

# WELCOME TO

# OHIO



THE PICTURESQUE OHIO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SITS IN THE CITY OF ATHENS  
ON THE BANKS OF THE HOCKING RIVER IN SOUTHEASTERN OHIO.



As Ohio's first and finest institution of higher learning, Ohio University's athletic tradition is rich and storied.

Ohio University was a charter member of the Mid-American Conference, which began in 1946. Other first-year members included Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve. Ohio's primary rival, the Miami RedHawks, joined the following year. The MAC is the sixth-oldest NCAA Division I conference and is the oldest such organization to establish a Hall of Fame, which features five Ohio Bobcats: Kermit Blosser, Bill Hess, Caroline Mast, Jim Snyder and Bob Wren. The University also fields its own Hall of Fame, with more than 230 inductees. In addition to those five Bobcat legends, Ohio boasts other distinguished athletic alums. Paul "Snoopy" Graham, Dave Jamerson, Gary Trent and Brandon Hunter each went to the National Basketball Association when their Bobcat playing days were over. Hunter was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 2003 and was selected by the Charlotte Bobcats in the 2004 expansion draft while Trent played for the Minnesota Timberwolves after three seasons in Dallas and stops with the Portland Trailblazers and Toronto Raptors.

Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt began his storied career as a Bobcat. He joined with Wren, current Ohio baseball coach Joe Carbone and former associate head coach Bill Toadvine to win a MAC championship and advance to the 1970 College World Series. Another former Bobcat, Bob Brenly, managed the Arizona Diamondbacks to their first World Series championship in 2001, his first year of coaching Brenly currently serves as the color analyst on Chicago Cubs' television broadcasts for both WGN and Comcast SportsNet.

Other Bobcat legends include two-sport professional athlete Frank Baumholtz, who played basketball and baseball at Ohio prior to graduating in 1941. Baumholtz went on to play in both the NBA and baseball's major leagues. Cleveland Brown Vince Costello (1953) was a Bobcat, as was professional golfer Dow Finsterwald (1952). Former Bobcat football players Landon Cohen, Mike Mitchell and Taylor Price were drafted in the past three years by the Detroit Lions, Oakland Raiders, and New England Patriots, respectively.

As the Bobcats have moved into the 21st century, so have University's athletic facilities. Football's Peden Stadium, which was built in 1929, is one of the oldest in the nation. However, like a fine wine, the facility has gotten better with age. The Peden Tower Renovation Project began in 2005. The renovation included an expanded athletic training facility on the first floor, which includes a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy room. The second floor was also revamped to include meeting rooms for each position and a team auditorium, all with access to the program's upgraded video system. The fifth floor, which houses the coaching staff's offices and a recruiting lounge, also underwent a face lift before the 2006 season.

In addition, The Peden Tower Complex is home to the Joan and Wallace Phillips Academic Services Center. The Phillips Center allows Ohio athletes the opportunity to pursue off-the-field academic success in a

first-rate environment. The addition of broadcast-quality lights in 1999 allowed night games. Later that season, the state-of-the-art Dr. Steve and Kathy Carin Strength and Conditioning Center was completed. The Carin Center is a nationally competitive facility that allows several teams the ability to work out concurrently. In 2000-01, Peden Stadium underwent a renovation project in which the playing field was lowered and seats were added. In 2002, a FieldTurf surface was installed and a new scoreboard and video screen made their debut in 2003.

The expansion and improvement motif does not end with football. Ohio's field hockey and track teams compete at Pruitt Field, a multi-purpose facility completed in 1999. Through a joint effort among Ohio Athletics, the Marching 110 and Campus Recreation, lights were installed in the facility prior to the start of the 2006-07 academic year.

Other recent additions to the athletics mall are the beautiful and functional Bob Wren Stadium and the Ohio Softball Complex. The Ohio baseball team has called the 3,000-seat Wren Stadium home since 1998.

The Ohio Softball Complex is equally impressive having opened in 1999. Future plans call for the construction of a permanent press box and seating area surrounding the field. Both facilities, along with the Convocation Center and soccer's Chessa Field, showcased new Daktronics scoreboards in 2003-04.

Just to the east of the Ohio Softball Complex is perhaps the University's most recognized building, the Convocation Center. "The Convo," built in 1968, seats more than 13,000 fans and is home to Ohio's basketball, volleyball and wrestling teams. The Bobcat volleyball squad, which won its fourth straight MAC title in 2006, entered the 2007 season with one of the nation's longest home-court winning streaks.

The Convo is an especially exciting place for sports fans. It has been the site of a women's NCAA first-round game, NCAA first and second-round volleyball matches, numerous

men's NIT contests, as well as the early rounds of the Ohio High School State Basketball Tournament.

A new floor and new video scoreboards highlight The Convo's recent improvements. The building also houses The Vern and Marion Alden Basketball Suite, the Phillips Auditorium, athletics department offices and athletic training facilities.

Across from The Convo is the Aquatic Center, home to Ohio University's highly successful swimming and diving program. It features an Olympicsized pool with 16 25-yard lanes and 10 50-yard lanes, as well as one and three-meter diving boards.

With a seating capacity of over 1,100, the center has hosted the NCAA Diving Regionals and the MAC Swimming and Diving Championships, where the Bobcats have captured ten women's crowns.

This coming spring, The Aquatic Center will host the 2011 MAC





### Women's Swimming and Diving Championship.

On-the-field success and competitive facilities are two-thirds of the puzzle. Bobcat fans eagerly provide the third piece, helping to make the Ohio Athletics tradition as strong as it has ever been.

