Fellow Varsity O Members and Buckeyes,

Can you smell it? How about hear it? I’m sure you can feel it! What is “it”? It’s Fall. I know, the temperature is currently 90° plus and we are about to enter the “dog days” of summer, but everywhere we look we are reminded that Fall is coming. (My apologies to Jon Snow and Game of Thrones fans everywhere.) Newspapers and magazines hype the upcoming football season. Stores are starting to advertise the back to school sales and teachers are gearing up for another year in the classroom. Fall is coming and Varsity O wants you to be ready.

Inside this edition of the newsletter you will find articles on the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame inductees and upcoming induction ceremonies. The article spotlights seven former Buckeyes who will reach the pinnacle of success for an OSU athlete by being enshrined into the Hall of Fame this September. Also in this edition of your newsletter you will find information about the annual homecoming tailgate and how to order the always popular Homecoming Hat. This year we also offer a Homecoming Visor to VO members.

Fall presents a golden opportunity for former student athletes to return to campus to attend a game, reunion or other event and reunite with old friends. Included in the newsletter is information on the Varsity O room in the stadium and the Women’s Lacrosse reunion to be held the weekend of THE GAME against TTUN. Speaking of THE GAME, inside the newsletter and on the website you will find an entry form for the Big Game Drawing. Two pairs of tickets to witness our Buckeyes dismantle TTUN will be given to the lucky winners of the drawing.

Fall and Buckeye football provide a perfect opportunity to meet with old friends or make a few new ones. Whether it’s THE GAME or any home game, we usually host a tailgate outside of Gate 7 on the west side of the stadium. You can find it by looking for the VARSITY O flag flying above the crowd. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself and take advantage of the opportunity to meet and visit with other VO members.

Fall also presents the opportunity to get involved with your university and Varsity O. The annual VO membership meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2016, just prior to the Hall of Fame dinner. Throughout the fall your VO will be involved in charity events, reunions, and networking opportunities. Watch the web site or email messages to see how you can be more involved with your Varsity O.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Garth Cox
Varsity O Board, President
Football ('74-'77)
HALL of FAME CLASS OF 2016

JUSTIN KRONAUGE – Men’s Tennis

Ohio State has surged to the top of men’s tennis in the last decade and Justin Kronauge has had as much influence on the program as anyone during that time. As a player from 2006-10, Kronauge won more singles and doubles matches than any Buckeye in history and currently has the ninth-most all-time wins of any collegiate tennis player with 280. The two-time All-American and three-time unanimous first team All-Big Ten honoree led the Buckeyes to four Big Ten regular season and tournament titles as a player. His teams never lost a match to a Big Ten team in four years. As a junior in 2009, Kronauge led the team to an NCAA runner-up finish and the program’s first No. 1 team ranking. In addition to earning All-America honors in 2009, he was named to the NCAA All-Tournament team. In the classroom, Kronauge was a three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree and a four-time Ohio State Scholar-Athlete.

After his playing career, Kronauge joined the coaching staff and has helped continue the program’s rise. He was named the 2012 and 2014 ITA Midwest Region Assistant Coach of the Year after helping guide Blaz Rola and Chase Buchanan to the 2012 NCAA Doubles Championship and the team to its first ITA National Indoor title in 2014. He also guided Rola’s run to the NCAA Singles Championship in 2013.

Kronauge has been a part of 19 team championships as both a player and a coach. The Buckeyes have been ranked no worse than 12th in all 11 years he has been with the program. Kronauge was also part of one of the most remarkable records in all of collegiate sport, Ohio State’s 200-match home win streak from 2005-15, which stands as an NCAA all sport record.

RANDALL (RANDY) LARSON – Diving

A national champion and All-American, Randy Larson is one of the most decorated divers Ohio State has ever seen. The 1964 NCAA Champion in three-meter and three-time All-American on both one and three-meter, he set a standard by which all Ohio State divers should be measured and added another chapter to Ohio State’s outstanding history of diving.

Larson began his career as a sophomore in the 1963-64 season during a time when freshman were not eligible to compete at the varsity level. Larson proceeded to earn All-America distinctions in all six events he entered in his career, and between Big Ten and NCAA Championships he never finished outside of the Top 6 in any postseason event. His national championship made him the seventh consecutive Buckeye to take home the title in that event and the 11th in a 12-year span.

