

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Varsity O Members and Buckeyes,

Every day is a great day to be a Buckeye! I have to say, we have had some exceptionally great days this winter. On just one day alone, the Ohio State University brought home national championships in both pistol and women's ice hockey. This is Pistol's second straight overall national championship and the first national championship for Women's Ice Hockey. The Ohio State Synchronized Swimming Team won their 33rd national championship on March 27th! We all know how hard student athletes must work to compete at this level and what an accomplishment this is. Congratulations to these teams. Go Bucks!

In February we honored two exceptional women for their personal accomplishments, dedication and support of Varsity O and Ohio State University Athletics. The Phyllis Bailey Career Achievement Award was awarded to Bonnie Roberts Little, VO member and former OSU cheerleader. The late Delores "Dee" Leistikow, dedicated former Redcoat, was awarded the Barbie Tootle Spirit Award. More information about these two outstanding women, as well as other Varsity O activities, can be found within this newsletter.

As you are aware, "Athletes Helping Athletes" is the Varsity O motto. We accomplish this in a variety of ways. Donations, scholarships, networking and engagement activities are just a few examples of how we work to acknowledge and support past, present, and future Ohio State Athletes. The Varsity O Board is always searching for ways to connect, involve, and reunite our membership. Please take a moment to read through our newsletter and follow us on social media. Here you will receive the most up to date opportunities to become or stay involved with Varsity O.

Speaking of opportunities ... in order to receive the opportunity to purchase single game tickets, Varsity O membership dues must be paid by May 31st. Whether purchasing tickets or not, please share with your former teammates and Ohio State letterwinner friends the deadline for becoming a VO member this year is May 31, 2022. A link and directions to pay dues can be found within the newsletter.

Remember the Spring Game is April 16th in Ohio Stadium. The Varsity O Room in the stadium will be open to all Varsity O members for this event. If you have not renewed your membership or know OSU letterwinners who have not yet joined, now is the time to do it! The VO room will open two hours before kick-off. There will be food and drink available for purchase (credit card only). VO members may bring guests and are responsible for payment for the entire group.

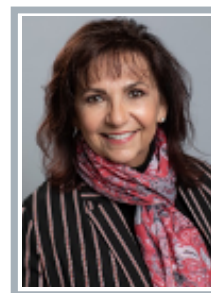
The Varsity O Alumni Society Board and I are proud to serve you, our fellow letterwinners. If you have suggestions to help us better engage our membership, please reach out to one of our board members or me. We look forward to an exciting and successful Spring for VO and our beloved Ohio State Buckeyes!

Go Bucks!

Jill Vincent Burke, Ed.D.

Varsity O President

Synchronized Swimming ('76-'80)



VARSITY “O” SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

The Varsity “O” Alumni Society was among the sponsors of the 61st Annual National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Banquet presented by the Columbus Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. This year’s celebration was held on February 7th, 2020 in the Archie Griffin Ballroom with Varsity O Past President, Jeff Logan, as Master of Ceremonies.

The event honored 13 high school senior and seven college senior football players for their academic and athletic excellence. Among the outstanding student-athletes recognized was Ohio State University long snapper, Bradley Robinson of Troy, Michigan.

Bradley transferred to Ohio State from Michigan State and will be a seventh-year senior this fall. He has already earned two bachelor’s degrees, is currently working on a master’s degree in exercise science, and on track to earn a Ph.D. Among his academic accolades are: OSU Scholar-Athlete, multiple-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree, Big Ten Conference Distinguished Scholar, and a participant in the Wolstein Leadership Academy Retreat.

The Ohio Chapter’s highest award, the Ohio Gold Award, was awarded to one of Ohio State’s all-time greats, running back, Keith Byars. Keith was the 1984 Heisman Trophy runner-up, rushed for over 3200 yards and scored 46 touchdowns during his time at OSU. In 1984 he led the NCAA in rushing and scoring, was a consensus All-American, and the Big Ten MVP. Keith continued his football career in the NFL, playing for the Eagles, Dolphins, Jets and Patriots. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2020.

Receiving the 2022 Tyson Gentry Courage Award, was Demetrius Stanley, outstanding former Ohio State Buckeye wide receiver. Demetrius played for OSU from 1993-1996. He was a favorite receiver for quarterback, Bobby Hoying.

Demetrius was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2019, and courageously continues his battle today. He has been a public advocate for the fight against this disease.

