Greetings from Ohio to you
The timeless College Green of Ohio University embraced by the beauty of winter.

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An Open Letter to Alumni

I have been at Ohio University only four months but have already seen the remarkable affection and loyalty of its alumni. This feeling of pride and connection is one of the reasons I came to Ohio. It has been a distinct pleasure to spend time with dedicated, energized supporters who truly care about the ongoing life and mission of the university.

Ohio continues to be ranked alongside the finest national universities — Washington Monthly recently placed us among schools such as Harvard, Brown and Columbia universities, ranking Ohio University 40th out of 245 public and private schools in its annual college guide. Our students successfully compete for top academic awards, including the Marshall, Truman, Mitchell and Goldwater scholarships. They won 13 Fulbright awards in 2006, as part of the 40 nationally competitive awards received by our students. Many institutions pursue excellence, but we maintain it, setting a remarkably high standard year after year.

Ohio University also is in the midst of implementing an academic plan, Vision OHIO, which articulates a mission, guiding principles and goals that will shape the future of this great institution. The first phase of implementation calls for significant investments in three areas: undergraduate education, graduate education and research, and faculty.

I also must acknowledge that this year has brought important challenges to our institution. Many of you have shared with me your concerns and asked that I inform you in greater detail about the university’s progress in meeting these challenges. That is why I write to you today. Our goal as an institution is to be transparent in our approach and reaction to issues as they develop, previous communications have attempted to do just that. Whether through mailings, e-mail, Web sites, public forums or articles in Ohio Today and other publications, our primary goal has been to represent Ohio University as the most honest light and to listen to our alumni.

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Alumni transform lives through scholarships

By Ron Coffey ’71

For nearly half a century, generous OHIO alumni have paved the way for deserving students to attend the university. Many scholarship endowments have been established by individuals, other scholarships have been created through the collective good of established alumni chapters and societies. For example, the Akron Alumni Association of Ohio University Women has awarded freshman and continuing scholarships to Akron-area students for more than 50 years. Pioneering chapters such as Dayton, Cleveland Mothers/Parents and Cleveland Women’s have raised six figure scholarship funds since inaugurating their programs in the 1970s and ’80s.

Newcomers are doing well, too. Since 1995, the Central Ohio Chapter Network has raised $39,500 to assist 24 students. In 2000, the chapter established an endowed fund to provide a $1,000 continuing four-year award to an incoming first-year student on the Athens campus who is the child of an OHIO goal. Alumni chapters aren’t the only ones supporting scholarships. Since 2000, the Ohio University Alumni ROTC Society of Alumni and Friends has secured more than $18,000 in donations toward an endowed scholarship fund. The College of Education uses endowed money raised by its Society of Alumni and Friends to offer the Robert P. Conner Spring Education Conference for students going into education.

Scholarship fundraising projects are fun and develop a sense of fellowship among alumni. Take a look at these methods chapters are using to raise scholarship funds:

Chartered bus trips to Athens for Sibs Weekend and Moms Weekend are popular fundraising tools for many alumni chapters. Ongoing to sporting events also lend themselves well to fundraising. “Cincinnati Reds vs. Cleveland Indians fall games have been fundraisers as well as large attendance events,” says Bill Greel ’88 of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter Network.

Special events and sales are proven fundraisers, too. In addition to that, the Ohio University Women’s Alumni Chapter of Greater Cleveland sponsors a theater party and holiday craft auction to raise scholarship revenue. The Akron chapter also has

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Tiebreaker

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Association of Ohio University Women sells entertainment books and takes check for door prizes. The Delta Phi/Phi Worth Chapter Network has offered $100 to each of the first 100 members who sign up for the program. The Greater Charlotte Chapter Network helps current and future students through networking. Each February, the chapter invites Ohio students to attend Charlotte Networking Week to connect with current students and learn about the opportunities available at Ohio University. This year, the chapter aims to help Ohio students develop valuable connections and explore career paths.

Upcoming Chapter Network Scholarship Fundraiser

Join us for the Ohio University Alumni Association's 2007 Scholarship Dinner on Friday, June 29 at 7 p.m. at the Bobcat Club. The event features dinner, silent and live auctions, and a raffle to support Ohio University's Scholarship Fund. The proceeds from this event will help fund scholarships for incoming students.

For more information, go to www.ohioalumni.org.

