



VARSITY O

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Varsity O Members and Buckeyes,

Welcome to 2018 which promises to be an exciting year for all of us watching Buckeye sports teams! The Football Team's convincing win versus Southern California in the Cotton Bowl and the recent excellent finish by a resurgent Buckeye Basketball team (24-7 overall, 15-3 Big Ten) under new coach Chris Holtmann, brings high expectations going forward. Columbus is also playing host to the Women's Final Four this year. It will be the weekend of March 30th at Nationwide Arena. Maybe with a little good fortune, Coach McGuff will have the Big Ten Champion Lady Buckeyes in the mix.

As the Varsity O Board, we are constantly looking for ways to get our members more involved and offer benefits that make it worthwhile being a VO member. On January 27th, the VO Board in conjunction with the Athletic Department sponsored a "Varsity O Appreciation Game" for the Women's Basketball game versus Michigan State. Attendees numbered 107. On February 4th, the same was also done for Men's Basketball versus Illinois with 399 attending. We hope to increase these numbers dramatically next year.

As you all know, the Varsity O motto is "Athletes Helping Athletes". We continue to help fund athletic scholarships and post-graduate scholarships for our student athletes. We also use funds (from your dues) to help with capital projects for the Athletic Department. These investments help insure that Ohio State will have the best facilities and learning opportunities available to our student athletes.

In the past year, we have also instituted a virtual "VO Store" where you can order VO gear at certain times during the year. Be sure to watch out for the announcements as the store will have a 10 day window in March, July and October. Initial feedback has been very positive and will only get better as people get used to the process.

On a personal note for those who don't know me, let me give a little background. I was a football letterman from 1968-70 (three years eligibility back then). My position was Quarterback. I was very proud to play on 3 Big Ten Championship Teams and 2 National Championship Teams. My coach, Woody Hayes, always told us the best friends we would ever have would be our teammates. How right he was. "How firm thy friendship, O-H-I-O"!

Our past president, Katy Swathwood, did such a remarkable job and worked so hard to get us to where we are. I will continue to lean on her for help and guidance going forward. Two of our board members have stepped down and we would like to thank Jeri Price and Beth Howe for their service to Varsity O. I would also like to introduce our new members for this year: Ian Betts (swimming) and Tom Levenick (football).

One of our very nice benefits is the ability to buy season football tickets. Football season ticket invoices will be sent out on Friday, March 2nd. Friday, March 30th is the deadline to purchase (for Group A). First SSP window opens April 16th.

If you have ideas you think would help VO please feel free to contact me or any other board member with your thoughts.

Go Bucks!

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

Ron Maciejowski, President

Varsity O Board

Football 1968-1970



PHYLLIS BAILEY AND BARBIE TOOTLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Over 100 Varsity O members attended as the 2017 Phyllis Bailey Career Achievement and Barbie Tootle Buckeye Spirit awards were presented during the women's basketball game on January 27th. Fans celebrated Strength coach Kim Dally-Badgeley (Tootle winner) and Buckeye Legend Katie Smith (Bailey winner). Both Smith and Dally-Badgeley were also honored at the game along with other team members and coaches from the 1992-1993 National Champion Runner up team. Tickets were provided courtesy of the Athletic department to show appreciation to members of Varsity O. The game ended in a Buckeye victory, final score Buckeyes 78- Spartans 62.



Katie Smith with
Phyllis Bailey



Kim Dally-Badgeley
with Barbie Tootle

BASKETBALL CAPTAIN'S DINNER

Varsity O Board members were invited to attend the annual Basketball Captain's Dinner on February 3rd at the OSU Golf Course. Dozens of former Buckeye Captains from every era came back to campus to provide insight and votes of confidence to the current Buckeye team who also attended.



Varsity O APPRECIATION GAME

A fun Sunday was had by many Varsity O members as several hundred came to cheer the Basketball team to victory during the Varsity O Appreciation game on Sunday February 4th. Members and guests were invited to a brunch tailgate and entertained with positivity and humor from Buckeye Coach Chris Holtmann and Buckeye legend Scoonie Penn. Tickets were provide as a courtesy from the Athletic department in appreciation of Varsity O members. Several videos were shown at halftime featuring Varsity O, explaining the history, tradition and current partnership with the University.



WRESTLING ALUMNI GATHERING

Nearly 40 OSU wrestling alumni were among the more than 5,000 who attended Alumni Night on January 12, as the Buckeyes took on the Minnesota Golden Gophers. The alums were honored at intermission, after the Buckeyes raced to a 20-0 lead.

It was a bitter cold and snowy night, but that didn't deter the dedicated alumni from showing up at the Schottenstein Center to cheer on the current team.

