OU alumni are everywhere. Find ways to stay connected, no matter where you are.

Bobcat Network

A newsletter from your Ohio University Alumni Association
www.ohioalumni.org
Total attendance of alumni, guests and students at OUAA-sponsored events:

13,871

5 Bobcat Bashes
14 reunions including Alumni Band, Men’s Soccer, Cheerleader and Mascot.

48 Game Watches

14,000+

53 OUAA-sponsored Homecoming events with an estimated alumni attendance of 2,200

1,510 OUAA volunteers
608 in Bobcat Mentor Network
171 in Volunteer Alumni Admissions Network (VAAN)
70 in Global Ambassadors Network (GAN)

Total number of orders:

1,478

Bobcat Store
88,172 Number of 2008 Alumni Bobcat Store Web site hits

Alumni Attitude Survey

Over 6,000 responded to the survey request. Thank you!

95% of respondents rated their decision to attend OU as great or good.
94% rate their experience as student as excellent or good.
96% of alumni promote OU to others – all the time, regularly or occasionally.

More than 3 million Number of individual e-mails sent to 76,000 alumni

Be sure to visit ohioalumni.org (alumni Web site hits: 86,846. Alumni Web page views: 218,273)
OUAA and Career Services Offer CareerBeam

By Paul Matson ’09

For both new college graduates and professionals alike, career development is an ongoing process. Factoring in a slow economy, declining employment rates, and a highly competitive market, job searching is often a daunting task. To counteract these challenges, the Ohio University Alumni Association and Career Services have joined forces to provide access to CareerBeam.com, an online job service, to all current students and alumni.

It is easy to be proactive about networking and job searching using this incredible tool. Because Bobcats can utilize CareerBeam at any stage in their career. The reality is that most people were never taught how to effectively job search, much less identify their career goals. It has become clear to our leadership that more is needed to be done in order to ensure every Bobcat’s career success. More than 50 schools have already adopted CareerBeam, including Harvard, Wharton, Notre Dame and the University of Michigan.

CareerBeam provides an enormous database of company and career profiles, industry contacts, and resources to strategically manage your career development. The advanced technology of CareerBeam allows users to find job leads and make contacts within dozens of industries. The databases and tools are paired with a career management seminar series to help students and alumni become familiar enough with the career development process to be able to utilize the databases effectively. Best of all, CareerBeam is free of charge for all OHIO students and alumni.

This service is worth more than just a few minutes of your time. It is not just another site with a lot of content and links; it extends access to very expensive resources that you could not otherwise reach. In essence, the tools available through CareerBeam allow you to take control of your career path in an unprecedented manner.

“Ohio University students and alumni are very lucky to have a service like CareerBeam at their fingertips. Both the Alumni Association and Career Services felt that our partnership could only benefit students and alumni in these harsh economic times. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of CareerBeam and what it has to offer.” – Amanda Smith ’09

For more information contact Amanda Smith ’09 Assistant Director, Young Alumni Programming at smitha8@ohio.edu. She will help you obtain an ohio.edu email address, which is necessary for logging in.

Finally, thank the more than 6,000 alumni who took the time to respond to the Alumni Attitude Survey, sent in October and November. The results have been tabulated and you have given us important information we can use to help guide our programming for the coming years.

In the next issue of The College Gate I plan to share highlights from the findings. But for now – THANK YOU! Your participation truly makes a difference and you have contributed to making your alumni association stronger.

Go Bobcats!

Graham Stewart
Executive Director
Ohio University Alumni Association
Looking to plan your own reunion? Your Ohio University Alumni Association can help you plan and organize a weekend to remember!
Contact Cristie Gryska at gryska@ohio.edu for more information.

