MEN'S GOLF

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For me, I came to Ohio State because of the tradition of the program. But then I realized Coach Brown was exactly what I needed. He was a skilled golfer, he knew the game, but he didn’t force it upon you. He would ask you what you wanted him to look for in your game and then help make you better than what you were. Coach didn’t micromanage us. He wouldn’t let us struggle, but would give us meaningful tidbits that I knew would work because he knew me. It was awesome to have that experience.”

— Joey Sindelar, Three-time All-American, member of 1979 NCAA Championship team

“I don’t think in any way that I would have been able to do what I’ve done without Ohio State or Coach Brown. Not only did he teach us a lot about golf, but about life and how to treat people.”

— Chris Smith, 1991 First Team All-American, 1990 Big Ten Player of the Year

“Now, he’s more of a friend to me than a coach. When you’re a player, you can go and talk to him about the game and anything else. Now I can call him and talk about anything – golf, things going on in life. I appreciate his opinion on things and will seek it. A lot of players I’ve met professionally don’t talk to their head coaches anymore. They leave the school and loose touch. I’ll be on the road at an event and give him a call. It’s nice to have that. He’s always someone I can lean on.”

— Zach Doran, 2003 Honorable Mention All-American, member of 2004 Big Ten Championship Team
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MISSION STATEMENT
The Ohio State University Department of Athletics (OSUDA) supports the University mission by providing student-athletes with exceptional educational and athletic opportunities. We commit to national leadership, excellence and the highest ethical standards in intercollegiate athletics. We will sustain a strong financial and community base of support by presenting outstanding intercollegiate athletic teams, which provide quality entertainment and a positive public identity for the University.
UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location: Columbus, Ohio (pop. 1.5m) Founded: 1870
Enrollment: 52,566 (Columbus); 60,347 (all campuses)
Nickname: Buckeyes
Colors: Scarlet (FMS 200) and Gray (FMS 428)
Mascot: Brutus Buckeye
President: E. Gordon Gee
Director of Athletics: Gene Smith
Faculty Representative: John Bruno
Conference: Big Ten (1913)

MEN’S GOLF FACTS

NCAA Championships (2) 1945, 1970
Big Ten Championships (23) 1929, 45, 51, 54, 61, 66, 76, 77
78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 95, 96, 97, 2004
NCAA Individual Champions 5 1962 All-Americans 62
All-Big Ten selections 59 All-America Scholars 11
Academic All-Big Ten Selections 58 Facility: The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course
Yardage: 7,455 Par: 71
Rating: 76.1

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[2008-09 SCHEDULE]

Sept. 26 Williams H. Tucker Intercollegiate Alberspreuq, N.M.
Oct. 6-7 Memphis Intercollegiate Memphis, Tenn.
Oct. 24-26 Bank of Tennessee at the Ridgesc Johnson City, Tenn.
Nov. 10-12 Turtle Bay Resort Invitational Oahu, Hawaii
Feb. 7 Alumni Match Jupiter, Fla.
Feb. 13-14 Big Ten Match Play Championship Pompano Beach, Fla.
March 8-9 General Jim Hackett Championship Myrtle Beach, S.C.
March 27-29 Spring Break Championship West Palm Beach, Fla.
April 11-12 ROBERT KEPLER INTERCOLLEGiate Columbus, Ohio
April 18-19 Texas A&M Tournament College Station, Texas
May 1-3 Big Ten Championships State College, Pa.
May 14-16 NCAA Regional Toledo, Ohio
May 27-30 NCAA Championships Columbus, Ohio

Home tournament in BOLD CAPS held at The Ohio State University Scarlet Course; all dates subject to change.
DIRECTIONS TO THE OSU GOLF COURSES

FROM PORT COLUMBUS
Take International Gateway to I-670 West. Follow I-670 West to SR 315 to Worthington. Exit at Lane Avenue and turn left. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Kenny Road. Follow Kenny Road to Trenton and take a left to The Ohio State University Golf Course (on right).

FROM THE EAST
Take I-70 West to I-71 North to I-670 West. Follow I-670 West to SR 315 to Worthington. Exit at Lane Avenue and turn left. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Kenny Road. Follow Kenny Road to Trenton and take a left to The Ohio State University Golf Course (on right).

FROM THE WEST
I-70 East to I-71 North to I-670 West. Follow I-670 West to SR 315 to Worthington. Exit at Lane Avenue and turn left. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Kenny Road. Follow Kenny Road to Trenton and take a left to The Ohio State University Golf Course (on right).

FROM THE SOUTH
I-71 North to I-670 West. Follow I-670 West to SR 315 to Worthington. Exit at Lane Avenue and turn left. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Kenny Road. Follow Kenny Road to Trenton and take a left to The Ohio State University Golf Course (on right).

FROM THE NORTH
Take I-71 South to I-270 West to SR 315 South. Exit at Henderson Road and turn left and then right at Henderson. Follow to Kenny Road and turn left. Follow Kenny Road to Trenton and turn right to The Ohio State University Golf Course (on right).

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

WILLIAM H. TUCKER INTERCOLLEGIATE
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MEMPHIS INTERCOLLEGIATE
Oct. 6-7, Memphis, Tenn.
Host: Memphis
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BANK OF TENNESSEE AT THE RIDGES
Oct. 24-26, Johnson City, Tenn.
Host: East Tennessee State
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TURTLE BAY RESORT INTERCOLLEGIATE
Nov. 10-12, Oahu, Hawaii
Host: Hawaii
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ALUMNI MATCH
Feb. 7, Jupiter, Fla.
Host: Ohio State
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BIG TEN MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
Feb. 13-14, Pompano Beach, Fla.
Host: TBA
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E-mail: TBA
Web site: TBA

RIO PINAR INTERCOLLEGIATE
Feb. 23-24, Orlando, Fla.
Host: Central Florida
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SUNRISE BREAK CHAMPIONSHIP
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BIGH TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
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NCAA REGIONALS
May 14-16, Site TBA
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SEASON OUTLOOK

The Ohio State men’s golf team will be under the direction of head coach Jim Brown for the 36th and final season this year and look to send him out with a bang. The Buckeyes are coming off a successful 2007-08 season in which they had six Top 5 finishes and qualified for the NCAA Central Regional. They return all but one member of the squad that competed in that regional, laying a solid foundation for success in 2008-09.

“We have eight or nine guys who could start for us so it will be exciting to see what happens in the fall,” Brown said.

The Buckeyes depth should be an asset in their quest to win their 24th Big Ten championship and return to the NCAA championships, adding to Brown’s already packed trophy case.

THE COACH

The 2008-09 season marks the end of an era in Ohio State men’s golf with the retirement of Brown. He is currently the winningest active coach in the NCAA with a career record of 589-1-791-43 and 157 tournament victories. In his 35 seasons, Brown has led the Buckeyes to 31 NCAA appearances and 11 Top 10 NCAA championship finishes. The Buckeyes won the national championship, the second in program history, in 1979.

“I’ve been thinking about it the last few years,” Brown said. “I’ll be 65 years old and this will be my 42nd year as a coach and now is the time. I wanted to leave while the program was on the upswing. I am excited to coach this year and watch the team play. To be associated with this university, this team and Scarlet Course – it’s all been a dream come true.”

Under Brown’s tutelage, Ohio State has won a league-record 17 Big Ten championships and produced 93 All-Big Ten honorees, an NCAA individual champion in Clark Burrell (1985), 18 Big Ten medalists, 11 First Team All-America selections and 40 other All-America honorees. Chris Perry was named College Player of the Year in 1984 and Chris Smith earned both Big Ten Freshman of the Year (1986) and Player of the Year (1990) awards under Brown. In 1979 and ’86, Brown was named the national coach of the year.

“I have been a Buckeye my whole life and will continue to be one,” Brown said. “I have never come to work not excited to be here. It has been a labor of love. I have never felt like it was a job. It’s been exciting to be around the guys, they keep me young. To develop the guys and see how they succeed on the tours and in business, see pictures of their families, to have them call and check in. I’m proud of what they’ve done, here at Ohio State and after. I hope I’ve made a positive influence on their lives in someway.”

RETURNING BUCKEYES

Ohio State returns four seniors as well as the core of a team that played in the NCAA Central Regional last season. University of Akron transfer Brad Wright also will be eligible this season after redshirting last year. With the amount of experience coming back, the Buckeyes should be one of the top teams in the Big Ten. The summer play has shown that Ohio State might have something special brewing in Columbus.

Two Buckeye golfers won prestigious tournaments over the summer. Senior Vaughn Snyder, a native of Massillon, Ohio, won the Ohio Amateur and Wright, a junior from Cambridge, Ohio, won both the Ohio Publix Championship and Eastern Ohio Amateur.

“We have a lot of experience coming back that we are excited about,” Brown said. “The guys worked really hard on their games this summer and played well in a lot of tournaments, so I’m looking forward to having them step it up a notch and play even better than they did last year.”

Although the Buckeyes return key parts of the 2008 team, playing time is still up in the air due to the depth.

“We always feel like the more competitive we are within the team the more competitive we’re going to be with the other teams around the country,” Brown said. “It’s going to be very competitive just to make the traveling team this year. Looking at the guys coming back and the incoming freshman, everyone has gotten better. It’s going to be fun to see who qualifies for the first tournament because it could be several people right now.”

Junior Patrick Simard, of Marbella, Spain, is the Buckeyes’ top returning player. In 27 rounds last season, Simard had a stroke average of 73.4 and won the tri-match in Orlando, Fla. by shooting a team season-low 65. He also had two Top 5 finishes in the fall.

Along with Simard, the Buckeyes return Second Team All-Big Ten performer Bo Hoag. In 34 rounds as a true freshman, the Upper Arlington, Ohio, native had five rounds in the 60’s and four Top 10 finishes, including a tie for 10th at the Big Ten Championships.

Fellow sophomore Brad Smith, of Peru, Ind., also returns to build upon a stellar freshman season. Smith tied for fifth at the Ron Moore Invitational and was named Big Ten Player of the Week for his efforts.

Ohio natives Dan Rush, from Avon Lake, Kevin Grabeman, from Springboro, and David Becker, from Columbus, also bring veteran experience in their senior seasons.

Other returnees include sophomores Michael Crass and Tanner Murphy, and redshirt-freshman Evan Wood.
**THE NEWCOMERS**

The Buckeyes welcome four freshmen to the program this season. Two, Michael Kinkopf and Alex Redfield, are central Ohio products. The out-of-state signees are Jamie Singler of New York and Gary Quin of Arizona. All four have elite tournament experience including playing in their state’s high school state tournament.

“Over their four years at Ohio State these guys are going to make an impact on the program,” Brown said. “They have a lot of talent and can be difference makers.”

Michael Kinkopf, of Hilliard, was the top ranked golfer in the state of Ohio for the class of 2008. He led St. Charles to the state tournament in 2006 and 2007, resulting in two top 5 finishes. In 2007, Kinkopf placed 14th individually.

Jamie Singler, from Horseshoe, N.Y., is the son of former Buckeye All-American and current PGA Tour member Joey Singler. While attending Horseshoe High School, Jamie finished 3rd in the 2007 New York State Tournament spring of 2008 and has twice won the New York Junior Championship. As a senior, he had a stroke average of 35.2.

Gary Quin, of Anthem, Ariz., led Boulder Creek High School to a state championship in 2006. Boulder Creek advanced to the state tournament in three of Quin’s four seasons. He earned All-State honors in 2006 with the third-lowest score in Arizona state high school history.

Alex Redfield, of Columbus, was part of the state championship Bishop Watterson team his freshman year.

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**OHIO STATE MADE ITS **/31/ **ST (31ST) NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE LAST SEASON**

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**THE SCHEDULE**

Ohio State has one of its toughest schedules in years and arguably one of the hardest in the nation this season. Seven new tournaments have been added to the 2008-09 Buckeye slate, competing in 11 tournaments in eight different states.

“We’re going to some good places,” Brown said. “We always want to play on a great golf course in a good location against the best field. This schedule puts us up against some of the top teams in the country.”

For the second consecutive season, the fall schedule spans in Albuquerque, N.M., at the William H. Tucker Invitational, Sept. 26-27, one of the four tournaments Ohio State also competed in last season. The Buckeyes opened with a Top 4 finish at the Tucker Invitational last year.

The final three tournaments of the fall campaign are new destinations for the Buckeyes. Tennessee is home to two of the three tournaments, the Memphis Intercollegiate in Memphis (Oct. 6-7) and the Bank of Tennessee at the Ridge in Johnson City (Oct. 24-25). The other new destination is Eau Claire, Wis., for the NDSU Bison Invitational, Nov. 10-12.

“It is critical to play against the best to get to the level we want,” Brown said. “My focus was getting in the best tournaments possible.”

The spring season opens Feb. 13-14 with the inaugural Big Ten Match Play Championship, which will be televised on the Big Ten Network. All 11 Big Ten member schools will be apart of the two day event in Pompano Beach, Fla.

The Match Play Championship was developed by the conference in preparation for the new NCAA championships format. The NCAA Division I Men’s Golf Committee changed the format for the 2009 with the individual champion determined after 54 holes of play and the Top 8 teams moving on to a final day of match-play. The team with the lowest score after those rounds will play the team with the eighth-lowest score, No. 2 will play No. 7 and so on until a national champion is determined.

The regions have also been altered. The three regions will expand into six to create more postseason opportunities. Beginning this season, each of the six regions will host 75 players as opposed to 141 previously.

“With the new format for the NCAA championships, it is important to have some match play experience and get used to the format,” Brown said.

The Buckeyes continue their spring schedule with the familiar Rio Pinar Intercollegiate in Orlando, Fla. Ohio State next competes in The General Jim Hackler Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and a spring break tournament in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The second weekend of April gives way to Ohio State’s own 40th annual Robert Kepler Intercollegiate at the Scarlet Course. The following week the Buckeyes travel to College Station, Texas, and rounds out regular-season play at the Texas A&M Tournament.

The 2009 Big Ten Championships in State College, Pa., starts postseason play. The six NCAA Regional sites are: The Club at Olde Stone (Boling Green, Ky.), Galloway National Golf Club (Galloway, N.J.), Red Tail Golf Club (Sorrento, Fla.), University of Texas Golf Club (Austin, Texas), Karsten Creek Golf Club (Stillwater, Okla.), and Lake Merced Golf Club (Daily City, Calif.). This season, the NCAA championships are only a short distance as the Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio.
1921 - Mike Godman is named the first head coach of the Ohio State men's golf program.

1928 - Ohio State wins its first Big Ten championship.

1938 - Robert Kapler named head coach of the Buckeyes.

1940 - The first collegiate match is held on Scarlet Course. Billy Gilbert is the first Buckeye golfer to win the Big Ten championship individual title.

1945 - Ohio State wins its first NCAA championship as Scarlet Course plays host to the tournament for the first time. Howard Baker Saunders and John Lomax are co-Big Ten champions as they help the Buckeyes capture the conference crown. Saunders is the NCAA medalist and Lomax wins the individual title.

1946 - The Buckeyes take third at the NCAA championships. They follow by finishing in seventh place at the 1947 NCAA Championships and sixth place at the 1950 NCAA Championships.

1951 - Tom Nieporte wins the NCAA individual title and OSU teammate Don Johnson is the runner-up in the first "same school" final match in the 45-year history of the NCAA championship. The Buckeyes finish second as a team at the national championship after winning the Big Ten title.

1954 - Rick Jones wins the NCAA championship as Ohio State finishes seventh in the team standings.

1959 - Jack Nicklaus wins the U.S. Amateur Championship. Mike Podolski is Ohio State's first All-American with a third team selection.

1961 - The Buckeyes capture the Big Ten championship as Jack Nicklaus wins the individual title. He follows by claiming the NCAA medalist and NCAA individual title. Mike Podolski is the runner-up in the second "same school" final match, Nicklaus becomes Ohio State's first First Team All-America selection and also wins his second U.S. Amateur Championship.

1966 - Ohio State wins the Big Ten championship under the direction of head coach Floyd Stahl.

1970 - The Buckeyes place sixth at the NCAA championships.

1973 - Steve Groves wins the Big Ten championship individual title. Groves is named First Team All-America for the second year in a row.

1974 - Jim Brown, a former Buckeye golfer and basketball player, is named head coach.

1975 - Ohio State finishes 10th at the NCAA championships.

1976 - Ralph Guarasci wins the Big Ten individual crown and Mark Bolen is runner-up to lead Ohio State to the Big Ten championship. The Buckeyes finish the season in 10th place at the NCAA championships and Guarasci is named First Team All-America.
1977 – Ohio State claims both top spots at the Big Ten championships as Mark Balen wins the title and John Cook is the runner-up. The two help the Buckeyes to their second-consecutive conference championship and a ninth-place finish at the NCAA championships. Rod Spittle wins the Canadian Amateur Championship.

1978 – The Buckeyes notch their third-consecutive Big Ten championship led by medalist John Cook and runner-up Mark Balen. Rod Spittle captures his second Canadian Amateur Championship in as many years and John Cook wins the U.S. Amateur Championship.

1979 – Ohio State wins its second NCAA championship along with its fourth-consecutive Big Ten championship. John Cook and Rick Borg tie for medalist honors in the conference tournament. Cook collects his third-consecutive First Team All-America award and earns the Big Ten’s Les Bolstad Award for the lowest stroke average in the conference.

1980 – The Buckeyes nab their fifth conference championship in a row. As host of the NCAA championships on the Scarlet Course, Ohio State takes fourth place. Joey Sindelar collects his first of two First Team All-America awards. Rick Borg is the first Buckeye to be named All-Big Ten all four years.

1982 – After missing the 1981 Big Ten title, Ohio State begins another streak by winning the conference championship.

CONTINUING A TRADITION OF SUCCESS
1983 - The Buckeyes finish fourth at the NCAA championships after a second-consecutive victory at the Big Ten championships.

1984 - Chris Perry is the Big Ten medalist as the Buckeyes claim their third-consecutive conference championship. Perry concludes the season as the NCAA Collegiate Player of the Year and becomes just the second Buckeye to earn three First Team All-America selections. Perry also earns the Big Ten's Les Bolstad Award for lowest stroke average for the third year in a row.

1985 - Clark Burroughs captures the NCAA championship after winning the Big Ten individual crown. Ohio State continues its Big Ten championship streak by winning its fourth in a row. Burroughs is named First Team All-America.

1986 - For the fifth-consecutive year, the Buckeyes win the Big Ten championship.

