



Buckeye Bulletin



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Archie Griffin, Mr. Ohio State University

The best-known Ohio State University Buckeye in my mind is Archie Griffin. He is the current President of the Alumni Association. He is a former Associate Athletic Director. He was a two-time Heisman Trophy winner. He was a three-time All American in 1973, 1974 and 1976. He played professional football for the Cincinnati Bengals. He is married and he and his wife Bonita have three children. Their names are Anthony, Andre and Adam.

I had a few questions for Archie and wanted to share the answers with you.

One of the Alumni Association's stated goals is to have the largest dues-paying alumni association in the country. Why is this important? *Being the largest dues-paying alumni association will allow us to better serve Ohio State and inspire present and future alumni to stay connected with each other in life-long friendship and in support of our Alma Mater. It will also provide us with a membership that can have a significant impact in our local and global communities serving as university ambassadors collectively through its breadth, depth and diversity.*

What states, outside of Ohio, have the largest membership in the Alumni Association? *California and Florida are the second and third largest memberships we have, respectively.*

How do you plan on increasing membership in the Alumni Association outside the state of Ohio? *Both inside and outside Ohio, we have reviewed programming interest. For example, in California, we recently held receptions with our Los Angeles, San Francisco-East Bay and Sacramento Alumni Clubs. Instead of the traditional dinner and speeches we aimed at using these events for our alumni to network. The events attracted many new and young alumni, and the feedback was very positive.*

What has surprised you most about being President of the Alumni Association? *Nothing has really surprised me. The support of Ohio State alumni is fantastic. Coming from Athletics, I was aware of the loyalty of Ohio State alumni, and it is even more evident as I have made additional contact with our alumni throughout the nation. What pleases me most is the desire of alumni to contribute to Ohio State's success and stature. The Strategic Plan we recently published is guiding our work as we broaden our focus and deepen our ties to the University.*

Do you ever have any private time and if you do, other than golf what do you enjoy doing? *I do have a little private time. I enjoy reading and also watching my youngest son play sports.*

When the time comes to retire, what do you want to be remembered most for at Ohio State? *I want to be remembered as a person who cared enough to play forward, as Coach Hayes taught me. I would like to be known as an important community leader.*

– Richard McIntosh



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About Our Club

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Orange County/Inland Empire...

is one of over 200 geographically-based OSU alumni clubs
located all over the world.

We have 220 family memberships with graduates and friends of the university, ranging from 20 years old to 90 years old, plus future Buckeyes as young as 1 year old. There are over 6,000 alumni living in the Orange County, Inland Empire area.

Club Mission

OSU OC/IE exists to promote The Ohio State University through communications and community relations, student recruitment, fellowship, and networking. Its goals are to accurately represent Ohio State in our local community, mobilize alumni to meet special needs of the university, recruit the best and brightest students, contribute new ideas about existing and/or possible university programs, and support university development and scholarship efforts.

Club History

Prior to 1959, Orange County was part of the OSU Alumni Club of Southern California Club. In 1959, Orange County became part of the OSU Alumni Club of Long Beach and remained so until 1974. To meet the growing needs of Orange County, the club was granted its charter by the Alumni Association, becoming the Ohio State University Alumni Club of Orange County, Long Beach.

In 1996 the club became what it is currently known as "The Orange County and Inland Empire Club." The club now serves only Orange County and The Inland Empire. The Long Beach Club is now part of the Greater Los Angeles Club.



The Orange County/Inland Empire
website has been updated and improved.

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at www.osuocie.org

Gib, King of Ohio State Trivia

Midway through the season last year our normal game host, Aaron Friedman, was out of town. Our backup game host, Will Gronek, was also out of town. I was drafted to give the club announcements. We then drafted Gilbert Gildea, affectionately known as Gib, to preside over the trivia question at the game. Gib, to refresh your memory, was the winner of the trivia question week after week. Who better to have to ask the question than the winner of most of the contests.

Gib got up to give the question and something magical happened. We didn't just get a question of who had the winning touchdown in a particular game. We got the setup for the play that won the game. We got the play-by-play of what happened. The question came alive and it was just like being there.

Who is this Gib? Where did he grow up? How does he know so much about Ohio State sports? Let's ask him.

