Festivities will mark

By Melinda Sadar

Since Ohio State's beginnings in 1870, the 120-mile road between Cleveland and Columbus has very much been a two-way street.

Cleveland's youth have come to Columbus to be educated and have returned to share the wealth of that education with their hometown.

There are more than 18,000 alumni living in the five-county Greater Cleveland area today, making that alumni group second in size only to Columbus. Of this number, 13,000 reside in Cuyahoga County.

The first-ever "Salute to Cleveland," honoring the connections between Ohio State and its North Shore neighbor, will be held at the Columbus campus Oct. 4. The day's festivities will center around the Ohio State-Illinois football game, preceded by special brunches for Cleveland guests.

During the game, the scoreboard will flash a variety of Cleveland-related messages. The Marching Band will execute a pre-game formation of a special Cleveland logo. The band will salute the city's rock and roll roots with its rendition of the Cleveland-based Michael Stanley Band's "My Town."

Half-time activities will highlight the Cleveland Orchestra's prominence in the world of classical music as the Marching Band performs "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich, Rossini's "William Tell Overture," "Londonderry Air," and "Russian Sailor's Dance."

"We wanted to recognize and celebrate Cleveland's importance to Ohio State since we are a University for the entire state of Ohio," says Barbara Real, director of regional campaigns in University Development.

Of Ohio State's current student population of 53,000, more than 6,700 are from Greater Cleveland. A campus wag once pointed out that one thing incoming students can be sure of is that their roommates will be from Cleveland. And, with these students come the richness of Cleveland's diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
THE UNIVERSITY WILL SALUTE its Cleveland connection during events this weekend.

Prominent Cleveland Buckeyes include Mayor George Voinovich and U.S. Senator Howard Metzenbaum, both graduates of the College of Law. George Condon, for 41 years a widely-read columnist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, is a graduate of the School of Journalism. James E. Chapman, an attorney with Baker & Hostetler and a graduate of the College of Law, is serving as the chairman of the Cleveland Campaign segment of the ongoing $350 million Ohio State University Campaign.

Cleveland has produced a number of sports heroes with Ohio State connections, including Lou Groza, Paul Warfield, Walter Klevay, Dante Lavelli, Pete Stinchcomb, Jim Lincoln, John Hicks, and Tom Cousineau, football; Tracey Hall, Richard Baker and Clark Kellogg, basketball; Al Patnik, swimming; and Jesse Owens, track.

Ohio State's first Rhodes Scholar in 55 years, Mike Lanese, is also from the Cleveland area. Even TBDBITL's famed "Script Ohio" was created by former Cleveland Eugen Weigel when he served as the Marching Band's director.

The University has sponsored Lake Erie research and education since 1895, when it opened its first lake laboratory in Sandusky. Ohio State's Lake Erie programs have played a key role in revitalizing one of Cleveland's prime resources.

The Cuyahoga County Extension Service, administered by the colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics, was established in 1916 and is the largest extension office outside Columbus. Although the county is almost totally urban, agribusiness in Cuyahoga County produces $18 million in revenues yearly, primarily in the greenhouse industry.

"Ohio State has always taken pride in its Cleveland connections, and we probably have been remiss in not making a more public expression of this pride," says Real.
Ties with Cleveland saluted at Saturday’s football game

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Ohio State will salute its ties with Cleveland at Saturday’s football game. The greater Cleveland area houses the university’s second largest alumni concentration, with more than 18,000 alumni.

The salute will include special pre-game brunches for several hundred Cleveland civic leaders and alumni, and special entertainment productions in Ohio Stadium.

“Even though historically there has been a Columbus-Cleveland rivalry, they have more in common than not as Ohio’s two largest cities. I see this weekend’s celebration as sort of an upbeat end to the joking rivalry,” said Barbara Real, director of regional activities for the Ohio State University Fund-Raising Campaign.

This special salute to Cleveland, Ohio’s largest metropolitan area, represents the beginning of a university effort to work more closely with Cleveland for mutual benefit, Real said.

Before the game the marching band will perform a special Cleveland logo of the Terminal Tower outlined with a “Block O” to its own rendition of “My Town” by the rock music capital’s Michael Stanley Band.

At halftime the band will salute the Cleveland Orchestra with symphonic masters’ works including “Festive Overture,” “Danny Boy,” “William Tell Overture” and “Russian Sailor’s Dance.”

“This celebration will serve the dual purpose of educating the Ohio State community about our Cleveland ties, and it will bring Cleveland alumni and friends to campus for the day,” said Jon Woods, OSU marching band director and associate professor of music.

During the game, the scoreboard will display Cleveland cultural, historical and athletic trivia messages.

Prominent Cleveland buckeyes include Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens, football stars Lou Groza and Tom Cousineau, basketball stars Clark Kellogg and Tracey Hall, Ohio State’s first Rhodes Scholar in 55 years Mike Lane, and Eugene Weigel, the creator of “Script Ohio.”