1987 - Robert Huxtable is the Big Ten medalist and Dennis Harrington is the runner-up as Ohio State nab its sixth conference title in as many years. Huxtable finishes fourth at the NCAA championships and the team ties for fourth.

1989 - The Buckeyes bounce back after missing the 1988 conference crown by winning the Big Ten championship.

1990 - Ohio State wins its 13th Big Ten championship in 15 years. Chris Smith is victorious as the conference medalist and places 10th at the NCAA championships.

1991 - Chris Smith gamers First Team All-America honors as the Buckeyes finish second at the Big Ten championships. It is the first of three consecutive years in which Ohio State is runner-up to the conference title.

1995 - The Buckeyes win their 20th Big Ten championship led by Chris Wollmann, who finishes runner-up in the individual standings. Ohio State takes eighth place at the NCAA championship. Wollmann wins the U.S. PubLinks Championship.

1996 - Guided by Big Ten Coach of the Year Jim Brown, Ohio State wins back-to-back Big Ten championships. Chris Wollmann and Didier De Vaught tie for second at the conference tournament. The Buckeyes finish fourth at the NCAA championships. Wollmann earns the Big Ten's Les Bolstad Award for the lowest stroke average in the conference.

1997 - The Buckeyes win their third-consecutive Big Ten championship and Jim Brown collects his second coach of the year award in as many years. Chris Wollmann is named Second Team All-America after earning the Les Bolstad Award for the second-consecutive season. Ohio State takes fourth at the NCAA championships.

1998 - Ryan Armour gamers Third Team All-America honors after winning Big Ten medalist. The team finishes second at the conference tournament and sixth at the NCAA championships. Craig Matthews wins the Canadian Amateur Championship.

2004 - Ohio State wins its 23rd Big Ten championship as Kevin Hall is the conference medalist with a record-setting 54-hole score of 14-under 198. Jim Brown is named Big Ten Coach of the Year.

2008 - The Buckeyes make their 31st appearance at the NCAA tournament, hosting the Central Regional at Scarlet Course. Head coach Jim Brown announce his retirement at the end of the 2008-09 season.
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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

scarlet course

The Ohio State University Scarlet Golf Course is rated one of the best collegiate facilities in the country by Golf Digest. It reopened in the spring of 2006 after undergoing a major renovation by Ohio State alumnus and golf great Jack Nicklaus. The legendary course serves as the home for both the men's and women's varsity golf teams.

Located two miles northwest of the main campus, the par 71 golf course measures 7,405 yards from the championship tees. The course was originally constructed in 1938 by famed architect Dr. Alister McKenzie on 295 acres of wooded, rolling terrain and contains a 9 1/2-acre lake and stream that create a challenging play on several holes. The large contoured greens are surrounded by strategically-placed bunkers that add to the difficulty of this beautiful, yet demanding course.

The Scarlet Course has played host to several professional and amateur tournaments such as U.S. Open Qualifying, the Nationwide Tour’s Nationwide Children’s Hospital Invitational, AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions, Big Ten championships, NCAA regionals and a record 10 men’s NCAA national championships. The course also hosts Ohio State’s annual Robert Kepler Intercollegiate, won by the Buckeyes 23 times.

Besides the Scarlet Course, the University Golf Club boasts a second course, the Gray Course, a par 70 which plays 6,600 yards. In addition, a pro shop, restaurant, driving range (with a private varsity tee for the men’s and women’s teams), numerous practice greens including a private short game facility for the varsity programs and the OSU men’s and women’s golf coaches offices also are located on the grounds.

The Ohio State golf facility has been home to many Buckeyes who have gone on to the PGA tour including Jack Nicklaus, Joey Sindelar, John Cook, Clark Burroughs, Chris Smith, Ted Tryba and Tom Weiskopf.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCARLET
HOLE 1, PAR 4, 432 YARDS
The beginning of the three toughest starting holes anywhere in golf. A dogleg right with bunkers guarding the right side of the fairway and green.

HOLE 2, PAR 4, 475 YARDS
A tough driving hole with woods on the right and two bunkers on the left. A good drive will leave a long iron to right-to-left sloping green

HOLE 3, PAR 4, 433 YARDS
A dogleg left requires a well-placed drive to the right side of the fairway. The massive greenside bunker on the left and a deep bunker on the right will challenge the golfer into the green.

HOLE 4, PAR 5, 578 YARDS
A large fairway bunker on the left must be avoided off the tee. The second shot must avoid the lake down the right and the green is well bunkered. A long drive could enable the golfer to reach the green in two with an aggressive line over the water.

HOLE 5, PAR 3, 233 YARDS
A strong par 3 warded by two deep front bunkers. A large green will yield to good shots.

HOLE 6, PAR 5, 561 YARDS
The longest par 5 doglegs slightly to the right. Two huge bunkers must be avoided off the tee. The second shot must stay clear of a deep fairway bunker on the right. A large green surround by bunkers could lead to a birdie with a good third shot.

HOLE 7, PAR 4, 401 YARDS
A tough hole with a narrow fairway is guarded by a long, deep bunker down the left of the fairway. A well-guarded bunkered green awaits a short-iron approach.

HOLE 8, PAR 3, 202 YARDS
A picturesque par 3 over water. A well-bunkered green also will play havoc with the iron shot to the green.

HOLE 9, PAR 4, 429 YARDS
A straightaway hole with fairway bunkers on the left and right will keep the drives honest. A short to middle iron is required for the approach to the green surrounded by bunkers on the right and left.

HOLE 10, PAR 4, 449 YARDS
A good driving hole which doglegs slightly to the left. The left side of the fairway is guarded by the "O-S-U" bunkers. A middle to long iron is required to hit the green.

HOLE 11, PAR 4, 473 YARDS
A strong dogleg left to a plateau fairway. A gully and bunkers on the left, trees and deep rough on the right. An ideal drive will carry in the right center of the fairway. The long iron second is framed by mounds left and a steep banked trap on the right. The green is flat and large.

HOLE 12, PAR 5, 582 YARDS
A short par 5 with lots of trouble. A creek and an elevated green are problems when trying for the green in two shots. Most players lay up short of the creek on their second shot and hit a wedge to well-bunkered green.

HOLE 13, PAR 3, 221 YARDS
The most picturesque hole on the course has water in front of the green and well-placed bunkers to catch stray shots.

HOLE 14, PAR 4, 475 YARDS
The driving area is guarded by a bunker left and a series of mounds on the right. The green is long and narrow and guarded by large bunkers front right and back left of the green.

HOLE 15, PAR 4, 445 YARDS
A dogleg left with trees and a bunker on the left of the driving area. A middle or long iron is needed to hit the wellbunkered and usually firm green. A par here will usually pick up strokes on the field.

HOLE 16, PAR 4, 385 YARDS
A 90 degree dogleg left with a water hazard on the left and trees on the right. A demanding tee shot is required. The green is the most severe on the course.

HOLE 17, PAR 3, 221 YARDS
An uphill tee shot with two bunkers guarding the green and out of bounds to the left. The green is one of the most severe on the course. Players want to be short of the hole to have an uphill putt.

HOLE 18, PAR 4, 443 YARDS
A dogleg left hole. A classic finishing hole going back into the clubhouse. A long tee shot is required to get around the corner for a clear shot to a well-bunkered green.
"We tried to get a hole where we'd replace the trees with a playable area, but a playable area that was difficult to recover from...but you could recover from and you had to bite off as much as you wanted and basically left the rest of the hole alone. We reshaped the bunkers around the green and created the bunkers to look like McKenzies bunkers."

"We relocated the bunkers and put one way out left and short and one way up long where the long-binders may hit the ball and narrowed it down in that area. We basically took off the front bunker that was short-left and moved it into the green and we took the back right half of the green and laid it down a bit."

"We probably did less on this hole than we did on any hole. We left the tee shot alone, just added some yardage to it. There was a big tree left front of the green which really made it so you couldn't get into the green, so we took that tree. We fiddled with the green a little bit to get more puttable areas on it."

"We took the bunker on the left side and sort of worked it down the slope. We expanded the lake a little bit, brought that in and made it a little more flowing down thru with the creek bed. We moved that green 100-120 yards to the right. We've got 575 out of a hole that was probably 475-480 before. We've got a green that the average golfer can play it and enter it fairly easily. You've got a lot of options. I think the hole turned out very nicely. Definition-wise it's the best new hole out here."

"This was one of the holes we probably didn't do much to as it relates to what you looked at and where everything was. We created more pin placements on the green and we sort of "McKenzed" the bunkers a little bit and that's basically what we did. It's pretty much the same hole-hard. It's always been hard."

"We've lengthened this back here to the nice tidy yardage of 618 yards. We took a tree out on the right side. We narrowed the fairway there longwise and put that ugly little bunker in there. There used to be a tunnel up to the green, so we opened it up a little bit on the left side and put a bunker up there about 100 yards short of the green to get some movement in the fairway without disrupting the whole thing. The green isn't a whole lot different except we leveled it in a few spots to get some cupping and different pin placements."
"We had those big trees down there so we opened the fairway out to the right. The back part of the green we took it over and away and tried to create a little bit more pin placements and little bit more excitement behind the green."

"We needed to get some drainage off somewhere. We pulled the front bunker a little bit forward toward the water and created another pin placement by the water and separated the bunkers a little bit. We put a back bunker in and connected it through and made a bunker complex that tied up with No. 10. Sort of a moving bunker that ties things together."

"We used to have a bunker way out to the right and brought that into play and brought some bunkers along the left side and sort of filled up the space between 9 and 10. The bunkers up on the green were alongside the green and we reshaped them a little bit and let the green work around it. The bunkers between 9 and 10, we sort of put an OSU (shaped O, S, U) in them."

"We sort of fiddled around with the bunkers on the left side and tried to get them to sit in the hill instead of sitting on the side of the hill and play the hole up around it. We've left plenty of room for the average golfer to play."

"The old green complex had a big bunker in the right front and a slope away from it. We basically tried to pull that bunker a little bit away from the green and have the slope going away but have more of a uniform bounce and create a little different green back there. We took all the trees behind the green out so we could tee things together and make it work. So what we end up with I think is going to be all you want to play, frankly from here."

"The tee is the same. We added a couple bunkers along the left side to sort of define the tee shot a little bit. The rest is pretty much the same except around the green. We divided the green up with some movement and tried to create pin placements and made the bunkers a little more McKenzie-like."
"221 yards. Basically didn't do much to this, we reshaped the bunkers a little bit and took the left side of this green and gentled it so we could get some pins on it."

"This fall we will shave this so you can see the bunker. There is a bunker on the left side that sort of says don't hit it."

"There was a bunker on the right, the old "D" bunker. Everybody used to always hit the ball down the left side down through the trees and the ball would go on forever and run on through... took the bunker out on the right and moved the fairway over to it... put a bunker down the left side so you played the right side... green is close to the same and the bunkers are just spaced up."

"The same tee and green size. We cleaned up the valley and opened up the trees so you could see through them a little bit. The fairway was probably the widest on the golf course and so we put the bunker in on the left side."

"221 yards. We didn't do much here except reshape the bunkers. This was the only green on the golf course that was a USGA green and we limited (change) to what we could."

"We tried to figure out where we could get some yardage out of this hole. We planted some more trees. Now we've got as much yardage as we could find back here. We put a returning bunker on the inside. We've done so many bunkers on the inside of the hole, we put this one on the outside of the hole to turn it back the other way."
The underground putting green at the OSU Golf Course provides players a chance to work on their short games at any time or in any season.

TECHNOLOGY AND facilities

The Buckeyes spend some of their practice time at the Four Season Golf Center (left), and have access to the same locker room that former Buckeyes such as Jack Nicklaus used.

The latest technological advancement in drive tracking, the TRACKMAN system is used by the team to improve performance results.
MAKING GREAT PLAYERS

SPEED, POWER, STRENGTH
Ohio State student-athletes benefit from a comprehensive and individualized strength and conditioning program designed to ensure the highest possible level of physical readiness.

Anthony Glass, director of athletics strength and conditioning for Olympic sports, and staff provide instruction specific to the individual, both in and out of season, and in collaboration with the Ohio State training and medical staffs.

Glass and his staff challenge the Buckeye contingent even further in the weight room in the areas of leadership, work ethic, attitude and ability with an annual Buckeye Power Club Award. Athletes from each varsity team who exemplify the highest levels of achievement are honored at the end of each school year with the award and in turn become eligible for National Strength and Conditioning Association All-America honors.

FIRST CLASS PHYSICIANS
Dr. Chris Kuehling is the head team physician for the Ohio State Department of Athletics and also serves as the director of the OSU Sports Medicine Center. Dr. Kuehling oversees a staff of the finest sport medicine physicians, surgeons, dentists and counselors who monitor the overall well-being of each student-athlete on a year-round basis.

VETERAN ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Assistant athletics director of sports performance Janine Oman and head athletic trainer Doug Callan help lead the athletic training staff made up of veteran athletic trainers Angie Besner, Mary "Samm" Langen, Chalisa Fonse, Vince O'Brien, Katrina Stibel, Bob Sweeney and Alex Wong. The group forms one of the most highly respected sports medicine staffs in all of college athletics. The entire staff works extremely hard in the areas of injury prevention, treatment and rehabilitation and has an excellent resource in the OSU Medical Center to accomplish this goal. The OSU Athletic Training staff has worked in every major collegiate conference, the high school, professional and Olympic levels.

Ohio State's athletic training curriculum program is housed in the School of Allied Medical Professions and is considered one of the top undergraduate programs in the country. Buckeye student-athletes benefit from having these dedicated students assisting the staff. An athletic training student is assigned to each team, allowing someone from the athletic training staff to be present at every practice and game. Additionally, the athletic training staff hosts several seminars and workshops covering a variety athletic training and sports medicine topics throughout the year.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
The entire medical staff is on 24-hour call should the need arise for urgent treatment. In the event testing or hospitalization is required, the Ohio State University Medical Center is one of the nation's most modern and comprehensive medical facilities.

buckeye power club
The Buckeye Power Club Award is given annually to one or more student-athletes from each varsity team at Ohio State. The athletes chosen exemplify specific qualities in the weight room - Leadership Ability, Work Ethic, Winning Attitude, Attendance and an Above-Average Ability to Follow Instructions. The 2008 winners follow:

MEN'S SPORTS
Baseball...Chad Nelson
Basketball...Charlie Brill
Cheerleading...Kevin Hinkle
Golf...Travis Peterson
Gymnastics...Matt Venezia
Hockey...Joe Novak
Swimming & Diving...Matt Venezia
Tennis...Erik Decker
Track & Field...Matt Pomeroy
Volleyball...Kevin Heim & John Klapisch
Wrestling...J. Jaggers

WOMEN'S SPORTS
Basketball...Sherry Voss
Cheerleading...Micki Hamberger
Field Hockey...Yvonne Jakes
Golf...Emma Bader
Gymnastics...Kara Tishman
Lacrosse...Annette Shimp
Soccer...Amber Erdman
Softball...Bridget Dorsett
Swimming & Diving...Megan Alexander & Chelsea Davis
Tennis...Julie Voss
Track & Field...Chandra Rompelt
Volleyball...Amber Meyer
Wrestling...Debra Noble
PROFESSIONAL support staff

heather lyke
Assoc. AD for Men's and Women's Golf

john macko
Men's Golf Academic Counselor

Jackie abbruzzese
Men's Golf Office Associate

dr. don leMay
Men's Golf Physician

dr. chris kaeding
Head Physician

vince o'brien
Men's Golf Athletic Trainer

janine oman
Asst. AD for Sports Performance
doug calland
Head Athletic Trainer

tom palumbe
Men's Golf Strength Coach

mark lucas
General Manager for the OSU Golf Courses

MEN’S GOLF SUPPORT STAFF

When student-athletes choose Ohio State, they certainly learn from the best coaches nationally in their respective sports. Not only will the coaching be of the finest quality, but a nationally-recognized support staff will provide the student-athlete all necessary services.

No matter on or outside the field of play, Ohio State student-athletes are afforded the best professionals in their respective areas.

From the medical and athletic training staff to those who prepare the venues for competition, student-athletes benefit from an entire department whose goal is to make the student-athlete experience positive.

Each of the 36 varsity sports has a team of professionals assigned to assist the more than 1,000 student-athletes that make up and drive the Ohio State Department of Athletics.

Academic counselors, a sports psychologist, a nutritionist, a team of physicians, experienced certified athletic trainers and strength and conditioning professionals along with media relations, equipment, video specialists, marketing, compliance, event management, ticket and facility managers all provide expertise in service to the Buckeyes student-athletes.

Whether it is coaches, student-athletes or the scores of athletics department personnel, the goal at Ohio State is to provide the best possible experience for all who wear the Scarlet and Gray.
The 2003-04 season is the 36th and final season in which head coach Jim Brown will guide the Ohio State men’s golf team. Over his impressive tenure, Brown has established the Ohio State golf program into one of the finest and most respected in the nation. He will conclude his coaching career as the longest serving head coach in Ohio State history and the longest serving men’s golf coach in Big Ten history.

Since coming to Ohio State in 1973, Brown has led Ohio State to league-record 17 Big Ten championships. The Buckeyes won the conference crown every season from 1976-79, except for 1981 and ’88 when they were runners-up. The Buckeyes have qualified for the NCAA tournament 31 times, with 11 Top 10 finishes, while claiming the 1979 national championship.

Brown has also tutored an NCAA individual champion (Clark Burroughs in 1985), 18 Big Ten medalists, 92 All-Big Ten selections, 11 first team All-Americans and 40 other All-America honorees. Chris Perry was named College Player of the Year in 1984 and Chris Smith earned both Big Ten Freshman of the Year (1988) and Player of the Year (1990) awards under Brown.

Ohio State’s national championship in 1979 was the first in nearly two decades for a northern school. Brown and the Buckeyes proved the 1979 season was no fluke as the program finished fourth in the NCAA’s in 1980, 1983, 1987 and again in 1989.

Brown is currently the winningest active coach in the NCAA with a career record of 5,609-1,791-43 and 156 tournament victories. He earned National Coach of the Year honors in both 1979 and 1986, and was named District IV Coach of the Year in consecutive seasons from 1977 through 1980 and again from 1982 through 1987.

Most recently, Brown was named 2004 Big Ten Coach of the Year for the third time in his career. Prior to his 2004 Big Ten honor, Brown captured back-to-back coach of the year honors in 1995 and 1996. He also coached the NCAA All-Star Team that competed in Japan in 1979 and the 1989 Palmer Cup team that defeated a team of top collegiate players from Great Britain and Ireland.

