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The 2007 Black Alumni Reunion is fast approaching, and so are the deadlines for reserving your spot in this time-honored tradition! Come celebrate your Ohio University African American heritage through events such as the International Street Fair, Step Show, and the Inaugural Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Gala featuring the Urban Jazz Coalition in the new Baker Center Ballroom. An unforgettable weekend that will not present itself for another three years!

2007 Black Alumni Reunion

More upcoming alumni reunions

ACRN’s Grand Opening Celebration
The All Campus Radio Network (ACRN) Alumni Society
April 21, 2007
Athens

Class of 1957 Golden Reunion Weekend
April 27–29, 2007
Athens

Army ROTC Military Ball
April 28, 2007
Athens

Menomonee Players 50th Reunion Weekend
July 27–29
Charlton, Massachusetts

For more information visit www.ohioalumni.org or call 740-593-4300.

WHAT’S NEW

Coming to Athens this Spring!

Stay at a local hotel and commute to campus for your afternoon jaunts. For most weekends, you can park for free in Dark Green or Purple University parking lots, or get metered parking around Court Street, at the parking garages and the new Baker Center Center. Recent additions to Court Street eateries include Salsa! (Middle Eastern cuisine) and Big Mama’s Burritos along with O’Bertty’s (hot dogs, brats and fries) — all operated by proud OHIO alumni. In Baker University Center you will find fine dining at Latitude 39, and the West 62 food court for world selections of food and drink. On East State Street, Applebee’s and Bemisston’s recently joined Ruby Tuesday, Damon’s, Casa Lopez and Lam’s Garden.

PLACES TO STAY

AmeriHost Inn & Suites
Hampton Inn
740-533-0100
740-533-6261
Ohio University Inn & Conference Center
Highlander Motel
740-533-6440
740-533-1030
Budget Host Coach Inn
Holiday Inn Express
740-533-1294
740-533-0305
Budget Inn Express
Sunset Motel
740-533-3002
Super 8 Motel
740-533-0405

For a complete listing of Athens County hotels and bed & breakfast locations, visit www.visitathensohio.com.

In February, Ohio University and the National Academy of Engineering awarded the 2007 Peter J. and Deborah H. Ross Prize to Yuan-Cheng Fung, professor of engineering at the University of California, San Diego. The $500,000 award, created at Ohio University by the late alumnus and his wife, is one of the top three engineering prizes in the world and the only one of its caliber awarded at a university. Considered the father of modern biomechanics, Fung was recognized for his work with human tissue engineering that has led to breakthroughs in such fields as automotive safety design, artificial heart, personal body armor, prosthetic devices and other technologies that save and improve millions of lives.

Recent Top Awards

From Ohio University School of Visual Communication students earned 25 awards, including the top prize, in the national 2006 College Photographer of the Year competition sponsored by the University of Missouri. OHIO students earned almost 30 percent of the 85 awards given in the annual competition and were the only students from a university in Ohio to win any honots in the color and most-respected collegiate photography competition in the nation. Mark Eth, a junior, was named the College Photographer of the Year for 2006.

Fifteen of Ohio University’s dedicated and talented faculty were recently recognized in Ohio Magazine’s 2006 “Excellence in Education” program. Featured among the issue’s 130 top professionals in Ohio, the honorees represent excellence in the areas of campuses and teach in disciplines such as physics, fine arts, nursing, journalism, theater and music.

Ohio University and other universities and colleges in the Appalachian region have forged a historic educational coalition called Education to Serve. The coalition will help residents in the region successfully compete in today’s global, fast-paced economy by providing appropriate courses and academic programs.

In 2006, a new program called the Global Ambassador Network (GAN) was launched. The idea is simple: provide current alumni and students to help recruit prospective students from their region of the world. The program, despite having no funding or dedicated staff, has blossomed beyond expectations. To date over 55 GAN volunteers, representing over 25 countries, have been trained. This program is less than a year old, but can already be attributed with helping to garner over 40 prospective international student applications.

The odds of these 40 students accepting invitations to attend OU are also greatly increased because they have someone from their home country that encouraged them to apply and to whom they can turn with questions. For further information on the GAN program, please visit www.ohio.edu/globallambassadors.
The essence of Emeriti Park
Contributed by Professors Emeritus Charles Carlson, Max Evans and Joseph Tucker

On the front of this issue of The [college] Gate is a photograph of one of the most beautiful spring sights in Athens: Emeriti Park. In any season, the four- and a half-acre park between the Aquatic Center and Clippinger Lake is a gorgeous spot. More than 95 emeriti professors contributed over $253,000 to build the park, which was dedicated in 2000; outside donors gave another $150,000. Other gifts — plaques in honor of memory of students, alumni, faculty and staff — dot the park.

Now the Emeriti Park Committee is seeking help to take the final steps in completing the park’s development — to install lighting. The park has been the site of many events including weddings, memorial services, photo shoots, family gatherings and a community-wide picnic complete with music, ice cream and cake. It is a garden of exploration for schoolchildren and, perhaps most important of all, a quiet spot for students to relax, study and nap. Lighting will enhance the features of the park and add to the security of the area, will provide for increased evening use, and will facilitate pedestrian traffic to and from the new Baker University Center. The architect has estimated the cost to be $70,000. The Emeriti association has committed $5,000 to the project; we seek individual donations from its members and ask for support from the university administration and alumni.