Whether it's the O Zone student section in The Convo, cheering fans at Bob Wren Stadium or a child with her face painted at a Bobcat football game, Ohio's supporters are willing to go the extra yard for their favorite team. Season ticket sales for football have jumped an incredible 90 percent since 2005, while men's basketball ticket sales have risen by 50 percent in 2007-08.

Bobcat fans have traveled to Alaska, Hawaii and Canada to cheer on their team. They also make their presence felt in the closer locales of MAC schools. Chances are, when a Bobcat team leaves Athens for a competition, it will see friendly faces wherever it goes.

That support was showcased for the nation on Sept. 9, 2005 when a then school-record 24,545 fans jammed Peden Stadium to watch the Bobcats defeat Pittsburgh, 16-10, in overtime on an 85-yard interception return by Dion Byrum. The game was broadcast nationally on ESPN2 and marked the first national television production to originate from Peden Stadium. The 1.6 rating for the game equaled 1,401,080 households. The Pitt-Ohio game also ranked among the top 15 most-viewed regular season college football telecasts on ESPN2 since the network debuted in 1994, and ranked as the highest-rated and most-viewed Friday night game in ESPN2 history.

Ohio Athletics is an organization firmly planted in the present, with a focus on a strong foundation of success and a view toward what promises to be an equally successful future. The Bobcats, like their namesake, remain on the move.



## The NCAA Rules and You

Ohio University is committed to full compliance with all Mid-American Conference (MAC) and National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) rules and regulations. Therefore, Ohio University is responsible for insuring its student-athletes, coaches, faculty and staff, alumni, donors, boosters and friends adhere to the rules of the MAC and NCAA.

The loyalty and support demonstrated by our fans, alumni and friends is unparalleled. Please help Ohio University position itself for greatness today and in the future by reviewing this summary of NCAA rules.

### I. Representatives of Athletic Interests.

A "representative of Ohio's athletic interests," or booster is anyone who:

- Has ever participated in or is currently a member of the Green and White Club or Bobcat Club;
- Has made a donation to the athletics program;
- Has helped arrange for summer and/or vacation employment for student-athletes or provided benefits to enrolled student-athletes;
- Has assisted in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes; or
- Has been involved, in any way, in the promotion of Ohio University's athletic program.

### II. Recruiting.

Only coaches and athletic department staff can be involved in the recruiting process. Athletic representatives are prohibited from contacting a prospective student-athlete or members of his/her family by telephone, letter or in person for the purpose of encouraging participation in athletics at Ohio University. Please contact the coaching staff if you know of a prospect that may have the interest and ability to participate in intercollegiate athletics at Ohio University. The coach can then take appropriate action.

### III. Prospective Student-Athlete.

A prospective student-athlete is a person who has started classes for the ninth (9th) grade. In addition, a student-athlete who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally.

### IV. Extra Benefits.

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or his/her family a benefit not authorized by NCAA legislation. Extra benefits would include, but are not limited to:

- Cash or loans in any amount
- Co-signing or arranging a loan
- Gifts or free services (e.g., airline ticket, restaurant meals, etc.)
- Use of an automobile
- Rent-free or reduced-cost housing
- Money for, or a guarantee of, bail or bond
- Employment of a student-athlete at a rate higher than the wages paid for similar work
- Payment to a student-athlete for work not performed

Your commitment to helping Ohio University comply with the letter and the spirit of the rules and regulations of the MAC and the NCAA is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions concerning MAC or NCAA rules which help govern Ohio Athletics, please contact the Ohio Compliance Office at (740) 593-0987 or (740) 593-9800.



**• Academic Services:**

The Joan and Wallace Phillips Center, located on the fourth floor of Peden Tower, houses the offices of Academic Services and Compliance. With more than 10,000 square feet of space, the Phillips Center offers two state-of-the-art computer labs, a 42-seat classroom, private tutoring rooms, administrative offices and a reception area.

The staff of the Phillips Center coordinates a multitude of programs involving Ohio student-athletes with the Mid-American Conference and National Collegiate Athletics Association. They also serve as the official liaisons between the athletics department and all academic units on campus. With a goal of providing maximum support for all student-athletes, daily contact with faculty allows the staff to monitor those individuals with the greatest need for assistance.

**• Compliance:**

Compliance is a wide-ranging area, covering all functions of the athletics department including - but not limited to - recruiting, financial aid, eligibility, playing seasons, awards, extra benefits and rules education.

As a member of the NCAA, Ohio is responsible for the actions of its student-athletes, staff, alumni, boosters and fans. The Compliance Office coordinates, monitors, and verifies adherence to all NCAA and MAC regulations. We are dedicated to providing educational programs and interpretive support to ensure that all individuals involved with our athletics program understand and meet Ohio's compliance expectations.

**• Sports Medicine:**

The primary objectives of the Ohio University Sports Medicine Team are the prevention of athletic injury and safe return for the competitive student-athlete. The comprehensive staff of experienced professionals is dedicated to providing a healthy environment for athletic competition.

When a student-athlete is injured, the sports medicine team works to ensure proper diagnosis and treatment, appropriate specialty referrals, communication with sport coach, strength and conditioning staff and student-athlete to secure a complete and prompt recovery to competition. These specialists utilize advanced techniques for the wellness of the Bobcat student-athletes.