Brown has been a leader in college golf for many years, serving as president of the National Golf Coaches Association from 1993 to 1992. He served on the NCAA’s Executive Golf Committee from 1990-96. In addition, Brown has been a member of both the All-American Selection Committee and the NCAA District IV Selection Board.

Brown’s players have also had great success in the classroom during his tenure at Ohio State. Only four athletes who have exhausted their eligibility have not received degrees during Brown’s 35 years as head coach. The Buckeyes have received 11 All-America Scholar awards, 55 Academic All-Big Ten honors and 84 Ohio State Scholar-Athletes nods since the inception of both awards in 1967.

His greatest personal achievement came in 1989 when he was elected to the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame. Two years later, he was inducted into The Ohio State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Brown also was inducted into the Martins Ferry High School Hall of Fame in 1972, the Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994 and most recently, the Ohio Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2005.

A native of Martins Ferry, Ohio, Brown is a 1966 Ohio State graduate. He played both basketball and golf for the Buckeyes, earning three letters in each sport and was elected captain of the golf team his senior season. Brown began his coaching career in 1967 at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and moved on to Kent State in 1969. During his time in Kent, Brown served as the head golf coach and assistant basketball coach. In 1973 Browns left Kent for Columbus to become the ninth golf coach in Ohio State history.

Jim and his wife, Tina, have been married for 13 years and together have five children and 13 grandchildren. Tina has three children, a son, David Lankard, who is an OSU graduate, and two daughters, Cheryl Turnbull and Anne Marie Moore, both of whom are Miami (Ohio) graduates. Brown has two children, Julie, who is an OSU graduate, and Jeff, a former member of the Ohio State golf team and an OSU graduate.
Brown Quick Facts

- Full Name: James D. Brown
- Born: Aug. 21, 1943
- Hometown: Martins Ferry, Ohio
- High School: Martins Ferry High School
- Alma Mater: Ohio State, 1966

Playing Career: Played the No. 1 position at Ohio State from 1963-65...named captain senior year for the Buckeyes...best day on the OSU Scarlet Course was a 138 (72-56)...also lettered three seasons with the Ohio State Men's Basketball team (1963-65)...a three-year captain (1965-68) at Martins Ferry High School...four-time Ohio Valley Athletic Conference First Team selection...four-time sectional and district champion.

Coaching Career: Rolls College head golf coach and assistant men's basketball coach (1967-83)...Kent State head golf coach (1968-73)...Ohio State head golf coach (1974-present)...has taken Ohio State to 31 NCAA Tournaments and has produced 51 All-Americans...owns 17 Big Ten Championships...guided Buckeyes to the 1979 National Championship...has produced 18 PGA Tour players.

Other: Has served on various NCAA committees, including the NCAA Executive Golf Committee (1996-98) and numerous All-America and district selection committees...National Coach of the Year 1979, 1986...President of the Golf Coaches Association (1986-87)...led United States to wins over Japan (1979) and Great Britain and Ireland (1999) in the Palmer Cup...selected to four halls of fame: Martins Ferry High School, Ohio State University, the Golf Coaches Association of America (1989), and Ohio State (1991).

UP CLOSE WITH JIM BROWN

What are the goals you have for the Ohio State golfers?
First, and most importantly, I want all of our players to earn a college degree. Our program has been extremely successful in this regard over the years in that almost every golf team member has received a diploma. I am proud of this record as I am of the record our teams have established playing golf.

Second, I want each golfer to develop his abilities to the maximum during his collegiate career at Ohio State. I have been a PGA professional for 38 years and feel that I can help improve one's skill level to the utmost. We want every player in our program to feel that he has had every opportunity to learn, improve and become the best he can be.

My thought is that after four years a student-athlete should be able to look back and feel that he has been educated, that he has improved his golf ability and that he has been happy and had fun. If a player finishes his career with those accomplishments, then I feel I have done my job.

What is your philosophy about coaching at Ohio State University?
I believe that my job as coach is to provide each student-athlete with the best possible opportunity to improve himself and take his game to its highest level. I want to bring to The Ohio State University as many good golfers as I can and challenge them to become better players. I want to provide a healthy competitive atmosphere in which the players can compete with each other to determine the best five players who will represent the team in tournaments. Our golf team plays a nationally competitive schedule every year, which takes us all over the United States. We challenge ourselves to play against the best teams in the country in order to see how we stack up against them and to inspire us to work hard to be among the elite list of top collegiate golf teams.

What separates the Ohio State golf program from other college programs?
Ohio State has a rich golfing tradition. Its golf program is known and respected around the United States as one of the finest collegiate programs in existence. Over the years, we at Ohio State have produced some of the greatest players in the world - Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf, Ed Sneed, Ted Tybra, John Cook, Joey Sindelar, Chris Perry and Chris Smith - all of whom have made their mark on the PGA Tour. Ohio State has had 24 players earn their PGA Tour cards and 18 of them have played for me during my tenure at OSU.

Our facilities at The Ohio State University are the best in the country. The Scarlet Course has hosted 10 NCAA championships over the years. It is state-of-the-art after completing a major renovation in May 2008. In addition to our two courses, we also have the Muirfield Village Golf Club, Scioto Country Club, The Golf Club and Double Eagle Golf Club, to which the team has access to play. All four of these courses are ranked in the Top 30 in the world.

What are your personal goals, Coach Brown?
My personal goal has always been to maintain The Ohio State University golf program as one of the premier golf programs in the country, to graduate all my players and to help them maximize their skills and abilities. Over the years, we have won two NCAA championships, 17 Big Ten Championships and 156 tournaments. With the support of the administration, we are able to recruit outstanding players who have the ability to compete with the best players in the collegiate circuit.

One of my personal goals during my last 10 years at Ohio State has been returning our Scarlet Course to its original design for bunkers and adjusted so that the yardages are appropriate for our collegiate golfers who have the advantage of new club and ball technologies that extend their distances. In May 2005 we completed a $3.2 million restoration of the Scarlet Course, done by Jack Nicklaus, which made the course the best in the country. This project also included a new driving range for the team and an outstanding all-inclusive short game facility. In addition, we also have a multi-million dollar practice center for our varsity team on the drawing board. These facilities should draw the attention of young athletes who want to improve their golf games while getting their college degrees.
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UNDER COACH BROWN

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51 All-America Selections
91 All-Big Ten Honorees
58 Academic All-Big Ten Awards
Dear Jim:

The Ohio State University is truly fortunate to have enjoyed 36 years with you as the coach of its golf team. Barbara and I applaud your record as the winningest active NCAA golf coach, and appreciate the leadership and guidance you have provided your players, including our son, Gary. Your presence at Ohio State will be missed by all those who were lucky enough to have had the opportunity to work with you and play for you.

The influence you have had on the lives of those who have come through your program is immeasurable. And of course, I will always remember your knack for pinsetting—I am pretty certain that you didn’t even want your own players to beat the Scarlet course! 😊

Congratulations on a remarkable career and thank you once again for all you have done for The Ohio State University (go Bucks!). Barbara joins me in sending our best wishes and hope that the years ahead will bring continued good health and happiness to you and your family. We hope to see you along the way soon.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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[In Words of Former Buckeyes]

Joey Sindelar

Three-time All-American, three-time All-Big Ten selection, member of 1979 NCAA Championship team, member of three Big Ten championship teams

"For me, I came to Ohio State because of the tradition of the program. But then I realized Coach Brown was exactly what I needed. He was a skilled golfer, he knew the game, but he didn't force it upon you. He would ask you what you wanted him to look for in your game and then help make you better than what you were. Coach didn't micromanage us. He wouldn't let us struggle, but would give us meaningful tidbits that I knew would work because he knew me. It was awesome to have that experience."

On building Ohio State on the national scene

"Coach Brown set the table for our success with great people. He wasn't a 'be at the course at 6 p.m. sharp' guy, but we knew he expected our best effort. He was fun to play for, but we all had to qualify. There weren't five core guys — everyone had to qualify (for tournament play). He walked that line well and we never felt it was unfair. He set a tone for success and made the program shine. I'm thrilled my son is in Coach Brown's hands."

Ryan Armour

1980 Third Team All-American, two-time All-Big Ten selection, member of three Big Ten Championship teams

"The thing I'll remember about Chief, that's what we called him when I was there, is that you always knew where you stood with him. He is molding high school kids and making them better players and people. When you did something wrong, he told you. When did something right, he would pat you on the back. I thought it was a great way to coach."

"The thing I'll remember most is winning the Big Ten titles together. The key thing he would ask us at the end of every practice is, 'What have you done today to make us Big Ten champions today?' He wanted to get his most of his athletes and winning Big Tens was always a goal. We won three in a row, those rank up there will my fondest memories at Ohio State."

John Cook

Three-time First Team All-American, three-time All-Big Ten selection, member of 1979 NCAA Championship team, member of three Big Ten Championship teams

"Coming from southern California, Coach made the transition easy. I was far away from home, but in a community that really supported the golf team and the university. Coach pretty much served as my father away from home and it was great. Being alone when you're that far away, you have your hesitations, but he made it easy. And my time at Ohio State was the best of my life. I still reflect on my college days and how much fun it was. The experience was great."

"What was interesting about Coach was if you needed help, he would help you. If you didn't, he'd leave you alone. It wasn't like if you came here, you'd have to swing like this. He adapted to you because you were good coming in. He would help by watching you and trying to understand what you're trying to do with your game. He would be another set of eyes and I think that's what was so great about it. You weren't forced to do things. He was so flexible, I really appreciated that and it helped me grow and get myself better."

Building the Ohio State men's golf program

"We dominated during my years. He recruited great kids who wanted to play, who wanted to get better. For a Midwestern school to be as competitive as we were during my years and after is a testament to Coach. We were a powerhouse for a long time, competitive with all the Southern and Western schools. You can only attribute that to how Coach was running the program. To maintain that competitiveness all the way through his career is pretty outstanding."
Jim Brown

[In Words of Former Buckeyes]

Zach Doran
2003 Honorable Mention All-American, First Team All-Big Ten selection, Member of 2004 Big Ten Championship team

"I transferred to Ohio State from Florida Southern. Coach Brown recruited me out of high school and I called him during my sophomore year and asked if I could come to Ohio State. I didn't know what a big deal it was then, but coaches recruit players and if the players don't want to go there, they cut off all ties. With Coach Brown it was completely the opposite. He welcomed me, gave me a spot to try and qualify for. He gave me a fair shot and I ended up playing the last three tournaments that year. To me, it was huge. I don't know where else I would have gone."

"Coach is great. I've never seen a guy who will spend as much time with his players. He's not a coach that will go in there and try to motivate you. You have to motivate yourself from within, but as long as you have that, he will have time for you. Whether it's taking the time to look at something in your game or just wanting to get some answers, he's there for his team."

"Looking at the PGA Tour, it's a who's who from Ohio State. There are so many good programs and the more competitive program's get, the tighter it is on the recruiting end. It's a good testament to Coach's ability to get the best players from the home state and be able to win Big Ten championships with them."

"Now, he's more of a friend to me than a coach. When you're a player, you can go and talk to him about the game and anything else. Now I can call him and talk about anything - golf, things going on in life. I appreciate his opinion on things and will seek it. A lot of players I've met professionally don't talk to their head coaches anymore. They leave the school and lose touch. Those programs get the best players, win and don't care what happens after. I'll be on the road at an event and give him a call. It's nice to have that. It's not easy when you don't have a bunch of support or when you're playing bad, but he's always someone I can lean on."

Bob Knight
Friend and Ohio State men's basketball teammate

"Jim Brown has been a good friend for a long time. I always kept track of his teams and how they were doing through the years. He's done a terrific job over all these years. Jim's attention to detail and his great teaching skills were what made his teams tremendously successful for so many years."
CHRIS SMITH
1991 First Team All-American, 1990 Big Ten Player of the Year, four-time All-Big Ten selection

"I don't think in any way that I would have been able to do what I've done without Ohio State or Coach Brown. Not only did he teach us a lot about golf, but about life and how to treat people."

"He has the best short game of anyone I know. I try to take as much as I can from his short game and use it throughout my whole career. Last year I was struggling with putting. I talked to him and went out and started putting better. I've been out of school for 17 years and I could still call him for advice. I came to Ohio State and I was a 'hit the driver at every hole' kind of guy. Coach helped me with how to play a course and how to approach a golf course. The things he teaches are as good as anyone I've known."

On having second generations play for him
"Anyone former players want to send someone to their school, it says a lot about the school, program and coach. I talk to my friends from other schools and none of them have as many good things to say as I do about my alma mater. When I left, I realized I was extremely fortunate to go to Ohio State and play under Coach Brown. It was the best college experience - the facility, courses, school, city couldn't have been better. I talked to my nephew (Brad Smith) for years about going to Ohio State and I think that desire I had for him to go to Ohio State also says a lot for how I feel."
Brad Sparling is in his second season as the associate head coach of the Ohio State men's golf team after joining the Buckeyes in September 2007.

Sparling brings energy and a passion for college golf to Ohio State and constantly strives to make it the best program in the nation. He is in charge of all recruiting and signed the No. 4 recruit in the nation this fall. Sparling has established a new practice program for the team and created a new mandatory strength and conditioning program. As the academic supervisor for the Buckeyes, Sparling oversaw the team win Ohio State's 2008 Varsity O Award for the most improved academic performance.

During his first season with the Buckeyes, Sparling helped the team return to the NCAA tournament after a three-year hiatus. Ohio State also improved to 11-9-5 overall in 2007-08 and placed in the Top 4 in seven events. Additionally, two Buckeyes, Kyle Coconis and Bo Hoag, were named Second Team All-Big Ten.

A member of the Golf Coaches Association of America, Sparling came to Ohio State after three years of coaching at Duke. He served as the interim head coach of the Duke men's golf team in spring of 2007 when the team finished 13th at the NCAA championships. For his accomplishments, he was a finalist for the 2007 GCAA National Assistant Coach of the Year. He was the associate head coach of the Blue Devils the season before that. Prior to his promotion to associate head coach in 2006, he served as the assistant coach for both the men's and women's golf teams.

During Sparling's time with the Blue Devils, the women's team won two NCAA championships as well as two Atlantic Coast Conference championships and the men's team won its first ACC championship since 1986. The men's team also concluded two of its seasons ranked in the Top 10 nationally and finished tied for eighth at the NCAA championships in 2005 and 12th in 2006. In Sparling's three seasons at Duke, the men's team was one of only three teams in the nation to make the final cut at the national championships those three years. Four men's golfers earned All-America honors and Ryan Blaum was a two-time ACC Player of the Year.

While in charge of all recruiting for the Duke men's team, Sparling inked two of the top classes in the country. In 2006, the class was ranked No. 4 nationally and the incoming 2007 class was No. 2. He also was deeply involved in the fundraising for Duke's new golf team building (Karcher-Ingram Golf Center), practice facilities and indoor video training center (Rod Myers Training Center). Sparling helped design the buildings and supervised construction for the team building and indoor training center.

Sparling was a golf professional at the Duke University Golf Club from 2001-04, where he was an accomplished teaching professional. He also had success in numerous professional events. Before working at the club, Sparling worked in private business as an owner, financial consultant and director of finance.

Sparling played golf at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., where he graduated with a degree in economics in 1993. He and his wife, Susie, reside in Dublin, Ohio, with their three children: Jack, Nicholas and Emma. Susie is a native of Sandusky, Ohio.
David Becher

**SENIOR**

Dublin, Ohio

Dublin Coffman High School

Finance

2007-08 (Junior Season): Did not compete...had strong summer performances, including tying for second at the Mid-Ohio Invitational, winning the Collegiate Players Tour at Rattlesnake Ridge with a score of 224, and tied for 15th at the Ohio Amateur Championship at Findlay Country Club.

2006-07 (Sophomore Season): Did not compete.

2005-06 (Freshman Season): Did not compete...OSU Scholar-Athlete.

Dublin Coffman High School: Scholar-athlete at Dublin Coffman...first team all-Ohio Capital Conference as a senior as well as honorable mention OHSCA...helped the team win the Wooster Invitational and St. John Invitational...won the 2004 PUGT at Royal American with scores of 76-70 for a two-stroke victory...attended St. Charles Preparatory from 2001-03...was a scholar-athlete twice at St. Charles...first team all-Central Catholic League in 2003 and second team in 2002...honorable mention OHSCA in 2003...finished 19th at the 2002 Optimist International Championship.

Personal: Son of Dr. Thomas and Teresa Becher...has a brother, Michael...enjoys hanging out with friends when not on the course...greatest sports thrill was winning the 2003 Columbus Academy Invitational by three strokes.

Michael Cress

**SOPHOMORE**

Dublin, Ohio

Dublin Jerome High School

Undeclared

2007-08 (Freshman Season): Competed as an individual in the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate (April 12-13)...finished tied for 45th with rounds of 77-81-78...OSU Scholar-Athlete.

Prior to Ohio State: Helped Dublin Jerome High School to state championship in 2004 and 2005...team finished second in 2006...first-team all-state in 2004...second-team all-state in 2005 and 2006...AJGA academic junior all-american in 2006...future college: World Tour Academic All-American in 2007...finished second at the AJGA SAP open...had two other Top 10 finishes at AJGA tournaments...won the 2006 AJGA Classic...had two other Top 3 finishes in AJGA tournaments...future college: World Tour Academic All-American in 2007...finished second at the AJGA SAP open...had two other Top 10 finishes at AJGA tournaments...won the 2006 AJGA Classic...had two other Top 3 finishes in AJGA tournaments.

Personal: Son of Mike and Anne Cress...has twin sisters, Elizabeth and Katie...mother earned her master's degree from Ohio State...interested in becoming a dentist after graduation.

Dan Charen

**FRESHMAN (REDSHIRT)**

Langhorne, Pa.

Neshaminy High School

Finance

2007-08: Redshirted the season...DSU Scholar-Athlete.

Neshaminy High School: First team all Suburban One League...Bucks County Courier Times Golden Team selection...member of 2005 Garden State Challenge Cup...briefly in the Golf Association of Philadelphia's junior player of the year standings...won the 2006 Fred J. Christman Cup and Helen Sigel Wilson Memorial Jr. Invitational...6th in the 2006 Pennsylvania State Junior Championship and the 2007 AJGA First American Title Jr. Classic...Top 10 finish in the 2007 AJGA Corema/Philadelphia Runner Jr...tied for seventh among amateurs in the 2006 Pennsylvania State Open Championship...member of the National Society of High School Scholasts.

