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Layers of history are still here, just as you remember. They are set side by side up Morton Hill, down Park Place, over College and Court Streets. Floats and bands dust them off each October, to blend with the changing leaves.

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Thank You, Alumni

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et me begin by posing two related questions: How do you view your relationship with Ohio University? How much do you feel part of your alma mater’s ongoing evolution and growth? Before addressing those questions, let me provide a bit of relevant perspective.

If you’ve read Betty Hollow’s Ohio University 1804 – 2004: The Spirit of a Singular Place 1804-2004, you know that our alma mater has had its ups and downs. Yet, even during difficult times – including floods, protests and a nation at war – Ohio University has always prevailed.

Fortunately, though, through the years, the ups have far outnumbered the downs, and for more than two centuries, Ohio University has been evolving, continuing to strengthen and provide solid educational foundations that have propelled more than 200,000 graduates into fruitful careers in business, science, government service, health care, entertainment, engineering, communications, education, medicine, the arts and other fields.

Along the way, some members of the university community – alumni, faculty, staff, friends – have contributed to that evolution in particularly meaningful and sometimes visible ways. Many of their names grace campus structures: Cutler Hall, Alden Library, Ping Center and Walter Hall to name a few. Other such names are linked to endowed chairs and particularly meaningful and sometimes visible ways. Many of their names – alumni, faculty, staff, friends – have contributed to that evolution in particularly meaningful and sometimes visible ways. Many of their names grace campus structures: Cutler Hall, Alden Library, Ping Center and Walter Hall to name a few. Other such names are linked to endowed chairs and scholarships. Their recognitions are richly deserved.

Now, let’s return to those two questions posed earlier. Ready? Your name might not be on a campus building, plaque or document, but the odds are that you, too, have been contributing to the university’s growth and strengthening. Have you been thinking about Alma Mater and your relationship in those terms? If yes, wonderful. If not, you should.

Here is why. No entity – certainly no university – can stand still. It is just not possible. It is either progressing or stagnant. Ohio University is determined to keep progressing, and knowingly or not, thousands of alumni are nurturing that progress. How? Contributing money, to be sure. But in many other vital ways as well: professionally, hiring interns and mentoring; attending events on and off campus; wearing university apparel; reading Ohio Today and sharing it with others; encouraging top high school students to consider attending Ohio University and, well, you get the point. Alumni – you – are central to Ohio University’s vitality and its prospects for a robust future as it moves through its third century. In ways both visible and invisible, Ohio University’s current and former students – the alumni – are continuing to improve the quality of life for communities and peoples the world over.

We are grateful for your contributions of time, talent and treasure. Thank you. Thank you ever so much.

The Shaping of the Association

Konneker Alumni Center celebrates its 25th

1859 Alumni association founded and constitution approved by university.
1872 Alumni association becomes an incorporated entity with a focus of securing funds to aid in the endowment of the university.
1906 Alumni association forms its first alumni chapter – the Ohio University Alumni Association of Pittsburgh.
1915 The Alumni Gateway was donated in the memory of the first graduates in the Northwest Territory (1815).
1921 First alumni association’s board of directors; then called the board of control.
1931 Ohio University Women’s Club of Greater Cleveland founded.
1939 Ohio University Album (magazine).
1958 First alumni association’s board of directors.
1967 Alumni association establishes 50th alumni chapter; increases number of alumni serving on association’s board of directors.
1971-72 Ohio governor establishes support for funding past which negatively affects the association and university. Enrollment greatly decreased.
1978 Establishment of the Student Alumni Board.
1980 The Konneker family purchases the Ginn House for use as an alumni center. The Association was previously housed in Lindley Hall.
1981 The Ohio University Foundation dedicates Konneker Alumni Center.
1982 Alumni association headquarters moves to 20 campus locations.
1999 The Alumni Association forms its third board of directors.
2006 Plans for new Alumni House begins.
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New Web Site Connects Alumni to OU and Each Other

In the coming weeks, the Ohio University Alumni Association will go live with a dynamic new Web site. Using the expertise of an Ohio University School of Visual Communication graduate, we are redesigning our existing site and plan to include many exciting features alumni have told us they would find valuable. Not only will the site have a fresh new look, it will be easy to navigate, contain up-to-date information on alumni programs and services and serve as an easy way to stay connected to your OU friends and family.