JANTEL LAVENDER – Women’s Basketball

Jantel Lavender graduated as arguably the greatest Buckeye in the history of women’s basketball. She became the first Big Ten player, male or female, to be named the Big Ten Player of the Year four times and the only women’s basketball player in a Power Five conference to accomplish that feat. She also became just Ohio State’s second three-time All-American in the history of the program.

Lavender left Columbus as Ohio State’s all-time leading scorer (2,818 points), the Big Ten’s all-time leading rebounder (1,422), and held the school and B1G single season record with 774 points. She scored in double-figures in all 136 career games, which is still an NCAA record for consecutive games with at least 10 points, and set a school-record by starting all 136 games in her career.

During Lavender’s career, she was part of three Big Ten regular season championships, three Big Ten Tournament titles, four NCAA tournament appearances and two trips to the Sweet 16. She was named the Big Ten Tournament’s MVP three times and led the conference in scoring twice. As a sophomore, she became only the second player in Big Ten women’s basketball history to complete the statistical Triple Crown, leading the conference in scoring (20.8), rebounding (10.7), and field goal percentage (.541).

JOHN MACHADO – Baseball

John Machado was a three-year letterwinner on the baseball team from 1962-64. He was named a second team All-American in 1963 after leading the Buckeyes in runs scored (36), RBI (32) and home runs. Machado was the first three-time first team All-Big Ten selection (1962-64) in school history and was a captain during the 1963 campaign. His 12 home runs in 1963 are tied for 19th in the OSU record book for a single season.
SAMANTHA (SAM) MARDER – Softball

The only three-time All-American in program history, Sam Marder finished her career at Ohio State by cementing her status as one of the greatest power hitters in Ohio State history after setting both the single-season and career records for home runs (19 and 61, respectively). The 2010 OSU Female Athlete of the Year from Calabasas, Calif., wrapped up her career with a .384 batting average, .778 slugging percentage and .571 on-base percentage, all records at OSU. She also holds the record for RBI (191), total bases (438) and walks (232). A four-time Ohio State Scholar Athlete, Marder’s walk total ranks No. 5 all-time in NCAA Division I history, while she is also 26th in career home runs and her slugging percentage is the 15th-highest.

As a sophomore, Marder was an at-large selection to the Third Team All-America list after leading the nation in on-base percentage (.633) and walks per game (1.07, 60 total) while ranking second in batting average (.475) and eighth in slugging percentage (.842). Marder also ranked among the national leaders in RBI (25th, .96 per game) and home runs (14).

During her junior year in 2009, Marder led the nation with a school-record 67 walks - including 18 intentional. Behind the plate, she threw out 16-of-21 base-runners, including two during the NCAA Tournament. Led by Marder, the 2009 Buckeyes went 47-11 and advanced to the NCAA Super Regionals.

Following her career with the Scarlet and Gray, Marder was the seventh overall pick in the 2010 National Professional Fastpitch (NPF) Draft by the Akron Racers.

DAN TAYLOR – Men’s Track and Field

Nine-time All-American, seven-time Big Ten champion and two-time NCAA champion Dan Taylor was a four-year letterwinner for the Ohio State track and field team from 2000-04. A former NCAA record-holder in the weight throw (24.01 meters/78-9.25), Taylor still owns school records in the weight, hammer (69.34 meters/227-6.00) and discus (58.17 meters/190-10.00) throws. He was a Big Ten record holder in the weight throw and hammer throw until 2015.

Unlike many of his peers at the time who specialized in one or two throwing events, Taylor excelled in all major throwing specialties. In 2004, he became the first and only collegiate male to win both the NCAA indoor shot put and weight throw titles in the same season. That same year, he earned runner-up honors in the outdoor shot put.

Taylor, a native of Middlefield, Ohio, was a two-time Big Ten Athlete of the Year, two-time Outstanding Male Athlete at the Penn Relays and the 2004 Ohio State Male Athlete of the Year. He graduated from Ohio State in 2005 with a degree in construction systems management.