Personal: Son of Jeffrey and Randi Charen...has a brother, Alex...enjoys watching the New York Yankees and Giants...father played soccer at Denison University.
bo hoag

**SOPHOMORE**
Upper Arlington, Ohio
Upper Arlington High School
Undeclared

2007-08 (Freshman Season): Second Team All-Big Ten selection... one of only two Buckeyes to play all 34 rounds of the season... tied for fifth at the Marshall Invitational (April 4-5) and tied for fifth at the SCGA Pacific Invitational (Nov. 5-7) and tied for fifth at the NCAA Regional (Nov. 5-7) with rounds of 68-68-68 to finish 12-under at the Pac-10 Invitational... had a stroke average of 73.4 to rank third on the team... in his first collegiate tournament, led Ohio State with an even-par 72 to tie for ninth... had four Top 10 finishes, including one at the Big Ten Championships (April 25-27)... won the team's Jack Nicklaus Low Fall Qualifying award with a stroke average of 70.1... just the sixth Buckeye to win the award in his first season since it was founded in 1973... OSU Scholar-Athlete.

Prior to Ohio State: Ohio Player of the Year his senior season... helped Upper Arlington High School to the state championship and won the individual crown in 2006, shooting 76-77-153... first-team all-state in 2006... second-team all-state in 2004 and 2005... top ranked player in Ohio and the Midwest, ranked 12th in the world for amateurs according to Golfweek Magazine... five Top 20 finishes in eight AJGA events played, third place at the 2006 Coca-Cola Junior and sixth place at the 2006 Memorial Junior... finished runner-up in the Ohio Golf Association State Junior Championship in 2004, 2005 and 2006, after winning it in 2003... at 15 years old, was the youngest person to qualify for U.S. Open Sectional in 2004... played in the U.S. Open qualifier at Ohio State's Scarlet Course in 2007.

**Personal:** Son of Wes and Kim Hoag... has a sister, Lindsey... grandfather played golf at Ohio State... enjoys watching the Buckeyes and fishing.

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michael kinkopf

**FRESHMAN**
Hilliard, Ohio
St. Charles High School
Business

St. Charles High School: Top-ranked golfer in the state of Ohio his senior season... led St. Charles to a fifth-place finish as a junior and third-place finish as a senior at the state championships... came in 14th at the state tournament in the individual standings senior season... led St. Charles in stroke average all four years... team captain... 2006 USGA Amateur Qualifier Medalist after shooting back-to-back 67s... 2006 USGA Jr. Amateur Qualifier Medalist... had two Top 5 finishes in 2007: 5th at the AJGA Junior Open and tied for third at the USGA Junior Championship... came in fourth at the 2006 AJGA Smidt Field Junior Championship and seventh at the Nationwide Insurance Junior presented by the Memorial Tournament... has won eight individual titles and was runner-up in 12 tournaments... ranked 129 by Polo Golf Rankings.

**Personal:** Son of Kenneth and Carole Kinkopf... has two younger brothers, Matthew and Jonathan... also was a left wing on the St. Charles hockey team for three seasons and was a member of the National Honors Society... greatest sports thrill was qualifying for the 2006 U.S. Amateur at age 16... enjoys hockey, snowboarding, soccer and fishing when not on the course.

tanner murphy

**SOPHOMORE**
Upper Arlington, Ohio
Upper Arlington High School
Business

2007-08 (Freshman Season): Played in two tournaments... shot a season-low 72 at the Ron Moore Invitational (March 21-23)... best finish was tied for 53rd at the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate (April 13-15)... had a stroke average of 77... OSU Scholar-Athlete.

Upper Arlington High School: Helped Upper Arlington High School win the state championship his senior season... finished individually shooting 77-78-155... first-team all-state and academic all-state his senior season... first-team all-central district in 2005 and 2006... set scoring records in three prestigious Ohio high school tournaments with rounds of 67 at the St. Ignatius Invitational, 68 at the Moeller Invitational and 67 at the Upper Arlington Invitational... won the 2005 AIGA Memorial Junior shooting 68-68-69... named 2005 AIGA Rolex Junior All-American Honorable Mention.

**Personal:** Son of Mark and Noreen Murphy... has a sister, Paige... both father and mother graduated from Ohio State... grandfather, Bob Murphy, was a team physician at Ohio State for 42 years... enjoys skiing and watching football and basketball.

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gary quinn

FRESHMAN
Anthem, Ariz.
Boulder Creek High School
Undeclared

Boulder Creek High School: Led Boulder Creek to the 2005 Arizona State High School Championship after a runner-up finish the season before... won individual title in 2007 by shooting 65-71 at the state championship, the third-lowest total ever, earning all-state honors in the process... two-time team captain... named team MVP in 2007... region champion in 2006, followed with a runner-up finish the next season... led the Jaguars to two section championships and two regional championships... had two top 5 finishes during the AJGA's 2007 summer season, fifth at the Jerry Pate/Andrews Institute Southern Junior and second at the Lockton/Capital Federal Kansas City Junior... stroke average of 72.75 in four AJGA tournaments in 2007... finished seventh at the Nike Junior Classic at Las Condes as a freshman... top 100 recruit by Polo Golf rankings.

Personal: Son of Dave and Karen Quinn... both parents are Ohio State grads... has a brother, Jeff... grandfather, Bob Kier, also graduated from Ohio State and was an Athletic Committeeman... greatest sport thrill was winning the Arizona State High School Championship with his team and as an individual.

alex redfield

FRESHMAN
Undecided
Columbus, Ohio/Bishop Watterson

Bishop Watterson High School: First Team All-CCL all four years of high school... was a part of Watterson's state championship team his senior year, finishing third for 21st individually... won the state junior championship in the summer of 2005... first-team all-district as a senior... second-team as a sophomore and third-team as a freshman... four-year letterwinner.

Personal: Son of Robert Redfield and Sheryl Repasky... has a brother, Matt... enjoys listening to music and playing guitar.

dan rush

SENIOR
Avon Lake, Ohio
St. Ignatius High School
Undeclared

2007-08 (Junior Season): Played in seven tournaments... best finish was 14th at the William H. Tucker Invitational (Sept. 14-15)... fired two rounds in the 60's, including a season-low 68 at the Ron Moore Invitational (March 21-22)... totaled 78 rounds under par.

2006-07 (Sophomore Season): Played in four tournaments... had a season-low round of 71 at the Oklahoma Intercollegiate (Oct. 15-17)... finished seventh at the Oklahoma Intercollegiate with a total of 224 strokes... had a 74.6 stroke average.

2005-06 (Freshman Season): Played in 10 tournaments... best finish was a tie for 49th at the Big Ten/Pac-10 Challenge (Oct. 3-4) which included a season-low round of 70... finished with a 77.0 stroke average.

St. Ignatius High School: In 2004 was named to the All-Catholic, All-District and All Ohio Teams... Rush was a member of two state championship teams in 2002 and 2003... was the medalist in 13 of the team's 18 tournaments in 2004... set two St. Ignatius 18-hole scoring records by shooting scores of 66 at Stonewater CC and Pine Hills CC... maintained a stroke average of 71.0 in 2004, another St. Ignatius record.

Personal: Son of Dennis and Debra Rush.

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2007-08 (Sophomore Season): Played in nine tournaments, totaling 27 rounds. Ranked second on the Buckeyes with a stroke average of 73.4. Tied the lowest Ohio State score of the season with a 70 in a tri-match with Iowa State and Florida Atlantic (Feb. 18), which he won. Was named Big Ten Player of the Week for Feb. 20 for his round in the tri-match. Totaed eight rounds under par and four rounds of even-par. Had four rounds in the 60's. Two Top 5 finishes in tournament play. Tied for fourth at the Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic (Oct. 7-8) with rounds of 68-71-71 to finish 7-under. Followed with a fourth-place finish at the next tournament, the Landfall Tradition (Oct. 26-28).


Personal: Son of Paul Simard and Veronica Bascafi. Has an older brother, Ricardo. Enjoy playing golf, working out and music. Hopes to play on the PGA Tour or the European Tour.

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2007-08 (Freshman Season): Played in seven tournaments, including all six in the spring. Shot a season-low 66 at the Ron Moore Invitational, where tied for fifth at 7-under for his season-high finish (March 21-23). Named the Big Ten Player of the Week for March 26 for his efforts at the Ron Moore. Had a stroke average of 75.7. OSU Scholar-Athlete.

Peru High School: Four-year Indiana state finalist, placed fourth as a senior in the state championships, first-team all-state and academic all-state his senior season. All-conference three years. Led his high school team to an undefeated record in dual matches his junior and senior seasons. Low stroke average all four years of high school. Shot a school record 66 his senior season at the Peru Invitational. Made the cut in the Western Junior Amateur in 2006.

Personal: Son of Todd and Claire Smith. Has a sister, Erin. Uncle, Chris Smith, was an All-American golfer at Ohio State (1989-91). Enjoys playing and watching sports.

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Horseheads High School: Won three conference championships, two-time captain, named team MVP and all-conference every season. Won the New York Junior Championship twice. Led Horseheads in stroke average all four years, including a 35.2 nine-hole average as a senior. Won the 2007 AJGA Medicis Preseason Junior at Rochester, N.Y. Runner-up at the International Junior Masters.

Personal: Son of Jocey and Suzanne Sindelar. Has a brother, Ryan. Father was a three-time All-American at Ohio State and member of the 1979 NCAA Championship team, also played on the PGA Tour for 24 years and currently plays on the Champions Tour. Also enjoys playing and watching sports.
vaughn snyder

SENIOR
Massillon, Ohio
Canton Central Catholic/University of Akron Business

2007-08 (Junior Season): Played in four tournaments in the spring after transferring to Ohio State in December. Never finished lower than 13th. Led the Big Ten championships after the first round with a season-low of 68. Finished tied for 13th at the Big Ten championships (April 25-27). Best finish was a tie for 8th at the Marshall Invitational (April 4-5). Had a stroke average of 74.1 to rank fourth on the team. In his 12 rounds as a Buckeye, earned two under par and two of even-par. Won the 102nd Ohio Amateur in July 2008.

University of Akron (Freshman and Sophomore Seasons): Played two and a half seasons for the Zips, participating in a total of 31 tournaments with Akron. Played in 75 rounds with a 73.94 career stroke average. Carded a career-low score of 67 twice. Won his first collegiate event at the 2006 Bradford Creek Intercollegiate at 5-under with rounds of 70, 71-70.


Personal: Son of David and Marilyn Snyder. Plans on playing or coaching golf after graduation. Biggest sports thrill was his first college tournament win.

Season Rds Str Avg. Low Rd. Best Finish
2007-08 17 888 74.1 68 1 9th (April 4-5 Marshall Invitational)

brad wright

JUNIOR
Cambridge, Ohio
Cambridge High School/University of Akron Business


University of Akron (Sophomore and Freshman Seasons): Played in 14 tournaments as a sophomore and six events as a freshman. Named first team All-MAC as a sophomore. That year, set the Akron record for most rounds in the 60s in a season with 10. Also set the school record for most Top 10 finishes in a season with nine. Won the Wolf Run Intercollegiate (April 15-16) with a total of 150. Best round was 67 at The Mclaughlin (Sept. 22-23). Stroke average of 73.1 sophomore season and 76.21 freshman season. Academic All-MAC selection. Participated in the 2007 U.S. Amateur. Tied for 27th at the 2006 Western Amateur.

Cambridge High School: Four year letter winner at Cambridge. Two-time first team All-Ohio honoree (2003-04) and a two-time Eastern District Player of the Year selection. Finished tied for fifth place in 2003 and finished in third place in 2004 at the state championship. Named the 2004 EODL Player of the year after capturing the championship with rounds of 75 and 65. Tabbed for first team All-OVAL in 2003 and 2004 while earning first-team All-EODL honors in 2003.

Personal: Son of Ed and Brenda Wright. Father was a two-sport athlete (football and baseball) at Baldwin-Wallace College from 1980-84.
The Ohio State men's golf team finished the 2007-08 season with a record of 119-50-5 and topped off the year by advancing to the NCAA Central Regional, hosted on its own Scarlet Course. Head coach Jim Brown, the winningest active coach, made his 31st appearance at the NCAA tournament in his 35 years at the helm of the Buckeyes. Senior co-captain Kyle Conner and freshman Bo Hoag were selected Second Team All-Big Ten for the first pair of Buckeyes named All-Big Ten since 2000.

Conner led the team with a stroke average of 73.15, followed by sophomore Patrick Simard at 73.37 and Hoag at 73.44. In all, the Buckeyes had 20 rounds in the 60s as eight different golfers fired sub-par rounds. Simard fired the low round of the season with a 64, followed by a round of 66 by freshman Brad Smith. Simard and Smith were both named Big Ten Golfers of the Week after carding their low rounds.

In the spring, Ohio State won a tri-match against Iowa State and Florida Atlantic and finished in the Top 4 at three other events, including its own Robert Kepler Intercollegiate. Conner had five Top 20 finishes in six tournaments and shot a career-low 68 on four separate occasions. The Buckeyes tied for sixth at the Big Ten Championships, held at Michigan State's Forest Akers Golf Club, with Hoag placing 10th in his first conference championship. Ohio State tied for 16th at the NCAA Central Regional and senior Vaughn Snyder, who transferred from Akron to Ohio State in December, missed qualifying for the NCAA Championships as an individual by four strokes.

The fall campaign was very successful as Ohio State finished in the Top 4 in three of four events and placed no lower than eighth. Simard had two Top 5 finishes, Hoag had two Top 10 finishes and Conner was runner-up at the Landfall Tradition.

Ohio State shot a tournament season-low 17-under twice during the season. The low round of the year came at the Ron Moore Invitational, where the Buckeyes shot a remarkable 11-under 277. They finished the season shooting under par 12 times. The Buckeyes' stroke average per round was 292.1, almost nine shots better than the average from the previous season. Counting fall and spring tournaments, Ohio State finished in the Top 4 six times.

Newcomers to the program were a key ingredient to Ohio State's success. Hoag, Smith and Snyder played a big part in the season. Conner, a fifth-year senior, entered the season having played in just two tournaments during his first four years but quickly took hold of the No. 1 spot during the year. He and Hoag played in all 34 rounds of the season. Brad Spauling was added to the Ohio State staff as an associate head coach and was an important part in the team's successful season.

### 2007-08 OVERALL RESULTS

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| Rounds | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 34 | -- |
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| Low Round | 279 | 277 | 278 | 292 | 847 (2x) | -- |

**Season Low Round** – 277 (2nd, Ron Moore Invitational, March 22, 2008)

**Season Low Tournament** – 847 (SSC Pacific Invitational, Ron Moore Invitational)
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### 2007-08 Individual Scores by Tournament

#### William H. Tucker Invitational
- July 15, 2007
- T-9: Bo Hoag 67-74-75-216 (E)
- T-14: Dan Rush 69-77-73-219 (+3)
- T-19: Kyle Cocoris 74-73-74-221 (+5)
- T-80: Kevin Grabbanen 73-70-82-236 (+18)
- Zach Sebold 70-73-73-216 (+18)

#### Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic
- Oct 7-8, 2007
- T-4: Patrick Simard 66-72-71-209 (-7)
- T-15: Kyle Cocoris 71-69-74-214 (-2)
- T-25: Bo Hoag 71-72-71-214 (-2)
- T-36: Zach Sebold 79-69-72-220 (+4)
- T-73: Dan Rush 76-74-76-228 (+12)

#### Landfall Tradition
- T-2: Kyle Cocoris 71-66-73-212 (-4)
- T-4: Patrick Simard 72-71-72-215 (-1)
- T-11: Zach Sebold 75-70-74-219 (+3)
- T-44: Bo Hoag 77-79-76-232 (+16)
- T-44: Dan Rush 80-77-77-232 (+16)

#### SSC Pacific Invitational
- Nov 5-7, 2007
- T-5: Bo Hoag 69-68-67-204 (12)
- T-25: Patrick Simard 69-74-70-213 (3)
- T-42: Kyle Cocoris 70-72-69-217 (+1)
- T-52: Zach Sebold 73-73-73-219 (+3)
- T-56: Brad Smith 71-73-77-221 (+5)

#### Rice Pinar Intercollegiate
- Feb 25-26, 2008
- T-17: Kyle Cocoris 71-72-72-215 (-1)
- T-27: Brad Smith 72-71-75-218 (-2)
- T-37: Bo Hoag 72-73-75-222 (+4)
- T-69: Patrick Simard 73-78-75-226 (+10)
- 76: Dan Rush 79-73-76-228 (+12)

#### Ron Moore Invitational
- March 21-23, 2008
- T-5: Brad Smith 73-86-70-209 (-7)
- T-11: Kyle Cocoris 75-68-68-211 (5)
- T-29: Patrick Simard 72-77-69-214 (-2)
- T-34: Zach Sebold 73-73-71-217 (+1)
- T-44: Bo Hoag 73-71-76-220 (+4)
- Ohio State Individual Results
- T-1: Dan Rush 71-68-75-214 (-2)
- T-10: Kevin Grabbanen 71-72-79-222 (+8)
- T-11: Tanner Murphy 72-74-71-217 (1)

#### Furman Intercollegiate
- March 25-28, 2008
- T-23: Kyle Cocoris 72-77-74-223 (+7)
- T-26: Bo Hoag 74-74-76-224 (+8)
- T-31: Patrick Simard 71-61-73-225 (+9)
- T-49: Zach Sebold 79-77-71-227 (+11)
- T-107: Brad Smith 77-78-76-231 (+21)

#### Marshall Invitational
- April 4-5, 2008
- T-5: Bo Hoag 71-69-140 (-2)
- T-5: Kyle Cocoris 66-72-140 (+2)
- T-19: Vaughn Snyder 70-71-141 (+1)
- T-23: Dan Rush 73-71-144 (+2)
- T-58: Patrick Simard 73-77-150 (+8)

#### Robert Kepler Intercollegiate
- April 12-13, 2008
- T-13: Vaughn Snyder 72-81-73-226 (+13)
- T-13: Bo Hoag 73-78-75-226 (+13)
- T-23: Brad Smith 77-77-74-228 (+17)
- T-23: Kyle Cocoris 76-79-75-229 (+18)
- T-47: Patrick Simard 82-78-78-238 (+24)
- T-5: Zach Sebold 71-74-78-223 (+10)
- T-45: Michael Cress 78-81-78-236 (+23)
- T-53: Tanner Murphy 79-81-79-238 (+26)
- T-58: Dan Rush 79-80-81-240 (+27)
- T-69: Kevin Grabbanen 81-81-79-242 (+29)
- David Becker 79-86-85-250 (+37)

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#### Big Ten Championships
- April 25-27, 2008
- T-10: Bo Hoag 75-74-77-71-297 (+9)
- T-13: Vaughn Snyder 68-75-83-72-298 (+10)
- T-13: Kyle Cocoris 74-75-77-72-296 (+10)
- 34: Brad Smith 79-74-76-77-306 (+18)
- T-53: Zach Sebold 78-82-84-77-319 (+31)

#### NCAA Central Regional
- May 15-17, 2008
- T-39: Vaughn Snyder 72-73-75-222 (+11)
- T-52: Patrick Simard 75-74-78-227 (+14)
- T-75: Kyle Cocoris 76-79-75-230 (+17)
- T-75: Bo Hoag 76-77-77-230 (+17)
- T-136: Brad Smith 83-82-80-245 (+32)
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HISTORY

1979 national champions

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**ALL-TIME CHAMPIONSHIPS: 186**

**157 CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDER COACH BROWN**

**INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT WINS (SINCE 1974)**

- Chris Perry: 19
- Joey Sindelar: 10
- Glock Barnouwgh: 9
- Chris Smith: 7
- John Coak: 6
- Mark Bolen: 5
- Ted Tryba: 5
- Chris Wullemann: 5
- Paul Davis: 4
- Ralph Gieson: 4
- Craig Rapp: 4
- Robert Hristz: 3
- Curt Schmit: 3
- Bobby Sims: 3
- Chad Willis: 3
- Ryan Armour: 2
- Rick Furg: 2
- Mitch Camp: 2
- Kevin Hall: 2
- Greg Ladehoff: 2
- Rocky Miller: 2
- Vaughn Snyder: 2
- Steve Anderson: 1
- Mike Austin: 1
- Wayne Bartolacci: 1
- Stan Cooke: 1
- Colin Dolger: 1
- Didier DeWyl: 1
- Zach Erm: 1
- Peter Hammar: 1
- Dennis Harrington: 1
- Craig Kanada: 1
- Mike McGee: 1
- Matt Minster: 1
- Nick Mogg: 1
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2004 Big Ten Champions
# Kepler Intercollegiate

**Robert Kepler Intercollegiate Results**

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**Event shortened to two rounds, low three-round scores in bold**

Ohio State has hosted the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate every year but one since the 1969 season. The Buckeyes will welcome teams for the 40th annual Kepler Intercollegiate in April 2009 on the challenging par 71, 7,455-yard Scarlet Course at The OSU Golf Club.