On the site, visitors will find answers to questions about the association’s alumni programs and services. Questions like: “What is going on in my town?”; “How can I help recruit students to attend OU?”; and “What are the benefits of being a Bobcat?” Another interesting part on the site is the Advocacy section. Alumni will find information on legislative issues that affect higher education at the state and federal levels.

Another exciting component of the site is the online “class notes” pages. Similar to the popular Ohio Today alumni magazine feature, these pages will be available online and will permit alumni to post notes about all the great things that are going on in their lives. Also, alumni will be able to easily upload photos, announce reunion plans and read about Ohio’s proud alumni, anytime, anywhere! Once the site goes live, alumni will access the class notes section through the new, remodeled alumni directory.

Finally, wouldn’t you like to have an Ohio University-related Email address? Well, soon it will be as easy as 1–2–3. The new site will offer alumni the option of having a permanent Email forwarding address that will give them the capability to direct their Email accounts to one, user-friendly Bobcat location.

Make certain to visit the Ohio University Alumni Association’s new Web site, going live in September 2006! It will blow your Bobcat mind!

Call for New Chapter Leadership

Volunteers needed in the following areas:

- Cincinnati
- Central Ohio
- Dayton
- Arkansas
- Indiana
- Chicago
- Minnesota
- Pittsburgh

Are you looking for a way to connect with fellow Bobcats in your area? Have you been considering the possibilities of networking with fellow alumni? Maybe you have a couple of extra hours each month to help out in your community or know of an area student who would be perfect at your alma mater. The Ohio University Alumni Association, chapter networks, regional contacts and key alumni offer a host of quality programs and services intended 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!

Ohio University is the beautiful place we call home, and our chapter networks offer you a means to continue to build relationships and just plain have fun! Pick your passion and get involved through the alumni association’s more than 50 chapters. Begin making a difference for Ohio University today.

For more information contact Dawn Werry at 740-593-4300 or werryd@ohio.edu.

New 2005–06 Societies:

- The All Campus Radio Network (ACRN) Alumni Society
- Athletic Training Alumni Society
- The Sales Centre Alumni Society
- Singing Men of Ohio Alumni Society
- Society of Advocates

 ALSO NEW

- Cheryl&Co. cookies in OHIO logo tins
- The Ohio University Alumni Association
  Phone: 740-593-4500
  Email: alumni@ohio.edu
  www.ohio.edu/alumni
- Ohio University Singers - Peter Jarjisian, Conductor
  Spotlighting Ohio University alumni
  20 choral favorites from 2000 to 2006
  CD available through Barb Palmer
  Ohio University School of Music
  Glidden Hall 497
  Athens, Ohio 45701
  Email palmerba@ohio.edu
  or call 740-597-1808
What's News at OU

Ohio Athletics will update the look and name of its mascot next year after gaining approval from several university groups. Preliminary sketches of the new mascot are complete and a contest to choose the mascot’s name will run through the first week of Fall Quarter. Submit your vote by visiting www.ohiobobcats.com.

The International Student Union was able to turn the intersection of Court Street and East Washington Street into the crossroad of the world on Saturday, May 20 for the annual International Street Fair. Twenty-seven student groups were represented at the event.

Kirby Hocutt has announced that former North Carolina and WNBA San Antonio basketball star Sylvia Crawley will be the new Ohio women’s basketball coach. Crawley is the eighth coach in the history of the women’s program.

Hocutt has also announced times for the Bobcats’ 2006 home football games. Three of these will be night games, including the season-opener against Tennessee-Martin (Sept. 2), and later games against Western Michigan (Oct. 7), and Akron (Nov. 16 – to be televised on ESPN). Afternoon home games pit OHIO against Bowling Green (Sept. 30) and Buffalo (Oct. 21, Homecoming). Check out the Bobcat Family Package – that’s four football season tickets, two adult and two youth (ages 3-18,) for the best ticket package in college football history! Go to www.ohiobobcats.com for details. See you at Peden!

Filmmakers and film enthusiasts alike crowded local theaters to celebrate the annual Athens International Film and Video Festival April 28-May 4. Approximately 7,000 tickets were sold. The festival included 21 feature films, 141 competitive films and seven special events.