Ohio State's grapplers ultimately won 8 of the 10 bouts to prevail 31-7, raising their season record to 9 and 0 in dual meets, 4 and 0 in the Big Ten.

Following the match, the alumni retired to the Board Room in the Schott, for food, beverages, and camaraderie.



VARSIITY O APPAREL STORE

Our next pop up store is **OPENING NOW!** Open from March 2nd – March 16th.

Stores will be open (tentatively) during one week in March, July and October.

Check your email for details *active members only *all sales final as items are custom made

*orders will be processed, created and shipped after 3/16 store closure. Expect items to arrive in mid to late April.

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 <p>\$37.25 Nike Women's Epic Pant Retail \$49.00</p>	 <p>\$43.50 Nike Women's Epic Jacket Retail \$59.00</p>	 <p>\$50.25 Nike Women's Gym Vintage Full Zip Hoody Retail \$75.95</p>	 <p>\$19.50 Nike Dri-FIT Swoosh Flex Cap Retail \$30.95 Available in 1 other color.</p>	 <p>\$43.50 Nike Dry Victory Stripe Polo Retail \$59.00 Available in 1 other color.</p>	 <p>\$43.50 Nike Dry Victory Solid Polo Retail \$59.00 Available in 1 other color.</p>
 <p>\$37.25 Nike Epic Pant Retail \$49.00</p>	 <p>\$43.50 Nike Epic Jacket Retail \$59.00</p>	 <p>\$23.00 Nike Women's Legend Short Sleeve T-Shirt Retail \$29.00 Available in 1 other color.</p>	 <p>\$27.00 Nike Women's Legend Long Sleeve T-Shirt Retail \$32.00 Available in 1 other color.</p>	 <p>\$40.00 Nike Rivalry Pant Retail \$59.00</p>	 <p>\$27.00 Nike Fly Athletic 2-Pocket Shorts Retail \$39.00</p>



VARSITY “O” MEMBERS SERVE ON OSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

Four members of the OSU Varsity “O” Alumni Society are serving in the leadership of the Ohio State University Alumni Association, through service on the Association’s Board of Directors. For Varsity “O”, the mission is, “Athletes helping athletes.” For the OSU Alumni Association, the mission is, “Through time and change, we enrich firm friendships among Buckeye alumni and The Ohio State University.”

Kristin L. Watt has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for three years, and recently assumed the position of Chair. Kristin played on the women’s basketball team from 1981 through 1985. She was co-captain her senior year. From 1993-1994, she was President of the Varsity “O” Women Alumnae Society. During her presidency, the first women athletes were inducted into the OSU Athletics Hall of Fame, and the Phyllis J. Bailey Endowment Fund was started. Kristin has done radio color commentary for the Ohio State women’s basketball team for the past 31 years. She is also a member of the Board of Advisors of the OSU Sports & Society Initiative. Kristin is an attorney with the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLC in their Columbus, Ohio office and heads the firm’s environmental practice group.

Stephen E. Chappelear is in the final year of his five-year term on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, where he chairs the Philanthropy and Awards Committees, and serves on the Finance/Investment and Board Officer Nominating Committees. He formerly served as a member of the Board’s Executive Committee as a Vice-Chair. Steve was a member of the Ohio State wrestling team from 1971-1974, and was recognized as a scholar athlete. He served as President of the OSU Men’s Varsity “O” Alumni Association in 2014 and 2015, and currently serves on the Board of the coed OSU Varsity “O” Alumni Society. Steve is also a member of the Board of Advisors for the OSU Sports & Society Initiative, and is one of two OSU Alumni representatives on the OSU Athletic Council. Steve is an attorney with Frost Brown Todd, in its Columbus, Ohio office, where he is the senior litigator, handling a wide variety of complex business litigation matters.

Janelle L. Jordan is in her third year on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and is serving as Vice-Chair. She currently is the Chair of the Board’s Alumni Experience Committee. Janelle graduated from OSU in 1998 and was a member of the Varsity Rowing Team, where she broke the Ohio State individual 2000-meter record on the rowing machine. She was also recognized as a scholar athlete, and academic All-Big Ten. Janelle lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she is Principal and Owner of Jordan Solutions, LLC, a consulting firm focused on helping people and processes thrive.

Vaughn Broadnax is just a few months into his first year of service as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is Vice Chair of the Diversity Committee, and is a member of the Finance/Investment and Alumni Experience Committees. He is a Past President of the OSU Black Alumni Society. Vaughn played fullback for the Football Buckeyes from 1980-1983. Vaughn was a three-year starter, and had memorable plays in victories over, among others, the Oklahoma Sooners at Norman, and TTUN. Vaughn lives in Carmel, Indiana where he is a Senior Sales Executive with the United States Postal Service.