In 2007, the Kepler Intercollegiate returned to the Scarlet Course after breaking from it the year before while the course was being redesigned. The Scarlet Course has been the host course for the event 36 times in 39 years.

"Everybody in the nation likes to come here and play because the course is so difficult," OSU head coach Jim Brown said. "They know after three rounds the best team and best individual will win."

The tournament is named for the late Robert Kepler, who served as Ohio State's golf coach from 1938 until 1955.

Under Kepler, Ohio State built a golfing tradition which was enhanced by an NCAA team championship in 1945 and four NCAA individual championships. One of the latter winners was Jack Nicklaus, now universally recognized as the greatest golfer the game has ever known.

"We've had some of the best players in the country play here," Brown said. "It's a tremendous tournament. Over the years it has proven to be one of the best tournaments in the country."

Since its inception, the Kepler has been won by nine schools - Ohio State, Colorado, Indiana, Louisville, Northwestern, Kent State, Miami (Ohio), UNLV and Xavier. The Buckeyes have won the title 23 times, including six consecutive victories from 1974-79 and nine-consecutive from 1981-89.
# HONORS AND AWARDS

## STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS

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HONORS AND AWARDS

COACHING AWARDS

NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR
Jim Brown 1973, 1986

DIVISION IV COACH OF THE YEAR

BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR (Since 1988)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLARS

Scott Anderson 2003, 2004
Mike Austin 2000, 2001
Craig Matthews 1997, 1998
Dennis Harrington 1986, 1987
Curt Sanders 1992, 1994
Ken Vanko 1994

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN

Ryan Armour 1998
Mike Austin 1998, 2000, 2001
Billy Corbin 1998
Marshall Corbin 1997
Doug Davis 1990
Derek Deminger 1997, 1998
Chris Emanuel 2000, 2001
Kevin Hall 2000, 2003, 2004
Dennis Harrington 1997
Craig Kanada 1990
Darren Lundgren 2003
James Miller 2005
Scott Miller 1999
Peter Redell 2004, 2005, 2006
Kyle Sawicki 2007
Vaughn Snyder 2008
Matt Stokes 1997
Nathan Strong 2003, 2004, 2005
Randall Syl 2002
John Tyler 2006, 2007
David Vallina 2003, 2004
Brian Williams 2001
Chris Wollman 1994
Evan Wood 2008
Brad Wright 2009

GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS

This endowed scholarship program enables OSU to recruit and finance the educations of the top junior golfers in the world. The money in the funds (listed below), currently more than $1,770,000, is invested and the returns help the golf program maintain a solid financial foundation.

- The Billy Amicon Memorial Fund
- The Ray and Jane Ambrister Memorial Fund
- The Buckeye Pro-Am Golf Scholarship Fund
- The John Cook Golf Scholarship Fund
- The Chuck and Myma Fazio Scholarship Fund
- The Chester G. and Lorena C. Hawley Endowment Fund
- The Robert S. Hoag Golf Scholarship Fund
- The L. Charles Nicklaus Golf Scholarship Fund
- The AI and Martha F. Prapps Golf Scholarship Fund
- The Emerson "Bud" Hirsch Scholarship Fund
## TEAM AWARDS

### JACK NICKLAUS LOW FALL QUALIFIER

- Craig Carson (74.3) 1973
- Paul Davis (74.4) 1974
- Craig Carson (73.2) 1975
- Ralph Guarnaccia (73.8) 1976
- Red Spittle (72.8) 1977
- John Cullen (72.2) 1978
- Mitch Culp (71.1) 1979
- Mike McCoy, Joey Sindelar (73.2) 1980
- Chris Perry (72.9) 1981
- Chris Perry (71.1) 1982
- Bruce Scalabry (71.8) 1983
- Craig Poppas (71.8) 1984
- Chad Wilkis (71.3) 1985
- Craig Poppas (71.8) 1986
- Ted Tryba (70.6) 1987
- Chris Sekella (70.0) 1988
- Chris Rule (71.8) 1989
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- Chris Rule (70.4) 1991
- Steve Anderson (72.4) 1992
- Bobby Sims (71.7) 1993
- Chris Wollenmann (65.7) 1994
- Edler Devogelaer (70.0) 1995
- Craig Matthew (70.2) 1996
- Jeff Brown (70.5) 1997
- Chris Emanuel (65.7) 1998
- Justin Collins (70.1) 1999
- Justin Collins (70.1) 2000
- Greg Wade (66.6) 2001
- Kevin Hall (66.6) 2002
- Brett Williams (70.0) 2003
- Colin Bies (65.6) 2004
- Michael Haverfield (73.6) 2005
- Colin Bies (72.5) 2006
- Bo Hoag (70.1) 2007
- Bo Hoag (69.2) 2008

### TOM WEISKUFF FALL MATCH-PLAY CHAMP

- Larry Gallaway 1972
- Craig Carson 1974
- Rod Spittle 1975
- John Cullen 1976
- Rod Spittle 1977
- Mark Eidson 1978
- Ricky Miller 1979
- Brian McGow 1980
- Greg Ledgehoff 1981
- Chris Perry 1982
- Robert Houtable 1983
- Clark Bemoree 1984
- Robert Houtable 1985
- Craig Poppas 1986
- Chris Simard 1987
- Chris Sekella 1988
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- Chris Smith 1990
- Curt Sanders 1991
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- Jason Ulen 2002
- Zach Green 2003
- Scott Anderson 2004
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- Peter Treadwell 2006
- David Valino 2007
- Reed Smith 2008

### ROBERT KEPLER MEMORIAL

(Awarded for spirit, scholarship and ability)

- Wayne Enck 1975
- Dick Losh 1976
- Rod Spittle 1977
- Ralph Guarnaccia 1978
- Tom Fargnve 1979
- Mitch Culp 1980
- Mike McCoy 1981
- Brian Moog 1982
- Stan Cooke 1983
- Greg Ledgehoff 1984
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Jack Nicklaus

Nicklaus on Ohio State

"Ever since I was a kid growing up, my intention was to go to Ohio State. I had a lot of schools across the country talking to me about playing golf, but I just told them not to bother with it, I was going to Ohio State.

I remember when I won the Big Ten and (Coach) Bob Keppler came to me and said 'Jack, the only way we’re going to get this team to the NCAA is for you to spread eagle the field.' We were playing at Indiana, and I won the Big Ten by about 16 shots. We also won the team title by one shot, which allowed us to go to the NCAA.

Ohio State’s got a great golf tradition. Jim Brown’s done a great job, and of course he’s been helped by the facilities. It’s probably as fine a college facility as there is in the country. It’s really nice. I am very excited about renovating the Scarlet Course beginning in May 2005."

Nicklaus by the Numbers

71 PGA Tour Victories, 10 Senior PGA Tour Victories, 14 International Victories, five Tour related victories, $8,779,864 in career earnings.

Career Highlights

Considered by many to be the greatest player in the history of the sport ... named "Golfer of the Century" by Golf Magazine in 1988 and in 1996 by Golf Monthly ... named as Sports Writers’ Athlete of the Decade for the 1970’s ... 1978 Sports Illustrated Sportman of the Year ... PGA Player of the Year five times (1967, ’72, ’73, ’75, ’76) ... inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1974 ... the first PGA tour player to reach $2 million (1973), $3 million (1977), $4 million (1983) and $5 million (1986) in career earnings ... shares with Arnold Palmer the record for most consecutive years with at least one PGA Tour victory with 17 from 1962-78 ... made 105 consecutive tournament cuts from 1970-76, second only to Byron Nelson’s 113 ... winner of six Masters (1963, ’65, ’66, ’72, ’75, ’86), five PGA Championships (1963, ’71, ’73, ’75, ’80), four U.S. Opens (1962, ’66, ’72, ’78) and three British Opens (1966, ’70, ’78) ... became oldest player to win Masters (age 46) in 1986 ... led PGA Tour in earnings eight times (1954, ’55, ’67, ’71, ’72, ’73, ’75, ’76) ... first professional victory came in 1962 at the U.S. Open at Oakmont C.C. where he defeated Arnold Palmer in an 18 hole playoff ... outstanding amateur record includes two U.S. Amateur titles in 1959 and 1961 ... 1961 NCAA Champion while at Ohio State.

Personal

One of golf’s driving forces off the course ... founder and host of the Memorial Tournament ... one of the world’s leading golf course designers through his company, Golden Bear International – a diversified, international brand name golf products and services company ... a 1977 Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee.

Q&A with Jack Nicklaus

What do you remember most about your days at Ohio State?

“Well, ever since I was a kid growing up, my intention was to go to Ohio State. I had a lot of schools across the country talking to me about playing golf, but I just told them not to bother with it, I was going to Ohio State. I never had any problems at Ohio State. I enjoyed it and had a great time."

What were the highlights of your golf days at Ohio State?

“It wasn’t anything that happened at Ohio State, I suppose. But I won the National Amateur while in school at Ohio State. Another thrill was when I almost won the (U.S.) Open at Cherry Hills in 1966 when I was still in school at Ohio State. And of course I won the NCAA when I was at Ohio State, too.”

Could you talk about 1961, when you won the NCAA individual title, you were the NCAA Medalist and you won the big ten individual title?

“I do remember when I won the Big Ten and (Coach) Bob Keppler came to me and he said ‘Jack, the only way we’re going to get this team to the NCAA is for you to spread eagle the field.’ And I think we were playing at Indiana and I won the Big Ten by about 16 shots. We also won the team by one shot, which allowed us to go to the NCAA. And there, Mike Podolski and I finished done-two in the medal honors to qualify us for match play and the team title. I ended up playing Mike in the finals of that and I beat him to win the NCAA.”

What do you remember most about Bob Keppler, your coach at Ohio State?

“Well, Kep was a great guy. Kep really introduced me more to fishing than he did to golf. He was a super guy and we spent a lot of time together. He was not only a good coach, but a heck of a friend.”

Comment, please, on Ohio State’s Golf Program now, and the job head coach Jim Brown has done in maintaining the OSU Golf Tradition?

“Ohio State’s got a good golf tradition. Jim Brown’s done a good job, and of course he’s helped by the facilities. You’ve got marvelous facilities. It’s probably as fine a college facility as there is in the country. It’s really nice.”

And finally, could you comment on your professional career?

“I would just say that I’ve had a long, fun career, and I’m looking forward to a few more years, I hope.”
**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

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OHIO STATE AND THE pga tour

TOM WEISKOPF
Letterwinner, 1962

WEISKOPF ON OHIO STATE
"Unquestionably, the best years of my life were those spent in Columbus at Ohio State. Those years gave me the confidence to become successful. "The college player needs not only a fine course for practice and play and strong competition, but also a good coach who is capable of bringing out the character and potential in his players. Many Ohio State players had the experience to know and play for Bob Kepler. He has died, but not the tradition he created and passed on to his two successors, the latest one being one of my best friends, Jim Brown. "Compare your options, not just the golf program, but more importantly the academics. Consider the tradition and reputation, and I think you'll see why so many of us choose to go to Ohio State."

WEISKOPF BY THE NUMBERS
16 PGA Tour Victories, including the 1973 British Open and 20 other Top 10 finishes in the major championships. Five Senior PGA Tour victories including the 1995 U.S. Senior Open. Three international victories. $4,079,542 in career earnings. Also a member of the 1973 and 1975 U.S. Ryder Cup teams.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Joined the PGA Tour in 1965, and the Senior Tour in 1983 had his best year in 1973 when he won five tournament titles in an eight-week span voted Player of the Year in several publications that year. 1973 South African PGA Tour Champion played on the 1973 World Series of Golf. The only man ever to post four rounds in the 60s at Congressional C.C. in 1985 to claim the U.S. Senior Open over Buckingham counterpart Jack Nicklaus. Four-time runner-up at the Masters and U.S. Open has turned his attention to his golf course design business, which he has been involved in since 1983.

PERSONAL

JOHN COOK
Letterwinner, 1977-79

COOK ON OHIO STATE
"Growing up in Southern California, one might think that my decision to go to Ohio State was questionable at best. I had played golf in California all my life and felt that, if I wanted to further develop my skills as a golfer, I had to learn to play in all kinds of conditions. "Another reason I chose Ohio State was the choice of golf courses available to the team. With the athletic and scholastic tradition at Ohio State, everything I wanted in a school was there. "Last, but not least, Coach Brown was not just a coach, but a friend who was interested in his players. He was very concerned that everyone reach his potential, not only in golf, but also in academics. His interest and concern was very important to me."

COOK BY THE NUMBERS
11 PGA Tour victories... two international victories... one Champions Tour victory... $13,790,736 in career winnings.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Member of 1978 Ohio State NCAA Championship Team. Won the 1978 U.S. Amateur and lost in the finals to Mark O'Meara in 1978... a member of the 1983 United States Ryder Cup Team... won the 1981 Bing Crosby Invitational as a professional... won the World Junior in 1974... posted his first recorded hole-in-one at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club during the 2006 Buick Open... had six Top 10 finishes in 2002... also received two runner-up finishes and set the course record at the Sony Open in Hawaii, with his 6-under 62... won the Fred Meyer Challenge with Mark O'Meara for the second time in 2000... finished second in 1992 British Open; tied for second in 1992 PGA Championship; fifth in 1994 U.S. Open; and tied for fourth in 1994 PGA Championship... finished second in the 2008 Senior British Open and fifth in the 2008 U.S. Senior Open... surpassed $1 million in season earnings in 1992 when he won three times, and again in 1998.

PERSONAL
Born in Ohio but grew up in Southern California... persuaded by Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf to attend Ohio State... made a cameo appearance in the movie Tin Cup starring Kevin Costner... a 1986 Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee.

JOEY SINDELAR
Letterwinner, 1978-81

SINDELAR ON OHIO STATE
"My reasons for attending Ohio State were many. I had set forth several criteria I felt necessary for my college choice. These were: No. 1, a strong competitive golf program from coaching to scheduling; No. 2, a fine facility, Ohio State is the best; and No. 3, a high-quality university academically. Ohio State more than fulfilled all those requirements. "I found the quality people that associated themselves with this program in the past and that Coach Brown continued to surround himself with, to be an added bonus. The friendships (Tom Weiskopf, John Cook, Chris Perry, etc.) and the memories (1979 NCAA Championship and Big Ten Championship) will be with me forever. "If I had to make the decision again, my choice would remain the same, without question."

SINDELAR BY THE NUMBERS
Seven PGA Tour Victories... $11,787,607 in career winnings.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Enjoyed rebirth of career in 2004 with his seventh Tour title at the Wachovia Championship... won the US Amateur and lost in the finals to Mark O'Meara in 1978... a member of the 1983 United States Ryder Cup Team... won the 1981 Bing Crosby Invitational as a professional... won the World Junior in 1974... posted his first recorded hole-in-one at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club during the 2006 Buick Open... had six Top 10 finishes in 2002... also received two runner-up finishes and set the course record at the Sony Open in Hawaii, with his 6-under 62... won the Fred Meyer Challenge with Mark O'Meara for the second time in 2000... finished second in 1992 British Open; tied for second in 1992 PGA Championship; fifth in 1994 U.S. Open; and tied for fourth in 1994 PGA Championship... finished second in the 2008 Senior British Open and fifth in the 2008 U.S. Senior Open... surpassed $1 million in season earnings in 1992 when he won three times, and again in 1998.

PERSONAL
Born in Fort Knox, Ky. Son, Jamie, is a freshman on the Ohio State golf team... a 1992 inductee into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame.
CHRIS PERRY
Letterwinner, 1981-84

PERRY ON OHIO STATE
"In recalling why I chose Ohio State over the other universities, I found that it was a relatively simple decision. Ohio State has a tremendous tradition in producing great players over the years. This is due in part to the fact that Ohio State has its own golf course and practices facilities. Not only is Ohio State a Big Ten power, but also is consistently ranked high on the national level.

"Ohio State has many great assets, the most important being a very dedicated and determined coach in Coach Brown. It also has fine support from its athletic department that permits the team to travel and play the best competition.