Evan Turner, a 2010 first team consensus All-American, earned National Player of the Year accolades to go with 2010 Big Ten Player of the Year honors. The Chicago native, who earned first team All-Big Ten honors in 2009 and 2010, was the Buckeyes’ second conference player of the year and first national player of the year in the Thad Matta era.

Turner finished his career 18th on Ohio State’s all-time scoring list with 1,517 career points while also leading the Buckeyes in rebounding as a sophomore and a junior. He owns two of Ohio State’s five all-time triple-doubles, achieving the feat against Alcorn State and again against Lipscomb in 2009, and finished his career with 27 double-doubles, the 12th-most in program history. Turner was named Big Ten Player of the Week an Ohio State-record 10 times. He had his No. 21 jersey retired Feb. 16, 2016.

PAUL ZELENAK – Pistol

Paul Zelenak’s career at Ohio State set a standard that remains unequaled to this day. A four-time individual national champion and team national champion, Zelenak earned All-America honors in six events throughout his career, and he still holds program record in the individual free pistol event (535/600).

During a two year stretch from 1999-2001, Zelenak was nearly unbeatable. He led his team to two free pistol national championships, a standard pistol title and an overall team national championship. During that time he earned two national titles in both the 3-gun aggregate and free pistol and he earned top-three finishes in standard and air pistol as well. All six of his All-America distinctions were awarded during this timeframe: two each for free, standard, and air pistol.
You are cordially invited to The Ohio State University Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony to honor the following inductees:

Justin Kronauge – Men’s Tennis  
Randy Larson – Men’s Diving  
Jantel Lavender – Women’s Basketball  
John Machado – Baseball  
Sam Marder – Softball  
Dan Taylor – Men’s Track and Field  
Evan Turner – Men’s Basketball  
Paul Zelenak – Pistol

Friday, The Ninth of September  
Two Thousand Sixteen  
Cocktails & Hors D’oeuvres at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner & Induction at 6:30 p.m.

The Ohio Union  
Archie M. Griffin Grand Ballroom  
1739 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210

Advance reservations and payment required. Please visit go.osu.edu/HoF2016 for reservations. 
Individual tickets, $75 / Tables of 8, $600

We are unable to accept payment at the door, please submit payment when making your reservation.  
Deadline for Reservations: Friday, August 26, 2016

If you have any questions, please contact the Alumni Association at 614-292-2200

Name  
Address  
City  State  Zip  
Daytime phone  
E-mail  

Individual tickets @ $75: _____  $ ________  
Table of 8 @ $600: _____  $ ________  
TOTAL  $ ________

Please indicate the names of guests attending:  

We apologize for any inconvenience, however, we are unable to accept payment at the door. Please submit payment when making your reservation.
First, the University of Kansas is a beautiful, growing campus with amazing facilities. The university has rich traditions, state of the art weight room technology, dorms designed to better accommodate their tall basketball players and much more. Second, the members of the K Club, their version of Varsity O, are incredible hosts and great historians. There was so much to see and learn as we toured their campus. Third, there is incredible value in sending representatives to this event. It is truly a meeting of the minds. There are so many great things that we at Ohio State do that are also done across the country. There are amazing traditions that we have at Ohio State that I am excited to share with this organization in the future. There were also many events and traditions that I learned about that I hope to incorporate into what we already do at Ohio State. I was advised by another attendee as a newcomer to “only pick one or two things that you want to take back and change or incorporate into your club. There are just so many great ideas, you can’t do it all.” He was right.

Next year the conference will be held at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. I am hopeful that once again we will represent Ohio State at this fantastic event and be able to share some of our rich tradition as well as once again get some incredible ideas and pieces of advice to enhance our club for ALL members!

The following is written by Varsity O Board Member, Liz Lucas and is a brief overview of her recent time at the National Letterwinners Association Conference in Lawrence, Kansas.

At the end of June I had the privilege to represent The Ohio State University and Varsity O at the NLWA Conference at the University of Kansas. The National Letterwinners Association Conference is a yearly event that occurs at a different university each year and welcomes representatives from any collegiate letterwinners association. This year we had approximately 65 people representing 26 different letterwinners associations.