OHIO UNIVERSITY
Upcoming reunions

Black Student Business Caucus
February 21

Singing Men of Ohio
March 4 – 8

Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences Alumni and Friends Reception (Columbus)
March 6

Class of 1959 Golden Reunion
April 24 – 26

Army ROTC Military Ball
April 25

Sigma Kappa 60th Reunion
May 8 – 10

Student Alumni Board Reunion and 35th Anniversary Celebration
May 8 – 10

Alpha Phi Alpha
May 15 – 17

Kappa Alpha Psi
May 29 – 31

International Reunion CANCELLED
Study Abroad Reunion Rescheduled Oct. 09
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May 21 – 23, 2010

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Points of Pride
May 14: Students to Show Projects at Research Expo

Interested in what OHIO students explore in research, scholarship and creative projects outside the classroom? The 2009 Student Research and Creative Expo will present a gamut of topics, from flying cars to costume design to alternative fuels. The annual event, which will be held at the Convocation Center, showcases more than 500 presentations from undergraduate, graduate and medical students and postdoctoral students. For more information, please visit www.ohio.edu/research/students.

School of Dance

STUDENT RECOGNIZED
Ohio University School of Dance student Jesse Keller has won the Undergraduate Research Award. A solo dance piece she created based on Alice in Wonderland will be sent to this year’s juried competition at the American College of Dance Festival. According to the American College of Dance Festival Association’s website, the ACDA’s sponsorship of regional conferences and the national dance festival provides the venue for students to engage in performances, workshops, and panels.

ALUMNA HONORED
Regina Klenjoski, an Ohio University School of Dance alumna, was the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award for the College of Fine Arts, School of Dance. She is the artistic director for the Regina Klenjoski Dance Company in Long Beach, Calif. The company produces the yearly SOLA Contemporary Dance Festival, a showcase for emerging local choreographers. RKDC is known for creating original dance works featuring collaborations with cutting-edge composers and theatrical artists. Visit http://www.rkdcc.org.

Students to produce feature-length film

For the first time in the school’s history, Ohio University’s School of Media Arts and Studies is giving students a chance to produce a full-length feature film for a class.

Students of MIA 419, Advanced Video Projects, are responsible for everything needed to make the film, including writing the script, fundraising, collecting equipment, finding locations, filming and editing, all by the end of this school year. The film’s crew consists of over 70 OU students from five schools in two different colleges in the University. The film, Trailerpark, is based on a collection of stories by best-selling author Russell Banks. Filming began January 24 at locations both around Ohio and in Northern Michigan. The students expect to screen the movie at the end of the year on campus.

If you would like to help contribute to the film with fundraising or equipment, please go to http://trailerparkmovie.com for further details.

A lifetime behind the lens: Herman Leonard ’47

By Paul Matson ’09

Throughout our lives, we see thousands of photos that tell us stories about America and our extraordinary history. We rarely take time to find out who is responsible for the mastery behind these photos. Herman Leonard, BFA ’47, has traveled the world photographing and publishing the likes of Frank Sinatra, Marlon Brando, Paul Newman, Marilyn Monroe, and even Albert Einstein.

“I can’t take credit for taking the image; I just captured the moment,” he says. “A camera can only see what’s in front of it. If the situation or expression is there, then push the button,” said Leonard.

Leonard received the Lucie Award for Achievement in Portraiture on Oct. 20, 2008, an award described as the Oscar of photography. He was honored in the Lincoln Center in New York City and presented the award by his longtime friend Tony Bennett. Leonard says he was astonished by this honor.

“I didn’t achieve for others,” he says. “I made satisfying images for myself. I had no idea my photos would take on this significance.” According to Leonard, the late Harry Benson, the Kennedy Museum of Art at The Ridges on the university’s Athens campus will host an exhibit of Leonard’s work through Feb. 22, 2009. In his new home state of California, his next exhibit has been dubbed JAZZ, GIANTS & JOURNEYS: The Photography of Herman Leonard. The displays are located at the A&I Hollywood from Feb. 5 to March 13, 2009 and at the A&I Santa Monica from March 20 to May 13, 2009.

To see Leonard’s work, or to read an in-depth biography, visit his Web site at www.hermanleonard.com.

