ONE-OF-A-KIND AUCTION TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

COLUMBUS -- Would you like to buy two tickets to the Ohio State-Notre Dame football game? Or would you prefer a ride in the Goodyear Blimp or the WCMH helicopter? How about a personal performance by a jazz quartet or a wine tasting party for 20? Maybe you’d like to spend the night in James Thurber’s bedroom or play a round of golf with Andy Geiger. These and many other unusual items are on the table at the “Things You Can’t Buy Anywhere Else” auction sponsored by the Humanities Alumni Society of The Ohio State University.

To be held at the society’s fifth annual tailgate party on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. on the Oval side of University Hall prior to the Ohio State-Washington football game, the event is a fund-raiser for the Humanities Alumni Scholarship Fund. There will be a buffet of international foods and entertainment by the Alumni Men’s Glee Club, as well as the auction conducted by Jerry Cameron, an Ohio State alumnus from Columbus. Both live and silent auctions will be held and the bidding will encompass a wide range of prices.

A partial list of auction items includes:

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* an Ohio State basketball signed by coach Randy Ayers
* an Ohio State football signed by coach John Cooper
* tickets to President E. Gordon Gee’s pre-game brunch
  and the Iowa football game
* a wine tasting party for 20
* golf and lunch with Athletic Director Andy Geiger
* a performance by a quartet from the OSU Jazz Program
* paintings by a Santa Fe artist
* a bow tie autographed by President Gee
* arrangements of “Hang On, Sloopy” and a CD of Ohio State music
  autographed by arranger John Tatgenhorst
* tickets and autographed ballet slippers from BalletMet
* two tickets to the OSU-Notre Dame football game, along
  with two game hats and two game T-shirts
* a night in the Thurber House in James Thurber’s bed
* a ride in the Goodyear Blimp
* a ride in the WCMH-TV helicopter
* two tickets to B.G. Salvi’s Grandview Inn Big Band Night

The event planning is being led by four members of the
Humanities Alumni Society: Al Wittkopp of Dublin, president of
the society’s board; Noreen Palmer of Reynoldsburg, first vice
president; and Marilyn Pritchett and Gretchen Hirsch, both of
Upper Arlington, board members.

The tailgate party and auction are open to all. There is a
$40 per person charge for the party and a game ticket, or $15 for
the party only. There is no charge to participate in the
auction. To ensure that there are sufficient supplies, pre-
registration is required for the luncheon and game and encouraged
for the auction. To register or for more details, call Shari
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From blimp to bow tie, auction offers oddities

By Amy Christensen
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Take a ride in the Goodyear blimp, golf and have lunch with Andy Geiger, ring the victory bell after an OSU football game win or take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Woody Hayes Facility and watch a football practice.

Buy these or any other one-of-a-kind items at the "Things You Can't Buy Anywhere Else" auction sponsored by the Humanities Alumni Society at Ohio State.

The auction will be at the society's sixth annual tailgate party before the OSU football game against Rice on Sept. 7 from 9:45 a.m. to noon on the Oval behind University Hall.

"The auction is a lot of fun because there are things you can't just go in a store and buy," said Shari Lorbach, public relations coordinator in the college of humanities.

Auction proceeds benefit the Humanities Alumni Scholarship Fund, which has previously raised around $12,000 through the auction, OSU calling and alumni donations, said Cheryl Smoot, director of development in the college of humanities.

"There has to be at least $25,000 in the fund before any money is awarded and we are hoping to raise a couple hundred thousand," Smoot said.

OSU President Gordon Gee's autographed bow ties sold for $600 at the auction last year that raised over $5,600, Lorbach said.

"It is an important way alumni can support current students that was not available to them when they were in school," Smoot said.

Items currently up for bid include Terry Glenn and Joey Galloway's football jerseys and two football packages for the Rice and Michigan game days. The list is still growing.

"We are offering items from all different price ranges so anyone can participate," Lorbach said.

The tailgate party is open to the public and will include a buffet of international food and entertainment by the Alumni Men's Glee Club.

"The buffet reflects the diversity of the college, because we not only like to show diversity in the faculty and in the students, but in the courses we offer as well," Lorbach said.

The cost is $48 for the party and a game ticket, $22 for the party only and participation in the auction is free, Lorbach said.

Lantern staff writer Angela Phillian contributed to this story.
HUMANITIES AUCTION TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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-- A ride in the Goodyear blimp.
-- Tour of the Woody Hayes Athletic Facility and visit to a football practice.
-- Golf with athletic director Andy Geiger.
-- Two football jerseys (Terry Glenn's & Joey Galloway's).

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-- Ringing the Victory Bell after a home game win.
-- Football brunch and game tickets.
-- A "Rice" package.
-- A "Michigan" package.
-- Tickets to a Reds game.
-- Ringing the Orton Hall chimes.
-- A membership to and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Wexner Center plus lunch hosted by Director Sherri Geldin.
-- Dinner and theatre hosted by Columbus personalities Fred and Howard.

The event is being planned by three members of the Humanities Alumni Society Board of Governors: Roberta Shoemaker, Noreen Palmer and Marilyn Pritchett.

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ALUMNI DULANEY AND STINE RECEIVE 1997 HUMAS AWARDS

COLUMBUS -- Two Ohio State University alumni will receive the fourth annual Humanities Alumni Society (HUMAS) Alumni Awards of Distinction June 5 at the College of Humanities' baccalaureate ceremony to be held at Weigel Hall at 4 p.m. They are being recognized for their outstanding personal and professional achievements and for having brought distinction to the college.

W. Marvin Dulaney of CHARLESTON, S.C., who received an M.A. in 1974 and Ph.D. in 1984 in history, is the director of the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture and Director of African American Studies at the College of Charleston. Dulaney has won recognition as a leading scholar of African American history and as director of one of the most important documentary repositories in this field. In 1996, Indiana University Press published his book, Black Police in America, which has gained wide-ranging acclaim and promises to become a standard authority in the field.

Robert L. Stine of NEW YORK, received a B.A. in English in 1965. Stine -- known more popularly to millions of readers between the ages of eight and thirteen as R.L. Stine, the author of the Goosebumps and Fear Street series of novels -- is, without question, the most successful writer of fiction at work in America today. Since 1992, averaging an astronomical 4 million volumes a month, Stine has sold over 130 million books. A former editor of Sundial, an Ohio State humor magazine that James Thurber himself once wrote for, Stine is the most productive writer in publishing history.

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HUMAS also will award Outstanding Student Awards to Garett Heysel of WEST END, N.C., and Will Pletcher of CARDINGTON. Heysel, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of French and Italian, serves as the assistant director of the Undergraduate French Language Program. Pletcher, an undergraduate majoring in history, serves on Ohio State's Judicial Panel and Committee on Academic Misconduct, and the Humanities Student Advisory Group.

The alumni award winners will receive a plaque and a framed poem, The World Without, written for the college's 25th anniversary by David Citino, a professor of English and creative writing.

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