



## Men's Basketball Alumni Celebrate the Past, Present and Future

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Five decades of men's basketball alumni gathered in the Wolstein Center on Oct. 14, 2005 to celebrate 75 years of basketball at Cleveland State and Fenn College.

The evening, which kicked off the 2005-06 basketball season, included a meet-and-greet dinner with the coaching staff and team, a post-dinner ceremony with head coach Mike Garland and an up-close look at the Vikings during their first practice of the season.



Athletic Director and former CSU basketball player Lee Reed spoke to the group about his pride in Cleveland State Athletics, the current state of the men's basketball program and the need for increased support. 1951 Fenn College graduate Dan Avis also remarked about the importance of giving back to the program, encouraging his fellow alumni to join the Varsity C letterwinners club.

Garland, now in his third year, highlighted the evening with a center-court ceremony blending the past with the present. He spoke fervently about his commitment to establish a sense of tradition at CSU and the importance of "action" rather than "talk." Alumni, who each received a bracelet inscribed with "brotherhood," in turn presented these to current players. With a sledgehammer in hand, Garland ended the ceremony by smashing a cinderblock; marking a new beginning for Cleveland State. He vowed the men's basketball program would never again come up short when it counts the most.