NEWS FOR ALUMNI

Alumni Travel Opportunities
Looking for a getaway closer to home?
Consider one of the Alumni Association’s reasonably-priced “Weekend Getaways.” They’re fun and you have the opportunity to meet new friends. New getaways are always being added.

2009 WEEKEND GETAWAYS
“Arts” Spring Weekend Getaway in Athens April 10-12
White Water Rafting Weekend Getaway, Nica, West Virginia
Nicaragua May 22-24
“Relaxing Resort” Weekend at Belterra Resort and Spa in Indiana May 23-25
“Alumni College” Weekend Getaway in Athens July 11-Aug 2

2009 DOMESTIC TOURS
Las Vegas cruise May 1-8
Caribbean Family Delight July 11-18
Alaska Glacier to Glacier Sept. 1-13

Check bobcattravel.org for more information

2009 international trips for Bobcats

<(Set of images and text about international trips for Bobcats, including Italian Favorites, Tulip Time, The Wonders of Iceland, Dordogne, and others.)>
Ohio University Advancement seeing support remain strong despite economy

The Ohio University Foundation continues to benefit from strong support for the university, with $15.3 million donated by alumni and friends since the start of fiscal year 2009 in July. The Division of University Advancement’s goal for FY 2009 is to secure $20 million in new gifts and commitments for Ohio University’s colleges and units, in addition to the $93 million from the Russ Estate, for a total of $113 million.

“It’s encouraging that, even in challenging economic times, Ohio University alumni and friends make supporting our university a priority,” said Howard R. Lipsman, vice president for university advancement and president and CEO of The Ohio University Foundation.

Ohio University’s colleges, schools, units and departments depend on the Foundation’s support. With state dollars not growing and probably dwindling, the university must rely more on philanthropic revenue.

“Private donations provide important opportunities for students and faculty that would not otherwise be available if we relied exclusively on tuition and state funding,” said Ben Ogles, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Ohio University Foundation Board of Trustees – made up of 36 alumni and friends – volunteer their time to provide leadership for fundraising efforts, alumni engagement and stewardship of the foundation’s resources. The board actively supports the university’s academic mission, student achievements and faculty endeavors.

Foundation Board Chair Frank Krausec (RBA ’65, MRA ’66) recently restructured the board to increase the majority of their time on fundraising activities. “In addition to our fiduciary role of overseeing the management of our investments, we must be advocates of Ohio University’s fundraising/development efforts. I’ve shifted the focus to place more emphasis on development.”

“A consistent theme among our board members is that if not for the resources—the promises made available to them through similar philanthropy when they were students, they would not have experienced the enrichment of their lives that Ohio University provided,” Foundation Board Secretary Steve Schoonover (RBA ’67) said.

“I’ve always called Athens and Ohio University a special place. I believe that when you perform and do well, you ought to give back. And I hope other people will be moved to give something back to this special place too,” Schoonover added.

Frank Krausec ’65, ’66

Four Distinguished Alumni to Serve on Foundation Board

Ohio University alumni R. Emmett Boyle of Saint Clairville, Ohio, Judge William Newman Jr. of Arlington, Va., and David W. Pidwell of Saratoga, Calif., were recently elected as Trustees of The Ohio University Foundation. In addition, Col. (RET) Arlene F. Greenfield of Arlington, Va., was appointed as the Ohio University Alumni Association Board of Director’s representative to the Foundation Board.

Boyle earned his master’s in industrial systems engineering from Ohio University in 1970. He is a member of Ohio University’s Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering and Technology board of visitors.

Newman, Chief Judge of the Arlington Circuit Court, earned his bachelor’s of fine arts in theater from Ohio University in 1972. “Ohio University has given me so much,” said Newman. “Serving on the Foundation Board of Trustees affords me the opportunity to give back to the University and its students.”

Pidwell earned his bachelor’s of science in electrical engineering in 1969 and his master’s of science in 1970, both from Ohio University. Since 1996, he has been a venture capitalist and partner with Allo Ventures, an early-stage venture capital firm in Silicon Valley.

