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This year has been an exciting year to be a Buckeye in Southwest Virginia. In May we awarded two scholarships to local Ohio State students. Meghan Day continues at Ohio State as a junior, and Whitney Walton entered this year as a freshman. Both are outstanding and motivated students and represent the club well in Columbus. We held our first summer send-off for area OSU students at the Hotel Roanoke. The event was a great success for all who attended, and it helped us stay connected with OSU on a personal level.

We held football game watches at Awful Arthur's in downtown Roanoke, at Buffalo Wild Wings near Tanglewood Mall, and at the Hotel Roanoke. The loss to USC was disappointing, but wins over Michigan and Oregon were more than sufficient to satisfy the faithful crowd. Several club board members attended the Alumni Leadership Conference and the New Mexico State game. The highlight of the weekend was watching our own Gary Walton honored as a "Best Buckeye" at the ALC where he received his award from Archie Griffin.

This spring we have a community service event scheduled with Saint Francis Service Dogs of Roanoke. We will help convert their old office back to a dwelling where clients can live while they train with their dogs. We will schedule a basketball game watch for the Big Ten Tournament, and Thad willing, for the NCAA tournament as well. On May 5th, we will host Archie Griffin at our annual meeting at the Hotel Roanoke. I hope to see all of you there, as we all help make Ohio State stronger. GO BUCKS!!!

John Hines, President



Archie Griffin and Bob Williams

ARCHIE GRIFFIN IS COMING!

Mark your calendars! Our club's annual meeting will be Wednesday, May 5, at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in the Shenandoah Room. Cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvre will begin at 6 pm, and the program at 7:00 pm. Cost will be \$25 per person/\$45 per couple for members. The guest speaker this year will be OSU Alumni Association President/CEO and 2 time Heisman Trophy Winner — ARCHIE GRIFFIN!

Please plan to join us for a great evening of fellowship, memories, and celebration. Enjoy an evening with area Buckeyes ... and with Archie. Details will be sent in coming weeks via e mails and a postcard, so you can reserve your opportunity to be with us!



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

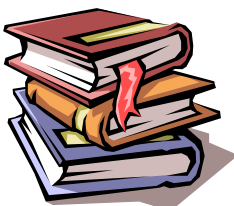
Our Club has been providing scholarships for five years with a total of \$15,000 awarded. Each year we have \$600 from the Alumni Assn. Scholarship Fund available, the interest from the Marjorie Forrest Lockridge OSU Endowed Scholarship, and over \$5,000 in a club fund which derives receipts from our auctions, raffles, and donations.

News From Our 2009 Scholarship Recipients



Receiving the Roanoke Valley Ohio State Alumni Club scholarship has helped me start my college experience . I have wanted to be a Buckeye since I was little. I can't believe that I finally made it, and I have loved every minute of being one! This scholarship helped give me the chance to be able to attend this great university. I have had a wonderful time adapting to my new surroundings, and I have been lucky enough to make some terrific friends, and have of course loved going to all the football games. Being able to go out of state to such a wonderful school has been a blessing to me, and I cannot thank the Alumni Club enough for helping me get to where I am today. I have enjoyed the classes that I have taken so far, and I look forward to continuing my education here at Ohio State. Again, I really appreciate everything that the club has done, and I will keep in touch letting you know how things are going up here! Thanks for everything! Go Bucks!

Whitney Walton



My studies at Ohio State are becoming increasingly more challenging and fulfilling as I progress towards graduation. I am continuing to study computer science as well as art and music and am finding more and more new ways I can weave together these opposing areas into a unified life plan. This past year I have also found ways to become involved in more extra-curricular activities such as various computing groups and a local service group, Food Not Bombs, that receives weekly raw food donations from local businesses and cooks and serves the meals for free. They primarily target the homeless and poor. I continue to be extremely grateful for the support I have received from the Alumni Club of Southwest Virginia. Thank you.

Meghan Day

GARY WALTON NAMED 2009 BEST BUCKEYE



In 2008, Bob Williams, seven year club president, was selected by the OSU Alumni Assn. as a Best Buckeye ... our first. And now Gary Walton has been named a 2009 Best Buckeye.

Gary is a charter member of our club and has served as both president and vice president. He led the efforts to initiate our scholarship program which has awarded \$15,000 over five years. Further, he coordinates the facilities, Buckeye decorum and music for the game watches at the Hotel Roanoke.

And to keep that Buckeye spirit growing, daughter Whitney just began her

Gary & Archie freshman year at OSU!

Congratulations to Gary from all of us for all he has done to make the SW VA Alumni Club the best it can be ... and for being our BEST BUCKEYE!!!

THE CLUB IN ACTION



Football Game Watches: About 60 club members, family, and friends watched our Bucks beat Michigan on Nov. 21, 2009 and then again the University of Oregon on Jan. 1, 2010 in the Rose Bowl. The game watches were held in the Pine Room at the Hotel Roanoke complete with multiple big screen TV's, Buckeye decorum and music, and a special game menu. Great wins, great events! Many thanks to Gary Walton for the hospitality!

Student Summer Send Off: Our first event was held Sunday, August 30, 2009 at 1 PM with a brunch at the Hotel Roanoke. Three students and their families with club members celebrated the start of another school year. — for two, it was their first.



College Fair: Our third College Fair event was held on Tuesday, Sept 22nd from 2-4/6-8 pm at the Salem Civic Center. Representatives from about 75 colleges and universities answered questions of potential students and family members from about 14 area high schools. Many thanks to all who supported the event.

Mark Finkler.....10,000 MILES ON A MOTORCYCLE



My son, David, and I fulfilled a dream of mine this summer – to go on a REALLY long motorcycle ride. We rode our Yamaha motorcycles from Roanoke to Fairbanks, Alaska and back. It took us 4 weeks to rack up 10,200 miles. The scenery and wildlife were spectacular. Yes, our butts got sore by the end of the day, but we were always ready to go again the next morning. The wonderful memories we have are priceless!

We're on the Web

Don't forget to check out our web site @ swvabuckeyes.com to get club information. Watch for details -

- Potential basketball game watch for the Big Ten Tournament and/or the NCAA's
- Our Annual meeting on Wednesday, May 5th, at the Hotel Roanoke with guest speaker Archie Griffin
- Potential fall football trip in September if we can procure a block of tickets for the club.

ALL ABOUT DUES

Club dues for 2010 are \$20. The dues support our administrative costs, club events, and when excess funds permit, additional contributions to our scholarship fund. In the past five years, we have begun to award scholarships, to participate in student summer sendoffs and college fairs, to increase participation in the Alumni Leadership Conference and develop on our first service project. Please continue to help us grow! Payment envelope enclosed.

GO BUCKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!