In May, Apple’s vice president of education visited the Athens campus to announce Ohio University’s selection as a test site for iTunes University. With the free program professors can use iTunes software to provide access to videos and lectures. It will most likely be instituted Fall Quarter.

Tier II general education requirements at Ohio University will be altered for the 2008-09 academic year. Under the new requirements the current five areas of study will be extended to six, and students will be required to complete a total of 32 credit hours with at least three credits from each area.

Ohio University held its fourth annual Relay For Life in May. Participants roped in $82,000 for the American Cancer Society’s research. Alpha Phi Omega, OHIO’s community service fraternity, was named the top online and overall service fraternity, was named the top online and overall fundraising team raising $17,513.

Ohio University was selected as one of 40 two and four year colleges and universities nationwide to receive the 2006 HP Technology for Teaching grant, which is designed to transform and improve learning in the classroom through innovative uses of technology. During the 2006-07 academic year grant projects will impact more than 4,000 students.

A recent high quality equipment purchase will upgrade videoconferencing systems that link Ohio University’s Athens campus with its regional campuses and other outside institutions. The $1.2 million dollar equipment package will replace the current microwave and compressed video classrooms with the latest in video over Internet protocol technology. The WOUB Center for Public Media will be responsible for installing and maintaining the equipment.
2006–07 Fulbrights

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Jack, 20 – 31
Panama Canal Crystal Cruise Symphony
Feb. 13 – 27
Wings Over the Nile by Private Plane
Feb. 22 – March 7
Treasuries of New Zealand
Feb. 20 – 27
Myan Splendor
Study Abroad Reunion
(See Back Cover)
March 30 – April 7
Paris to London on the Eurostar
April 22 – 30
Canary Islands and the Passage of the Moors
April 25 – May 5
China Discovery
April 29 – May 7
Voyage of the Western Mediterranean
May 5 – 16
Sicily
May 26 – June 2
Dalmatian Enchanted Valleys and Festivals of Music
June 13 – 23
Great Journey Through Europe
Sept. 9 – 17
Chianti in a Tuscan Villa
Sept. 14 – 22
Enchanting Ireland
Oct. 5 – 13
Village Life in Burgundy and Provence
Oct. 20 – 28
Island Life in Ancient Greece and Turkey
Dec. 8 – 16
Yuletide Magic in Austria

Points of Pride

By Susan Robison

Europe Alumni Network

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April 22, 2006

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What are the benefits of traveling with your Ohio University Alumni Association?

• Enjoy mini reunions with class mates;
• Make new friends with alma mater in common;
• Educational;
• Built in conversations with other travelers about life on campus – then and now;
• Easy – no planning; leave it to the professionals;
• Many meals included in price;
• Travelers have security in being with people who care about them;
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Alumni Authors

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Gene Maeroff ’61, who has written 13 books in the course of his career, will have his next book, Building Blocks: Making Children Successful in the Early Years of School, published in September. Maeroff is a nationally known writer and researcher on education at all levels. He has earned awards from the Education Writers Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the Associated Press. Maeroff has been awarded the Ohio University Alumni Association’s Medal of Merit, and has recently been inducted to the Scripps College of Communication Hall of Fame. Maeroff is also one of the founders of The (college) Gate.

In May 2006 Andrew Auseon ’98 published his first novel Funny Little Monkey. It was a 2005 Boarders Original Voices award finalist for Intermediate/Young Adult fiction, an ALA Best Books for Young Adults nominee (2006), received a starred review in Publisher’s Weekly, and was recommended by the Bulletin of the Center of Children’s Books. Auseon’s next project, The Aftersite Papers, will be the first of a trilogy and is due to be released in the winter of 2007. He is also currently working on his first graphic novel and is in the process of finishing a TV pilot at the request of a major Hollywood agency.

www ohio.edu/alumni/travel/
Alumni events connect graduates of all ages, producing programming geared toward building community, life long learning and education, philanthropy, and recruiting exceptional students to Ohio University. Not only do these alumni networks keep the Ohio University connection alive with engaging events, they also give back within their communities by raising scholarship funds and referring outstanding students to Ohio University. The Ohio University Parent’s Club of Greater Cleveland supports their scholarship by providing an annual Mom’s Weekend bus trip to the Athens campus for mothers of current students.