The goal of the National Letterwinners Association, as well as the conference, is to get leaders from great institutions across the country together to share their ideas and traditions. The hope being that as we share the workings of our institutions, we can enhance the experience at other institutions across the country. It is a chance to share traditions and events, ask questions, have productive conversations, share strengths, eliminate roadblocks and solve problems. It was so interesting to hear how things are done at different institutions. Ohio State has been represented at this event for many years and in fact, several traditions that we currently have originated from this conference. As a first time attendee, it was an eye opening experience and I learned many things.
WHY YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

VARSITY O ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CAPTAIN’S CUPS

Captain’s Cups have been presented to football captains for decades at Ohio State. Their history is still documented today in a display in St. John Arena.

Former Varsity O President Rick Smith worked with other basketball alumni to obtain and present Cups to alumni basketball captains. For several years following, Varsity O awarded current basketball captains alongside one past group of captains each year at their annual Captain’s Dinner.

In 2004 the Varsity O Board awarded Captain’s Cups, on a one-time basis, to the lacrosse captains for their championship performance while dealing with the tragic death of Mike Breschi. Following the positive feedback, the board determined that captains of all men’s sports should be recognized with a Captain’s Cup at the end of season team banquet.

It is Varsity O’s goal that a VO Member make a presentation of Captain’s Cups to the Captains of each sport at their end of season banquet. Women’s team captains will begin receiving cups in 2017.

Past president and former Executive Director Alan Brady presented the Captain’s Cup concept to attendees at a National Letter Winners Association session some years ago.

CAPTAIN’S CUPS ORDER FORM

Some years ago, Varsity O started to recognize all student athletes who served as captains for their teams by awarding an engraved pewter mug. Prior to that time only the football and basketball captains were recognized. These awards have been so well received that VO is making the same award available for purchase to any previous captain.

- Cost is $150 which includes shipping when delivered to a business address.
- Cost is $160 which includes shipping when delivered to a residence due to UPS charges.

Questions? Joe@BuddeRealEstateLaw.com

Mail your check payable to: OSU Men’s Varsity “O” Alumni Association to: Joseph E. Budde, ESQ | 259 W Schrock Rd. | Westerville, OH 43081
CAPTAIN’S CUPS

Men’s Hockey Captains Craig Dalrymple, Anthony Greco and Nick Schilkey

Men’s Hockey with their team captains

Football Captain Joshua Perry’s Cup

Football Captain Taylor Decker’s Cup

Football Captain J.T. Barrett’s Cup

Football Captain Jacoby Boren’s Cup

Wrestling captains Kyle Snyder, Bo Jordan, Hunter Stieber and Nathan Tomasello with Steve Chappelear

Rifle captain Remington Lyman, Joe Budde and Rifle captain Alexander Kimura
WELCOME TO VARSITY O AND THE BUCKEYE CLUB!

IMPORTANT DATES
December 31, 2016. Point calculations for 2017 season made based on gifts given through this date
February 5, 2017. Renewal Deadline
March 1, 2017. Ticket applications emailed (tentative date)
March 31, 2017. Ticket renewal deadline (tentative date)
April 2017. Seat Selection begins
April 30, 2017. New Member Deadline
July 2017. Varsity O/Buckeye Club membership cards mailed
August 2017. Season tickets mailed
October 2017. Varsity O/Buckeye Club renewal information mailed for 2018 season
October 7, 2017. Homecoming Tailgate

KEY BENEFITS
• 20% discount at the Official Team Shop
• Admission for 2 to Ohio State Olympic Sports (excluding Football, Men's and Women's Basketball and Men's Ice Hockey)
• Walk on privileges at the Scarlet & Gray golf course (Limited)
• Seasons Pass Athletic Department Magazine
• Alumni are eligible for single game Alumni ticket lottery
• Invitation to the annual Homecoming Tailgate

2017 FOOTBALL POINT CALCULATION
Current Gift x 4% (from January 2016 – December 31, 2016)
+ Past Giving x 2% (Prior to January 2016)
Total Points

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REMINDERS ABOUT USE OF VARSITY O ROOM

As we look forward to the 2016 football season Varsity O wants to remind our members of a few guidelines with respect to use of the stadium Varsity O room on football Saturdays. The room is open to Varsity O football members who have made a qualifying donation or who are grandfathered life time members and their guests. Due to concerns of overcrowding, only football members have access to the room on football Saturdays and Varsity O reserves the right to limit the number of guests each member may bring. You will be required to show your current membership card to gain entrance. Should the need arise, Varsity O reserves the right to require that a VO member accompany any family or friends entering the Varsity O room.