"In playing golf at Ohio State for four years, you not only will experience competitive golf at the highest level, but also will receive a fine college education. My playing golf for Ohio State was very exciting and fun. It was a privilege and honor."

PERRY BY THE NUMBERS
Had his first career win at the 1998 B.C. Open ... has posted one international victory and one NIKE Tour victory ... 9,210,052 in career winnings.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Finished in the Top 10 in seven tournaments in 2000 ... had his best finish at the Masters (14th) in three appearances ... also finished tied for eighth at the 2000 Champions in 2000 ... had a breakthrough year in 1999 finishing fifth on the money list with $2,145,707 ... finished tied for second in the 1987 Kemper Open, 1993 Cannon Greater Hartford Open and 1997 B.C. Open, his best-ever finishes before winning the latter in 1998 ... finished in the money in 15 out of 20 tournaments in 1994 ... earned Player of the Year honors on the NIKE Tour in 1994 ... was runner-up at the 1984 U.S. Amateur ... three-time All-American at Ohio State.

PERSONAL
Resides in Powell, Ohio, just outside of Columbus ... an avid snow skier and OSU football fan ... a 1993 Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame inductee ... his father, Jim, was a pitcher for four major league baseball teams and his uncle, Gaylord, is a Hall of Fame pitcher.

TED TRYBA
Letterwinner, 1986-89

TRYBA ON OHIO STATE
"The best things about the Ohio State golf program are the great tradition and the fact that it afforded me every opportunity to succeed on and off the golf course. Ohio State has great facilities, a great schedule, great coaching and is a first class university. If I had to choose a school all over again, I would still choose Ohio State."

TRYBA BY THE NUMBERS
Two PGA Tour victories ... three NIKE Tour Victories ... $5,538,800 in career winnings.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Won the 1999 FedEx St. Jude Classic for second career PGA Tour title and surpassed $1 million in season earnings ... played in 17 consecutive tournaments, including five from 1999 and the first 12 of 2000 ... broke through with first PGA Tour title at 1995 Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic ... had back-to-back Top 3 finishes on Aug. 1 and Aug. 8, 1999 as he tied for third at the Cannon Greater Hartford Open and tied for second at the Buick Open ... tied for second at 1995 Walt Disney World/Chrysler Classic ... played on the NIKE Tour from 1990-92 and won three tournaments ... first player in Nike Tour history to win a tournament in three consecutive years ... one of the busiest players on the Tour in 1996, competing in 36 tournaments ... former Pennsylvania State High School Champion.

PERSONAL
Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ... analyst for The Golf Channel ... knew he wanted to be a professional golfer at the age of 7.

CHRIS SMITH
Letterwinner, 1988-91

SMITH ON OHIO STATE
"My choice to attend Ohio State was very simple. I wanted a school that offered me a great opportunity to take my game to the highest level, receive a fine education, have a great coach, play a competitive schedule and have a tough course to play. The quality of people surrounding the athletic department and the department's commitment to golf is second to none. Ohio State was great for me, and I'm sure that it will be for you too."

SMITH BY THE NUMBERS
One PGA Tour victory ... played in 16 NIKE Tour events in 1997 and has five NIKE Tour Victories ... $5,341,102 in career winnings ... currently on the PGA Tour.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Captured the 2002 Buck Open ... finished third at the 2001 BellSouth Classic ... competed in 16 NIKE Tour events in 1997 and was the top money winner at one point winning three consecutive events ... that first earned him an immediate invitation to play on the PGA Tour ... earned PGA Tour card in 1996 with a seventh-place finish on the 1995 NIKE Tour money list ... won two NIKE Tour events in a three week span during 1995, taking the Gateway Classic and the Victoria Open ... 1991 All-America selection at Ohio State, where he was Big Ten individual champion ... Indiana State Amateur Champion in 1990.

PERSONAL
A native of Peru, Ind., he plays out of Rock Hollow ... was an All District quarterback in high school ... a 2000 Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame inductee.

The Ohio State University men's golf alumni have earned more than $58 million in career earnings on the PGA Tour.

OTHER BUCKEYES WHO HAVE PLAYED ON THE PGA TOUR

- Bob Alchin
- Alex Antonio
- Ryan Armour
- Beck Borg
- Clark Burroughs
- Stephen Gangluff
- Craig Kanada
- Greg Ladahoff
- Jerry McGee
- Mike McGee
- Brian Magg
fairway club

Mission: The Fairway Club is a group of men and women dedicated to the growth and development of the Ohio State University Men's Golf Team through outstanding support physically, financially and emotionally. We strive to provide a positive environment for student-athletes to achieve their dreams in the classroom and on the golf course.

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The varsity program is respected as one of the most comprehensive in all of college athletics and is 36 sports strong – 16 for men, 17 for women and three coed. The department operates on a budget in excess of $100 million. Each year, Ohio State teams claim numerous Big Ten championships, compete in NCAA tournaments and vie for national titles while producing countless individual conference and national champions, All-America performers and scholar-athletes.

Ohio State’s Department of Athletics is under the direction of Eugene Smith, just the eighth athletics director in Ohio State history, Smith has developed a vision that will keep the Buckeyes among the nation’s elite in the 21st century. Ohio State is recognized across the country as a leader in collegiate athletics. More than 900 student-athletes participated in 2007-08.

With rich tradition as a foundation and with state-of-the-art facilities, such as Bill Davis Stadium, Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center, Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, the Younkin Success Center and Ohio Stadium, the Buckeyes’ outlook for the future appears even brighter than their glorious past.

WHAT IS A BUCKEYE?
A small, shiny, dark brown nut with a light tan patch that comes from the official state tree of Ohio, the buckeye tree.

According to folklore, the Buckeye resembles the eye of a deer and carrying one brings good luck. “Buckeyes” has been the official Ohio State nickname since 1950, but it had been in common use for many years before.

The first recorded use of the term Buckeye to refer to a resident of the area was in 1788, some 15 years before Ohio became a state. Col. Ewen Brewer, a 6-foot-4-inch man of large girth and swashbuckling mannerisms, led the legal delegation at the first court session of the Northwest Territory in Marietta. The Indians in attendance greeted him with shouts of “Hetuck, Hetuck” (the Indian word for buckeye), it is said because they were impressed by his stature and manner. He proudly carried the Buckeye nickname for the rest of his life and it gradually spread to his companions and other local settlers. By the 1800s, writers were commonly referring to locals as “Buckeyes.”

Ohio State Legends

Eddie George (football)
Stephanie Hightower (track & field)
Jack Nicklaus (golf)
MEN'S SPORTS (16)
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Diving
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Indoor Track and Field
- Outdoor Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Ohio State Has Won 58 National Championships and 276 Conference Championships

WOMEN'S SPORTS (17)
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Diving
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Synchronized Swimming
- Tennis
- Indoor Track and Field
- Outdoor Track and Field
- Volleyball

COED SPORTS (3)
- Fencing
- Rifle
- Pistol

Daniel Materzko (men's volleyball), Colin McMillan (men's volleyball), Chip Mount (basketball), Megan Arick (women's lacrosse), Carolina Mores (synchronized swimming),
- Kristin Mauers (synchronized swimming), Slava Meller (field hockey), Greg Oslen (men's basketball), Regina Oliver (women's lacrosse), Peter Olree (men's volleyball), Michael Peld (men's basketball),
- Mitch Robertson (men's diving), Tommy Ruskund (swimming), Troy Smith (football), Nick Swisher (baseball), Dan Taylor (men's track and field), Jennifer Trickett (pistol), R.J. Umbarger (men's hockey)
ANOTHER banner year

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Senior captain Jimmy Witcham added a storyline ending to his collegiate career at the NCAA men's gymnastics championships, earning All-America status on floor and vault, the third and fourth national titles of his career.

Teresa Meyer won three individual national championships and Sari Bergere won two as the Buckeyes, finished second in the open pistol championship and third in the women's championship at the NCAA Collegiate Nationals. Meyer, Bergere and Kristyn Schmid each were All-Americans. Meyer was a finalist for the Big Ten Medal of Honor.

James Clark won the Western Intercollegiate Rifle Conference air rifle championship and finished third in smallbore rifle as Ohio State won the WIRC Championship.

Women's volleyball player Dorellie Meyer was first team All-Big Ten for the third consecutive year. Meyer also earned first team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American honors and was a finalist for the Big Ten Medal of Honor.

Men's volleyball won its second consecutive NCAA regular season championship, won the MIVA Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Championships. Robbie Klin, Daniel Mathews and Ben Vares were named first team All-MIVA. Mathews was MIVA Player of the Year and Peter Hantza was Coach of the Year. Mathews was a first team AVCA All-American for the second consecutive season and a finalist for the Big Ten Medal of Honor.

Football advanced to the BCS championship game for the second consecutive year and won its second outright Big Ten title in a row. Buckeyes Award winner James Laurinaitis and Vernon Gholston led four players who earned All-America honors and nine who were named all-conference.

Women's lacrosse posted its 100th all-time win with a 15-5 win against Davidson. Senior Kristen Stake led the NCAA in assists and was named first team All-C. Moghan Buehler was ALC rookie of the year and Brittany Zehutmen was named all-conference.

Led by GWU, Player of the Year and second team All-American Kevin Buchman, men's lacrosse reached the quarterfinal round of the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history. The squad shared the Great Western Lacrosse League title as eight Buckeyes were named all-conference.

Freshman Cami Hubbs set the women's tennis program record for single season wins with 36 victories. The team tied the program record with 15 wins and returned to the NCAA tournament for the sixth time under head coach Chuck Merhebe.

Tommie Gobbel of the men's hockey team was named the squad's Bobby Breen Most Valuable Player after ending the year with a team-best 20 goals and 36 points.

Behind two individual national champions in J Jaggers (114) and Mike Pacillo (184), the wrestling team was the 2008 NCAA runner-up, the best national finish in program history. Head coach Tom Ryan was named the Wrestling Coach of the Year.

For the 25th time in program history, the synchronized swimming team won the team routine title at the 2008 U.S. Collegiate National Championships in McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion. The Buckeyes would go on to finish as the U.S. Collegiate national runner-up.

Junior men's tennis player Bryan Korner was named the Big Ten Athlete of the Year as the Buckeyes claimed their third-consecutive Big Ten regular season and tournament titles, for the third consecutive season and fourth time in five years. Ohio State advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA championships.

Women's basketball claimed its fourth-consecutive Big Ten championship and made its sixth-straight appearance in the NCAA tournament. Sensational freshman Janet Lavender was the 2008 Big Ten Co Player of the Year (coaches), becoming the first Big Ten freshman - men's or women's - to win player of the year honors. She also was an Honorable mention Associated Press All-American.

The women's soccer team advanced to the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in the last six seasons after advancing to the Big Ten championship tournament game for the fourth time. Lara Dickemann was a second team NSCAA/Adidas Scholar All-American.

Chelseea Davis won the NCAA championship on the three meter springboard and Bianca Alvarez was the runner up. The women's swimming and diving team finished 15th nationally at the NCAA championships.

Freshman diver Sean Moore claimed the national championship on the 10 meter platform. Wes Winzer won the Big Ten title on platform. The men's swimming and diving team placed fourth at the NCAA championships with nine swimmers and divers picking up All-American honors.

Baseball, Ohio State's oldest varsity sport, celebrated its 125th season in 2008. The Buckeyes qualified for the Big Ten tournament for a Big Ten-record 12th consecutive year. The team also won at least 30 games for the 71st consecutive season.

Men's basketball won 21 games and swept five games in postseason play to claim the 2008 National Invitational Tournament title. The Buckeyes were led by senior guard Jamie Butler, who ended his career as the all-time leader in assists. .five field goals made and games played.

Yasmin Lucis of field hockey became just the second Buckeye to earn multiple first team All-America honors and she repeated as Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year. She also concluded her career as a three-time first team All-Big Ten honoree.

Women's hockey captain Tessa Bonhomme was the first Buckeye to be named first team All-American, as well as the first OSU player to earn both WCHA Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year awards. Ohio State's first two-time All-American and first team WCHA selection, Bonhomme set career and season scoring records for a defenseman.

Men's golf returned to the NCAA tournament for the 31st time under head coach Jim Hahn. Senior Kyle Coomans and freshman Bu Hoog were each named second team All-Big Ten.

Men's golf played in its 14th consecutive NCAA tournament, falling just shy of the championship during a three-team playoff in the West Regional. Ohio State took third at the Big Ten championships. Carling Colling, Emma Jansel and Genesis Webster each earned second team All-Big Ten honors.

Men's soccer turned in the best season in program history, going 17-4-5 and advancing all the way to the national championship game. A 15-game unbeaten streak began in October and included two shutouts of Indiana, a Big Ten championship, a No. 5 seed in the NCAA tournament and three home wins to earn a berth in the College Cup.

Two softball Buckeyes were named All-Americans - senior Brittany Vanderpark and sophomore Sam Marder - and Ohio State went 33-23 overall for its second national title. The Buckeyes won 27 of 30 Big Ten conference games.

Soror women's gymnast Kaylyn Cleveing earned All-American honors on uneven parallel bars and the Buckeyes ended the season tied for 16th nationally. Ohio State scored a school-record 195.125 in rhythm to place third.

Ohio State hosted and won its third national fencing championship. Four Buckeyes advanced to their respective weapon's individual gold medal bout, with junior Andras Horanyi winning men's foil for his second-consecutive individual national title. Ohio State won its sixth-straight conference title.

The rowing team's second varsity eight capped a perfect 10-0 regular-season with an NCAA runner-up finish in the 2008 championships. Assistant and Varsity coach Dane Albrecht was named the Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year.

Men's cross country and track and field head coach Robert Gary coached his teams to Top 3 finishes at their respective conference meets for the first time since 1941-42. John Ely finished his cross country career by earning second team All-Big Ten honors and first team All-Regional honors in 2007. Jeff See was a first team All-Big Ten performer and a second team All-regional performer.

During the indoor season Ohio State placed third and was led by Sue, who won his second, consecutive Big Ten championship in the mile. The 4x400-meter relay team of Ethan Simons, Matt Come, Curtis Lisemberger and Stephen Robinson won the Big Ten title in the event for the first time since 2001.

Outdoors, Steve Esterline went from former walk on to Big Ten champion in the hammer. He qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 1,500-meter run and took fifth at the NCAA championships to earn his second All-American honor. At the Big Ten Championships, Bryan Burnell became Ohio State's first Big Ten javelin champion as a freshman since George Hoover in 2000.

Women's track and field and cross country had a record-breaking season under second-year head coach Karon Dennis. During the indoor season the team was led by Veronika Jamroz, who won the Big Ten weight throw by more than 20 feet. Jazette went on to earn the track and field championships and earned their second-consecutive All-American honor.

During the outdoor season Big Ten Medal of Honor winner Jenna Griffin won the Big Ten title in the 100-meter dash, set the school record in the 400-meter dash and was a member of the 4x100-meter relay and 4x400-meter relay teams that set school records. Griffin earned All-American honors in both the 400-meter dash and 4x400-meter relay at the NCAA outdoor championships.

At the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships the Buckeyes posted their best finish since 2005. Five Buckeyes earned All-American honors for the most in a year at Ohio State. The 4x100-meter relay team's All-American honors mark the first time in Buckeye history that a 4x100m team has earned that distinction. With her 2008 All-American honor, Jazette is tied for the most All-American honors in Ohio State history by a thrower.
THE 2007-08 SEASON PROVED TO BE ANOTHER BANNER YEAR FOR OHIO STATE ATHLETICS. THE SCARLET AND GRAY REIGNED SUPREME WITH 8 TEAMS CAPTURING CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THREE CLAIMING CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT TITLES. TWENTY-SIX SQUADS ADVANCED TO POSTSEASON PLAY IN 2007-08, INCLUDING FOOTBALL AND MEN'S SOCCER, WHICH ADVANCED TO THEIR SPORTS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. THE FENCING TEAM, WITH ITS THIRD NATIONAL TITLE, RAISED OHIO STATE'S ALL-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOTAL TO 58. TWELVE BUCKEYES, EARNING TITLES IN WRESTLING, FENCING, PISTOL, DIVING AND SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING, TOOK HOME INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND 88 ATHLETES EARNED ALL-AMERICA HONORS. IN THE CLASSROOM, OHIO STATE CONTINUED TO BE RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY AS FIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES WERE CHOSEN AS ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS AND A CONFERENCE-BEST 265 STUDENT-ATHLETES WERE ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS. AS SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES CONCLUDED THE SCHOOL YEAR, A TOTAL OF 169 STUDENT-ATHLETES HAD RECEIVED DEGREES IN 2007-08.
"With time comes change. It is Ohio State's time to be the university of the American dream, an institution worthy of public trust, and the front door to Ohio's future."

— E. Gordon Gee, Ohio State's 14th (and 11th) president

Founded in 1870 as the state's land-grant institution, The Ohio State University consistently ranks among our nation's top public research universities, integrating teaching and learning with research and community service. A research powerhouse with global reach, Ohio State's Columbus campus has the nation's largest single-campus enrollment of 52,568 students (60,347 on all campuses). One university with multiple locations throughout Ohio—main campus in Columbus; regional campuses in Lima, Mansfield, Marion, and Newark; and the Agricultural Technical Institute and Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster—Ohio State is home to the best and the brightest.
RISE AND SHINE
Ohio State ranks 19th among the nation's public universities, according to the U.S. News & World Report's 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges." Ohio State is ranked 10th among national public universities based on research, social mobility, and service in the Washington Monthly College Guide.

BEST IN CLASS
Ohio State's 2007 first-year class of 6,110 students (Columbus campus), recruited from more than 22,000 applicants, is the most academically prepared in the university's history, with an average ACT score of 27. Fifty-three percent of the students were in the Top 10 percent and 89 percent were in the Top 25 percent of their graduating classes. (undergrad.osu.edu/classreport)

THE AMERICAN DREAM
Ohio State is committed to ensuring that all qualified students, regardless of income, can make the dream of college a reality. The university's Economic Access Initiative in the Office of Academic Affairs is committed to educating students and families about available resources for college-hopeful students. (osu.edu/access)

FRONT DOOR TO OHIO
In addition to being a major employer and producing the educated workers of Ohio's future, the university actively partners in research projects and business enterprises that enhance the state's prosperity. Ohio State has an annual statewide economic impact of some $3.5 billion.