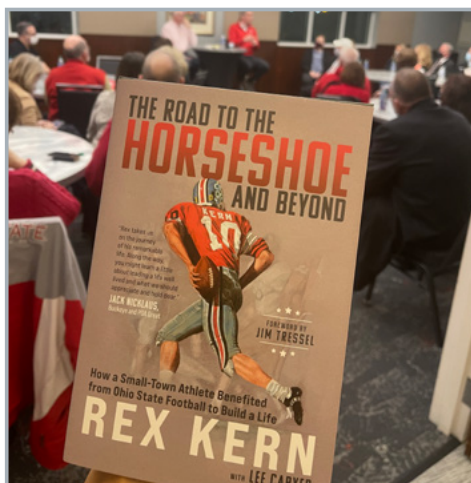


REX KERN SHARED HIS NEW BOOK WITH VARSITY O AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ALUMNI CLUB

The Longaberger Alumni House was the venue on the evening of February 16th where the Varsity O Alumni Society and the Franklin County Alumni Club hosted Dr. Rex Kern, author and former Ohio State quarterback for the 1968 National Champion Buckeye Football team. In a room full of Buckeye fans Rex and his teammate, former VO President, Ron Maciejowski, shared stories from Rex's new book, *The Road to the Horseshoe and Beyond*. Guests were entertained as Rex and his former teammate and friend bantered and offered insights into the life of an Ohio State football player under the guise of Coach Woody Hayes.

Rex also shared stories of his life after Ohio State and how he arrived where he is now. Following the presentation, the guests were able to ask questions, and received a signed copy of Dr. Kern's new book. It was a great night of reminiscing and celebrating The Ohio State University.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Ohio State scholarships.



2022 PHYLLIS BAILEY CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AND BARBIE TOOTLE BUCKEYE SPIRIT AWARDS

The Varsity O Alumni Society was proud to honor the 2022 Phyllis Bailey Career Achievement Award and the Barbie Tootle Buckeye Spirit Award winners at halftime during the OSU Women's Basketball game on February 20th. The recipients of these awards have demonstrated true loyalty and support to the Ohio State University, as well as to its teams and athletes. Congratulations to both of these deserving women!

The Barbie Tootle Buckeye Spirit Award winner is the late Delores "Dee" Leistikow. The award was accepted on behalf of Dee and her family by her son, Terry. Dee became a Redcoat at the Ohio State University in 1998 following retirement from Oasis-EBCO Manufacturing after more than 40 years and Schottensteins Stores for 20 years. Dee worked Skull Sessions at St. John Arena and was later assigned to secure the entrance to the Varsity O Room in Ohio Stadium. She was small in stature but had such a big and friendly personality. Varsity O members always looked forward to seeing Dee each football season "guarding" the door. She graciously greeted generations of athletes and their families as they came and went celebrating and reminiscing about their time at OSU. She was a welcome friend and great supporter of Varsity O and former Ohio State athletes.

Over the last decade Dee worked at the Schott, and could be found in the small 8x8 confines of the Northeast elevator – shuttling guests from one level to the other or taking stagehands way up into the catwalk. Dee retired from working football gamedays after the start of the 2022 season but could not give up her beloved basketball Bucks. Dee passed away on November 19th at the young age of 90, just a few days after working one last Men's Basketball game. She will be greatly missed.

Bonnie Roberts Little was awarded the Phyllis Bailey Career Achievement Award. Bonnie entered the Ohio State University in the fall of 1972. She loved OSU and was excited to see her former school friend, Archie Griffin, play football for the Buckeyes. Although discouraged by many friends, Bonnie chose to tryout for Ohio State cheerleading squad. Never before was there a female black cheerleader on the squad. Over 100 candidates tried out in the Spring of 1973 and Bonnie made the top 30, but did not make the squad. Undeterred, demonstrating courage and perseverance, Bonnie tried out again in the Spring of 1974. Her sisters from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Archie Griffin and some of his friends came to St. John Arena to cheer her on. The result ... Bonnie Roberts became the first black female cheerleader at the Ohio State University! Bonnie cheered for the next three seasons until her graduation in 1976.

Bonnie is one of the founding members of The Ohio State University Alumni Cheerleader Society. She enjoyed a long and successful career with Columbus City Schools, retiring in 2011. She returned to CCS in 2014 to help recruit special education teachers to the district. Bonnie and her late husband have two children and four granddaughters who reside in California. She moves back and forth between Ohio and California helping with the girls' education and has recently been assisting one of her granddaughter's kindergarten teacher.

Barbie Tootle; Carey Hoyt, OSU Senior Associate AD; and Varsity O Board President, Dr. Jill Burke presented the awards to this year's recipients.



WHY BE A VARSITY “O” MEMBER?

The Ohio State University Varsity “O” Alumni Society is an exciting, active alumni organization consisting of former Ohio State varsity athletes who earned at least one letter in their sport. We enjoyed our time competing and pay forward by creating programs to help current and former Buckeye athletes. We are proud of our rich history and tradition; we celebrate our legacy through our Athletics Hall of Fame, team reunions, and sales of Varsity “O” apparel, rings, mugs, and flags.