The park honors light of another kind: the illuminating performances of emeriti professors by “faculty and staff members who in their time served the Ohio University well,” as the Ohio University Emeriti Association wrote more than 20 years ago in proposing the park. That the Emeriti Park was dedicated in May 1987. The area encompassed land between Grover Center and the field of forces that was once Trautwein Field, extending along Richland Avenue to the entrance of South Green Drive.

At the time, the park comprised a large rock with an engraved dedication plaque, two benches and a few evergreen boughs. In 1992, the Emeriti Association asked the university to develop the park further, but the university’s building plans — which included the renovation of Geover Center and moving Trautwein Field to Shafer Street — precluded more work at the original site. So in 1997, it was agreed that a new Emeriti Park would be constructed along Orthob Trail, part of the old Hocking River channel. Over a three-year period between 1999 and 2000, what had been a dirty swamp was transformed into an oasis with gardens, a waterfall, benches, trees, brick walkways, an official souvenir and two overlooks.

Many faculty and staff members have “served Ohio University well” atop President Herman James named the first emeriti, accounting professor Charles Moffat Copeland, in 1943. You can pay homage to them by helping the Emeriti Association further improve the park through the installation of lighting. For information about the lighting project, contact Dr. Joseph Tucker, professor emeritus, and Chair of the Park Lighting Committee, at 740-993-8416, or e-mail tucker@ohio.edu. For information on contributing, call the Ohio University Foundation at 800-592-FUND or visit www.ohio.edu/give.

Ohio University Alumni Association Chapters and Societies

Alumni by Chapter and Regional Networks

NORTHWEST OHIO

Greater Cleveland
Number of Alumni: 3,140
Greater Dayton
Number of Alumni: 2,901

SOUTHWEST OHIO

Greater Cincinnati
Number of Alumni: 4,435
Greater Dayton
Number of Alumni: 1,449

NEW ENGLAND

Greater Boston
Number of Alumni: 3,427

CHICAGO

Greater Chicago
Number of Alumni: 2,950

OTHER CENTRAL

Central Ohio
Number of Alumni: 1,689
Fairfield County
Number of Alumni: 1,377

SOUTHEASTERN OHIO

Southwestern Ohio
Number of Alumni: 13,641
Southern Campus (Reynoldsburg)
Number of Alumni: 855

SOUTHEAST OHIO

Greater NKY
Number of Alumni: 2,900

SOUTHWEST OHIO

Greater Columbus (Montpelier)
Number of Alumni: 1,660
Greater Dayton
Number of Alumni: 10,022

NORTHEAST OHIO

Greater NKY
Number of Alumni: 1,460

NORTHERN OHIO

Northern Ohio
Number of Alumni: 1,128

SOUTHERN OHIO

Greater Columbus
Number of Alumni: 2,390
Greater Dayton
Number of Alumni: 3,109

INTERNATIONAL

European Chapter Network
Japan Japan Chapter Network
Malaysian Chapter Network
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South Korea Chapter Network

Contact: Donna Werry at 740-592-4300 or woody@ohio.edu for more information.

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But after graduation things change, don’t they? You leave Athens, as does nearly everybody you know. You may love Ohio afterward, but it is not the same. The farther away you go, the fewer Bobcats there are around.

Not true. The chapter earning the most recent Outstanding Chapter Award — the National Capital Chapter of Washington, D.C. — Columbus or Cleveland — rather, it is serving an alumni base that has been vital to Ohio. The distance from Athens hasn’t stopped the Nation’s Capital Chapter from making for Bobcats feel just as close to home.

And clearly, the chapter members share a passion for volunteering. Here they could have:

1. hosted two speakers (Tracy Professor of English Literature Dr. Samuel Cornel and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Clarence Page 1979)
2. organized a trip to the GMIC Bowl and a game-seating event
3. held a welcome reception for 70 incoming students
4. helped a local charity staff bags of food and sort denim distancing for the needy

But that’s not all. The chapter, which already endorses a scholarship for a student majoring in journalism, will soon begin raising funds for a second scholarship — this time for a student matriculating from a D.C. area high school.

Ohio University alumni volunteered to make a difference in DC at the “Binned for the City” event last December.

Sandra Snyder Laurenceson

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June 3 • The College of Arts and Sciences’ Department of Music awards assembly and social mingle,Pixley Hall, from 4-6 p.m. Contact Jean Axline at 800-742-2273 or 513-945-7029 (Chatham home on Monomoy weekend only) for more information.

June 4 • The College of Arts and Sciences’ Department of Music presents the Department Recital at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Arts and Sciences’ Department of Music’s Recital Hall, Robert Strothman Concert Hall, 222 East Third Street. Tickets are $30 for general admission, $25 for seniors and Ohio University students and $15 for students. Contact Robert Walter at 240-354-3600 or oubobcat33@hotmail.com for more information.

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Happy Hour Sho Riverview, 185 S. 5th St., Arlington, 5 p.m. Contact Tony Swegle at 704-302-6465 or swegs02@aol.com for more information.

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