**• Strength & Conditioning:**

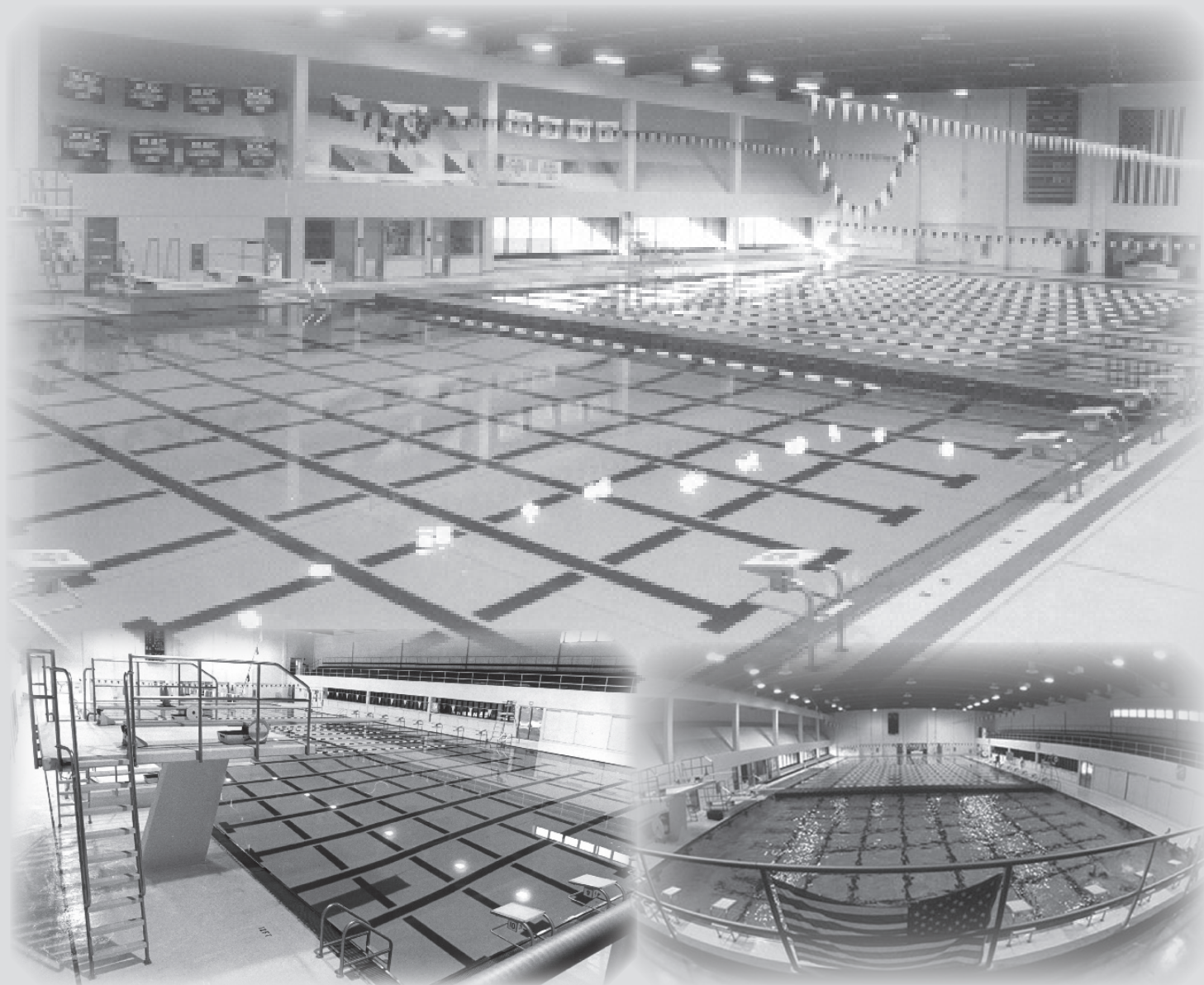
A strong athletics program begins in the weight room long before playing seasons start. Because of this, the Dr. Steve and Kathy Carin Strength and Conditioning Center located at Peden Stadium is an important catalyst in helping all of Ohio University's sports teams prepare for successful seasons.

The \$1.1 million facility provides state-of-the-art equipment and enough space to accommodate 100 student-athletes training at any given time. Built completely from donations by Ohio University alumni and friends, the center was dedicated on Friday, Nov. 12, 1999, and has since greatly enhanced the opportunities for and abilities of the 600 Bobcat student-athletes who use the facility each year.

Featuring Eleiko weights and a Mondo sports flooring system, the center boasts 10,000 square feet of the best and safest training equipment in use today, as well as a \$5,000 sound system. These features allow an optimum training experience and further the strength and conditioning program's goal to develop bigger, faster and stronger athletes.



# THE HOME OF THE BOBCATS



One of the premier swimming and diving facilities in the Mid-American Conference, the Ohio University Aquatic Center opened in January 1984 at a cost of \$4.7 million.

The Olympic-size pool has twenty-two 25-yard lanes, ten 50-meter lanes and a pair of one-meter and three-meter diving boards. Approximately 645,468.75 gallons create 12,300 square feet of surface water.

The shallow end of the pool is 3 feet 6 inches deep while the deepest part is 13 feet 4 inches deep. There is an underwater window at the deep end and an outdoor sun deck on the second floor.

