



## VARSITY O

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Fellow Varsity O Members and Buckeyes,**

As we move towards mid-season in football the Buckeyes continue to impress! After the big come from behind victory over Penn State the team is rolling. The season has been one of plenty of new names to remember but also of many returning starters to watch and see the improvement as they gain more experience. As in the past, nothing is for certain and one big win is only one of many that need to continue for the Bucks to be part of the year end playoffs. As we found out last year (Iowa) there are no guarantees. We sometimes take for granted the exceptional program that we have and what an honor it is to have a team that has a chance year in and year out to be in the playoffs and win a National Championship. Go Bucks!

A quick note pertaining to the Varsity O room at the stadium. The VO room is for football players only and guests. Football players must be lifetime or sustaining members to enter (show your card). We also want to make clear that VO dues do not contribute to the operation of the VO room. The VO room was sponsored and financially supported by former players to promote the coming together of players on football weekends. If there are any questions, you can please contact me or any other board member.

For those of you who missed the announcement of the Hall of Fame members for the class of 2018, they are: Linda Haussner-Women's Field Hockey, Jerry Welsh- Men's Ice Hockey, Brandon Wynn- Men's Gymnastics, James Laurinaitis- Football, Greg Drown-Rifle, Brian Koniecko-Men's Tennis, Cassie Dickerson-Women's Soccer, Mike Pucillo-Wrestling, Ray Hupp-Men's Track and Richard Bruggeman-Men's Track. Congratulations to these great Buckeyes!

VO Store Alert! The October VO Store will be up shortly, so please look for the announcement. It will last 10 days and it is the last one before the Holidays. As you may recall, we have the store open in March, July and October.

The Homecoming Tailgate on October 6 was a day of honoring Buckeyes who have given great service to The Ohio State University. Jameson Crane and Chuck Csuri were honored with the Jim Jones Career Achievement Award. This award pays tribute and recognition to those male Ohio State University Letterwinners who, through their careers, have contributed to the honor and fame of The Ohio State University. Award winners have capitalized on the values learned in intercollegiate athletics and have achieved singular success in their career. Larry Romanoff was awarded the Varsity O Loyalty Award for his many years in the Ohio State Athletic Department and the great help he has been to VO over the years.

The weekend of October 12th will be a big one for the 1968 football team. They will be getting together for their 50th Reunion of the Undefeated, Big Ten, Rose Bowl and National Championship season.

There has been much conversation over the years of how do we stay in contact with former teammates and friends we made during our years at Ohio State. We used to have a VO directory, an actual physical book that was mailed out. That was stopped years ago and we have heard from many members that they would like this ability to stay in touch. We are working on an electronic version of a similar sort that will be available to lifetime and sustaining members. Stay tuned as we work out the details.

**Go Bucks!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron Maciejowski'.

Ron Maciejowski, President


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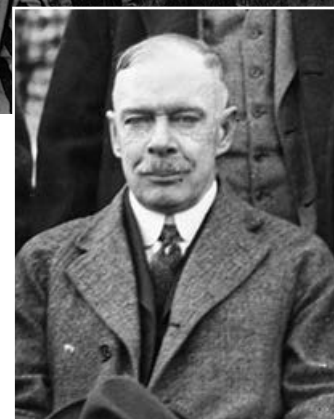
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# JESSE LEE JONES

by Robert J. Roman



In 1912 the Ohio State University found an entrance into the elite of college athletics with admission to the Western Conference (AKA the Big Ten). Soon afterward Chic Harley and his extraordinary undefeated 1916 football team led the university through that doorway. Before reaching this point, however, the Ohio State athletic program needed to earn the right to it. Robert J. Roman, author of *Ohio State Football: The Forgotten Dawn*, highlights the rise of OSU sports to greatness with this series exploring the university's outstanding, but overlooked, pre-1916 athletes.



If anyone deserves the title “The Father of Ohio State Football,” that person is Jesse Lee Jones. When people look through the program’s historical record, they will see that Jones was the captain of the first Ohio State team. But that fact alone does not begin to tell his true significance. His connections to the program go back before the very beginning.

Jones was part of two earlier campus attempts at forming a varsity football team. The first attempt was in the spring of 1886, when Jones was a freshman. He played halfback. We cannot know exactly what football rules this team was playing under, but we do know that the roster also included a three-quarter back (a rugby position) and a goalie. The second attempt at forming a team was in the fall of 1887, when Jones was a junior. This team made a more concerted effort to learn the proper “gridiron” rules, as football was played at Yale, Princeton, and the other eastern schools. Jones lined up at guard. Neither of these early teams found an opponent to play, and both attempts fell apart.

