

THIS IS OHIO UNIVERSITY



ABOUT OHIO

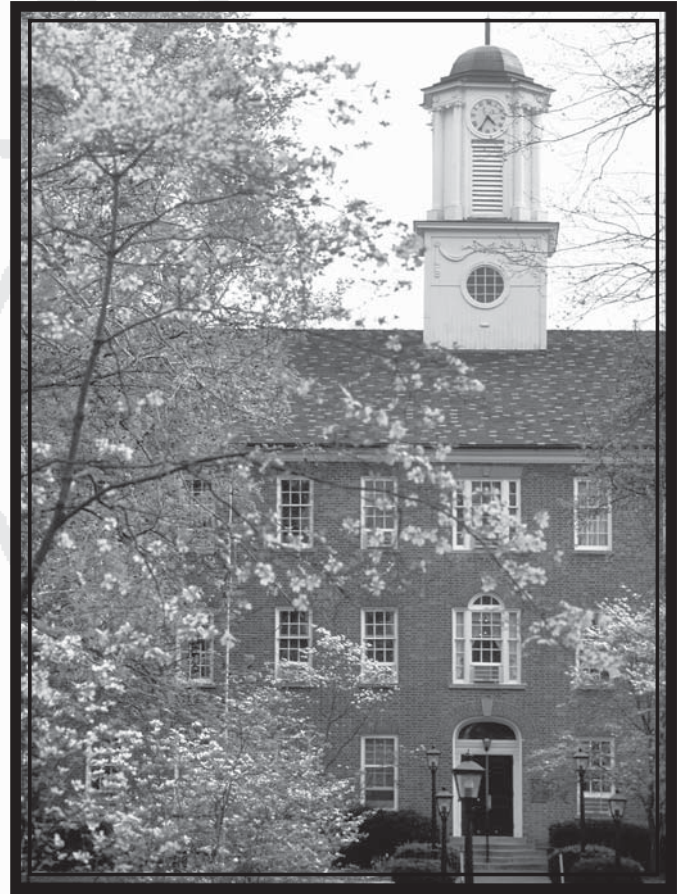
Officially established in 1804, Ohio University opened its doors in 1808 with one professor, one building and three students as the Northwest Territory's first educational institution. After 200 years, it continues to be distinguished as a leader in education.

The university traces its history to the Ordinance of 1787 that established the Northwest Territory and decreed that "... schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." Because it was the first institution of higher education in the territory, Ohio University justly claims the distinction of being "Ohio's First University."

Today, Ohio University is a comprehensive, coeducational, state-assisted institution serving more than 28,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students on its main campus in Athens and its regional campuses in Chillicothe, Ironton, Lancaster, St. Clairsville and Zanesville.

The university is proud of its diverse student body, which includes students from every state in the nation and approximately 100 countries around the world. This creates a cosmopolitan atmosphere and an international flair, which add important dimensions to campus life.

Ohio University is a residential campus and, as a result, students and faculty alike enjoy a special sense of community - a kind of "family feeling" that is unusual at most colleges. Few students commute and most stay on campus during weekends to take advantage of a variety of social, recreational and entertainment opportunities. University residence halls are grouped on "greens" adjacent to the main campus area. Each of the greens is like a small neighborhood, complete with its own distinctive character and attributes. Students quickly develop intense loyalties to "their" hall and green.



The impressive natural beauty of southeastern Ohio adds yet another distinction to the university, providing a setting that visitors often describe as "looking like a college ought to look."

Academically, Ohio University has professional schools clustered around a core of traditional, liberal arts coursework. The university-wide general education curriculum provides all students with basic writing and quantitative skills, breadth of knowledge - in applied science and technology - cross-cultural perspectives, fine arts and humanities, natural sciences, mathematics and social sciences - and synthesis.

Ohio University offers more than 250 areas of undergraduate study through the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts, Health and Human Services and Honors Tutorial. University College offers two baccalaureate degrees.

At the graduate level, Ohio University offers master's and doctoral degrees in nearly all disciplines. The College of Osteopathic Medicine - the only one in the state of Ohio - trains physicians who often specialize in family practice medicine.



In 1994, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching designated Ohio University as a "Research University II." Only 125 of the 3,600 schools assessed by the Foundation are classified as Research Universities.

The Ohio University Athens campus consists of over 1,700 acres and more than 200 major buildings. Cutler Hall, which currently serves as the main administrative building, was built in 1816 and is registered as a National Historic Landmark.

The City of Athens, located 75 miles southeast of Columbus, 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.



- Ohio University offers 294 undergraduate majors and offers master's degrees in nearly all academic areas and doctoral degrees from selected departments.

- There are 41 residence halls on the main campus housing 7,600 students.

- Ohio University has 350 registered student organizations, including 34 fraternities and sororities.

- Ohio University's Alden Library has been designated as an official research library. Only 113 libraries in the country have received this honor.

- Ohio University has been cited for academic quality and value by such publications as America's 100 Best College Buys, Princeton Review's Best Colleges and Peterson's Guide to a Competitive College. The John Templeton Foundation has also recognized Ohio University as one of the top character-building institutions in the country. In 2002, U.S. News & World Report ranked Ohio University 45th in the nation for academic quality.

- At 83 percent, the retention rate for freshmen is among the nation's highest for a public university and equals that of many private schools. The 79 percent retention rate for minority students is also among the nation's best.

- There are 846 full-time faculty with a student/professor ratio of 20 to 1. Full-time and permanent part-time faculty teach 80 percent and Ohio University administrators teach the remaining five percent.