The 1,105-seat facility hosted the 1984-85 NCAA Diving Regionals and numerous conference championship meets, including the Women's MAC Championships in 1986, 1989, 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2005 and the Men's MAC Championships in 1988, 1991, 1998, 2002 and 2006.

Planning for the center began in the summer of 1979. Financial support

from the Nationwide Insurance Foundation permitted Ohio University to undertake an architectural design competition involving six architects and begin - once a design and architect were selected - with the development of plans and specifications in advance of the capital funding from the state. Capital funding in the amount of \$3,625,000 was provided by Am.Sub.H.B. 552, which was passed Nov. 24, 1981, by the 114th General Assembly.

The planning for and design of the project involved individuals from the Health and Sports Sciences Department (formerly the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation) and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The committee involved in the planning - chaired by Dr. James Lavery, Harold McElhaney and Alan Geiger - consisted of students, faculty, coaches and staff.

Dan A. Carmichael provided architectural services for the project and bids were received Feb. 25, 1982. The facility's dedication took place Jan. 27, 1984, before a dual meet against Youngstown State.



## THE BOBCATS

Until 1925, or 29 years after the school colors changed from blue and white, the Ohio University athletic teams were called the "Green and White." At that time, however, the school's athletic board decided the teams needed a nickname and a campus-wide contest was initiated. Many animal nicknames were proposed but after great debate, the Bobcat won for its reputation as a sly, wily, scrappy animal. Former student Hal H. Rowland of Athens earned the \$10 first prize for proposing the winning entry.

A new version of the Bobcat mascot was introduced in 2006 to replace the older "Bob Cat." More than 500 people submitted nominations for the name of the new Bobcat in May 2006. Fans then participated in an online naming contest from June through August, selecting Rufus as the official name of the new Bobcat mascot. Rufus was a popular choice for many Ohio fans because *Lynx rufus* is the species name of the bobcat. Other fans noted its connection with Rufus Putnam, who presided over the meeting to form the Ohio Company of Associates that resulted in the founding of Ohio University.

## COLORS

The green and white colors of Ohio University date back to 1896. Before that time, the university's unofficial colors were blue and white. However, it soon became apparent that these colors would be unacceptable for the new football team to wear.

The university's then-newly-hired football coach Samuel McMillen suggested that Ohio adapt as its colors olive green and white, which were worn at McMillen's alma mater, Dartmouth College. The proposal was put before the student body for a vote and green and white became the colors of the school's uniforms in the fall of 1896.

Through the years, the olive green has evolved into a darker "hunter" green color. As a side note, McMillen never coached a game for Ohio University as personal problems prevented him from traveling to Athens in the fall of 1896.

## FIGHT SONG

Ohio University's fight song, entitled "Stand Up and Cheer," has been sung as an "athletic song" since the early 1900s. The song's words and theme were adapted from a previous melody, originally composed by Paul McNeely.

### "Stand Up and Cheer"

Stand up and cheer,  
Cheer loud and long for old Ohio,  
For today we raise  
The Green and White above the rest.

Our teams are fighting  
And they are bound to win the fray.  
We've got the team,  
We've got the steam,  
For this is old Ohio's day!

## ALMA MATER

Ohio University's alma mater, entitled "Alma Mater, Ohio," was created by a special contest. In 1915, Kenneth S. Clark, a graduate of Princeton University, entered a contest to create an "alma mater song" for Ohio University and won the \$150 first prize. Entries for the contest were received from all over the United States.

### "Alma Mater, Ohio" (chorus only)

Alma Mater, Ohio	Alma Mater, Ohio
Alma Mater, brave and fair!	When we read thy story, o'er,
Alma Mater, we hail thee,	We revere thee and cheer thee
For we own they kindly care.	As we sing thy praise once more.



## DISTINGUISHED BOBCATS

**ROGER AILES**  
President, Fox News

**JOEL BERMAN**  
Executive Vice President,  
Paramount Television

**THOM BRENNAMAN**  
Broadcaster, Fox Sports

**NANCY CARTWRIGHT**  
Voice of Bart Simpson

**JOE ESZTERHAS**  
Screenwriter,  
"Showgirls," "Basic  
Instinct"

**JEREMY FOLEY**  
Director of Athletics  
University of Florida

**BRANDON HUNTER**  
Former NBA player

**STEPHEN KAPPES**  
Senior Advisor to the  
Director of the CIA

**SAMMY KAYE**  
Band leader and musi-  
cian (deceased)

**PETER KING**  
Columnist,  
Sports  
Illustrated;  
CNN reporter/  
analyst

**MATT LAUER**  
Co-anchor, "The  
Today Show"

**CLARENCE PAGE**  
*Chicago Tribune* columnist

**PIPER PERABO**  
Actress, "The Adventures of  
Rocky & Bullwinkle,"  
"Coyote Ugly"

**LAUREL LEE SCHAEFER**  
Actress, former Miss America

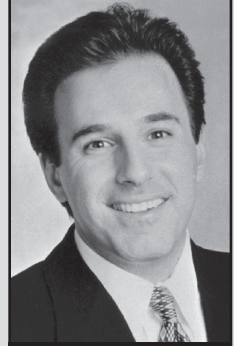
**MIKE SCHMIDT**  
Major League Baseball Hall of  
Famer

**BETTY THOMAS**  
Actress, "Hill Street Blues";  
Executive Producer, "Charlie's  
Angels: Full Throttle"

**GARY TRENT**  
Former NBA player

**GEORGE VOINOVICH**  
U.S. Senator, representing the state  
of Ohio

**DAVE ZASTUDIL**  
NFL player, Cleveland Browns



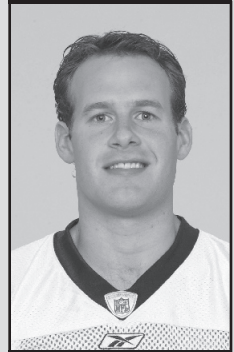
Matt Lauer



Piper Perabo



George Voinovich



Dave Zastudil



**Appointed April 7, 2008  
Purdue, 1983**

Appointed by President Dr. Roderick McDavis on April 7, 2008, Jim Schaus is in his second year as Director of Athletics at Ohio University.