2007 Alumni Tours and our new Family Getaway

St. Croix Family Getaway

Dreaming of a tropical destination this year? Join other Bobcat families as the Ohio University Alumni Association takes you on a trip to St. Croix. The Carnival Cruise Line will dock at St. Croix on Sunday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 2, 2007. Carnival Breeze boasts numerous water sports activities including scuba diving and snorkeling, plus miniature golf, tennis and a diversity range — all of the newest technology perfect for families. Nearly on St. Croix, you will find two 18-hole golf courses, road excursions, deep-sea fishing and visits to historical 1750's sugar plantation and 100-foot-long lighthouse buildings. Additional highlights include Buck Island National Park, tropical rain forests and the Cinnamon Rum distillery.

Bring the kids to grandpa's camp, too! The Children's Camp features activities every day, including swimming and tennis lessons, beachcombing and soccer with local teams. They'll get a taste of local culture, too, with classes in island dance, steel-pan drumming and local art and crafts.

Families who book their trip on or before January 31, 2007, will receive a discount to the charter flights and round-trip travel, Alumni Family Getaways, at 888-640-1447 or go to www.ohioalumni.org.

Where are the upcoming tours this year?

Jan. 20 – 31
Panama Canal
Crystal Cruise Symphony
Fleet.
Feb. 15 – 22
May Flights
Caribbean
Feb. 22 – March 7
Antigua, St. Croix, New Zealand
Island Life in Ancient Greece and Turkey
March 30 – April 7
Peru on the Eurostar
April 22 – 30
Spain, Portugal and the Passage of the Moors
May 4 – 16
Czech Republic, Spain
May 16 – 24
Italy
Yuletide Magic
Dec. 17 – 24
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Staying tuned to what’s going on On campus

ATHLETICS
Faculty and staff invited to be guest coaches
The athletics department invited Ohio University faculty and staff to join OHIO football coach Frank Solich and his staff as guest coaches this season. This program helps build relationships with athletic, coaches, faculty, and staff. The guest coach program imitates the leadership and honoraries in everything from the team’s pre-game meal to the post-game press conference.

EDUCATION
Printmaking conference highlights medium, connections between artists
The printmaking department in Ohio University’s College of Art hosted the 2006 Mid Americ Print Council conference, “Forging Connections,” Sept. 20-23. Approximately 70 printmakers, students, curators and other art professionals attended the event.

Dean recognized through special alumni society award
The Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine Society of Alumns and Friends’ inaugural Special Recognition Award went to Dean Jack Bruce, D.O., for his extraordinary vision, leadership and commitment to osteopathic education. For the emphasis on behalf of Ohio’s medical schools, and for embracing alumni through close collaboration as an integral part of each patient care endeavor.

According to Thomas Anderson, D.O. ’81, president of the society, “Jack’s broad understanding and values the importance of alumni relations and the ongoing involvement of our graduates in the future growth of our college. He also values the responsibility that we, too, have to our graduates; and also advocate for them as we help them become more integral to the life of Ohio University. We are most fortunate to have his leadership and vision.”

Russ College researchers work to develop alternative fuels
OHIO engineering professors Ben Stewart and Dave Bandy are leading a team of university researchers, whose work to produce biodiesel could lessen America’s dependence on foreign oil. The team has created a bioreactor that harnesses algae to use as an alternative energy source.

Scripts CEO Lowe challenges would-be media entrepreneurs to create their own shows
On Sept. 12, Scripts Howard President and CEO Ken Lowe was in Athens for the Scripts Howard’s national dedication and celebration, where he spoke about the future of the media business. The foundation’s $15 million gift, announced in April, will support a wide variety of College of Communication programs and initiatives.

SERVICE
OHIO names Sales Centre
Ohio University celebrated the naming of the Ralph and Luci Schay Sales Centre in the College of Business. The Ohio couple made a $2.2 million commitment to support the center and the Ohio University Board of Trustees approved the official naming of the center. Ralph Schay was a guiding force behind the creation of Ohio University’s Sales Centre in 1997. The Schay endowment supports research, scholarships, operating expenses, visits from nationally known speakers, professional trainers, workshops and sales symposia that allow current students to interact with professionals in the field.

TECHNOLOGY
BBC Films researcher
In November, the BBC filmed Lawrence M. Wilmore, Ph.D., professor of biomedical sciences in his lab in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, discussing the skull and brain of troodon — a small, predatory dinosaur — for a documentary the network is producing. The program is scheduled to air in early 2007.

Video games used to educate
Chang Liu, an assistant professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and others are developing engaging science simulation for middle school students using video games. They received one of Ohio University’s largest National Science Foundation grants ever: $1.67 million.