Where in Ohio did you grow up? *I grew up in Ironton, Ohio. I have been a passionate Buckeye fan since probably 1953. I never attended Ohio State. My parents did not attend Ohio State either; but they also loved the Buckeyes. I can recall, when I was only six years old, listening to the famous 1950 Michigan v. Ohio State game on the radio. I can remember my parents talking about how great this Janowicz guy was. They were right. He was great. One of my first Buckeye heroes was Leo Brown of Portsmouth. He played on Portsmouth High School teams that totally destroyed my Ironton Tigers. Though Leo was an opponent of Ironton High School, I was thrilled to follow his career at OSU. He weighed only 169 lbs. but he started three years for Woody at both offensive and defensive end and was co-captain (along with Galen Cisco) of the great 1957 team that won the national title and the Rose Bowl.*

What was your major in College? *History.*

When did you come to California and what city do you live in now? *I moved to California in 1988, taking a job in San Francisco. I now live in Newport Beach.*

What are you doing now? *I am now practicing law and also write columns on the internet about sports and politics.*

What Ohio State Game stands out the most in your mind? *My all-time favorite Ohio State experience is probably the 1970 Michigan game in Columbus. In 1969 the Wolverines had upset the great Rex-Kern let team 24-12 in Ann Arbor. For twelve whole months we Buckeye fans thought of nothing but getting revenge. And on Nov. 22, 1970, we did get that revenge, beating U of M 20-9. Rex Kern played a terrific game and a crazed and determined Buckeye defense (led by Jack Tatum, Jim Stillwagon, and Stan White Sr.) held the Wolverines to something like 34 yards rushing. I had never been so happy in my whole life. That was truly nirvana.*

How do you store all those facts about Ohio State football in your head? *Thanks for the compliment. I think the explanation is that Ohio State football has brought me tremendous excitement and pleasure over the years. I remember the games well because I frequently can recall what I was doing when a particular game happened (e.g. with whom I attended the game or what was going on in my life). I remember almost every detail of the 1970 Michigan game because I saw the game with my sister (who lived in St. Louis) and some close friends. It was such a happy fun weekend that it became an indelible part of my memory. And I very early got hooked on the Michigan rivalry. To me it is the greatest sports rivalry in the whole world. I guess I have Woody to thank for that. I loved Woody's honesty; he never tried to conceal his despair after a Michigan loss. Woody had his faults; but he was a straight shooter. No spinning for him.*

– Richard McIntosh



Buckeye Traditions

Ohio State University is rich in tradition. I was curious which traditions were the favorite of our members so I asked a few of them. Here are their answers.

Archie Griffin Our Marching Band. They are the best band in the land. And, there is nothing like football Saturdays. The camaraderie, the support for Ohio State and the football team, and the spirit of the fans simply cannot be beat.

Mike Kourie Singing Carmen Ohio at the end of the game. That sums up what being a Buckeye is.

Will Gronck The Band. There are two moments in every game that sends a chill down my spine every time I see them. The first is when the band is all set up in a perfect square and the field major comes running through as the band starts the fight song, when he or she bursts out front you know you are in for something special. The second is the dotting of the "i". That is the ultimate in state, school and team pride.

Tammy Berry I get a lump in my throat when the band comes on the field through the north end tunnel. The stands vibrate with sound. I get a tear in my eye when the players sing Carmen Ohio and then the victory bell rings at the end of the game.

Matt Bowers Singing Carmen Ohio after every football game. It is something all alumni across the US can do.

Bob Nixon The biggest thrill for me is participating in the Ramp Entrance. When we (Alumni Band) step onto the field and are met with a loud roar from the fans it makes all the hard work practicing worth it. The Orton Hall Chimes as an introduction to Carmen Ohio also ranks very high as I was part of the 1955 band that began this tradition.

Richard McIntosh Script Ohio is my favorite tradition. For me, that says it all.

– Richard McIntosh

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Fall 2006 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time (Pacific)
Sat., Sept. 2	No. Illinois	12:30pm
Sat., Sept. 9	at Texas	5:00pm
Sat., Sept. 16	Cincinnati	9:00am
Sat., Sept. 23	Penn State	TBA
Sat., Oct. 7	at Iowa	5:00pm
Sat., Oct. 14	at Michigan State	TBA
Sat., Oct. 21	Indiana	TBA
Sat., Oct. 28	Minnesota	12:30pm
Sat., Nov. 4	at Illinois	TBA
Sat., Nov. 11	at Northwestern	TBA
Sat., Nov. 18	Michigan	12:30pm

Community Service 2006

Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation Charity Event

On the weekend of May 6th and 7th members of the Orange County/Inland Empire Ohio State Alumni Association helped with a charity event for the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation. The organization was founded in 1982 to improve the life, care and survival rate of children with cancer.

Someone Cares Soup Kitchen

On May 27th our members helped serve meals at the "Someone Cares Soup Kitchen" located in Costa Mesa. The "Someone Cares Soup Kitchen" is a non-profit hunger relief program operating since June of 1986. They serve 250-300 people each day of the week. The program also assists children from kindergarten to the 3rd grade advance their education through tutoring.

