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BUCKEYE BULLETIN

WINTER 2008-2009

ATLANTA CAMPUS

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Message From The Club President

Although the season is somewhat of a disappointment, we can still pull out a BCS bowl game and of course, beat Michigan! The coaches must design a less predictable offensive game plan, let Terrelle throw more and fire up the offensive line to block better for the run game.

Please join hundreds of Buckeyes for the Michigan game at Hudson Grille Perimeter Mall. There will be Buckeye Specials like \$5 Pitchers of Bud and Bud Light, \$5 Hamburgers with a side and \$5 Jager.

The Club is never certain whether it will receive bowl game tickets until the season is over. However, there will be an 'interest' signup sheet at the Club table until the end of the season.

Also, join other Buckeyes at Hudson Grille Perimeter for Ohio State Basketball. The season looks to be interesting and competitive.

As always, Atlanta Buckeyes are the Best!

*Go Bucks!
Bill Gue*

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11/20	Delaware State	6:30 p.m.
11/24	Bowling Green	8:00 p.m.
11/29	Samford	Noon
12/2	at Miami	7:00 p.m.
12/6	at Notre Dame	4:00 p.m.
12/13	Butler	Noon
12/17	Jacksonville	9:00 p.m.
12/20	Iona	Noon
12/22	UNC Asheville	7:00 p.m.
12/27	West Virginia	4:00 p.m.
12/31	Iowa	4:00 p.m.
1/3	at Minnesota	Noon
1/6	at Michigan State	7:00 p.m.
1/9	Houston Baptist	7:00 p.m.
1/13	Indiana	7:00 p.m.
1/17	at Michigan	8:00 p.m.
1/20	Illinois	7:00 p.m.
1/25	Michigan State	3:45 p.m.
1/28	Michigan	6:30 p.m.
1/31	at Indiana	4:00 p.m.
2/3	Purdue	7:00 p.m.
2/7	Minnesota	8:00 p.m.
2/14	at Wisconsin	9:00 p.m.
2/18	at Northwestern	9:00 p.m.
2/21	Illinois	TBA
2/24	Penn State	7:00 p.m.
2/28	at Purdue	TBA
3/3	at Iowa	TBA
3/8	Northwestern	4:00 p.m.
Big Ten Tournament		TBA

CLUB NEWS

Student Recruitment and Scholarship:

On August 24, 2008, the Ohio State Admissions Department honored 22 Atlanta high school honors and scholars students with a reception at the Peachtree Westin Hotel. Many Atlanta Buckeyes associated with our student recruitment efforts attended.

Atlanta Alumni Admissions Training Session:

Nearly 40 Atlanta Buckeyes attended the Admissions Training session on October 21. The session covered the following topics:

- Why Ohio State continues to be the choice for many of the best and brightest students;
- The profile of our Autumn 008 enrolled freshman class;
- A presentation that prospective students see when visiting campus
- The Club's role as an Ohio State Representative at student recruitment events.
- Information about alumni recruitment activities.

Buckeye All Star:

Shawn Murnahan, co-chair of our Atlanta Club's student recruitment efforts has been recognized by the national alumni association as a "Buckeye All Star" for his many important contributions to our Atlanta club. Congratulations and Thank you.

Hudson Grille Contributions:

The folks at Hudson Grille Perimeter Mall have stepped up for our Atlanta Club already and have made the following annual commitments to our club:

- \$2,500 scholarship contribution
- \$1,000 to purchase Ohio State items for halftime raffles
- Buy two game tickets, two night hotel stay, and a rental car for two people to our last home game
- Provide food and space for our student sendoff
- Purchase a \$250 ad in our two Buckeye Bulletins
- Present other exciting opportunities for Atlanta Buckeyes

Community Service:

Please continue to support our club's community service efforts. You've done a great job in the past and we're sure you'll continue with your generosity. Please continue to leave donations for Toys for Tots at Hudson Grille in the designated locations. Our club donated over 200 pounds of food to the Community Action Center so far this season.

Earle Bruce Locker

Thanks to many Atlanta Buckeyes, and particularly to Brian Benio, there will be a permanent Earle Bruce Locker in the Ohio State locker room. The inscription will read:

Earle Bruce

1950 – 1953

Player and Student Coach

1966-1972

Assistant Coach

1979 – 1987

Head Coach

81-21-6 record at Ohio State

Four Big 10 Championships

2002 College Football Hall of Fame

Through the generosity of Brian Benio and the Ohio State Alumni Club of Atlanta

Club Website Redesign, www.osuatl.com:

Thanks to Valerie King, our new club webmaster, our website is up to date and sensational. Check it out!