This year we will again open the room 2 hours prior to kickoff. A buffet will be available for members, their families and guests. The cost will remain at $5.00 per person. It is your responsibility to see that each of your family members and guests pay before entering the buffet line. Also this year there will be beer sold in the Varsity O room. While each member is responsible for himself or his guests, Varsity O and Levy Restaurants reserve the right to limit or refuse the sale of beer should the situation require. Should there be any issues, Varsity O also reserves the right to limit or restrict a member or his guests’ access to the Varsity O room at future games.

The VO room is a great place to meet old friends and make a few new ones. We look forward to seeing you this upcoming season.
BIG GAME DRAWING

Varsity O will again offer two pairs of tickets to THE GAME against TTUN to two lucky winners to be selected on Monday, November 7, 2016. (* Must be Sustaining, Lifetime, Football Letterwinner or Letterwinner Level VO member to enter.) THE GAME is Saturday, November 26, 2016, at Ohio Stadium. You can be there, in the stadium, if your entry is selected! Simply print off and mail the below entry form along with a check made payable to Varsity O for $20.00 for each entry. You may enter as many times as you like between now and the entry deadline of November 6, 2016, but you will only be eligible to win one pair of tickets. If your entry is selected for the first pair of tickets you are not eligible for the second pair. Mail your entry form(s) and check for $20 per entry to:

Mail your check payable to: OSU Men's Varsity “O” Alumni Association to:
Varsity O Big Game Drawing
c/o Joseph E. Budde, ESQ
259 W. Schrock Rd.
Westerville, OH 43081

* Raffle open to Varsity O Sustaining, Lifetime, Letterwinner Level and Grandfathered Football Letterwinner members only. Enter as many times as you would like, but you will only be eligible to win one pair of tickets.

• $20.00 per entry (checks only please)
Entry must be received by November 6, 2016

NOW AVAILABLE!
2016 HOMECOMING HATS

New for this year, HOMECOMING VISOR
Visit bucksapparel.com to order your 2016 Homecoming hat or visor. You will need to register as a VO member prior to ordering. Cost of hat or visor, including shipping, is $22.00. Supplies are limited.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI HOUSE CINEMA
Classic Walt Disney movie ALADDIN will be screened
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 at the Archie and Bonita Griffin Pavilion outside the Longaberger Alumni House, just north of Lane Avenue.

For more information, visit go.osu.edu/alumnievents

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE
The annual membership meeting of the Ohio State University Varsity “O” Alumni Society will be held on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 4:00 p.m., in the Ohio Staters, Inc. Traditions Room in the Ohio Union.

The meeting is open to all current Active Members of the Society, that is, those Buckeye letterwinners who have made in 2016 a donation of $75 or $250 to the Ohio State University Buckeye Club, or who are football letterwinners who have made a donation of $50, or who are life members of the Society.

The business at the annual meeting will include consideration and voting on a slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee for terms on the Board of Governors of the Society.

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME BANQUET & FOOTBALL GAME
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at The Ohio Union
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 3:30 vs. Tulsa

This year’s inductees include Justin Kronauge (men’s tennis), John Machado (baseball), Jantel Lavender (women’s basketball), Randall Larson (diving), Sam Marder (softball), Dan Taylor (men’s track and field), Evan Turner (men’s basketball) and Paul Zelenak (pistol).

BUCKEYES AFTER WORK
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 at Eddie George’s Grille 27
An evening focused on casual professional networking for Varsity O Young Alums. This unique event is for Varsity O Members only. More registration details to come on our website and social media!

HOMECOMING TAILGATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 at French Field House
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. tailgate
NOON Kickoff: football vs. Rutgers

VO member + 2 guests are free ($5 for each additional ticket)
Look for further registration info in late August.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE REUNION

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