– Aaron Friedman

Alumni Association Support From Santa Ana Postal Connection

OCIE Alumni Association member Jimmy Short (714-556-1996) will donate back to our association profits generated from our member's use of the services at the Postal Connection he operates. The location is 3941 South Bristol Street Suite D in Santa Ana.

Services offered include:

- Shipping and handling through FedEx, UPS, USPS and DHL
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- Copy Service • Postage • Fingerprinting • PO Boxes
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- Web Design • Printing Services
- Set up Corporations LLC, S-Corporations, C-Corporations, etc.

Student Recruitment

It's that time of year again. Our local high school students are heading back to school and we are gearing up for a busy student recruitment season. This fall local OSU alumni volunteers will be attending fairs throughout Orange County and the Inland Empire. Over the past few weeks we have received invitations to attend these wonderful events at many high schools from 6pm-9pm. The events are always well attended by other universities and gather the students and families of all the high schools within the school district. This gives us the rare opportunity to get 2 Ohio State representatives in front of hundreds (sometimes over a thousand) prospective students; enabling us to answer questions, pass out information from the University and spreading the word about how much we love Ohio State. Our past volunteers have loved the experience. You walk away from the event feeling so alive and spirited, as if you were back on campus reliving your college days. To volunteer for a fair please contact Keri at keri.tabar@cox.net.

– Keri Tabar



Congratulations to Two of Our Own

Jeff Rodek, past President of our club, has been awarded the 2006 "Distinguished Alumnus" Award established by the faculty of the College of Engineering at the Ohio State University in 1954. The purpose of this award is to recognize distinguished achievement in one's profession by reason of significant inventions, important research or design, administrative leadership, or genius in production.

Bob Schmahl, past President of our club, has been nominated by the Dean of Engineering to fill the engineering slot on the OSU Alumni Advisory Council. His nomination has been forwarded to the AA Board for approval. Bob is a 1951 grad who is retired and living with his wife JoAnn in Fullerton, CA.

Wine Tasting Mixer

Our Buckeye spirits were high as The Ohio State Alumni Club of Orange County/Inland Empire and friends gathered on May 17th for an evening of wine tasting at WineStyles in Irvine.

Our Buckeye wine tasting included a total of seven wines and was accompanied by light appetizers. For those who were unable to attend, here are the details on the wines we enjoyed.

Rancho Sisquoc – *2005 Sylvaner Santa Barbara, California* – Crisp
This very unique wine has luscious flavors of peaches and tropical fruits. A real treat for anyone wanting to try something new.

Vixen – *Blonde White Wine Napa Valley, California* – Silky
Citrus, lemon zest, fresh Asian pear and honeysuckle, flinty minerality. Lush and full, strong acidity. Pairs well with foods.

Landmark – *2004 Chardonnay Sonoma, Monterey, Santa Barbara, California* – Rich
Aromas of toasted almond and crème caramel lead into concentrated fruit aspects. In the mouth, white peach, pineapple and Meyer lemon zest. Rich viscosity, lively acidity, lingering finish.

Blue Jean – *Red Blend (Syrah, Zin, Cab Franc) Sonoma, California* – Fruity
You'll enjoy from beginning to end with concentrated berry flavors, a suggestion of chocolate and a creamy texture. Rich flavors.

Hahn – *2004 Syrah Central Coast, California* – Mellow
Wildly expressive flavors of plum, cherry and dark chocolate are dominant. Tannins are silky and round with racy acidity that makes the wine an ideal compliment to rich meats.

Silver – *2001 Julia's Vineyard Pinot Noir Santa Barbara, California* – Mellow
Cherry, pomegranate, and mocha/coffee. The palate shows plum, cherry, espresso and licorice lead into a rich and peppery finish to a final encore of subtle sweetness.

J. Lohr – *2001 Hilltop Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles, California* – Bold
Made from delicious flavors of black cherry and toasty oak, violates and licorice, with a well-integrated bouquet and vanilla. Great with beef dishes prepared with savory sauces.

Our Buckeyes wine tasting mixers continue to be an annual event! Cheers to our Buckeye alumni and friends for making our events festive and fun!

– Christie Brockhage



College – A New World

Buckeye Athletics – The Inside Story

Every athlete is also a student, a young teenager typically away from home for the first time. New to the world of college...far from family and hometown buddies, learning to make new friends, live on campus, and study for new classes as well as perform as a top level collegiate athlete.

Our Alumni Club of Orange County/Inland Empire gathered on the evening of August 3rd at the home of Mike and Kitty Kourie for some good BBQ and Buckeye networking and to hear from Tom Hof, Associate Athletics Director, External Relations and Kate Fiffee, Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship. Hof's responsibilities include all athletics department fundraising activities, marketing and promotions and premium seating programs. Riffe has been a member of the athletics staff since

1980, serving as athletic director of donor relations and stewardship. We learned about the insight of what it might be like to be a Buckeye athlete, entering college for the first time. It certainly brought back memories as to what it was like to go to Ohio State the first week. Yet then, add in the pressure that goes along with playing a sport at a college level, and the college being The Ohio State University. It is safe to say that our Buckeye athletes are in great hands. Every detail of what they might need (even training on how to change a car tire) is available to them to develop them in all areas of learning, beyond the playing field.