Schaus has been a catalyst for the growth of Ohio Athletics since the beginning of his tenure in Athens, establishing a series of strategic initiatives known as the Bobcat Renaissance in the fall of 2008. Among several efforts to foster excellence in Ohio Athletics, the Bobcat Renaissance includes

the Bobcat Representative Program, an in-state and regional volunteer program to increase communication with key publics, as well as the department's five-year strategic plan.

In his first year at Ohio, Schaus also established the Bobcat Caravan series in order to meet with Bobcat fans at various locations around the area.

Schaus arrived in Athens after a nine-year term as Director of Athletics at Wichita State, where he built WSU into one of the most competitive programs in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Shockers won four-consecutive MVC all-sports trophies and 20 Valley team titles in the last four years of Schaus' tenure, including a program-record seven in 2005-06.

In addition to his dedication to competitive excellence at Wichita State, Schaus also devoted his energy to improving the Shockers' facilities. His efforts came to fruition in 2003 with the completion of Charles Koch Arena and the Henry Levitt Athletic Complex, a project that cost approximately \$25 million. During his first year in Wichita, Schaus also spearheaded the completion of the \$7.8-million Eck Stadium-Home of Tyler Field Project.

As a result of Schaus' efforts to upgrade WSU's facilities, all Wichita State sports that sold tickets were ranked nationally in attendance during his last two years at the helm of the program.

For leadership and vision at Wichita State, he was named the Division I Central Region AstroTurf AD of the Year at the 2007 NACDA convention.

Schaus arrived at WSU with an impressive background in athletics administration, featuring collegiate stints at Oregon, Cincinnati, Texas-El

## The Jim Schaus File

### Experience

- Ohio University - Director of Athletics
- Wichita State University - Director of Athletics
- Nearly 24 years experience in athletics administration
- LPGA Tour - Publicity Assistant
- Stints with the NFL's New England Patriots and Washington Redskins

### Education

- Purdue University
- 1983 - Bachelor's in journalism and public relations
- West Virginia University
- 1987 - Master's in athletic administration

### Honors

- 2007 Division I Central Region AstroTurf AD of the Year
- Member of the initial NCAA Division I Committee on Academic Performance

Paso and Northern Illinois. Renowned for his excellent communication skills, attention to detail and team-building ability, Schaus has spent a quarter of century in athletics administration with a substantial emphasis in external relations and internal management.

In addition to his experience at the institutional level, Schaus was a member of the initial NCAA Division I committee on Academic Performance. The 11-member committee, comprised of conference commissioners, directors of athletics, associate directors of athletics and NCAA staff, is charged with administering the NCAA systems for academic reform.

In 1982, Schaus worked as an intern for the NFL's New England Patriots, and after graduation he served as a publicity assistant for the LPGA Tour before heading to the nation's capital as a director of marketing for the Washington Redskins.

Schaus earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations from Purdue University in 1983, and was awarded a master's in athletics administration from West Virginia in 1987.

He and his wife, Priscilla, have three children: Kevin (21), Diane (19) and Laura (17).



Athletic Director Jim Schaus, his wife, Priscilla, and his three children Kevin, Laura and Diane.



Appointed July 1, 2004  
Ohio, 1970

Roderick J. McDavis, who became Ohio University's 20th president on July 1, 2004, provides strong, bold leadership for his alma mater. He received a bachelor's degree in social sciences in secondary education from Ohio University in 1970, making him only the second university alumnus to lead the university as president.

"I am very honored and deeply humbled to serve as president of Ohio

University," McDavis said. "It's a very unique and special opportunity to be able to return to my alma mater as president. My wife, Deborah, and I look forward to continuing to work with others to help lift Ohio University to the next level of excellence."

His presidency has been marked by action and a vision to ensure that the university reaches its full potential and continues to provide its students with the best possible learning environment.

McDavis has identified four priorities for the university: to become a nationally prominent research university, to increase the diversity of the university community, to expand the university's base of financial support and to increase partnerships regionally, statewide, nationally and globally.

To achieve these priorities, McDavis charged the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Ohio University with crafting Vision Ohio, a strategic plan that sets forth a vision, guiding principles, goals and measurements to help guide the university's decisions over the next five years.

In the first months of his presidency, McDavis launched the Urban Scholarship Program to enhance opportunities for urban high school students to enroll and succeed at Ohio University. The first class of 13 Urban Scholars began their college careers in the fall of 2005.

"It is my goal to lift Ohio University to its highest heights," McDavis said. "I pledge to work every day to make the university a better place. I speak for all alumni when I say that Ohio University is a singular place. It's a great institution and it's only going to become greater in the days ahead."

A native of Dayton, McDavis has a progressive and broad career in higher education.