Greenfield earned her bachelor’s of science from Ohio University’s College of Health & Human Services in 1971. She currently serves as a member of the Chief of Staff, Army, Retiree Council and as the Medical Chairperson of the Fort Myer Military Community Retiree Council. Greenfield serves on Women in Philanthropy of Ohio University and the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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R. Emmett Boyle ’70

William Newman Jr. ’72

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Arlene F. Greenfield ’71

Frank Krausec ’65, ’66

DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09

$2 million to support an international center.

$2 million to support Appalachian Scholars.

$2 million to support a Chair in the College of Business.

$1.5 million trust for unrestricted use by the University.

$853,939 to support endowed scholarships for students in the Scripps School of Journalism, in the E. W. Scripps College of Communication.

$181,240 gift of real estate in support of the Southern Campus.

$140,000 to create a scholarship in Studio Art, in the College of Fine Arts.

$100,000 to establish an endowed scholarship, in the Scripps School of Journalism, in the E. W. Scripps College of Communication.

$100,000 for the School of Media Arts and Studies (formerly the School of Telecommunications), in the E. W. Scripps College of Communication.

$50,000 for the Center for Sports Administration, in the College of Health and Human Services.

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$47,000 realized bequest to support a scholarship in the School of Physical Therapy, in the College of Health and Human Services.

$46,000 for the Ohio Bobcat Club.

$43,000 to support facilities enhancements in Intercollegiate Athletics.

$35,000 to support the Ralph & Luci Schey Sales Centre, in the College of Business.

$25,000 to support a scholarship in the School of Art, in the College of Fine Arts.

$20,000 to establish a named, endowed scholarship on the Southern Campus.

$20,000 to support the Kennedy Museum of Art.

$20,000 to support the AMVET Diabetes Research Institute.

$20,000 to support Cutler Scholars.

$15,000 to establish a named, endowed scholarship in the School of Recreation and Sport Sciences, in the College of Health and Human Services.

$15,000 to establish a named, endowed scholarship in the Department of History, in the College of Arts and Sciences.

$15,000 to support Exercise Physiology, in the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

$10,000 to support the Academic & Research Center.

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Jack Frech, OU alumnus and Athens community advocate

By Paul Matson ’09

In times when many are facing dark financial and family situations, a kind face will always shine it’s brightest. Alumnus Jack Frech, BSE ’72, MPA ’82, is one of those bright faces and has dedicated his life to helping the Athens community and those less fortunate. Jack is the Director of Athens County Job and Family Services and has served in the position for more than 28 years. Each day, he oversees the implementation of more than 30 programs and services for those requiring financial assistance, health services, employment, education and training. Daily, thousands of families’ lives are positively affected by the work of Jack and his team.

Frech grew up in Niles, Ohio outside of Cleveland. He has always been passionate about his community and the well being of others. Jack was involved with several activist movements as an undergraduate student, where his involvement ranged from lobbying for student rights to the Vietnam War. After graduating, he decided to settle in Athens where he began his career with Job and Family Services.

“I have always loved the idea of helping people. I like the idea that this is something necessary we do as a government, helping our fellow citizens. It is very rewarding,” said Frech.

Throughout his career in Athens, Jack has remained involved with Ohio University in a variety of ways. Aside from taking on students as interns, being a guest speaker in classes and earning two degrees, five of Jack’s seven children have graduated from Ohio University.

Jack is known statewide and beyond for his dedication in advocating for those in need.
CENTRAL OHIO

March 21 • Columbus Young Alumni Chapter St. Pat’s with the Cats Lodge Bar, 195 Vine St., Columbus, 7 p.m. Contact for most festively dressed person. Cost $5 per person. Door prizes, first come first served pizza and drink specials. Commemorative shirts for sale. RSVP to Jamie Stroh at 614-309-3393 or at jiback@yahoo.com.

May 16 • Columbus Young Alumni Chapter 2nd Annual Relief Hyatt on Capital Square, 75 S. State St., Columbus, 6 - 11 p.m. Cost $45 per person or $80 per couple. RSVP to Jamie Stroh at 614-309-3393 or at jiback@yahoo.com by 4/01/09.