Many of our chapters and regional networks have new contact information and are under new leadership. Check the “Contact Updates” section on page 7 and bookmark these sites to stay in touch with Bobcats in your area.

Alumni Leaders Conference featured many sessions – a favorite was a “Hard Hat” tour of the new Baker Center scheduled to open in January of 2007. Other sessions included topics such as scholarships and endowments, traveling and alternative programming ideas, the Volunteer Alumni Admissions Network, the Alumni Mentor Program and the future direction of the OUAA web site along with online social networking. Shared ideas among the leaders was found to be highly rewarding.

For more information on chapters and societies near you, visit www.ohio.edu/alumni. If you can’t find an event you’d like to attend, feel free to suggest an idea to your local leaders. They can’t bring Athens to you, but they’re doing their Bobcats best to make things greener on the other side.
Chapter Announcements

Greater Cleveland Chapter Network
Golfers, Sirens, Chili-dippers and Duffers - Break out your clubs! Join your fellow Bobcats on Saturday, Aug. 12 for the 2nd Annual Golf Outing at Cherokee Hills Golf Club.Copartogg, 5740 Center Rd., Valley City, 330-225-6122. 8 am – 8 pm per person. RSVP to Amy Holts at 480-777-0942 or holtof34@yahoo.com for more information. Chapter information at www.clevelandboccs.org

SOUTHEAST U.S.
Aug. 6 – GREENVILLE Summer Picnic in the Park Cleveland Park, Greenville, SC. 3 p.m. Bring your own picnic and Friends and Family. Contact Ingrid Houck at 843-279-8373 or inggrid8@bellsouth.net for more information and exact location details.

Aug. 17 – GREATER RALEIGH-DURHAM Circle Annual Fall Meeting Innerleithen 5100 NC 55 Highway. 10 a.m. RSVP to contact American Beach at 919-599-7612 or oubeach@yahoo.com for more information. Chapter information at www.oucharlotte.com.

Aug. 19 – GREATER CHARLOTTE 18th Annual OOSU/Lake Norman Picnic 2118 8750 Wilkesboro Blvd. 12 – 7 p.m. RSVP to Jule Mann at 704-376-7332 or oucharlotte@yahoo.com by Aug. 18. Chapter information at www.oucharlotte.org.

Aug. 19 – GREATER RALEIGH-DURHAM Chatham Hill Winery Tour Chatham Hill Winery, 3000 Glenbrook Rd., 205, Morrisville, 919-380-7135. 4 – 6 p.m. per person. RSVP to American Beach at 919-599-7612 or oubeach@yahoo.com by Aug. 11. Chapter information at www.oucharlotte.com/newhomepages/raleighdurham.htm

Aug. 20 – NATIONAL’S COUNTRY Freshman Reception Home of Barbara & Peter Thompson, 18th Happy Hour Winery, 3500 Gateway Centre Blvd. #200, 919-559-7162 or oubeach@yahoo.com by Sept. 20. Chapter information at www.oucharlotte.com.

Aug. 16 – GREATER CHARLOTTE Happy Hour Dixie’s Tavern in Uptown Charlotte, 301 E. 5th St. 5 – 8 p.m. RSVP to Robert Teacher at 704-376-1286 or oubeach@yahoo.com.

Sept. 21 – GREATER RALEIGH-DURHAM Happy Hour Playmakers, 3801 Hilborn St., Raleigh. www.playmakersrally.net 6 p.m. RSVP to American Beach at 919-599-7612 or oubeach@yahoo.com.

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Aug. 4 – 6 – ARIZONA OHIO Alumni Rocky Point Invasion Join fellow Arizona Bobcats for a weekend getaway! Lots of fun obtained through Oceano Rentals in Puerto Penasco, Mexico, www.oceanorentals.com. Contact Brent Sebold at 480-239-2829 or brentsebold@hotmail.com for more information. RSVP to Brent at 480-239-2829 or brentsebold@hotmail.com by July 28. www.arizonaboccs.com

Sept. 22 – GREATER CHARLOTTE Happy Hour Dixie’s Tavern in Uptown Charlotte, 301 E. 5th St. 5 – 8 p.m. RSVP to Robert Teacher at 704-376-1286 or oubeach@yahoo.com.