Kate and Tom are quality people. It is obvious that they both love what they do. Their quality work shows through the lives of our dedicated and successful Buckeye athletes who know they are part of a tradition of excellence that goes beyond the playing field representing The Ohio State University! Go Buckeyes!

– Christie Brockhage



**This is a copy of an email sent to club President Mike Kourie from Robert Munoz.
Robert is a student headed to Ohio State for his freshman year.**

"Hello, I am Robert Munoz and I was interviewed to receive the scholarship that is put out by your alumni club. I wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so and thank those who interviewed me for the scholarship – Susan Munthe, Aaron Friedman and Heather Guarnera. They were so excited just reminiscing about the campus, and I couldn't help but feel excited when they began to talk about it. They were sincere and couldn't help but go on to praise the campus, and I soon found out why. I wanted to give you an update on the events of my recent trip to Ohio State and to tell you why I am going to become a Buckeye! I can't wait to attend this fall.

The Office of Minority Affairs flew me and my parents out this early March and the whole trip was amazing. The campus was beautiful and huge. The people at Ohio State were helpful and patient with all of our questions. They absolutely blew us away with all of the things they did with us. We met with professors, heads of departments, toured the campus with students and went to dinner at the Buckeye Hall Of Fame (which was excellent by the way). When I first stepped foot onto the campus, I immediately knew that Ohio State was where I wanted to go. The campus was packed the first day. Ohio State was playing Purdue in basketball to win the Big Ten Championship. The atmosphere was electric with everyone at the campus and in town dressed in their Ohio State gear. The school spirit is one to be reckoned with. I also had an opportunity to meet with the assistant swim coach at Ohio State, John Kline. I am considering becoming a swimmer for Ohio State. He went out of his way to meet with me and my parents to show off the newly constructed pool. State-of-the-art does not begin to define it.

Overall the trip was definitely a defining moment when I knew I wanted to become a Buckeye. Again, I want to thank the Alumni Club of Orange County/Inland Empire for the opportunity to interview, to meet with some of your exciting and full of school spirit members. I want to thank you for the scholarship. I will definitely keep in touch with all of you and keep you updated on my progress and other happenings at Ohio State.

Thank you, *Robert Munoz* Go Bucks!"

OSU ALUMNI CLUB OF O.C./I.E. TICKET POLICY

April 13, 2006

Qualifications: To qualify for a ticket lottery a member must either be a lifetime or current household member of the local club and not be receiving tickets from another source. Club membership is based on payment of dues. Memberships are paid for the calendar year. To be considered paid for the calendar year, payment must have had been received by November 1.

Ticket Allocation: One half of the tickets secured by the club will be distributed to the **Board and Committee members** based on the following priority schedule.

1. All elected officers and Board members of the club are guaranteed 2 tickets per household membership. If there are more officers and board members with an interest in tickets than available tickets a lottery will be held.
2. All Committee members are guaranteed 1 ticket per household membership. If there are more committee members with an interest in tickets than available tickets a lottery will be held.

All other member households who express an interest in tickets will go into a lottery with the following number of chances.

1. All lifetime member households of the local club will get 2 chances for 2 tickets.
2. All Board and Committee members will get 1 chance for either 1 additional ticket or 2 tickets if they did not receive tickets as described above.
3. All annual local club member households will get 1 chance for 2 tickets.
4. All member households are limited to 2 tickets.
5. Tickets must be used by club members or their families.
6. Chances are not cumulative.
7. Any unused or unclaimed tickets can be used at the discretion of the Board.

Lottery Process: The lottery will be announced by email and/or regular mail. The lottery drawing will be held at a public place with the time and location made known to the interested club members so they may witness the drawing. In addition to the lottery winners, three (3) alternates will be drawn.

Winner Announcement: The lottery winners and alternates will be announced via email or published on the club website.

PAYMENT MUST BE AS FOLLOWS:

For those individuals present for the lottery, payment in full must be made in cash or check on the day of the lottery to the designated officer of the club.

If the lottery winner is not present for the drawing they must get the payment to the designated club officer within 5 working days of the lottery announcement.

Failure to adhere to these policies may result in disqualification from future OSU event tickets:

- A non-reimbursed bounced check or scalping of the tickets by any member who secures tickets through this process will automatically disqualify them for all future OSU event tickets.
- Tickets must be used by club members or their families.