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Other benefits of membership include:

- 0 Ability to purchase OSU football tickets (sometimes significantly discounted)
- 0 Access to exclusive VO events (e.g., Varsity “O” Wildlights at the Zoo; Tour of Ohio Stadium; conversations with President Kristina Johnson, Athletic Director Gene Smith, Coach Chris Holtmann, Coach Ryan Day, or Coach Tom Ryan; Rose Bowl Requiem, etc.)
- 0 Opportunities to reunite with teammates, and to connect with athletes from other sports
- 0 Membership in OSU Alumni Association

The cost of active membership is only \$50 per year.

Be a part of The People, The Tradition and The Excellence and become a Varsity “O” Member today!

HOW TO BECOME A VARSITY O MEMBER

May 31, 2022 is the Deadline to pay 2022 membership dues and receive the opportunity to purchase single game tickets. To pay your 2022 Varsity O membership:

1. Go to: [**THIS LINK**](#)
2. Click **SIGN IN** (upper right-hand corner)
3. Enter email on account and password. (If you forget your password, click **FORGOT PASSWORD**.)
4. Click **MORE** at the top.
5. Click **QUICK DONATE**.
6. Under Available Funds, select **2022 VARSITY O MEMBERSHIP**.
7. Select amount. (**The minimum amount to become an active member is \$50.** (Any amount over \$50 will be donated to your sports discretionary fund.)

If you have questions regarding the Varsity “O” membership process, please contact the Buckeye Club via buckeyeclub@osu.edu or by phone at (614) 292-9908.

VARSITY O: SEEKING BOARD CANDIDATES FOR 2023

Varsity O is seeking board candidates for the upcoming 2023 year. If you are interested and willing to serve as part of our mission of “athletes helping athletes”, please submit your resume and cover letter to: Steve Chappellear, Immediate Past President and chair of the Nominating Committee, at: sechappelear@eastmansmith.com.

Previous Varsity O membership and engagement as well as attendance at Varsity O sponsored events is a plus. Please include in your cover letter your past experience with non-profit boards and committees.

Applicant interviews will occur over the late spring and summer and will likely be done virtually.



1991 BIG TEN CHAMP BASKETBALL TEAM

This team was honored at the February 10 OSU men's basketball game against Iowa. The team was led by second-year head coach Randy Ayers and played their home games at St. John Arena. After starting the season on a 17-game win streak and winning 25 of their first 26 games, the Buckeyes finished with an overall record of 27–4, and earned their first Big Ten championship in 20 years with a 15–3 conference record.



1990-1991 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES MENS BASKETBALL TEAM ROSTER

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| 0 Mark Baker | 0 Scott Reeves | 0 Jimmy Ratliff |
| 0 Jamie Skelton | 0 Jamaal Brown | 0 Joe Reid |
| 0 Alex Davis | 0 Tom Brandewie | 0 Bill Robinson |
| 0 Chris Jent | 0 Perry Carter | 0 Lawrence Funderburke |
| 0 Jim Jackson | 0 Treg Lee | |
| 0 Nick Hodak | 0 Steve Hall | |

MEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTAINS HONORED

Varsity "O" recognized five men's basketball captains with traditional pewter mugs. Receiving their mugs were 2021-22 captains Justin Ahrens, E.J. Liddell, Justice Sueing, Jamari Wheeler, and Kyle Young.



During the Maryland game on February 6, 15 former Buckeye captains were recognized during a timeout. Here's who was able to make it:

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| Gene Millard (1957) | Ron Stokes (1984-85) | J.J. Sullinger (2006) |
| Dick Furry (1960) | Tony White (1989) | Matt Terwilliger (2008) |
| Bill Hosket Jr. (1968) | Jamie Skelton (1994) | Aaron Craft (2014) |
| Denny Meadors (1969) | Michael Redd (2000) | |
| Rick Smith (1979) | Terence Dials (2004-06) | |



WRESTLING ALUMNI REUNION

Enthusiastic wrestling alumni braved the cold and snow and gathered on January 23 to celebrate a victory over the Maryland Terrapins.



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER SPORTS MEDICINE RESEARCH TEAM

The Ohio State Sports Medicine Research Institute is comprised of faculty from Orthopaedics, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Physical Therapy and colleagues in the College of Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Biomedical Informatics, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine. We collaborate extensively on research that is fully integrated without clinical operations and is of benefit to the university.