Other Ohio State-Cleveland ties include Stone Laboratory, a freshwater biological research station and Ohio State’s Lake Erie programs. These projects have played a key role in revitalizing valuable lake resources, said Ruth Gerstner, development fund editor for University Communications Services.
Salute to Cleveland

On a weekend when Ohio State pays tribute to the sons and daughters of Cleveland, it is appropriate to recognize the ties that bind the university to the city on the lake.

More students come to Ohio State from the Greater Cleveland area than from any other part of Ohio except Columbus. During the past academic year, for example, 12 percent (6,740) of the 53,000 students enrolled on the Columbus campus were residents of Cuyahoga and surrounding counties.

When Cleveland students graduate, many take their newly acquired expertise back to enrich their home community. More than 18,000 Ohio State alumni now live in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties — 13,000 in Cuyahoga County alone.

The majority of these Buckeye Clevelander have degrees in business, education, the social and behavioral sciences, or engineering. Law, medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, nursing and optometry are also well represented.

Politics has its share too — Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich and U.S. Senator Howard Metzenbaum both studied at Ohio State's College of Law.

More than 400 Varsity "O" members have come from the Cleveland area. Well-known names in football include Tom Cusineau, Lou Groza, John Hicks, Walter Klevay, Dante Lavelli, Jim Lincoln, Pete Stinchcomb and Paul Warfield. Basketball players Richard Baker, Clark Kellogg and Tracey Hall are on Cleveland's list of greats, as is swimmer Al Fathik, and one of the best-known names in international athletics: Jesse Owens.

Eugene Weigel, the creator of Script Ohio, came from Cleveland.

Many Cleveland Buckeyes retain active ties with the university, some through the alumni and alumnus clubs of Greater Cleveland and the Young Buckeyes club. These organizations offer a variety of activities, from social mixers and guest speakers to football game trips and social and scholarship support for Cleveland area students.

Academically, the university has been connected to the state's north shore since early days. The first Lake Erie laboratory was opened in 1895. In 1929, the Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory was dedicated on Gibraltar Island, and in 1970 the Center for Lake Erie Area Research was created, with facilities at Stone Lab and on the Columbus campus. In 1977 the Ohio Sea Grant program was established.

The Cuyahoga County Cooperative Extension Service Office, a university service, is the largest county extension office in Ohio. It has served the area's agricultural needs since 1916, when it catered primarily to the greenhouse industry raising tomatoes and salad vegetables.

Today, although the county is 99.9 percent urban, agribusiness in Cuyahoga County produces $18 million in revenues a year. The extension service still assists the greenhouse industry, though more emphasis is put on growing flowers today. The office's staff of 37 received more than 500,000 requests for services last year, from agribusiness people and the general public.

Urban horticulture is a very popular extension program along with 4-H programs for youngsters. Recent home economics programs have included nutrition instruction for low-income families and family budget counseling.

Just as Cleveland has benefited from the education and expertise of Ohio State individuals who live and work in the area, the university has benefited from the talents and generosity of individuals who have valued their alma mater.

A recent example of alumni generosity is the John Deaver Drinko-Baker and Hostetter Chair in Law, the first fully-funded chair of the more than 60 endowed chairs sought in The Ohio State University Campaign.

This $1.25 million gift for an endowment to support a distinguished scholar in the College of Law was made by John and Elizabeth Drinko of Cleveland together with the Noel F. George Foundation; the Mellon Foundation of Cleveland; the firm of Baker and Hostetter, of which John Drinko is senior adviser to the committee; the Baker and Hostetter Founders Trust; and partners of that firm.

Numerous notable Clevelanders have given the university the benefit of their wisdom and time. Currently, James Chapman, a partner in the firm of Baker and Hostetter, is chairman of the Cleveland Regional Campaign. William MacDonald, retired chairman of Ohio Bell Telephone Co., is a former chairman of the university's Development Fund Board.

Myron Herrick, the university's first trustee from Cleveland, was a Cleveland banker and Ohio governor. Prominent Cleveland trustees have included Newton Baker, a secretary of war and Cleveland mayor; Robert Black, a president of White Motor Co.; John Cunningham, a dean of the College of Agriculture and an editor of The Ohio Farmer; Frederick Eckley, a president of Ohio Bell Telephone Co.; Mervin France, a banker; Patricia James, a dental hygienist; Jim Lincoln, a president of Lincoln Electric; Thomas Patton, a president of Republic Steel and co-chairman of Erie Lackawanna Inc.; Leo Rummell, a dean of the College of Agriculture and editor of The Ohio Farmer; Worthy Streeter, a physician, railroad builder and state senator; Lockwood Thompson, an attorney and judge; and Stillman Witt, a railroad magnate.