Diversity Grant:

Thanks to the efforts of Kenny Pugh and Adam Herndon, the Atlanta Club as been awarded a \$1000 Diversity Grant to focus on gender, racial, and ethnic differences. In partnership with the Ohio State Atlanta Club, the Herndon Home Foundation Black History Month program will promote the accomplishments of one of the great African-Americans, provide networking opportunities with key local community leaders and enhance visibility for the Ohio State Atlanta Club.

Best Lawyers in America:

Previously selected as "Best Lawyers in Georgia", Bob Thorton and Ray Persons of King and Spalding, have now been selected by their peers to be included in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers In America. Congratulations to Bob and Ray on this outstanding recognition.

ATLANTA ALUMNI CLUB POLICIES

1. The Buckeye Bulletin will be mailed to Atlanta Club Dues paying members only.
2. Football, bowl game, and other event tickets will be provided for Atlanta Club Dues paying members only.
3. A \$10 surcharge is added to all ticket prices and goes to the Atlanta Scholarship Fund.

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Letter From A Michigan Fan:

From a Michigan fan that is a devout Ohio State hater...

Before I say anything, I want you to know I HATE, LOATHE, DESPISE Ohio State Football. I am a lifelong Michigan fan and there is no other way for a Michigan fan to feel. Ohio State fans should (and do) feel the same way about Michigan.

However, I can recognize Ohio State's success and reasons for it, and I can carry on a civilized conversation with intelligent Ohio State fans (the 'intelligent' part eliminates about 98% of Ohio State fans from said civilized conversations). There are just as many stupid Michigan fans. They embarrass me.

Two years ago, I was teaching 7th grade Language Arts and I had a student who moved to the Atlanta area from Cleveland, Ohio. His name was Philip Dickson and he was living with his aunt, LaToya because his parents were out of the picture (mom, a drug addict and dad in prison). His aunt was a nurse and she was working her tail off to make him responsible and accountable.

It was obvious to me Philip was an Ohio State fan. The first day he walked into my classroom, which was decked out in everything 'Michigan Football,' he talked about his distaste for the Maize and Blue. That was when he told me about how much he loved Ohio State Football. He and I didn't see eye-to-eye on Michigan & Ohio State, but I liked Philip and I knew he needed to be pushed to be the best he can be.

As time went by, Philip got in trouble in some of his classes and he wasn't putting forth the effort he should have been. Teachers met with his aunt, she disciplined him, we disciplined him (although he was never a discipline problem in my class), but he just wasn't responding. I had an idea.

Without telling anyone, I sent a note to Jim Tressel. I told him about Philip and that Philip wasn't working to his potential. I explained that Philip was a huge Buckeye Football fan and I asked Coach Tressel if he would be willing to send a note to Philip telling him to work harder. The NCAA, which has the some of the most idiotic rules, told me it would be ok for Coach

Tressel to send such a letter because Philip was a 7th grader.

Mind you, this was in late September, so Coach Tressel had a few more pressing things on his mind than some kid in Atlanta, Georgia.

About 10 days later, in my mailbox at school, was an envelope from the Ohio State Football office (It was addressed to Philip Dickson in my care). I was shocked, but I couldn't wait for Philip to get to my class. I got out the letter opener for him, so he could open it neatly. This would be a 'keeper'!

Second period rolled around and Philip's aunt was at school that day to check in with us teachers on his progress. I told her to stick around to see what I had for Philip. I asked another teacher to come to my door and announce 'This came 'Special Delivery' for Philip Dickson.' The class stopped and stared at the envelope as I walked it back to him. I handed him the letter opener, and since he had never seen a letter opener before, I opened the letter for him (very carefully)!

It was on the OFFICIAL Ohio State Football greeting card. His eyes opened wide and he was stunned! He just sat silently. He read it once, turned it over, picked up the envelope again and looked at it,

and read the card again. It said (paraphrasing), *'Philip, I understand you are a very big Buckeye Football fan! We are glad you support us! I want you to give your very best in all your school work and in being the best person you can be. I will be in touch with Mr. Dartt to see how you are doing. Keep cheering for the Buckeyes! Go Bucks! -Jim Tressel'*

WOW. I love Michigan Football, but I am pretty sure the coaches they have had there in my lifetime (Bo, Gary Moeller, Lloyd Carr) would not have taken time out of their schedule, especially DURING THE SEASON, to do that for a kid.