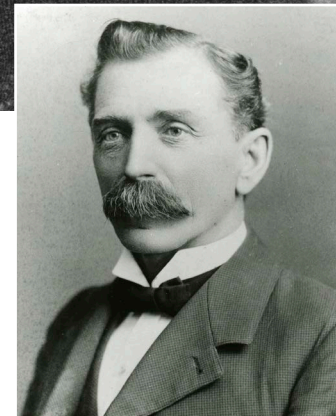
The OSU Alumni Association welcomes three new members on its Board of Directors each year. The Association is always looking for great candidates, and knows that athletes make great leaders. More information about the application process, which takes place each fall, can be found at <https://www.osu.edu/alumni/about-us/board-of-directors/applying-to-the-board-of-directors.html>. Further questions may be directed to Tricia Bradley, at bradley.206@osu.edu, or (614) 292-5316.

WILLIAM RANE LAZENBY

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.



Every Ohio State student or alumnus knows Lazenby Hall. The building sits across the street from the main library on Neil Avenue. Some visitors may even know that the building was named after William Rane Lazenby, an early professor of horticulture. When the building was dedicated in 1915, however, some on campus still remembered that William Rane Lazenby was the best friend that Ohio State athletics ever had.

Lazenby was hired by the university in 1881, and he almost immediately formed a campus tennis team. In 1882 the *Lantern* commented, "Lawn tennis flourishes every evening on the campus, Professor Lazenby's club having attained great proficiency under his able direction." Over the next few years Ohio State teams for various sports rose and fell, but the tennis team remained the school's only athletic constant. The *Lantern* stated in 1886, "Base ball is sadly on the decline, but lawn tennis, under the guardianship of Professor Lazenby, is all the rage." Teams from Ohio colleges began organizing intercollegiate tennis tournaments soon afterward, and the well-trained Ohio State team easily dominated the competition.

Even beyond tennis, however, no faculty member showed greater interest in athletics than Professor Lazenby. Before Ohio State's first ever football game, against Ohio Wesleyan in May 1890, Lazenby addressed the team. Intercollegiate athletic competition was a worthy pursuit, he said, but it was known to create temptations for "tricky" and "unmanly" behavior. He asked the players to remember that, when facing other schools, they represent the honor of their university.

Lazenby was also a constant advocate for improved athletic facilities. He served as the university's "Superintendent of Grounds" and from that position he made annual pleas to the board of trustees for funding, so "all grounds needed for field sports be put in the best possible condition for the use of the students." That plea came to fruition in 1897 when the board finally approved the funds. The grounds they approved would come to be known as Ohio Field and be immortalized in song: "And when the ball goes over, our cheers will reach the sky, Ohio Field will hear again The Buckeye Battle Cry!"

Ultimately Lazenby helped ease the transition from the freewheeling early days of Ohio State sports when students ran their own athletic teams to the current era where the teams are nestled within the Athletic Department. In 1891 the students offered Lazenby a seat on their athletic board because he held a unique position of trust between the students and the faculty. Five years later the faculty formed their own athletic oversight board, and made certain that Lazenby held one of its three seats. By the time Ohio State entered the modern era, Professor Lazenby had generally eased the students' earlier concerns over faculty control.

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

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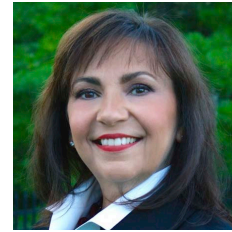
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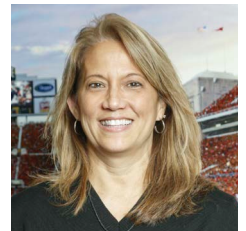
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UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of upcoming Alumni Association events, visit

go.osu.edu/UpcomingAlumniEvents

Alumni events are filled with fun, festivities and, yes, sometimes football. The Ohio State experience doesn't stop with commencement, so come together with your fellow alumni to enjoy more time as a #BuckeyeForLife.

As an active Varsity O member, join us at the Second Annual



Tuesday, April 24, 2018

"Oscars like" awards ceremony for current student athletes, with a networking session for VO members

YOUNG VARSITY O ALUMS GATHERING

MAY 16, 2018

(35 and under) gathering at Pins Mechanical Inc.



APRIL 14, 2018

11 A.M. | MEN'S LACROSSE VS. MICHIGAN

1:45 P.M. | FOOTBALL SPRING GAME

VARSITY O ROOM open to all VO members prior to the game.

NEWS

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US to be shared in future newsletters!

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