He was previously provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of education at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., from 1999 to 2004.

McDavis was dean of the College of Education and professor of education at the University of Florida from 1994 to 1999. He was dean of the College of Education and professor of counselor education at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, from 1989 to 1994. He served as the director of the Arkansas Academy for Leadership Training and School-Based Management from 1992 to 1994.

McDavis was a professor of education in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Florida from 1974 to 1989 and an associate dean of the graduate school and minority programs at the University of Florida from 1984 to 1989.

McDavis has served as chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). His primary interests and publications include restructuring teacher education programs, improving public schools and districts, counseling ethnic minorities, recruiting and retaining minority students and faculty and evaluating student personnel programs. He has authored or coauthored chapters in books, monographs and articles in professional journals and other publications.

## The Roderick McDavis File

### Experience

- 2004-present – President, Ohio University
- 1999-04 – Professor of Education, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 1994-99 – Professor of Education, Dean, College of Education, University of Florida
- 1989-94 – Professor of Counselor Education, Dean, College of Education, Director, Arkansas Academy for Leadership Training and School-Based Management (1992-94), University of Arkansas
- 1974-89 – Professor of Education, Associate Dean, University of Florida Graduate School and Minority Programs (1984-89), University of Florida

### Education

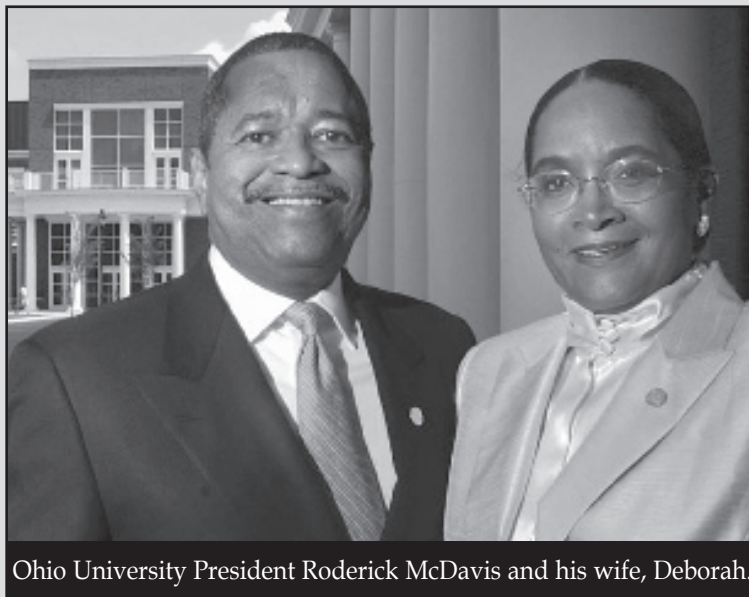
- Ohio University
- 1970 – Bachelor's in social sciences in secondary education
- University of Dayton
- 1971 – Master's in student personnel administration
- University of Toledo
- 1974 – Doctorate in counselor education

He has served as a consultant and keynote speaker for universities, community colleges, public school systems, human service agencies, professional associations, community organizations and churches. In 1995, McDavis was named Person of the Year in Education by *The Gainesville Sun*. He was named the 1996 Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Education at Ohio University. He also received the Post-Secondary Outstanding Educator Award from the North Central Florida Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa in 1996. McDavis received the 1997 Black Achiever's Award in Education from the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators.

McDavis received a master's degree in student personnel administration from the University of Dayton in 1971 and a doctorate in counselor education and higher education administration from the University of Toledo in 1974.

McDavis is the second alumnus to lead Ohio University and the first since William Henry Scott held the office from 1872 to 1883.

McDavis and his wife, Deborah, have two grown sons.



Ohio University President Roderick McDavis and his wife, Deborah.



Officially established in 1804, Ohio University opened its doors in 1808 with one professor, one building and three students as the Northwest Territory's first educational institution. After 200 years, it continues to be distinguished as a leader in education.



## By the Numbers

- 16,761 undergraduate students
- Student body from all 50 states and more than 100 countries
- More than 350 registered student organizations
- 17:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 43 residence halls with more than 7,800 students living on campus
- 33 Greek organizations

## Why Ohio?

Ohio University's formula for success is **tradition + innovation x commitment = excellence**. It is rooted in a history so rich with accomplishments that Ohio has become the university others want to emulate. Those traditions are built upon with smart innovations that make the college experience exceptional.

There are abundant majors and activities, and no other university can match the creative mix of educational extras found at Ohio. That is why the university shows up on so many "best" lists — everything from best dollar values in education to best journalism schools to best universities for research.

Athens is a true college town and the university is a classic residential campus. Add to that the low student-to-faculty ratio, and it adds up to all the advantages of a large research university with the friendliness and community feel of a small school.

## The Value of an Ohio University Degree

"Today" show host Matt Lauer, baseball hall of famer Mike Schmidt, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Clarence Page, actress Piper Perabo — these are just a few of the Ohio alumni who are recognized and admired throughout the world. Graduates of Ohio University are making an impact in every area of life, from medicine to government, from business to the arts. More than 100 *Fortune 500* companies actively recruit Ohio University students. The Office of Career Services prepares students to take advantage of these prospects, offering job-search counseling, seminars on interviewing skills, career fairs and online job search programs.



## Living on Campus

Ohio University residence halls have all the comforts of home — from mini-fridges and microwaves to wireless internet access and cable. These amenities are blended with creative programs that enhance the academic, social, cultural, recreational and service aspects of residents' lives.