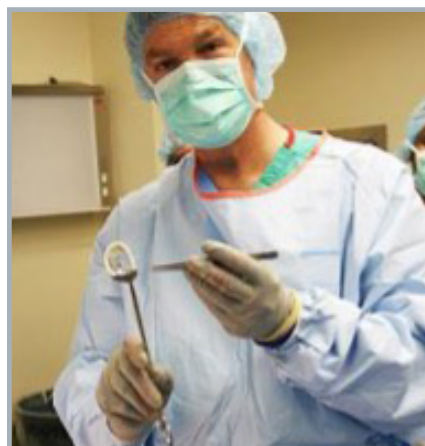
Our dedicated Sports Medicine Shoulder Team is comprised of orthopedic surgeons and rehab professionals who collaborate to improve the lives of current and former athletes who have injuries to the shoulder joint. These talented clinicians can be found in all our [Sports Medicine clinic locations](#).

The Sports Medicine clinical trials group is currently participating in many cutting-edge clinical trials for the knee, shoulder and hip. Today, we are spotlighting the shoulder study, Evaluation of Regeneten Augmentation for Subscapularis Healing After Total Shoulder Arthroplasty. This study is under the leadership of Team Physician [Dr. Gregory Cvetanovich](#) and lead research staff member Michael Keller.

This randomized study utilizes a collagen implant derived from bovine Achilles' tendon and manufactured by Smith & Nephew called Regeneten. The purpose is to test whether the implant strengthens the rotator cuff tendon healing after surgery. The preliminary results show that average outcome scores over time by the Regeneten group prove to be better than the standard repair group. Although these outcomes are preliminary, they do seem promising for the overall endpoints of the study.

The Sports Medicine research group offers many other research studies specific to knee, shoulder or hip conditions which can be found below or contact us with questions at SportsMedResearch@osumc.edu.

[Click here](#) to learn about other clinical trials and current research projects.



JACK NICKLAUS

I recently had the opportunity to reach out to the family office of Jack Nicklaus to request an interview and get an update on his life, since Varsity "O" had not published anything from Jack for a good number of years. Mr. Nicklaus was kind enough to say yes, however, his busy schedule would not allow for a traditional interview. He graciously agreed to setting aside time to address questions I would send, and those questions and his answers are what follows:

YOU REMAIN VERY BUSY, COULD YOU LET US KNOW WHAT A TYPICAL DAY AND WEEK LOOK LIKE?

JACK: Although I am busy, especially considering that I am 82, I love it. I don't do boredom very well, but I enjoy being busy, especially if it's with work or something productive. Much of my time these days is focused on supporting my wife's tireless charity work, specifically our Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation. In just 17 years since inception, the Foundation has raised over \$150 million. Miami Children's Hospital was rebranded in 2015 to Nicklaus Children's Hospital, and they have seen children from every state in America and 119 countries. We also have 20 outpatient centers and urgent care facilities spread across Florida that make up the Nicklaus Children's Health System. We even have a Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation of Canada. So I love supporting our charitable efforts and the work of my wife, who is the guiding light of the Foundation. I also remain quite busy with business, especially golf course design. I have Signature Course projects in, I believe, as many as 10 countries. Once COVID allows us to travel internationally, it's going to get incredibly busy for me.

VARSITY "O" MEMBERS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, HOWEVER, FEW HAVE REACHED THE LEVEL OF SUCCESS AS YOU HAVE, CAN YOU SHARE A FEW THOUGHTS THAT SUCCESS HAS TAUGHT YOU ALONG THE WAY?

JACK: Well, you don't have success without the help of others. You need support, you need to have humility, you need to care about people, because success is about people. If you think about people who have been successful, they have always been good communicators, too. And you need to treat people with kindness, grace and humility. A quote my father would always say, "You meet the same people on the way down, as you did on the way up, so treat them nicely."

WITH SUCCESS, ALSO COMES FAILURE, CAN YOU LET US KNOW WHAT THOSE DISAPPOINTMENTS HAVE TAUGHT YOU? CAN YOU SHARE A STORY OR TWO AS AN EXAMPLE?

JACK: Your failures, generally speaking, are how you learn. You just hope that these failures don't destroy you while you are learning. But, as it relates to the game of golf, an experience I had when I was in college at Ohio State. I finished in 2nd at the U.S. Open, after shooting 39 on the final nine. It was one of the greatest experiences I ever had, because I should have won the golf tournament, but just didn't know how. So, I learned tremendously from that. The failing I had at the 1963 British Open comes to mind, when I bogeyed the last 2 holes to finish one shot out of the playoff. But I came back the next week to win my first PGA Championship. Some shortcomings in business opened other doors for me to overcome those failures. I tend not to get upset as a result of defeat, because usually you caused it, all by yourself. But if you get upset about it, you need to make it a learning experience.