RESEARCH RECOGNITION
Ohio State now ranks seventh nationally among all public universities in research expenditures and second in industry-sponsored research, based on 2006 data. Ohio State's research expenditures currently total $720 million. (researchnews.osu.edu)

IMPRESSIVE RETURNS
This academic year, 92.4 percent of last year's first-year students returned for their second year, well above the national average of 77.5 percent for comparable universities. Also, 89.3 percent of both first-year African American and first-year Hispanic students returned for their second years, both all-time highs.

GREAT GRAD PROGRAMS
According to the U.S. News & World Report's 2009 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," Ohio State offers some of the top graduate programs in Ohio and the nation, including nine graduate programs in the top five: vocational/technical education, elementary education, counseling/personnel services (education), dispute resolution (law), pharmacy, industrial design, American politics, social psychology, and veterinary medicine.
prominent alumni

Lee Adams, Tony Award-winning lyricist
Nick Anderson, award-winning editorial cartoonist (Louisville Courier-Journal)
Carole Black, President and CEO of Lifetime Entertainment
Fred Brooks, former CEO of Pixar and co-founder of Pixar
Samantha Bush, senior film critic for USA Today
Bob Crenshaw, gold-medal-winning Olympic diver
Dan Crippen, former director of the Congressional Budget Office
Lynn Dally, noted choreographer and tap dancer
Barbara Daniels, notable opera singer
Gillen Davis, winner of three Olympic gold medals
Melvin De Groote, pro bono inventor with 925 patents to his credit (Deceased)
Grant Devereux, former premier of Saskatchewan
Harry Dackett, chemist who developed Xerox
Daniel Gallbreath, former president of the Pittsburgh Pirates and head of Darby Dan Stables
Mark Goldston, Chairman and CEO of United Online
Eugene Grunewald, critically acclaimed opera singer
Harlan Hatcher, longtime president of the University of Michigan (Deceased)
Elena Hektar, actress who won an Oscar in 1972 (Deceased)
Alice "Levy" Hohlmayer, original member of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League
John Jay, partner and creative director at Wieden + Kennedy, Inc.
James Katz, Hollywood producer and film restorer
Willard Kiplinger, business and economic forecaster (Deceased)
Ford Keenan, Olympic swimmer who won four Olympic gold medals
Robert M. Lawrence, Jr., nation’s first African-American astronaut (Deceased)
Samuel Lewis, influential artist
Tami Longaberg, president and CEO of The Longaberg Company
Howard Metzenbaum, former U.S. senator
Bebe Miller, noted dancer and choreographer
Erin Moriarty, CBS 48 Hours correspondent
James Gates, retired president of Lee University, USA
John Ong, retired chairman and CEO of the B.F. Goodrich Company
Cynthia Ozbek, award-winning author of The Pagan Rabbits and The Shah
Manuel Pacheco, president emeritus of the University of Missouri
Roy Plunkett, chemist and inventor of Teflon
Barbara Reynolds, nationally syndicated columnist
James Rhodes, former governor of Ohio (Deceased)
Mitsugi Sato, pioneer in the development of Japan's dairy industry (Deceased)
William Salkie, former U.S. Attorney General
Alex Schenkel, former chairman and CEO of Showey's Big Boy Enterprises (Deceased)
Richard Stoltzman, award-winning clarinetist
John Tengenhorst, award-winning composer and arranger
George Voinovich, former governor of Ohio
Michael R. White, former mayor of Cleveland

PRAISEWORTHY MEDICINE

For the 15th consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report recognized Ohio State's Medical Center hospitals among the nation's very best. Seven medical specialties were cited, including a Top 15 ranking of the cancer hospital and a Top 10 ranking of the rehabilitation program. (medicallcenter.osu.edu)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Citizens in every Ohio county are helped by Ohio State University Extension training programs that extend university resources to Ohio communities through programs in agriculture and natural resources, community and 4-H youth development, and family and consumer sciences (outreach.osu.edu)

WORLDWIDE APPEAL

Ohio State ranks 10th among the nation's research universities for the number of students studying abroad and 12th among all U.S. universities for its international student enrollment, according to an Institute of International Education report (nie.osu.edu)
POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE
A record 7,864 students received their diplomas at the 2008 spring commencement, exceeding the record of 7,623 the previous year.

BUCKEYE FAITHFUL
Total private support set a new record in fiscal year 2008 of $326.4 million, and the number of donors—121,177—also rose for the fifteenth consecutive year. Alumni and friends are funding scholarships, facilities, and outstanding researchers—from restoring the majestic Thompson Library to funding a professorship that led to one of R&D Magazine's top 100 innovations for 2006. (giveto.osu.edu)

BUCKEYE SPIRIT
Attending a university with 138 years of history gives our graduates—more than 400,000 worldwide—a sense of pride, tradition, and a lifelong connection to Ohio State. The seasons pass, the years will roll... but once a Buckeye, always a Buckeye. (osu.edu/alumni)
Consistently ranked among the top national public universities for undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, Ohio State is a student-centered research university that provides a well-rounded experience both inside and outside the classroom. From admission to graduation, Ohio State’s academic programs are designed to challenge students and prepare them for the future.

- First Year Experience (FYE): Created to help new students transition from high school to college and feel at home at Ohio State.
- Ohio State Scholars Program: Residential programs that bring together students with similar academic/professional goals.
- University Honors Program: Offers challenging courses and intellectual environment for high-achieving students.
- Freshman Seminar Program: Small, discussion-oriented classes designed to acquaint students with research opportunities.
- Study abroad: More than 120 programs with participation from 1,500 Ohio State students each year.

At Ohio State, education extends beyond the classroom and the practice field. Many students enhance their academic and career experiences through the numerous co-op, internship, and more than 100 study abroad opportunities. Many other students get involved in innovative research projects that have a lasting and direct impact on the community. What are you into? Chances are, one of Ohio State’s 500 student organizations is right up your alley.
FULFILLING OHIO STATE’S ACADEMIC PROMISE

- Rising rankings: The university has been named among the Top 25 public research universities every year U.S. News & World Report has done the ranking. In the latest ranking, Ohio State is up from 21 to 19 among all public universities.
- Better-prepared students: The 2007 first-year class is the best prepared in the university’s history for the 12th consecutive year, with an average composite ACT score exceeding 27.
- Faculty recognition: For the third year in a row, Ohio State has had more faculty (201) named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science than any other university.
- Research recognition: Ohio State is ranked eighth among the nation’s public research universities based on sponsored research, according to the National Science Foundation.

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COMMENCEMENT

Graduation day at The Ohio State University is one of the most gratifying moments a student-athlete can experience. Notables such as Bill Cosby, Bill Clinton, the late Christopher Reeve and President George W. Bush have given the commencement address at OSU.
Student-Athlete Support Services Office (SASSO) at The Ohio State University is committed to a comprehensive program of academic and personal development for student-athletes. We provide athletic academic counseling in conjunction with academic advising across the university to ensure seamless academic support. We collaborate with the Department of Athletics and other university units to enhance academic, personal, and career development programming, and we partner with the community to bring service and career opportunities to student-athletes.

Under the direction of the Office of Academic Affairs, SASSO has an extensive staff of 21 to serve students, made up of athletic academic counselors, assistant counselors, learning specialists, assistant learning specialists, academic resources coordinator, math specialist, and reading and writing specialists. There is a large staff of tutors and study table monitors as well.

Together, we assist more than 900 student-athletes in all areas of academic support, from career counseling and planning to honors placement and early registration. An athletic academic counselor is assigned to each team to provide individualized attention to student-athletes. Additionally, students are provided subject tutors, study tables and study skills instruction as well as access to a computer lab and printer to help reach academic goals.

Ohio State is serious about the role it plays in the lives of its student-athletes and for that reason has systematically designed programs to meet their needs. Upon graduation, students will receive more than just a handshake and diploma. Backed by one of the largest alumni associations in the nation, an OSU degree will be their ticket to career opportunities around the world.

475 SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

After the 2007-2008 academic year, a record 475 student-athletes were honored as Ohio State Scholar-Athletes for their success in maintaining cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better. Each year, the outstanding students are recognized at the Ohio State Scholar-Athlete Recognition Dinner and Big Ten Conference Medals of Honor are awarded.

In addition to the Big Ten Conference Medals of Honor, outstanding student-athletes in the graduating class are eligible to apply for a number of postgraduate scholarships:

- Corwin A. Fergus Memorial Award: Four awards go to scholar-athletes who have excelled athletically and academically, who have demonstrated positive qualities of character and citizenship, and who have shown potential for success in a graduate or professional program at The Ohio State University.
- Leann Grimes-Davidge Award: The recipient of this award is a student-athlete who reflects Leann Grimes-Davidge’s outstanding qualities of athletic performance, scholarship, character, campus or community involvement and leadership.
- A.K. and Judith A. Pierce Phoenix Award: Open to any student-athlete who has excelled in academics, athletics, and personal growth attained through perseverance and hard work, and who is planning to enroll in graduate school at The Ohio State University (preferably in the Fisher College of Business).
- M/I Homes Foundation Award: Awarded to a woman student-athlete for outstanding academic and athletic success as well contributions to the community. This award is intended for graduate studies at The Ohio State University.
ALL-AMERICA, ALL-BIG TEN, ALL-DISTRICT HONORS
During the last year, five Buckeyes were named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and 13 earned academic all-district accolades. The Buckeyes also topped the Big Ten for the fifth-consecutive year with a total of 205 Academic All-Big Ten recipients during the academic year. The number is the second-highest of student-athletes ever named to the team. The total number of student-athletes named Academic All-Big Ten since the 1994-95 school year is 2505.

CHAMPSS/LIFE SKILLS
Ohio State student-athletes are encouraged to become involved in more than just athletics. One of the most innovative and noteworthy initiatives fueling this effort is the CHAMPSS/Life Skills Program (Challenging Athletes’ Minds for Personal Success). To serve our diverse population we follow the five programming commitments of the NCAA model of CHAMPSS/Life Skills: academics * athletics * personal development * career development * community service.

ACADEMIC & ATHLETIC COMMITMENTS
- Athletic Academic Counseling Services are available for issues of eligibility and academic procedures in compliance with NCAA, Big Ten and Ohio State Academic standards (located in SASSO office).
- College Academic Advising Services are offered for academic information and planning related to a student’s college and major (located in the colleges).
- The study table and tutoring programs provide students with a quiet place for studying and library services as well as access to private tutoring for many academic subjects.
- Learning specialists and mentor programming provides intensive academic skill building, tutoring, and monitoring of student progress.
- The Degree Completion Program is designed for student-athletes who leave the university in good standing to complete their degrees.
- Priority scheduling allows student-athletes to schedule classes that accommodate their practice and training times.
- Strategies for Academic Success seminars highlight areas for academic development. Topics include academic misconduct, graduate/professional school admissions, and general study skills.

PERSONAL & CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- Courses offered through The Department of Physical Activity & Education Services (EduPACES) provide insight into issues affecting the personal development of student-athletes and prepare students for the transition out of sport and into the workforce.
- Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) is a student-athlete organization which provides team representation to the Department of Athletics and input on department policy and programming.
- Career Network Night is an annual event bringing student-athletes and local professionals together to interact and practice networking and interviewing skills.
- CareerCore is a career networking website that provides valuable career and networking resources for current and former student-athletes as well as employers. It includes job & internship listings, mentoring programs, an alumni & student networking database, and several career preparation tools (http://sasso.careercore.com)

COMMUNITY SERVICE
- Community Service opportunities are available to student-athletes throughout the community as well as in schools. Focus is on the student-athlete as a role model and giving back to the community that supports them.

YOUNKIN SUCCESS CENTER
The state-of-the-art Younkin Success Center, located on Neil Avenue near the center of campus, provides students and student-athletes alike with tools for success. It houses the Walter E. Dennis Learning Center, Career Connection, Counseling and Consultation Services, and the Faculty and Teaching Assistant Development office in addition to the Student-Athlete Support Services Office. All of our student-athletes have convenient access to these services as well as the services SASSO provides. A study table space accommodating 80 students at a time and eight private tutor rooms combined with a private student-athlete computer lab provide ample study space and opportunities for student-athletes. The collaboration of learning support programs within the Younkin helps ensure that all students, regardless of their backgrounds, interests and talents, find personal and academic success.

conference medal of honor

The winners of the 2009 Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor were Jenna Griffin (Track) and Dan Mathews (Volleyball).
Each member institution in the conference gives the award annually to the male and female athletes in the graduating class who have attained the greatest proficiency in both academics and athletics.
The Big Ten Conference office established the award in 1914 and an additional award for the top female was instituted in 1967. This honor includes a $5,000 postgraduate scholarship for the recipients who would like to pursue a graduate or professional program at Ohio State.
facilities

BILL DAVIS STADIUM
The 4,450-seat Bill Davis Stadium is home to the baseball team and has been the site of two NCAA Super Regionals (1999, 2003).

BUCKEYE FIELD
Home to Ohio State softball. Buckeye Field is undergoing a $5.1 million renovation that will be complete in time for the 2006 season and give Ohio State one of the finest softball stadiums in the nation.

FRENCH FIELD HOUSE
French Field House plays host to indoor track and field and is the winter practice site for other sports.

GRIGGS RESERVOIR
All home regattas are held at Griggs Reservoir on the Scioto River, which also serves as the main practice site.

LT. HUGH W. WYLIE RANGE
OSU's rifle range is a 20 point range set for 50-foot and 10-meter shooting for both the rifle and pistol teams.

JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL STADIUM
The 10,000-seat Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium arguably is one of the finest multi-sport facilities in the country, hosting track and field and lacrosse in the spring and soccer in the fall.

BILL AND MAE McCORKLE AQUATIC PAVILION
Beginning in 2005-06, Ohio State's swimming, diving and synchronized swimming teams moved into their new home, the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion, which features a 50-meter competition pool, spectator seating and a world-class diving facility.

NORTH TURF FIELD
Adjacent to the Woody Hayes Athletic Center, North Turf Field is home to the field hockey team.

OHIO STADIUM
Built in 1922, the Ohio Stadium renovation was completed in 2002, bringing its capacity to 102,329. Artificial turf was laid for the 2007 season and remains there today.

OHIO STATE GOLF COURSES
Two courses, the Scarlet and the Gray, are located near the campus. Scarlet was renovated by former Buckeye great Jack Nicklaus in 2006. Scarlet has hosted 13 NCAA championships, including the 2006 women's tournament.

OSU ICE RINK
Constructed in 1961, OSU Ice Rink serves as the home of the women's hockey Buckeyes. Extensive renovations were completed in 2004.

STEELWOOD ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITY
Completed in 2002, Steelwood Athletic Training Facility boasts 23,200 square feet of spacious and accommodating practice facilities and training rooms for fencing, gymnastics and wrestling.

STICKNEY TENNIS CENTER
Ohio State's home outdoor tennis matches are held at the newly resurfaced Stickney Tennis Center.

ST. JOHN ARENA
Formerly the home of Ohio State basketball for 42 seasons, St. John Arena now is the permanent venue to the fencing, gymnastics, volleyball and wrestling teams. Special events also take place in the 13,276-seat arena.

OHIO STATE INDOOR TENNIS CENTER
The new home of Ohio State tennis opened in November 2007. It contains six indoor tennis courts, locker rooms, concession stands, meeting rooms and elevated spectator seating.

VALUE CITY ARENA
The home of the men's and women's basketball teams as well as men's ice hockey, the $115 million multipurpose facility also hosts a wide variety of special events, concerts, family shows and touring productions.

WOODY HAYES ATHLETIC CENTER
Dedicated in November of 1987, the WHAC is one of the most extensive indoor facilities of its kind. The WHAC underwent a $20 million renovation during the 2006-07 season and is now state-of-the-art and operational.
IN 2007-08 OHIO STATE RENOVATED /4/ FACILITIES AND ARE IN THE WORKS TO BUILD /3/ NEW FACILITIES
CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Ohio State student-athletes are community leaders, making an impact, not just on the local landscape, but on a global scale as well. The Ohio State University adheres to the motto, "Do Something Great." Ohio State student-athletes are passionate about that philosophy, embracing their responsibility as role models.
Ohio State Athletics consistently has been at the center of local, regional and national media coverage.

With the chance to speak to various media outlets, ranging from television to print, student-athletes are presented with the opportunity to act as an ambassador for their respective sport and team, as well as the University.
Ohio State Traditions

**Brutus Buckeye**

One of the more visible symbols of Ohio State athletics is Brutus Buckeye, the school's mascot. In 1905, an art student designed and introduced the first Brutus, while the name was chosen in a contest. The mascot began as a hardened paper mache affair that looked like a bowling ball with legs. In 1975, a radical new Brutus was designed with a prune-like head and a man's body. That attempt was booted off the field and was re-worked, giving way to a mascot comparable to the beloved present day Brutus.

The original choices for Ohio State's mascot included a ram, an elk, a moose and the leading candidate, a male deer. Due to the skittish nature of deer, the idea of a mascot was tabled until January 1941 when "Chris," a German police dog owned by an assistant cheerleader, made an appearance at a basketball game.

The dog's career was short-lived and OSU remained without an official mascot until the 1960s.

**Buckeye Leaves**

A round white decal, about the size of a quarter, with a green depiction of a buckeye leaf is applied to Ohio State football helmets for big plays and consistency on the field. This tradition started in 1969 when football coach Woody Hayes and longtime trainer Ernie Gigg changed the look of the Ohio State uniforms. Many of the sports at Ohio State incorporate Buckeye Leaves into their equipment and uniforms.

**Script Ohio**

The signature formation of the Ohio State University Marching Band performed before, during halftime or after home football games is Script Ohio.

Each time the formation drill is performed, a different fourth- or fifth-year sousaphone player has the privilege of standing as the dot in the "i" of "Ohio."

"At exactly 16 measures from the end of "Le Regiment," the drum major struts out toward the top of the "i," with a senior sousaphone player high-stepping a couple of paces behind. As the crowd's cheering crescendos, the drum major stops and dramatically points to the spot where the sousaphone player then assumes the post of honor, doffs his or her hat and bows deeply to both sides of the stadium."

Woody Hayes, Bob Hope and Jack Nicklaus are among the select few non-band members who have had the honor of dotting the "i."

First performed at the OSU-Pittsburgh football game Oct. 10, 1936, Script Ohio was named one of Athlon Sports' 10 Greatest Football Traditions in 1999.
SCARLET AND GRAY
Ohio State's official school colors since 1878, scarlet and gray were chosen by a group of three students in a lecture room in University Hall because "it was a pleasing combination ... and had not been adopted by any other college," noted selection committee member Alice Townsend Wing.