Ohio's residence halls are known for being some of the friendliest places on any campus, no matter who a student is, where they are from or what they love to do. When needed, upper-class students, including peer mentors and counselors in residence, give personalized support.

### Residence Quick Facts

**Residence Halls:** 43

**Students On Campus:** More than 7,800

**Learning Communities:** Approximately 60

**On-Campus Requirement:** Two academic years or at least 90 quarter hours

**Room Styles:** Singles, Doubles, Triples and Quads



## Dining on Campus

There are multiple dining options at Ohio University. Students can pick what they like to eat, where they like to eat and what their meal plan includes. Students can grab a panini on the run, head to a carving station, indulge in their favorite ethnic food, load up at a pasta, taco or wok bar, choose strictly vegetarian, and of course, there's plenty of pizza. Settings include sitting down in a dining room for all you can eat, grab-and-go locations or catching dinner at the library cafe on a study break.

### Dining Quick Facts

**Meal Plan Choices:** Five

**Dining Venues:** On every campus green

**Grab-and-Go Locations:** Three

**Central Campus Eateries:** Five, plus the new University Center food court and Grover Center cafe

**Convenience Food Stores:** Four

**Professional Chefs on Staff:** Three

**Payment Options:** Prepaid meal plans, Bobcat Cash or cash

**Extras:** Food and beverage available nearly 24/7 at several locations and assistance with special diets.



## Academic Choices

### College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences is the university's largest college with programs ranging from the traditional to the cutting edge – from English to forensic chemistry, creative writing to meteorology. Many departments provide internship and undergraduate research opportunities.

### College of Business

The College of Business is unique among nationally accredited business colleges. Students learn about business by working in small groups to solve the kinds of problems that face real businesses worldwide. Under the guidance of experienced faculty, students work individually and in teams to solve authentic business problems. The college offers 10 business majors, and admission is selective.

### College of Education

The College of Education has produced educational leaders for more than a century. With three departments, more than 70 full-time faculty members and special programs in a variety of areas, the college prepares students for careers as teachers, counselors or administrators.

### College of Fine Arts

The College of Fine Arts offers programs in schools of art, dance, music and theater. Its recital and concert halls, theaters and galleries provide venues for students, faculty and visiting artists to participate in performances, recitals and exhibits.

### College of Health & Human Services

The College of Health and Human Services is housed in Grover Center, which recently underwent a \$24 million renovation to expand its facilities and services. The college has six schools, including health sciences; hearing, speech and language sciences; human and consumer sciences; nursing; physical therapy; and recreation and sport sciences.

### College of Osteopathic Medicine

The College of Osteopathic Medicine is in its fourth decade of training outstanding osteopathic physicians. The college's two innovative curricula are structured to provide a seamless medical education experience through all phases of training and offer early clinical experiences in the first-two years in area doctor's offices, hospitals and through our Community Service Programs' free clinic.

### Honors Tutorial College

The Honors Tutorial College is the most selective of Ohio's nine undergraduate colleges. It is the oldest, largest and most academically diverse degree-granting tutorial college in the country. It gives highly motivated, talented students the opportunity to receive a substantial part of their education through one-on-one classes or small seminars. HTC enrolls only about 60 new students each year with 220 students enrolled in 26 programs of study.

### Russ College of Engineering & Technology

The Russ College of Engineering and Technology is home to some of the nation's most advanced instructional equipment and innovative professors. It offers undergraduate degrees in aviation, chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, industrial and manufacturing systems engineering, industrial technology and mechanical engineering.

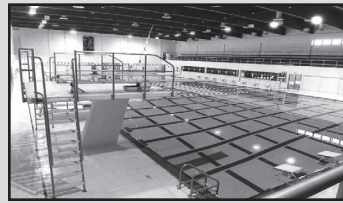
### Scripps College of Communication

The Scripps College of Communication is widely regarded as one of the best in the nation. Its graduates, faculty and students have been involved in work resulting in more than 20 Pulitzer Prizes. The college offers degrees in communication studies, communication systems management, journalism, telecommunications and visual communication.

### University College

University College is the point of entry for many first-year and transfer students. The college helps undecided students explore different areas of study with the help of a faculty and staff advisor. The college also awards a degree in specialized studies, in which a student and their advisor create a custom degree program.

## Athletic Facilities



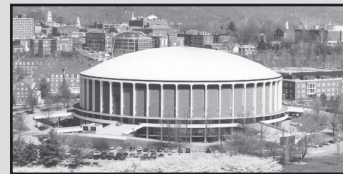
One of the premier swimming and diving facilities in the Mid-American Conference, the **Ohio University Aquatic Center** opened in January 1984 at a cost of \$4.7 million.

The Olympic-size pool has 22 50-yard lanes, 10 50-meter lanes and a pair of one-meter and three-meter diving boards. Approximately 645,468.75 gallons create 12,300 square feet of surface water.



**Pruitt Field** opened in 2000 on the Ohio Athletics Mall and is home to the Bobcats' field hockey team. It is named in honor of Dr. Peggy Pruitt, a key figure in Ohio Athletics from 1975 to 2001.

The multi-purpose facility features a top-of-the-line artificial playing surface trimmed with a signature red-brick grandstand that seats up to 1,000 spectators.



The 13,080-seat **Convocation Center**, opened in 1968, is the home site for the Ohio University basketball, volleyball and wrestling teams. The \$8.2 million facility still exhibits a first-class look with the very latest in equipment and comfort.