YOU RECENTLY COMPLETED A GOLF COURSE DESIGN IN "THAT STATE UP NORTH" CALLED AMERICAN DUNES. YOU TEAMED UP WITH LT.COL. DAN ROONEY ON THIS PROJECT, CAN YOU LET US KNOW YOUR INVOLVEMENT?

JACK: The project is called American Dunes, and it's in Grand Haven, Michigan—just a few hundred yards off Lake Michigan. The course used to be called Grand Haven Golf Club, and was very much a tree-lined parkland course for decades. It was owned by the parents of Lt. Colonel Dan Rooney, a PGA of America Pro, F-16 fighter pilot, and the founder of Folds of Honor. Dan came to me in 2018 and asked if I would donate my design services to redesign Grand Haven into what is now American Dunes, use the course and club as a vehicle to raise money for Folds of Honor, and also have the facility serve as a way to pay tribute to those who sacrifice for our freedoms. I quickly offered to help Dan realize his dream. Dan had already chosen the name American Dunes, so when I made my first visit, and saw this tree-lined parkland course, I asked Dan where all the dunes were? Well, underneath the course was pure sand. So, we scraped it all away, and created this rolling, very natural links-style golf course, using the native sand in bunkers and waste area. I think it turned out to be spectacular! Most important, the reaction was amazing. Before we opened the course in May

JACK NICKLAUS (CONT.)

2021, they already had some 13,000 tee time reservations. Not long after, every available tee time was sold for the rest of the year. There are other unique touches to American Dunes, such as Memorial Hall, where you enter and see plaques and boot prints of fallen soldiers. In the clubhouse, there is a Squadron Bar, with a beer tap made out of a real missile. At each hole, there is a plaque dedicated to a Folds of Honor family. It all makes for a very special golf experience, and it's for a very special cause! Dan calls it "The Church," and rightly so.

YOUR QUOTE, "I LOVE THE GAME OF GOLF, BUT I LOVE THIS COUNTRY EVEN MORE" GREETES ALL VISITORS AT THIS NEW COURSE. IT'S A GREAT STATEMENT - CAN YOU EXPOUND ON THAT A BIT?

JACK: Well, I love playing golf. I absolutely love it. But it wouldn't have happened without this great country, and the freedoms we enjoy—and sometimes take for granted—that came through the sacrifice of countless men and women who served our country. I never got a chance to serve my country in the military, but I have an enormous amount of respect for everyone who has and who does. I'm an American; I love America; I love what our process has been, where we came from, and that to me should be an example for the whole world.

PLAYING AMERICAN DUNES BENEFITS THE CHARITY- FOLDS OF HONOR – WHICH HAS BEEN GAINING MAJOR MOMENTUM IN ITS MISSION TO HELP MILITARY FAMILIES AROUND THE COUNTRY, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CHARITY?

JACK: As background, Folds of Honor provides scholarships and educational opportunities for children and spouses of our fallen and disabled soldiers. They have raised more than \$160 million since 2007 and awarded about 35,000 scholarships. They do tremendous work! As mentioned before, Lt. Colonel Dan Rooney is the Founder and the guiding light. Dan came to me many years ago and asked if I would serve as Honorary Chair for Patriot Golf Days, which is arguably the largest annual fundraiser for Folds of Honor. It used to be held Labor Day weekend, but now through a partnership with the PGA of America, Patriot Golf Days are held Memorial Day weekend. Ironically, the first Patriot Golf Day was played at Grand Haven Golf Club. The initiative began in earnest in 2007, with golfers nationwide encouraged to add an extra dollar to their green fees to fund Folds of Honor scholarships. Since then, the effort has grown tremendously to involve a variety of fundraising events, tournaments and even golf marathons. It's been my honor to serve several times as Honorary Chair of Patriot Golf Days. Beyond that, I have helped with other Folds of Honor events around the country, and, of course, proud of what we have done at American Dunes.

IN HIS BOOK, FLY INTO THE WIND, LT. ROONEY MENTIONS THE FIRST TIME HE MET YOU, ALONG WITH YOUR LONGTIME MANAGER, SCOTT. WHAT DO YOU RECALL ABOUT THAT MEETING? (BY THE WAY, YOU AND MRS. NICKLAUS LOOK GOOD IN A FLIGHT JACKET)

JACK: Scott Tolley has represented me for close to 25 years, and he has become close friends with Lt. Colonel Dan. Scott is a passionate believer in the mission of Folds of Honor, and he's actually doing work for them now. But back in late January 2018, Dan and Scott were at the PGA Show in Orlando, and Dan asked if Scott would sit down with him for a few minutes. Dan wanted to share with him an idea and needed to know if the idea was crazy. The idea was to have me redesign the course his family owned in Grand Haven and use it as a vehicle to raise money for Folds of Honor. Scott thought it was a great idea and certainly something Dan should discuss with me, so a few weeks later, Dan came to The Bear's Club and all three of us met. It took less than 5 minutes before I said, "Dan, stop talking. I am in!" He never needed to sell me on the concept. I was on board before we ever sat down.