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"The Best Damn Band in the Land" is the 225-member, all-brass Ohio State University Marching Band that formed in 1878 as a military band. Also known as "The Pride of the Buckeyes," the band is best known for the incomparable Script Ohio. Another band tradition of note is the "skull session," a warmup concert/pep rally in St. John Arena, open to the public before every home football game that allows the band to play and "think through" the show one last time. More than 10,000 fans regularly attend each skull session.

CHEERLEADERS
Buckeye cheerleaders are a constant source of support at all athletics events. The squad took second at the 2001 College Cheerleading National Championship, its highest finish since winning the 1995 title, and has placed first in the northeast region in 18 of the last 21 years. The squad was 15th at the 2008 national championships. The cheerleaders make appearances all over the state of Ohio throughout the year.

SCHOOL SONGS
Ohio State proudly boasts an alma mater (Carmen Ohio), two fight songs (Across the Field and Buckeye Battle Cry) and a state rock song (Hang on Sloopy).

BUCKEYE BATTLE CRY
In old Ohio there's a team that's known thru-out the land.
Eleven warriors, brave and bold, whose fame will ever stand.
And when the ball goes over, our cheers will reach the sky,
Ohio field will hear again The Buckeye Battle Cry—

ACROSS THE FIELD
Fight the team across the field, show them Ohio's here
Set the earth reverberating with a mighty cheer Rah! Rah! Rah!
Hit them hard and see how they fall; Never let that team get the ball,
Hail! Hail! the gang's all here, So let's win that old conference now.

CARMEN OHIO
Oh! Come let's sing Ohio's praise,
And songs to Alma Mater raise;
While our hearts rebounding thrill,
With joy which death alone can still.
Summer's heat or Winter's cold.
The seasons pass, the years will roll;
Time and change will surely show
How firm thy friendship O-hi-o.
Columbus, the largest city in Ohio, is the 15th largest city in the country. The state capital, Columbus continues to enjoy widespread development. Recent growth includes two state-of-the-art multi-purpose arenas, OSU's Jerome Schottenstein Center and Nationwide Arena, and the relocation of Ohio's Center of Science & Industry to its new home on the Scioto Riverfront.

The heart of the city features visual and performing arts and numerous festivals including Fed, White & Boom!, the Columbus Arts Festival and the Jazz & Rib Fest. The arts festival was named first in the nation for its crafts and fifth in the country in fine arts by Sunshine Artist magazine.

A flood of new entertainment acts and shopping districts, a unique partnership between professional and collegiate sports teams and a major expansion of its convention center make Columbus one of the fastest growing cities in the Midwest.

Recently, Nation's Restaurant News named Columbus one of the Top 50 cities across the country that "sizzle."

The area also features a number of unique neighborhoods. German Village, just south of downtown, is the largest privately-restored historical district in the United States. Brick streets are lined with shops and restaurants and are home to the city's annual Oktoberfest celebration.

Just north of downtown, the Short North Arts District features scores of art galleries, restaurants and boutiques. On the first Saturday of each month, the galleries stay open late for the popular Gallery Hop. The Brewery District, south of downtown, and the Arena District, north of the city's center, continue to grow in popularity. New additions in the Arena District include Lifestyle Communities Pavilion, an intimate indoor and outdoor concert venue, and the Arena Grand Theatre, a state-of-the-art motion picture theatre that offers moviegoers a whole new experience.

Shopping opportunities abound in and around Columbus. The city was ranked seventh in the nation by the National Research Bureau for the amount of retail space per person, ranking ahead of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and Boston. Those rankings do not include the newest shopping areas — The North District at Easton Town Center and Polaris Fashion Place.

Easton Town Center on the northeast side features hundreds of shops, restaurants and nightclubs, including the AMC Easton 30, the Cheesecake Factory and GameWorks. Polaris Fashion Place on the north side includes 50 retailers new to the area. Columbus City Center downtown and the Mall at Turtle Crossing on the northwest side also feature hundreds of shops and restaurants.

Columbus also features a stable economy with low unemployment and headquarters of major businesses, including Nationwide Insurance, Wendy's International and The Limited. The Greater Columbus area also is home to no fewer than 15 colleges and universities, including OSU, Columbus State Community College, Ohio Dominican College and Capital and Franklin universities.
**INTERESTING FACTS**

- Columbus is Ohio's capital and largest city (50states.com)
- The capital building was completed and opened to the public Jan. 7, 1857 after 18 years of construction (50states.com)
- Around 1900, Columbus became known as the Arch City. This was because of the dozens of arches that were above High Street. The arches were torn down and replaced with cluster lights in 1914, but were reconstructed in the Short North district in 2002 for their unique historical interest (50statesonline.com, wikipedia.org)
- Money Magazine rated Columbus as the eighth best city in the United States to live in.
- Residents of Columbus are usually referred to as Columbiansites.
- Organic Gardening magazine (June/July 2006) named Columbus a “Great Garden City”. There are more than 60 community gardens, as well as many farmers' markets featuring local foods.
- Columbus has seven sister cities, as designated by Sister Cities International. Columbus established its first Sister City relationship in 1955 with Genoa, Italy. To commemorate this relationship, Columbus received a bronze statue of Christopher Columbus as a gift from the city of Genoa. The statue, sculpted by artist Eduardo Afferni, overlooks Broad Street in front of Columbus City Hall.
- People from nearly 100 different countries came to Columbus to receive an education or to live.
- Columbus was voted the No. 7 city in the U.S. for singles by America Online.
- Columbus is the best city in the Midwest for small businesses and the No. 1 city for African-American families.
- Ohio is the 34th largest state in size and the 7th most populated state.
- 80 percent of the U.S. lives within a 50-mile radius of Columbus (50states.com)

**A TRUE SPORTS TOWN**

Columbus is fast becoming a sports capital of the Midwest with something for every fan:
- The Ohio State Buckeyes
- Columbus Blue Jackets, National Hockey League
- Columbus Crew, Major League Soccer
- Columbus Clippers, Triple A Affiliate of the Washington Nationals
- Columbus Destroyers, Arena Football League
- Columbus Blue Jackets, United States Hockey League
- Columbus Blue Jackets, National Women's Hockey League
- Columbus Comets, National Women's Track and Field
- Columbus Comets, National Women's Football Association
- National Trail Raceway
- Columbus Motor Speedway
- Mid-Ohio Sports Car course
- The Memorial Tournament, Professional Golfer Association
- Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational, Nationwide Tour, Ohio State University Scarlet Course
- Arnold Schwarzenegger Fitness Weekend
- More than 70 golf courses
- Beulah Park and Scioto Downs
- Griggs Reservoir

**NOTED AS AMERICA'S PREMIER INLAND CITY OF EXCELLENCE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, HAS MANY SERVICES TO OFFER**

Columbus is listed as one of the BEST METRO AREAS FOR THE ARTS by Places Rated Almanac:
- Columbus Symphony Orchestra
- Six downtown theaters including the Ohio, Palace and Southern
- Battelle Metro
- Opera Columbus
- Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA)
- Broadway in Columbus
- Columbus Museum of Art
- Wonner Center for the Arts
- King Arts Complex
- Short North Arts District
- CAAMO theater troupe
- Music in the Air programs
- Jazz Arts Group
Gordon Gee, among the most highly experienced university presidents in the nation, returned last year to The Ohio State University after having served as Chancellor of Vanderbilt University for seven years. Prior to that, he was president of Brown University (1998-2000), Ohio State (1990-97), the University of Colorado (1985-90) and West Virginia University (1981-85) during the course of his 34 years in higher education.

Born in Vernal, Utah, Gee graduated from the University of Utah with an honors degree in history and earned his J.D. and Ed.D degrees from Columbia University. He clerked under Chief Judge David T. Lewis of the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals before being named a judicial fellow and staff assistant to the U.S. Supreme Court, where he worked for Chief Justice Warren Burger on administrative and legal problems of the Court and federal judiciary. Gee returned to Utah as an associate professor and associate dean in the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, eventually achieving the rank of full professor. In 1979 he was named dean of the West Virginia University Law School, and in 1981 was appointed to that university’s presidency.

Active in a number of national professional and service organizations, Gee served as a Trustee for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation and as chairman of the Kellogg Commission on the Future of State and Land Grant Universities. He is a member of the National Commission on Writing for America’s Families, Schools, and Colleges, founded by the College Board to improve the teaching and learning of writing. He also serves on the NCAA Presidential Taskforce on the Future of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Gee is a member of the Board of Governors of the National Hospice Foundation, the Advisory Board of the Christopher Isherwood Foundation and the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, an independent Federal government agency established to “encourage and support research, study and labor designed to produce new discoveries in all fields of endeavor for the benefit of mankind.” He also is a member of the Business-Higher Education Forum.

Gee has received a number of honorary degrees, awards, and recognitions. He was a Mellon Fellow for the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies and a W.K. Kellogg Fellow. In 1994, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Utah as well as from Teachers College of Columbia University. He is the co-author of eight books and the author of numerous papers and articles on law and education.

Gee’s daughter, Rebekah, is a physician and Robert Wood Johnson Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.
Eugene Smith is in his fourth year as director of athletics at The Ohio State University. He was named to his current position on March 5, 2005. He is the eighth person to hold the position at Ohio State and the first African-American to do so. Smith previously served as director of athletics at Arizona State, Iowa State, and Eastern Michigan Universities, and is entering his 24th year in the role.

At Ohio State, the 52-year old Smith oversees one of the nation's largest and most successful college athletic programs. The Buckeyes have 36 fully funded varsity sports and nearly 900 student-athletes. The department of athletics is completely self-supporting and receives no university funds, tax dollars or student fees. In fiscal year 2008-2009, the department will contribute nearly $26 million in assessments to the university, including more than $13 million in grant aid reimbursement. In Smith's first three years at Ohio State, the department of athletics finished in the black financially and increased its reserve fund.

Upon arriving at Ohio State, Smith quickly established himself as a respected and thoughtful leader, both within the university and the community. In the spring of 2007, he unveiled a five-year strategic plan, reflecting the department's goals and values. The strategic planning process, inclusive of the entire department, emphasized the development of the total student-athlete.

Under Smith's leadership, The Ohio State Department of Athletics was honored in the spring of 2008 with the Diversity in Athletics Award in the category of Overall Excellence in Diversity. Smith accepted the honor at the 43rd annual National Association of College Directors of Athletics Convention in Dallas.

Shortly after Ohio State was honored as a department for its dedication to diversity, Smith was individually recognized for his contribution to the sport of football.

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, announced in June the recipients of the NFL's 2008 Major Awards. Smith was honored with the John L. Toner Award, presented annually, the Toner Award is given to a director of athletics who has demonstrated superior administrative ability and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics and particular college football.

Smith has an exemplary record of national leadership and service. In 2007, Smith served as president of the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association. He is entering his third year on the prestigious NCAA Men's Basketball Committee. He was recently named to the newly created Basketball Academic Enhancement Group, a 27-member panel charged with developing strategies to enhance academic performance and graduation rates in Division I men's basketball.

Smith is past president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and was that organization's first African-American president. He also has served on the NCAA Management Council, the NCAA Committee on Infractions, the NCAA Executive Committee, the NCAA Football Rules Committee, the President's Commission on Athletic Integrity, the NCAA Baseball Academic Enhancement Task Force, and the National Football Foundation Honors Court, among others.

In recognition of his service, Smith was named by Black Enterprise Magazine as one of the "50 Most Powerful African American in College Sports." In 2007, he was named to NACDA's inaugural "Legends Class," and was also named Athletic Administrator of the Year by the Black Coaches Association (BCA). In 2002-03, he received NACDA's AD of the Year honors for the Division I-A West Region.

Smith grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the University of Notre Dame on a football scholarship. He played four years of football as a defensive end for the Irish and was a member of the 1973 Associated Press national championship team. Smith received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Notre Dame in 1977. Following graduation, he joined the Notre Dame coaching staff under Dan Devine and remained in that capacity until 1981. The 1977 Notre Dame team captured the undisputed national championship.

Smith left Notre Dame following the 1981 season to accept a marketing position with IBM. He returned to college athletics in April of 1983 as assistant athletics director at Eastern Michigan University. In 1985, he was appointed as interim director of athletics at Eastern, a position he held until 1986 when he became the director on a full-time basis.

In 1993, Smith was named director of athletics at Iowa State University. He moved to Arizona State as director of athletics in 2000.

As a former college athlete and coach, Smith is passionate about the well being of student-athletes. "We want to create an environment for our student-athletes to be successful academically, athletically and socially," he says. "The student-athlete experience provides teachable moments that prepare young women and men for success in life."

Smith is active in the Columbus community and is a member of the board of the YMCA of Central Ohio. He also is active with the Bell Center for African American males on Ohio State's campus.

Gene and his wife, Sheila, have four children: Matt, Nicole, Lindsey and Summer, and two grandchildren: Marshall and Steele. Sheila, a 1976 Canadian Olympian in basketball, holds a doctorate in Higher Education Administration and is an Associate Vice President for Development at Ohio State.
The Big Ten Conference is an association of 11 world-class universities whose member institutions share a common mission of research, graduate, professional and undergraduate teaching and public service. Intercollegiate athletics has an important place within the mission.

Founded in 1966, the Big Ten has sustained a comprehensive set of shared practices and policies that enforce the priority of academics in student-athletes’ lives and emphasize the values of integrity, fairness and competitiveness. Big Ten universities provide approximately $100 million in direct financial aid to more than 8,400 men and women student-athletes who compete for 25 championships, 12 for men and 13 for women. Conference institutions sponsor broad-based athletic programs with more than 270 teams.

- Big Ten Universities are members of the nation’s only conference whose constituency is entirely composed of institutions that are members of the AAU, a prestigious association of major academic and research institutions in the United States and Canada.
- Big Ten Universities have more than 4.2 million living alumni and over 300,000 undergraduate students attending Big Ten universities.
- Over the past two years, the Big Ten has reached a series of milestone media agreements to provide the conference with its greatest television exposure ever, including extensions with CBS (for basketball) and ABC/ESPN (for football, basketball and volleyball) and the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. The Big Ten Network will operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and is set to launch in August of 2007. It will showcase a wide array of sports as well as original programming produced by conference institutions and represents a 20-year partnership between the Big Ten and Fox. The conference’s new media agreements will result in the broadcast of more than 500 events nationally and regionally beginning with the 2007-08 academic year, compared to 300 events in the final year of the previous agreements.
- Since 1952, the Big Ten has hosted in excess of 2,000 new opportunities for men and women student-athletes and established 29 new women’s teams.
- The Big Ten’s media agreements with CBS (men’s basketball), ABC/ESPN (football, basketball, and volleyball) and the Big Ten Network provide the conference with its greatest television exposure ever. The Big Ten’s new media agreements resulted in the broadcast of more than 500 events nationally and regionally during the 2007-08 academic year, compared to 300 events in the final year of the previous agreements. In 2006, the Big Ten created the first national conference-owned television network devoted to the athletic and academic programs of a single conference. The Big Ten Network launched on Aug. 30, 2007, and became the first new network in cable or satellite television history to reach 30 million homes in its first 30 days. In 2007-08, the Big Ten’s television partners aired every home football and men’s basketball game for the first time in conference history while also providing twice as much national exposure for women’s basketball than any other conference during the regular season.
- The Big Ten recognized 2,095 Academic All-Big Ten honorees during the 2007-08 academic year, the highest total in the last decade. Over the past five years, the conference has annually acknowledged more than 1,800 student-athletes as Academic All-Conference honorees.
- The Big Ten has claimed at least four national championships in eight of the last 10 seasons. Big Ten national champions in 2007-08 included Penn State men’s and women’s volleyball, Iowa wrestling, Ohio State fencing and Northwestern women’s lacrosse. The Big Ten has also produced team national crowns in the sports of basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, synchronized swimming, tennis and track and field over the last decade. The Big Ten is the only conference in the nation in which every school has captured at least one national title in an NCAA-sponsored sport over the last 10 seasons.

The Big Ten Network is dedicated to covering the Big Ten Conference and its 11 member institutions. The Big Ten Network provides unprecedented access to an extensive schedule of conference sports events and shows, original programs in academics, the arts and sciences, campus activities, and associated personalities. Sports programming includes live coverage of more events than ever before, along with news, highlights and analysis, all complemented by hours of university-produced campus programming. The Big Ten Network is a joint venture between subsidiaries of the Big Ten Conference and Fox Cable Networks. The Big Ten Network reaches a national audience through distribution arrangements with approximately 240 cable and satellite companies.

"Eleven schools, 252 varsity teams, one great network to cover it all. Welcome to the Big Ten Network, your ultimate source for Big Ten sports, featuring the games, passion and tradition of the nation's foremost athletic conference."

– Dave Revsine, August 30, 2007

Big Ten Network President Mark Silverman (from left), Fox National Cable Sports Networks President Bob Thompson, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Big Ten Commissioner James E. Delany and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jack Lavin announce official Big Ten Network headquarters location at the historic Montgomery Ward building in Chicago.
PLAYING PRIVILEGES

Along with its own nationally-recognized Scarlet Course, the Ohio State men's golf team has playing privileges at two of the finest courses in America, Scioto Country Club and Muirfield Village Golf Club.

Founded in 1916, Scioto C.C. was designed by famous golf course architect Donald Ross. It was at Scioto where Jack Nicklaus would learn the game of golf as a youngster growing up in Upper Arlington. Five prestigious championships have been held at Scioto throughout its rich history; the 1929 U.S. Open, the 1931 Ryder Cup, the 1950 PGA Championship, the 1968 U.S. Amateur and the 1986 U.S. Senior Open.

Designed by Jack Nicklaus, Muirfield Village was completed in 1974. The course is perennially ranked as one of the 20 best courses in the U.S. In addition to the PGA Tour’s Memorial Tournament, Muirfield has played host for the 1996 U.S. Junior Amateur, the 1997 Ryder Cup, the 1992 U.S. Amateur and the 1990 Solheim Cup.

Coming to Ohio State for the 2009-10 season ... the largest indoor collegiate golf facility in the nation.

In September the Ohio State Board of Trustees approved a plan to create a new indoor golf facility to be completed during the 2009-10 season. At 26,000 square feet, it will be the largest indoor collegiate golf facility in the nation.

Among the amenities will be an indoor short game area to practice putting, chipping, pitching and bunker shots. The facility will be equipped with the latest in golf technology and also hold locker rooms, coaches’ offices, meeting rooms, players’ lounges, fitness room, trophy room, club repair room and study area.