In Athens
Albany and in the median on East State Street in Athens near Bob Evans.

Club hopes to make Athens ‘Cool City’
The Sierra Club’s Appalachian Ohio Group installed 48 solar panels at Athens Middle School on Sept. 23 to kick off an alternative energy campaign the group hopes to bring to Athens.

Solar power is sole power for stage at music festival
Ohio University hosted the first annual edition of OHIO Unplugged, a remarkable alternative-themed music festival. OHIO Unplugged also launched the Planet OHIO Web site, which will function as OHIO University’s gateway to campus and community.

Visit www.ohio.edu/planetoio

Commercial development in Athens
New commercial development is taking place on East State Street. Restaurants include Taco Bell, Applebees’ and Fuddruckers. Hotels include a Hampton Inn and a Holiday Inn Express. OSU’s also opened a new location on East State Street and a new Bremen’s Coffee opened on Columbus Road.

In Athens
By Ralph Amos ’04
It’s been said that education is a lifelong experience. Never before has the burden of education been more applicable to my life since I arrived in Athens eight years ago.

I began my tenure with the Alumni Association through the Alumni Belt. As an incoming freshman, I had to purchase a book to remain in the college. I began thinking about the importance of an education. I realized I had to become a card-carrying Bobcat. Today I consider pursuing an Ohio University education and using a merit of public administration degree to be among the best decisions I’ve ever made.

And my situation is far from unique. An army of exceptional executive master’s programs at Ohio University has made it easier than ever before for 30-, 40- and 50-somethings to renew their educational acquaintance with their alma mater or achieve Bobcat graduate status for the first time. By offering weekend workshops — even the 30-, 40- and 50-somethings some way to expand their education programs with courses that count toward degree completion.

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Multi-talented Ralph Amos ’04, author of this adage been more applicable to my life than ever before for 30-, 40- and 50-somethings.

A CALL FOR NEW LEADERSHIP
Are you looking for a way to connect with fellow Bobcats in your area? Have you been considering the possibilities and networking with fellow alumni? Maybe you have a couple extra hours a month to help out in your community or maybe you are interested in learning about opportunities to become a part of Alumni Leadership. Ohio University Annual and Regional Contacts the Alumni Association and key alumni offer a host of quantity programs to inform, engage and excite the former Ohio University student. Chapter networks offer services and activities to promote alumni engagement. Well-informed, active alumni are vital to the growth and excellence of a university.

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Ohio University: 1804 – 2004 The Spirit of a Singular Place
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But unlike learning, commitment doesn’t happen by accident. You make a conscious choice to attend Ohio University, to pursue those opportunities that most motivated you to grow and to succeed. All that you’ve achieved, the person you’ve become — it all reflects how your life has been shaped by your alma mater.

And thanks to ever-growing numbers of OHIO alumni, more and more of your incoming freshmen now know what they repose before they even step into a classroom. They know their OHIO University was great choice. With programs like our New Student Receptions, alumni are strengthening their own commitments by offering new students a head start to their future.

Many of our chapters and constituent groups have received awards. This year Pittsburgh, Youngstown, the Cleveland Parson Club, Central Ohio, Dayton and the National Capital Chapter each averaged an average of more than 20 members and their families. To answer questions, student leaders from Student Alumni Board and Senior Class Council were invited, as were University Administrators such as Dean of Students Terry Hogan ’77, ’83, and Director of Campus Life Amy Lombard ’05.

Alumni in other regions don’t normally organize a formal sendoff, but they have other ways to show their support. Robson in Toledo made late-night phone calls to create a festive spring gathering; Madura Mekh ’94, an alumnus from Fort Lauderdale, sent a hometown note welcoming Columbus Dolan ’10 to OHIO.

When you visit in Yakima, Wash., it’s even easier to get together — so the chapter there made an incoming student the honored guest of a social event. Cossor Lyons sent tickets for the Boise Hawks, a major league baseball club, and wanted to complete OHIO’s sports administration program. He joined a dozen alumni and friends in the stands for the game, thanks to tickets donated by Boise general manager Todd Rule ’91. Before the game, Cossor learned where to find good off-campus housing and heard stories about the haunted buildings in Athens. “We hope we didn’t scare him off,” says Kent ‘94, “our contact.”

“We’ll be thinking the opposite. Boise is more than 2,000 miles from Athens. There’s nothing scary about a dozen people that are very gathering to express our passion for Ohio University. It’s exactly what a prospect needed to strengthen his decision to attend Ohio University.” That’s proof of commitment.