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Aug. 4 – 6 • ALPHA XI DELTA SORORITY 20th Reunion Alpha Xi Delta Sorority 500 College St., Ohio University Athens Campus. Contact Candida M. Cumpfelli at cuempfell@ohio.edu for more information.

Aug. 5 • SALES CENTRE ALUMNI SOCIETY Founders Day COSI, 333 West Broad Street, Columbus, 10 a.m. RSVP to Candace B. G. Cox at 614-559-0945 or cmcox@euclid.alumni.ohio.edu. Join us for a day of networking and socializing. Open to all Sales Centre Alumni and one guest per invited guest (p.m. after hours planned). RSVP to SHolleway@hotmail.com for more information.

Aug. 24 • SOCIETY OF ADVOCATES Barbeque Fancrexy Park, Upper Arlington. OH. Games, food, and fun with Bobcat Alumni. Bring your entire family for a great evening. 6 – 9 p.m. Contact Monica at 614-889-5061 or mitchell120@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Sept. 23 – 24 • HOWARD HALL ALUMNI REUNION Ohio University Athens Campus 1027 Judith Johnson, 740-939-4303 or johnsonh@ohio.edu for more information.

Sept. 29 – 30 • ARMY ROTC SOCIETY OF ALUMNI AND FRIENDS Alumni Weekend and Board Meeting board meeting Saturday, 10 a.m. – Noon,300 Colonnade Room Ohio University Athens Campus. Contact John Lisa, 937-592-4330 or jllisa@uwoi.ohio.edu for more information. www.army.alumni.ohio.edu

Oct. 20 – 22 • DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY EPSILON IOTA CHAPTER Reunion Ohio University Athens Campus, 550 Burb Oak Lodge A Homecoming reunion for all alumni in the Southeast area. Contact Kevin Johnson, 704-392-8312 or kijnjohnson@yahoo.com for more information.

NORTHEAST OHIO
Aug. 4, 2006 • GREATER TOLEDO Family Night at the Mud Hens Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo. 419-725-4367 / p.m. $3 for game ticket & RSVP to 419-879-7884 or mailto:marich@bigblueglobal.net by Aug. 18. Chapter information at www.ohiou.edu/alumni/toledo/

Aug. 7 • GREATER CLEVELAND Chapter Programming Meeting Shaw’s Back Door, 6400 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, 419-381-1281. 7 – 8:30 p.m. RSVP to American Beach at 919-599-7612 or oubeach@yahoo.com. Chapter information at www.oucharlotte.com/newhomepages/raleighdurham.htm

Aug. 7 • GREATER CLEVELAND Social Hour Gumbo’s Bayou Grille, 18 Man St., Toledo (at the Downtown Metro Park). 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. RSVP to mitchell120@sbcglobal.net or American Beach at 919-599-7612 or oubeach@yahoo.com for more information.

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July 26 • DAYTON CHAPTER OHIO Alumni Dayton Dragon Outing Fifth Third Field, Dayton, from 7 – 9 p.m. Cost $12 per person. Contact Ralph Hoppes Jr. at 937-274-1233 or mariah399@bigblueglobal.net for more information. Chapter information at www.ohiou.edu/newhomepages/dayton/
Ohio University is a part of my family. My dad graduated in '72, my older sister in '02, I walked this past June, and if my sister finishes in four years, she'll walk in '10 (she's an incoming freshman). We're a proud family of Bobcats!

Though still on campus, I wear my Ohio University pride differently now. Okay, sure, I still 'wear' my OHIO shirts, but now it's also about ensuring campus is safe, full of enthusiastic, involved students, and spreading the word about OU. As an alumna, not only am I looking out for my sister, but her 16,000+ classmates as well.

My dad wears the Official Ring of Ohio University, and I'm proud to say, I wear it too. He gave me the ring to congratulate me on my undergraduate accomplishments, to motivate me in my future, and I'm certain, as a reminder to do great things for our alma mater. Thanks dad, I'm up for the challenge.

Can't get back to Athens? Use the [Gateway] to make everyday a reunion. It's easier than ever to connect with OU friends, teammates, campus and alumni!

Questions? Email Gateway.alumni@ohio.edu

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