The Convo, the largest arena in the Mid-American Conference, can hold more than 15,000 for convocations, concerts and commencements.



The seating at **Bob Wren Stadium** is both unique and practical. There are 100 chairback seats that are part of a VIP section named The Baumholtz Club. In addition, there is an area of "bleacher-back" seats akin to Cleveland's Progressive Field and regular bleachers. The three sections combine to hold about 2,000 seats.



The **Ohio Softball Field**, completed during the spring of 1999, stands alongside Bob Wren Stadium. The field has a state-of-the-art playing surface and drainage system. Among the amenities of the field are bullpens behind both the home and visitor sunken dugouts and a covered batting cage between the baseball and softball fields.



The Ohio soccer team plays at **Chessa Field**, named after the 11-year-old daughter of Ohio University employee Scott Blower and his wife, Crista, a 1985 Ohio graduate, who contributed \$70,000 to the Ohio Athletic Department.



Completed in May of 2000, **Goldsberry Track** is home to the Ohio track and field team. It consists of rekortan, a mix of rubber granules with a liquid fixative on top of asphalt.



Ohio's **Peden Stadium**, named for Bobcat head coach Don Peden, was built at a cost of \$185,000 and was dedicated in 1929 with a 14-0 win over Miami. Peden led the Bobcats to 121 wins in 178 games from 1924-1946.

In addition to the stadium itself, the facility also contains locker rooms for the football, track and field and field hockey programs, plus equipment and training rooms.



# ATHENS, OHIO



## ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO

The city of Athens, the Athens County seat, is a classic college town, with brick-paved roadways, street vendors, restored storefronts and quaint specialty shops. "Uptown" Athens is literally just across the street from campus and there is a comfortable relationship between "town and gown." Twelve state parks and thousands of acres of state and national forest surround Athens County and provide extensive recreational opportunities.

### Cinemas

The Athena, Athena Grand, Cinemas 10

### Art

Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center, Foothills School of American Crafts, Kennedy Museum of American Art, Ohio University Art Gallery, Ohio University Trisolini Gallery, Ohio University Dungeon Gallery, Starbrick Clay

### Music/Drama

Athenian Players Theatre, Ohio University Performing Arts Series, Ohio University School of Dance, Ohio University School of Music, Ohio University School of Theater, Ohio Valley Summer Theater

### Golf Courses

Athens Country Club, Elm Golf Course, Forest Hills, Ohio University

### Restaurants

Over 90 Restaurants

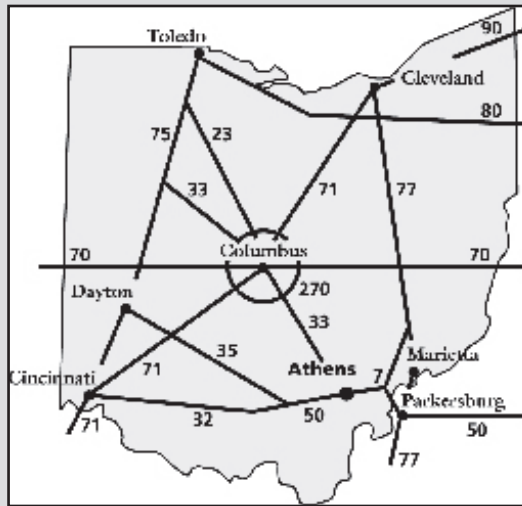
### Outdoor Recreation

Burr Oak State Park, Desonier Nature Preserve, Fox Lake Wildlife Area, Gifford State Forest, Hockhocking Adena Bikeway, Lake Snowden, Strouds Run State Park, Waterloo Wildlife Area, Wayne National Forest



## DESTINATION: ATHENS

Located approximately 75 miles southeast of Columbus, Athens is at the crossroads of U.S. Routes 50 and 33 and State Route 32. Upon entering Athens, simply follow numerous signs to Ohio University. Exit the highway at State Route 682 (North) and turn right at the first light onto Richland Avenue to reach the campus.



### Traveling to Athens from...

**Cincinnati and points Southwest:** Travel east on Route 32 from Cincinnati to Athens. Follow signs to Ohio University and exit at Route 682.

**Cleveland and points Northeast (option 1):** Take Interstate 71 South to Columbus. Connect to U.S. Route 33, which can be accessed from either Interstate 270 or 71. Travel east on Route 33 into Athens. Follow signs to Ohio University and exit at Route 682.

**Cleveland and points Northeast (option 2):** Take Interstate 77 South to Marietta. Take the first exit to Marietta (Exit 6). Travel to State Route 7 South, which

combines with Route 50 West near Belpre. Exit at Routes 50 and 32 West to Athens. Follow signs to Ohio University and exit at Route 682.

**Central Ohio and points Northwest:** Take the best route to Columbus. Connect to U.S. Route 33, which can be accessed from either Interstate 270 or 71. Travel east on Route 33 into Athens. Follow signs to Ohio University and exit at Route 682.

**Southeast Ohio and points Southeast:** Take Route 33 West to Athens. Follow signs to Ohio University and exit at Route 682.

**Washington, D.C. and Maryland:** Take Interstate 70 West. Connect with Interstate 68 West to Morgantown, W.Va. Take Interstate 79 South to Clarksburg, W.Va. Take Route 50 West to Athens. Follow signs to Ohio University and exit at Route 682.