Let me add another example of what Jim Tressel has done. Recently a friend of mine, Joe Links, who played for Tressel's father Lee, at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea (just outside of Cleveland) was diagnosed with colon cancer. I can't imagine what that is like. Joe is a very intense Ohio State fan and his two kids, Greg and Gretchen both graduated from there.

I wrote to Coach Tressel to tell him about Joe and that I thought it would be a nice lift for Joe's spirits and those of his family if Coach Tressel were to send along a 'get well' note. I also mentioned that I am a Michigan fan, but that I respect him and what he has done at Ohio State (I don't have to like it, but how can you not respect it?). Tressel remembered Joe and a week later, the letter arrived at the Links house in Hudson, (ahem) Michigan. Joe and his wife Barb were not only surprised, but touched by Coach Tressel's thoughtfulness.

So am I.

I see this guy with his sweatervest, dry answers to reporters' questions, constant beating of Michigan and I think, 'Man, do I hate that guy!' Well, I hate that he keeps beating us. I hate that he basically called Michigan out on National TV the day Ohio State hired him (and then backed it up). I hate that his offensive play-calling keeps Michigan completely off balance. I hate that he successfully changes his coaching style and strategies based on the personnel he has. I HATE IT!!!

But I can't help but like WHO Jim Tressel is and WHAT he is as a person. He sets himself aside for others. He lives by the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bracelet he wears. Yep, Jim Tressel sure does aggravate me every Saturday when I cheer against Ohio State (no matter who they are playing - even in bowl games). But, I (and every Michigan fan with a working brain cell) would take him as our coach and the face of our football program in Ann Arbor in a heartbeat (and that is not a slight to the great coaches we have had there and who we have there today).

Jim Tressel is just a good man.

Thom Dartt

Marietta, Georgia (Native of Toledo, Ohio)

BEAT MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Message from President Gee:

This is a remarkably exciting time for Ohio State! Students and faculty are making great strides and great headlines: best-ever freshman class, national academic awards for students and faculty alike and research and outreach programs that improve lives in our neighborhoods and around the world.

Beyond those headlines, the full story of the university's strength and impact is even more impressive.

- Research conducted by faculty and students is making a tangible difference, from protecting the food supply to developing sustainable energy. Scholarship in the arts and humanities nurtures cultural vitality and brings human expression to the fore.
- The Ohio State University Medical Center is one of the country's best, educating future physicians and nurses, providing excellent patient care and conducting some 2,000 active clinical trials.
- Through the university's six campuses, Ohio's students have access to a top-ranked education. Through P-12 initiatives and collaborations, we help to assure that young people gain the strong academic foundation needed to flourish in college and beyond.
- Ohio State generates a statewide economic impact of more than \$4 billion each year. We partner with more than 240 Ohio-based businesses, purchasing more than \$200 million annually in goods and services.

What does it mean to have one the nation's largest and top-ranked public research universities in your own backyard? It means plenty of things to cheer about – even when it is not football season!

E. Gordon Gee
President, The Ohio State University

Class Profile: The Admitted Class of 2008:

- 92 percent of our admitted students ranked in the top quarter of their graduating classes.
- 58 percent of our admitted students ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes.
- ACT score range, middle 50 percent – 25 – 30 (national average = 21).
- SAT score range, (Critical Reading and Math only), middle 50 percent – 1160 – 1340 (national average = 1017).
- National Merit: Ohio State ranks among the top 20 public and private institutions in the nation with more than 100 National Merit Scholars in the class.

The Buckeye Sportsmanship Creed

On game days, we come down with scarlet fever.

We sing the fight song loud and proud.

We believe every O-H deserves an I-O.

We support all of our athletes and teams.

We follow the "scarlet rules."

We treat our guests as we wish to be treated.

We cheer for a good play and respect the other team.

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Athletics brings out the best in all of us.

When the dust has cleared...

And the final whistle has blown,

The spirit is maintained...

The pride is there...

With or without the victory bell,

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Best Fans in the Land.

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Useful Links to The Ohio State University:

The Ohio State Alumni Association

www.ohiostatealumni.org

Join the Alumni Association

www.ohiostatealumni.org/membershipservices/joinnow.php

Career Exploration Office

www.careers.ohiostatealumni.org/

Student-Alumni Council

www.sac.ohiostatealumni.org/

The Ohio State University

www.osu.edu

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics

www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

The Lantern: www.thelatern.com

Big Ten Conference: www.bigten.org

Ohio State Points of Pride: www.osu.edu/pop/

OSU MP3 and Image Downloads

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2008-2009 SEASON OUTLOOK

Ohio State Men's Basketball: Lauderdale is making a push to start inside



By: Bob Baptist

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Dallas Lauderdale remembers the moment coach Thad Matta hugged him after the Ohio State men's basketball team won the National Invitation Tournament in New York.