Jones took the following year off, but when he returned to school in the fall of 1889 he found that no progress had been made in building a football team. That is when he took matters into his own hands. He took up a collection on campus to buy a rulebook and a new ball, and then formed a “rules committee” to explore the regulations and strategies of the game. History notes that the first

Ohio State football coach was a man named Alexander Lilly, but a closer look at history reveals that Lilly did not arrive until the fall of 1890. During the 1889-90 school year, it was Jesse Lee Jones who filled the roles usually offered by a coach.

On May 3, 1890, Ohio State played its first football game. The opponent was Ohio Wesleyan University, whose team outweighed Ohio State at nearly every position. Ohio State’s advantage in the game was Jones, who knew the rulebook front-to-back. He advocated for his players throughout the contest, dragging his rulebook over to the officials to argue why a disputed touchdown should count, or why a rough tackle did not deserve a penalty. The Ohio State Lantern, the Ohio Wesleyan Transcript, and the Delaware Gazette all agreed that Ohio State won the game largely due to a superior knowledge of the rules.

Ohio State, under a new captain, and with Alexander Lilly coaching, began its first full season of football the following fall. The team immediately entered into a demoralizing seven-game losing streak. That streak, in fact, might have killed the football program in the bud if not for the shining memory of that first victory in May under Jesse Lee Jones.

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



# NEW MEMBER DIRECTORY

**Fellow VO members,**  
You spoke. We listened.

Varsity O is pleased to announce an improvement to the Varsity O website. Effective immediately we are bringing back the interactive membership directory. This directory will provide our active sustaining Varsity O members the opportunity to search the university's database for all student-athletes who recorded a varsity letter during their time at The Ohio State University. You will also be able to securely and privately contact anyone you find in the database. This is a fantastic enhancement to the Varsity O website that will help you connect with long lost teammates as well as make connections with others in similar fields of work, or geographic locations. We have included instructions below on how to access the VO directory.

To get started, visit <https://varsityo.alumni.osu.edu/> and click Membership Directory along the left side of the screen.. If you have never used the Alumni Association portal, you will need to create an account. Once logged in, you can search within any of these following fields:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Maiden Name
- City
- State
- Organization
- Industry

Additionally, this site features other helpful options:

- All alumni search: Look up and get in touch with alumni from all colleges of The Ohio State University.
- Update your info: Manage the personal, professional and educational information on your Ohio State record.
- Submit class notes: Tell us what's new in your life, from employment change and marriage to family additions and awards.
- Event registration: Learn about and register for upcoming events.

If you are having any trouble logging on, please contact the Customer Engagement Services office at 614-292-2281 or 800-762-5646.

Our members are what makes Varsity O one of the premier Student Athlete Alumni Societies in the country. Send us your feedback, we would love to hear how we can make this directory more helpful to you.

**Sincerely,**  
Varsity O

## REMINDERS ABOUT USE OF VARSITY O ROOM

As we look forward to the 2017 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.





# 2018 HOMECOMING TAILGATE AWARDS

**At the 2018 Homecoming Tailgate, the Varsity "O" recognized three outstanding individuals.**

Charles Csuri and Jameson Crane both received the Jim Jones Lifetime Achievement Award. The Jim Jones Award pays tribute and recognition to those male Ohio State Letter Winners who, through their careers, have contributed to the honor and fame of The Ohio State University. Those award winners have capitalized on the values learned in intercollegiate athletics and have achieved singular success in their career. The Jim Jones Career Achievement Award is an award created to be the male equivalent to the Phyllis Bailey Career Achievement Award that was previously created and awarded by the women's VO. The Phyllis Bailey Career Achievement Award is still given by the combined Varsity "O".



*Jameson Crane ('47), a former Ohio State football team member and chairman emeritus of Crane Group, a family-owned, private holding and management company based in Columbus.*

*A gift of \$13.5 million from the Crane family, including 30 donors from multiple branches of the family, established the Jameson Crane Sports Medicine Institute at the Ohio State University.*

*The Crane family is known in central Ohio as a generous, strategic and committed community partner. Three generations of the Columbus-area family came together to help fuel the Jameson Crane Sports Medicine Institute, in addition to funding early childhood and foreign language education initiatives at The Ohio State University as part of the But for Ohio State campaign.*

*Charles Csuri is best known for pioneering the field of computer graphics, computer animation and digital fine art, creating his first computer art in 1964. Csuri has been recognized as the father of digital art and computer animation by Smithsonian, and as a leading pioneer of computer animation by the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and The Association for Computing Machinery*



*Special Interest Group Graphics (ACM SIGGRAPH). Between 1971 and 1987, while a senior professor at the Ohio State University, Charles Csuri founded the Computer Graphics Research Group, the Ohio Super Computer*

*Graphics Project, and the Advanced Computing Center for Art and Design, dedicated to the development of digital art and computer animation. Csuri was co-founder of Cranston/Csuri Productions (CCP), one of the world's first computer animation production companies. In 2000 Charles Csuri received both the 2000 Governor's Award for the Arts for the best individual artist, and The Ohio State University Sullivant Award, that institution's highest honor, in acknowledgment of his lifetime achievements in the fields of digital art and computer animation*

The Varsity "O" also awarded the 2018 Loyalty Award to Larry Romanoff for his almost five decades of commitment to The Ohio State University. The Loyalty Award pays tribute and recognition to those individuals who, over the course of their lifetime, were extraordinary in their service to Varsity "O" and/or the OSU athletic department.





## BUCKEYES AFTER WORK

On Wednesday, August 15th Varsity O Young Alumni members gathered for a Buckeyes After Work event at Strongwater in Franklinton. This membership engagement event was designed to host 35 & Under former student-athletes to socially and professionally network over drinks and Mikey's Late Night Slice. The evening was packed with fun-filled conversation, great pizza, a trendy venue in Columbus, and lots of Buckeyes!

The VO Young Alumni Committee is a new committee added to Varsity O in January, 2018. It's goal is to engage young alumni VO members through social networking, professional and career development opportunities, community service, and other engagement activities that contribute to the mission of "Athletes Helping Athletes". If you are interested in learning more about this group, please reach out to co-chairs, Candace Dark and Ian Betts.



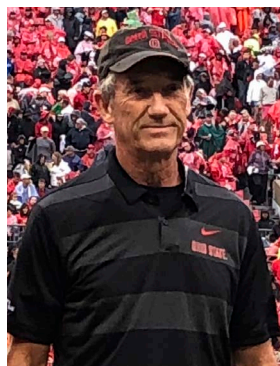
## 2018 HALL OF FAME

On Friday September 7th, the 2018 Hall of Fame Class was inducted at the Hall of Fame banquet. The Archie Griffin Ballroom at the Ohio Union was full to watch ten outstanding athletes become enshrined in history as they were inducted into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame. It was a wonderful evening honoring Richard Bruggeman (track), Cassie Dickerson (soccer) Greg Drown (rifle), Linda Haussner

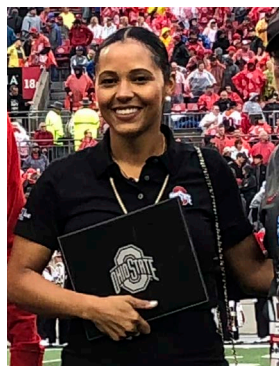
(field hockey), Ray Hupp (track), Brian Koniecko (tennis), James Laurinaitis (football), Mike Pucillo (wrestling), Jerry Welsh (ice hockey) and Brandon Wynn (gymnastics). The following day, as Ohio State took on Rutgers, the inductees were honored at halftime. Congratulations to an outstanding class of inductees!



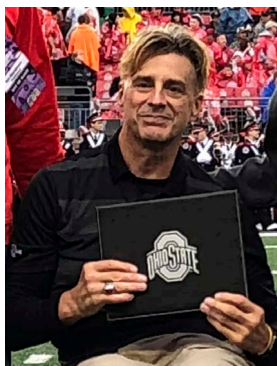




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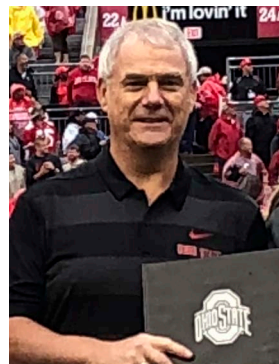
Bryan Koniecko



James Laurinaitis



Mike Pucillo



Jerry Welsh



Brandon Wynn





# 2018 VO HOMECOMING TAILGATE

The Buckeye Football team added another Homecoming victory to their record on Saturday, and so did we at our annual Homecoming Tailgate! Good Food, Fellowship and Fun is always our theme for our tailgate, and we had plenty of each this year! Our guests received a

special treat this year with live magic, a virtual reality station and got to witness three OSU legends, Jameson "Jim" Crane, Chuck Csuri and Larry Romanoff, receive career achievement and loyalty awards! We hope to see you next year!





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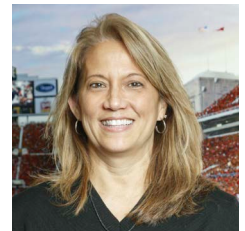
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