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## **DATES & DEADLINES**

Feb. 22-26	Football ticket requests forms sent to clubs (if applicable)
Feb. 27	Alumni Society Hockey Tailgate
Mar. 1	Alumni Scholars Program: cover sheet, rankings, completed applications, and transcripts due to OSUAA
Mar. 5	Completed financial forms due back to OSUAA
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 <a href="http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=72">www.ohiostatealumni.org/blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=72</a>
Apr. 30- May 2	All Decade African American Alumni Reunion <a href="http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/connections/reunions/Pages/AfricanAmericanAlumniReunion.aspx">www.ohiostatealumni.org/connections/reunions/Pages/AfricanAmericanAlumniReunion.aspx</a>
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**

### **OSUAA to have strengthened partnership with university**

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees approved an affiliation agreement on Feb. 5 that will more closely align the Ohio State University Alumni Association with the university. The Alumni Association will remain a member-based organization but, by working in new ways with the university, it will expand its reach beyond dues-paying members.

[www.ohiostatealumni.org/media/Pages/GriffinPartnership.aspx](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/media/Pages/GriffinPartnership.aspx)

## **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:

### **Finances**

- Group filing and financial questionnaires are due back by Mar. 5.
- Club treasurers should review the treasurer's checklist to make sure they are following all acceptable accounting practices:  
[www.ohiostatealumni.org/resources/clubs-societies/Documents/Treasurers\\_Checklist.pdf](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/resources/clubs-societies/Documents/Treasurers_Checklist.pdf)

### **Events**

- Speaker requests for events in May, June, or July are now due to Kimberly. [www.ohiostatealumni.org/resources/clubs-societies/Pages/SpeakersforAlumniClubandSocietyEvents.aspx](http://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](mailto: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 send event information and attendance to Susan Long at [long@ohiostatealumni.org](mailto: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 Kimberly Lowe or Craig Little.

## **Old Ohio license plates needed for Union art project**

The Ohio Union needs your help: they are inviting alumni to donate old Ohio license plates for a large art piece in the new building. They are looking for all years, counties, and colors, but each must be from Ohio. Any displaying "GO BUCKS," "OSU FAN," or anything similar is great too. For information on how to donate your old plates and be part of Union history, please go to <http://ohiounion.osu.edu/station88plates>. (Don't worry about the Feb. 19 deadline, as the project is still in need of lots more plates.)

## **Club & Society online giving**

Direct online giving is now available for your club or society through the Ohio State Development Web site. Donors will be able to give to your scholarship or endowment fund and receive a tax credit from the university. Go to [https://www.giveto.osu.edu/igive/onlinegiving/category/alumni\\_association.aspx?num=107](https://www.giveto.osu.edu/igive/onlinegiving/category/alumni_association.aspx?num=107) to make sure that your fund name and number are listed. If you would like to have your fund added, please contact Courtney Shenk at

[shenk@ohiostatealumni.org](mailto:shenk@ohiostatealumni.org).

### **Nominations accepted through Mar. 31 for 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](http://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](mailto:kopp@ohiostatealumni.org)) or Lisa Peck ([peck@ohiostatealumni.org](mailto:peck@ohiostatealumni.org)).

### **2010 Men's and Women's Big Ten Basketball Tournaments**

Single session tickets are on sale via Ticketmaster for both the Women's (Mar. 4-7) and Men's (Mar. 11-14) tournaments in Indianapolis. The Alumni Association will be hosting activities at Champps Restaurant (the official gathering location for Ohio State alumni and fans) on the corner of Illinois and Washington, attached to the Circle Center Mall. During the Men's Tournament on Mar. 12th, the Big Ten will be hosting a career fair for Big Ten students and alumni from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Union Station. Find more information at [www.ohiostatealumni.org/events/Pages/2010Big10Tournaments.aspx](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/events/Pages/2010Big10Tournaments.aspx).

### **Israel and Jordan: book by Feb. 25 for additional savings**

Nov. 5 to 17, 2010

from \$3,245 + air if reserved by Feb. 25

First offered in 2009, our tour of Israel has been expanded to include a stop in Jordan to explore the long-lost city of Petra. Other highlights of the trip include Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Tel Aviv, and the Dead Sea.

For details visit [www.ohiostatealumni.org/resources/travel/2010Tours/Pages/IsraelandJordan.aspx](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/resources/travel/2010Tours/Pages/IsraelandJordan.aspx) or e-mail [mcbride@ohiostatealumni.org](mailto:mcbride@ohiostatealumni.org).

## **ACADEMIC NEWS**

### **Ohio State to join with Lincoln Center in presenting England's Royal Shakespeare Company**

Ohio State has announced it is joining with Lincoln Center Festival and Park Avenue Armory to bring England's Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) to the New York-based Festival, for an unprecedented six-week residency in July and August 2011. The sponsorship opportunity for the university was created when the Wexner Family made a generous gift to the Royal Shakespeare Company America, to support RSC's 2011 visit to the U.S. [www.osu.edu/](http://www.osu.edu/)

[news/newsitem2709](#)

### **Ohio State names new chief financial officer**

Ohio State has appointed a new chief financial officer. Geoffrey S. Chatas, a seasoned corporate financial executive, will manage and oversee the university's \$4.5 billion budget. His appointment as senior vice president and chief financial officer will be effective Feb. 15. Chatas succeeds William J. Shkurti, who will retire this spring after 20 years of service to Ohio State.

[www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2699](http://www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2699)

### **Trustees endorse Third Frontier extension**

The Ohio State Board of Trustees passed a resolution endorsing the passage of State Issue 1, which will authorize the State of Ohio to extend the Third Frontier funding by \$700 million over four years. Issue 1 will appear on the May ballot for approval by Ohio voters. The Third Frontier initiative was created in 2002 to preserve and create jobs, enhance educational opportunities, and improve the quality of life of Ohio's citizens and businesses by expanding the state's research capabilities and enhancing Ohio's economic competitiveness. [www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2705](http://www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2705)

## **RESEARCH NEWS**

### **Computers do better than humans at measuring some radiology images**

Scientists have automated the measurement of a vital part of the knee in images with a computer program that performs much faster and just as reliably as humans who interpret the same images. Having more precise information about wear and tear on this portion of the knee—a blend of fibrous tissue and cartilage called the meniscus—could lead to its use as a biomarker in predicting who is at risk for developing osteoarthritis, researchers say.

<http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/kneesegment.htm>

### **Underdogs have more motivation? Not so fast, study says**

Members of a group or team will work harder when they're competing against a group with lower status than when pitted against a more highly ranked group, according to a new study. The results run contrary to the common belief that underdogs have more motivation because they have the chance to "knock the higher-status group down a peg," said Robert Lount, co-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/groupstatus.htm>

### **Researchers find new way to study how enzymes repair DNA**

## **sun damage**

Researchers at Ohio State have found a new way to study how enzymes move as they repair DNA sun damage—and that discovery could one day lead to new therapies for healing sunburned skin. Ultraviolet (UV) light damages skin by causing chemical bonds to form in the wrong places along the DNA molecules in our cells. Normally, other, even smaller molecules called photolyases heal the damage. Sunburn happens when the DNA is too damaged to repair, and cells die. <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/photoview.htm>

## **ATHLETIC NEWS**

### **Women's basketball: "Pack the Schott" to help fight breast cancer**

Come support the Lady Buckeyes and breast cancer research as we "Pack the Shott" this Sunday, Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. for the game against Michigan State. Wear pink and look for special promotions including postgame autographs with Jantel Lavender. [www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=87815&SPID=10422&DB\\_OEM\\_ID=17300&ATCLID=204888299](http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=87815&SPID=10422&DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=204888299)

### **Women's hockey: Buckeyes compete in the 2010 Winter Olympics**

In her time at Ohio State, Jackie Barto has transformed the women's hockey program, turning a club program into a well-respected varsity team. Barto's perseverance has paid off: This year, the head coach is sending four players—three alumni and current student Minttu Tuominen—to the Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Athletes with Buckeye ties will be representing the U.S., Canada, and Finland in the Olympics. [www.osu.edu/features/2010/olympics.html](http://www.osu.edu/features/2010/olympics.html)

### **Divers net five top-10 finishes at World Cup Trials**

Ohio State's men and women divers completed action at the 2010 USA Diving Winter Nationals and World Cup Team Trials Sunday with five Top 10 finishes including a third-place effort by junior Katy Bell of Columbus. The competition was held at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion in early February. [www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=89306&SPID=10654&DB\\_OEM\\_ID=17300&ATCLID=204883141](http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=89306&SPID=10654&DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=204883141)

### **Men's gymnastics: Brandon Wynn nabs national title on rings at Winter Cup Challenge**

Brandon Wynn, a junior All-American on the Ohio State men's gymnastics

team, won the 2010 USA Gymnastics Winter Cup Challenge rings title with a two-day total of 30.55 at the Las Vegas Sports Center. At the prelims on Feb. 4, the Voorhees, N.J., native recorded a 15.15 and added a 15.4 at the finals. Both tallies served as meet highs, respectively. With his performance, Wynn has now made his second-consecutive U.S. Senior National Team.

[www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?](http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?)

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