"He said, 'This is just the beginning,' " Lauderdale said. "I'll never forget that because the end of my freshman year was really the beginning of my college career. My confidence meter is on full now because of that."

It took Lauderdale nearly all of a 37-game season to figure out how to be an asset and not a liability at the Division I level. The question of how long it takes the Buckeyes' next big thing, 7-foot B.J. Mullens, to learn the same is creating an intriguing situation as preseason practice continues.

If Matta decides to start only one big man instead of both when the season begins in a few weeks, will it necessarily be Mullens, who is touted as a top-five NBA draft pick next year?

Considering what fans saw from Lauderdale and Mullens going head to head in two public scrimmages last week, it is anything but a foregone conclusion. Lauderdale, who has shed 13 pounds and 11 points off his body-fat percentage in the past year, is 4 inches shorter and 20 pounds lighter than Mullens. But with the help of his 7-4 wingspan, he held the upper hand in both matchups.

"B.J. is capable of being a starter and contributing," sophomore Evan Turner said Sunday during Big Ten media day in Chicago. "But he's a freshman and he's having his rocky days while he's trying to get acclimated. He's going to have to pay his dues before he really blows up."

Meanwhile, Lauderdale has picked up where he left off in April in Madison Square Garden. In the Buckeyes' last two NIT wins, over Mississippi and Massachusetts, he had 11 rebounds and three blocked shots in 19 minutes.

"Dallas is a beast," sophomore Jon Diebler said.

"He's more assertive," Turner added. "You know he's there. Last year, he had it in him, but I don't think he felt the urgency to show what he had."

With Kosta Koufos and Othello Hunter gone to the NBA, Lauderdale sees an opportunity regardless of Mullens' status as the top recruit in the class of 2008.

"I think last year probably was a learning experience for him because in high school, teams would zone him up and there was nobody on the court his size to go up against, so he really never had to use real post moves, he always finished with dunks," junior David Lighty said. "He learned a lot from last year, going up against Kosta and Othello, guys his size, and learning how to score in the post."

Now it's Mullens' turn to learn that, and Lauderdale's opportunity to teach.

"What B.J. is finding out now for the first time is it's a little bit more challenging than just turning and laying the ball in over the rim," Matta said.

The Buckeyes played with "small" lineups exclusively in the two open scrimmages, not pairing Mullens and Lauderdale in a two-post set that Matta has said is a "viable option." But Lighty said they have practiced the two-post lineup behind closed doors.

"We could consume the two blocks," Lauderdale said. "I think it would be a great thing."

Matta, with time to experiment, is weighing all his options.

"I'm not sold that we're going to play with just one big guy," he said.



Buckeye Specials for the Michigan Game!

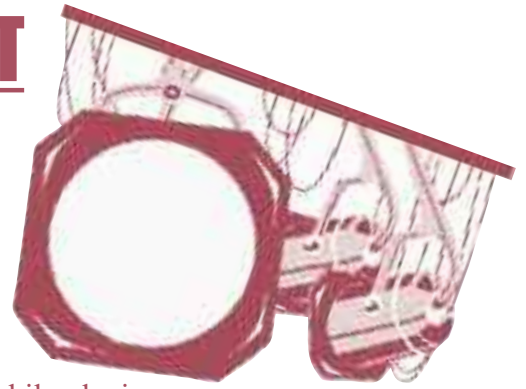
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ATLANTA BUCKEYE SPOTLIGHT

Morty Wolf



Morty and his family moved to Zanesville in 1948 and he graduated Ohio State in 1959 with a B.A. in political science. Morty was a two sport participant (basketball and baseball). He was on Fred Taylor's very first team along with good friend Frank Howard. Morty was fortunate to play in the first official basketball game in St. John arena while playing for the Junior Varsity Team in 1955.

Some Buckeyes may not know that Coach Taylor was a major league first baseman with the Washington senators. Fred also coached Morty and Frank on the 1955 freshman baseball team.

Morty left sports and Ohio State when he married Mickey Kaufman from Sidney, Ohio in 1957. Morty and his family left Ohio for South Florida one day after the Cuban missile crisis. He opened two shoe stores in Miami Beach. Fifteen years later he became a commercial real estate broker and remains in that business today.

Morty has two grown children and six grandchildren. His wife, Mickey, died in 2001 and he married Sharon in Las Vegas in 2004.

Morty introduced his grandson Robby to Ohio State during this years Penn State game. Go Bucks!

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