CHANGING TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY – HOW OFTEN DO YOU RETURN TO OSU AND WHY?

JACK: I usually get on campus two or three times a year doing something. Sometimes it's a football game, sometimes it's getting involved with the golf course or the golf program. I'm from Columbus, I still have my sister and her family up there, including a lot of friends and people from Ohio State. As far as walking around campus and getting to see the buildings, I haven't been able to do that recently. But I have a lot of great memories from Ohio State. Perhaps the greatest is when I met my wife Barbara our first week at Ohio State. You might say we've been an item for the 64-plus years since.

JACK NICKLAUS (CONT.)

YOU ARE ONE OF A HANDFUL OF NON-BAND MEMBERS THAT HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO DOT THE “I” IN SCRIPT OHIO. CAN YOU SHARE ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OR TWO REGARDING OHIO STATE?

JACK: The football program at Ohio State has been fantastic, I started going to Ohio State games when I was 6 years old, and only missed one game from when I was 6 until I was 20. Ohio State sports were a big thing for me—still are. I loved attending games and being a part of everything going on at Ohio State. About 15 years ago, the university allowed me to do a redesign of the Scarlet golf course at Ohio State, and I enjoyed that process very much.

CAN YOU SHARE A FUN STORY OR TWO AT YOUR TIME ON THE OHIO STATE GOLF TEAM?

JACK: I won the 1961 Big Ten and NCAA Championship, which was played at Purdue. That was special. But to get there created a cute story. My coach and longtime friend, Bob Kepler, came to me before the Big Ten tournament, pulled me aside, and said, “Nick, I’ve never asked you to do anything for me before. But this time, I need you to spread-eagle the field. I need you to win by as many shots as you can. Otherwise, I don’t think we can get this team through to the NAAs.” I never had a coach ask me to do something like that before or since. I was grinding the entire tournament, trying to get as many shots in as I could. Well, I won the Big Ten title by 23 shots... and our team won by 1.

When we got to Purdue and the NAAs, I was a medalist, and my Ohio State teammate Mike Podolski was runner-up. For the team championship, it was 36 holes, and Ron Weber from Houston was the defending champion. Low 64 qualified for match play, and Houston’s two-time NCAA Champion, Dick Crawford, didn’t even qualify for match play. Ron Weber of Houston had a 13 on the last hole in one of the rounds, and his teammate Joel Goldstrand had an extra club in his bag, so he ended up with 36 strokes of penalties. After all that, I think we tied for 7th place.

YOU HAVE A LARGE FAMILY, HOW DO YOU BALANCE WORK AND FAMILY LIFE?

JACK: I love the family; I love the kids; I love having them all around me and being a part of what I have done and what we do. I feel that family has helped provide me balance in my career and my work.

WHAT CHARACTER TRAITS OR VALUES WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SURE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN TAKE AWAY, OR LEARN, FROM YOU?

JACK: I hope they learn some of the things that we talked about earlier.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU CARE TO SHARE WITH YOUR VARSITY “O” FAMILY?

JACK: Go Bucks!

I would like to send a special shout out to Mr. Nicklaus’ longtime personal manager Scott Tolley for his ease of working together in making this article happen, as well as the photos he sent. Every contact I had with their office was professional and accommodating. Thank you again to fellow Varsity “O” member Jack Nicklaus who has left a lasting legacy in golf and at The Ohio State University.

Paul Carlson



ARTHUR TOWNSHEND

By Robert J. Roman

John McFadden was one of the first 24 students to enroll at the Ohio State University, on September 17, 1873. The name of the school at that time was still the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College, as it would remain until 1878. McFadden was one of 13 students who came to Columbus that day by train, the 11 others being natives of the city.

Of those 11, four were Alice, Arthur, Harriet, and Mary Townshend. The Townshend siblings were the children of Norton S. Townshend, the school's professor of agriculture, for whom Townshend Hall is named. Neither Harriet nor Mary remained long enough to graduate, but Alice would Ohio State's first female graduate in 1880. Arthur, along with John McFadden, would be one of the university's first six graduates, in 1878.

In the weeks after September 17, 1873, Arthur Townshend and John McFadden were among the students who brought baseball to their school. Fifty years later, after decades practicing as a lawyer and decades more as a newspaper publisher, McFadden wrote his reminiscences about Ohio State's earliest days. He recalled, "The weather was fine for several weeks after the opening of the College. We organized a baseball club and played on the field between the College building and the woods." That description puts the original baseball field a little north of where Townshend Hall is today.