- Editors of newspapers with circulations over 10,000 rank the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism among the nation's best. It is one of the select journalism schools to be accredited in six professional areas: advertising, broadcast news, magazine journalism, news writing and editing, online journalism and public relations. The Scripps School has received two excellence awards from the Ohio Board of Regents, an accomplishment no other Ohio journalism school can claim.

- Ohio University has nearly 175,000 living alumni with almost 6,000 alumni living abroad. The largest contingents (in order) are in Ohio, California, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Illinois and Texas. There are more than 60 active alumni chapters in 21 states and 10 foreign countries.

- On the Athens campus, there are 16,854 undergraduate students, 1,125 of whom are from other countries.

- In May 2004, Ohio University announced the achievement of its Bicentennial Campaign by exceeding its goal, raising \$202.3 million in gift commitments. The generous support of the thousands of donors makes it possible for the university to eventually establish eight new Endowed Chairs and 35 new Named Professorships. The donations also assure \$40.1 million in support to existing scholarships as well as the creation of 1,226 new scholarships - including 68 Cutler Scholarships. The campaign also raised \$11.6 million for new or improved capital facilities, \$29.3 million for innovative programs and \$13.2 million for technological enhancements.

OHIO ATHLETICS

Building on a Foundation of Success

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

Ohio currently fields 20 teams, the most recent additions being women's lacrosse (1999), women's soccer (1997) and women's golf (1996).

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.

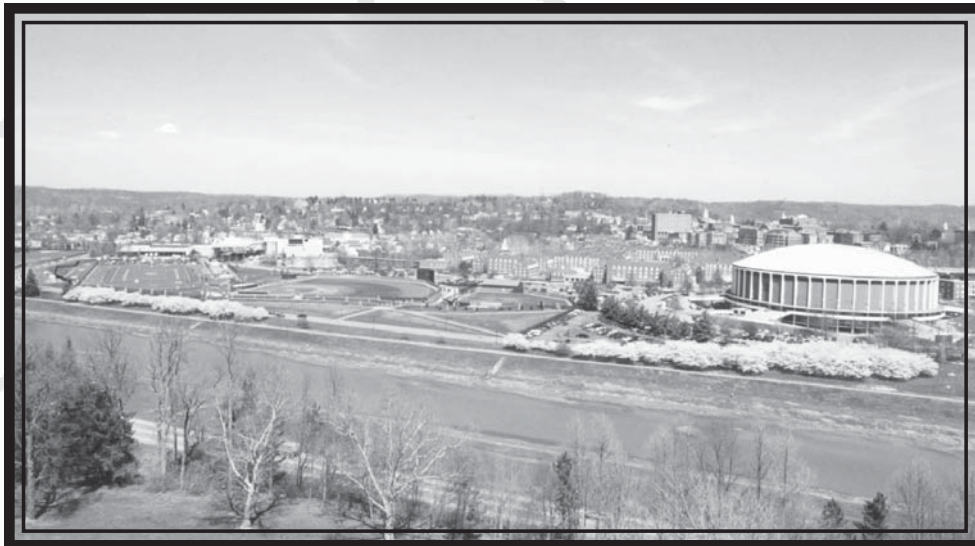
Baseball Hall of Famer **Mike Schmidt** began his storied career as a Bobcat. He joined with Wren, current Ohio baseball coach **Joe Carbone** and former associate head coach **Bill Toadvine** to win a MAC Championship and advance to the 1970 College World Series. Another former Bobcat, **Bob Brenly**, 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. Cleveland Brown **Vince Costello** (1953) was a Bobcat, as was professional golfer **Dow Finsterwald** (1952). **Dave Zastudil**, a 2001 All-American, is currently the punter for the NFL's Cleveland Browns.



As the Bobcats move into the 21st century, so do the 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 system.

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, lacrosse 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 third straight MAC title in 2005, enters the 2006 season with the nation's longest home-court winning streak. Ohio boasts 37 consecutive victories in The Convocation Center.

The Convo is an especially exciting place for basketball fans. It has been the site of a women's NCAA first-round game and 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 Richland Avenue from The Convo is the Aquatic Center, home to Ohio University's highly successful swimming and diving program. It features an Olympic-sized 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 eight men's and nine women's crowns.

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. 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 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 All-American **Dion Byrum**. The game was broadcast nationally on ESPN2 and marked the first-ever 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.

OHIO SPIRIT

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 adopt 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.

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 the contest to create an "alma mater song" for Ohio University and won the \$150 first prize. Entries for this contest were received from all parts of the United States.

"Alma Mater, Ohio"

(Chorus only)
Alma Mater, Ohio
Alma Mater, brave and fair!
Alma Mater, we hail thee,
For we own thy kindly care.

Alma Mater, Ohio,
When we read thy story, o'er,
We revere thee and cheer thee
As we sing thy praise once more.

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!
Rah! Rah! Rah!



DR. RODERICK J. McDAVIS

University President
Ohio '70

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.

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.

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.

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.



THE RODERICK J. McDAVIS FILE

- **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



KIRBY HOCUTT

Director of Athletics
Kansas State '95



Kirby Hocutt is in his second year as Director of Athletics at Ohio. A former student-athlete, Hocutt is committed to leading the Bobcat athletic department to unprecedented success, and creating a winning environment dedicated to building championship caliber programs.

That process began immediately upon his appointment in June 2005. In his first year, Hocutt oversaw numerous changes in Ohio Athletics. