals, then scored 12 of his 31 points after regulation in a double-overtime win against Illinois in the semifinals. He topped it by setting the tournament record for points in a championship game and was the obvious choice as the tournament's most outstanding player. www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=204908256

USEFUL LINKS:

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[Club Leaders' Handbook](#)
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[Marketplace: club and society scholarship fundraiser](#)
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