History says that baseball arrived at Ohio State in 1881, but that claim is not quite accurate. The Ohio State baseball media guide states, "Only 11 years after The Ohio State University was founded it had a baseball team, the school's first official sport." But history is only as accurate as its documentary sources. A more precise claim would be that Ohio State's first baseball game in 1881 was the first after a student newspaper finally arrived to document it.

McFadden, in 1923, could remember only a few players on their 1873 team. "I wish I could name that first baseball team in full but am only able to name Dad Bailey, Louis Fieser, Oscar Scott, Arthur Townshend and myself." Emmor "Dad" Bailey and Oscar Scott were agricultural students. Louis Fieser was a chemist, whose namesake son would later invent military-grade napalm.

The best player on the team, according to McFadden, was first baseman Arthur Townshend. McFadden said, "I have seen many college baseball games since then, but have never seen a superior player at the initial bag in any of them than Arthur Townshend of the College nine of 1873." No statistics are available to support that claim, so we must rely on legend.

Arthur Townshend eventually became a medical doctor. After graduating from Ohio State, he attended Starling Medical College in Columbus and then the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. He remained in New York until his death in 1929.

Robert J. Roman is the author of Ohio State Football: The Forgotten Dawn where additional stories such as this one can be found.



BUCKEYES IN BEIJING

Rusty Wilson

So far 2022 has been a banner year for the Ohio State Women's Ice Hockey Team. In addition to winning their first NCAA National Championship, they also had the most participants in the Olympic Winter Games. Six Buckeye women competed for their countries in the Games earning two gold, one silver and one bronze medals.

ANDREA BRAENDLI (24, Switzerland, Goalie, **Fourth Place**, Senior: Psychology) Was also a member of the 2018 Swiss Olympic Team. She was Third Team All-WCHA (2020), OSU Scholar Athlete (2019, 2020, 2021), Academic All-Big Ten (2020, 2021), WCHA Scholar-Athlete (2020, 2021).

JINCY DUNE (24, USA, Defense, **Silver Medalist**, Psychology '20) 2020 Ohio State Female Athlete of the Year, 2020 Big Ten Medal of Honor recipient, OSU Team Captain (2018-19, 2019-20), OSU Alternate Captain (2016-17, 2017-18), WCHA Defensive Player of the Year (2019, 2020), AHCA All-American First Team (2019, 2020), AHCA All-American Second Team (2018), Academic All-Big Ten (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020), OSU Scholar-Athlete (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

SOPHIE LUNDIN (22, Sweden, Forward, **Eighth Place**, incoming freshman) Has played six years for Djurgarden IF, won gold in the Swedish national league during the 2016-17 season, recorded the most points by a junior Swedish National League player, member of Sweden's 2016 Youth Olympic Games gold medal team, skated for Sweden in the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championships and the 2017 and 2018 U18 Women's Worlds.

EMMA MALTAIS (22, Canada, Forward, **Gold Medalist**, Health Sciences '21) Was a part of OSU's first WCHA Championship Team 2020. She was twice a Patty Kazmaier Award finalist (2020-21) and the 2018 WCHA Rookie of the Year. In 2020 as a junior, she set a school record 59 goals and second Team All-American. In her senior year, 2021, she was team captain and an Academic All-American.

NATALIE SPOONER (31, Canada, Forward, **Gold Medalist**, Human Nutrition '12) At the end of her four seasons in Columbus, she had 100 goals. Her 163 career points ranks second all-time among Buckeyes players, while her 16 game-winning goals is another program record. She was First Team All-WCHA (2009-10), Ohio State's Most Valuable Offensive Player for 2009-10, co-Most Valuable Offensive Player in 2008-09, WCHA All-Academic Team (2009-10), Academic All-Big Ten at-large selection (2009-10), 2011 Big Ten Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, 2011-12 CCM Hockey Women's Division I All-American: Second Team. She was inducted into the Ohio State Buckeyes Hall of Fame (2019 inductee) For Canada she is a gold medalist in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and silver medalist at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

MINNAMARI "MINTTU" TOUMINEN (31, Finland, Defense, **Bronze Medalist**, Human Nutrition/Exercise Science '13) Was also a bronze medalist for Finland at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games, fifth place at the 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games and won another bronze medal at the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games.

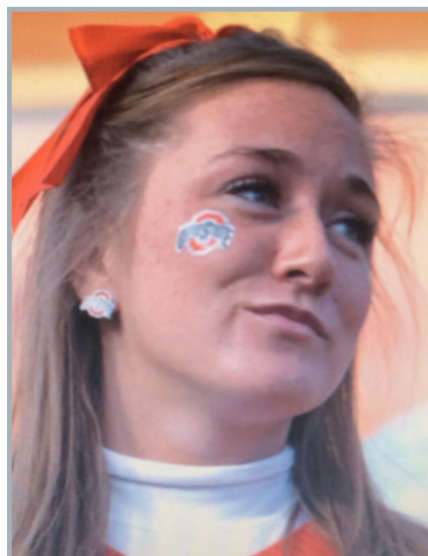
In addition to the six Buckeye women ice hockey players, Buckeye ice hockey legend **Emma Laaksonen-Terho**, served her first Olympic Games as the chairperson of the International Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission. She arrived in Beijing and tested positive for COVID. However, she recovered sufficiently to conduct the business of the commission. From the Buckeye men's ice hockey team, **MATT TOMKINS** (27, Canada, Goalie, **Sixth Place**, Finance '17) played for Canada. As a Buckeye he was a three-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and Academic All-Big Ten honoree, as well as an AHCA Scholar All-American and four-time Ohio State Scholar-Athlete.



MEET THE BOARD: TINA PROVOST

Tina Provost is a member of the board for the upcoming year and will serve as the Newsletter Chair and Co Chair of Events. Tina was a co-ed varsity cheerleader from 2003-2007 and performed with the team at nationals in 2006. She was also the first partner stunt couple from Ohio State (paired with partner and current head coach Ben Schreiber) to qualify and place in the top 10 in 2006 Nationals Competition.

Tina earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology and is currently the Head of Continuous Improvement for North America at Covetrus. She lives in Dublin, Ohio and spends much of her time taking her 6 year old to hockey and golf practice. Tina also serves as the President of the Board for the Cheer and Brutus Alumni Society. She is honored and super pumped to be the first alumni cheerleader on the Varsity O Board.



WHY I GIVE: ALAN BRADY

Alan Brady was a lacrosse student-athlete for the Buckeyes in the 1970's. Brady majored in elementary education and would co-captain the lacrosse team. After his collegiate career, Brady became a teacher and coach at Worthington Schools. In the final 16 years of his teaching career, he taught adult education at the London Correctional Institution.

Brady credits his collegiate coach, John Munson, for teaching him and his teammates the importance of working hard towards their goals. "His example and work ethic changed the direction and culture of the program, teaching to never underestimate the power of a single person," Brady said of Munson.

His Ohio State degree served him well during his 31 years as a teacher, but it was the values he learned as a student-athlete that proved invaluable. Four years provided plenty of experience in goal setting, time management, team building and communication.

Today, Brady continues to support the men's lacrosse program through his time and treasure. His philanthropy to the Men's Lacrosse Support Fund has provided incredible experiences to current Buckeyes. He also spent time volunteering on the Varsity O Alumni Association board. He referred to this experience as his "most rewarding involvement." He enjoys seeing generations of passionate Ohio State student-athletes come together at games and events, embodying the motto "athletes helping athletes."

He has also attended the NCAA Lacrosse Championships over 40 times, his most memorable being in 2017, when the Buckeyes played in the title game. "That season validated the hope of potential that decades of Buckeye lacrosse players worked to realize. Being at the game and seeing the players from different eras was a defining moment for me, and even though the outcome wasn't great, getting to that final game was groundbreaking."

Enjoying retirement from teaching, Brady now works for Victory Inc., a licensed Ohio State vendor providing Buckeye items to 40 outlets throughout Ohio. He recently launched an online store called abselections.com.

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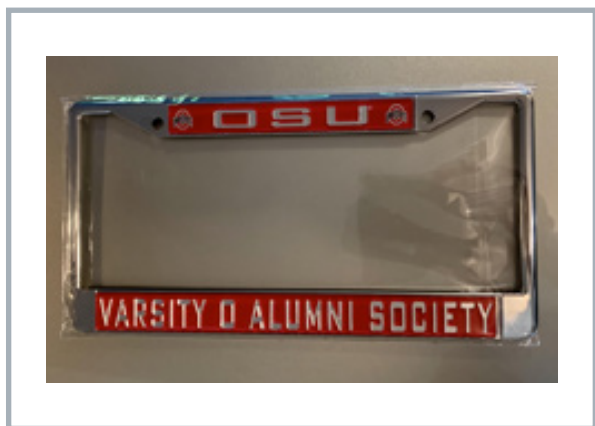
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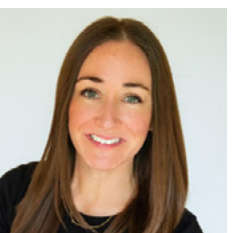
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