May 22-24 • Columbus Young Alumni Chapter Alumni Water Rafting Hico, WV. Leave from Columbus 3:30 p.m. For additional details and waivers visit www.columbusyoungalumni.com. Cost for this event is $90 plus food and gasoline. RSVP by May 1 to Ryan Hartley at rhartleyoh@gmail.com.

NORTHWEST OHIO

Feb. 16 • School of Music Alumni Society Open House, Drinko Recital Hall, 330 N. High St., Columbus, 3:30 p.m. The Ohio University Alumni Association National Alumni Chapter, the School of Music Alumni Society and the Northwest alumni chapter are sponsoring a special performance of the Ohio University Jazz Ensemble. Questions? Contact Jordan at Jordan.Kinsel@yo.com or call at 208-761-9333.

March 1 • Ohio University Women’s Club Wine Tasting St. Gregory’s, 301 E. 7th St., Findlay, Ohio, 1 p.m. Cost is $20. RSVP by Feb. 27. Questions? Contact Katie Nash at 216-408-0474 or katieos219@gmail.com.

NORTHEAST OHIO

March 8 • Toledo Chapter OU vs. Bowling Green Basketball Game Andover Arena, Bowling Green State University. The game starts at 2 p.m. with a pre-game at Buffalo Wild Wings in Bowling Green. Pay as you go at Buffalo Wild Wings. For ticket information contact toledobobcats@gmail.com.

March 11 • Toledo Chapter Social Hour Annex, 332 W. Central Ave., Toledo, 5:30 p.m. An evening of socializing with fellow OU Alumni. Pay as you go. Questions? Contact Laurie Mitchell at toledobobcats@gmail.com.

May 12 • Toledo Chapter Social Hour Shawn’s Tavern, 4400 Heathdowns Blvd.,(Heathdowns at Great Northern Rd.), Toledo, 5:30 p.m. Join us in Buckhead! Pay as you go. Questions? Contact Katie Jackson at 937-974-3631 or at katieajackson@gmail.com.

NORTHWEST U.S.

March 5 • Portland Chapter OU Happy Hour City Club 43237 Golf View Dr., South Memphis, TN, 4:30 p.m. Contact at toledobobcats@gmail.com.

April 8 • National Capital Chapter OU Happy Hour-The Wharf, 1901 N Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, 6:30 p.m. Pay as you go. Questions? Contact Robert Walter at 240-354-3600 or at oubobcat33@hotmail.com.

APRIL 24-26 • Sigma Kappa 60th Reunion, 3600 Baker University Center, Athens, 8 a.m. a.m. A professional development and networking event for MBA alumni featuring Dr. Alfred E. Eikes, as keynote speaker. For more details, contact the MBA Programs office at 740-593-2028 or ohiobizalum@gmail.com.

April 24 • Golden Reunion Class of 1959 Athens. For more information, contact Jane Griska at gryskja@ohio.edu, or 740-597-1280.

April 24-26 • Sigma Kappa 60th Reunion Athens. Contact Jane (Potz) Griska at jane.potz@zoomtown.com, 513-607-1714 or Linda Dwayne 740-593-6655 or linda@cs.indstate.edu. 740-123-1002 for more information. Blocks of rooms are held under “Sigma Kappa” at Days Inn 740-593-6655 and Holiday Inn Express 740-592-4640.
Thanks to our volunteers

We salute all who are part of the Ohio University Alumni Association family of dedicated volunteers,

To those who challenge students and alumni to expand their minds and extend their reach,

To those who inspire friendships and rediscovers connections,

To those who through their passion and dedication apply their individuality to their region,

To those who touch our hearts and renew our common bonds through philanthropy, mentoring, networking, and recruitment,

To all who believe in potential, invest in possibilities, and have the courage to act and engage their fellow Bobcats,

To all who make our university light on the halls burning with hope beyond boundaries.

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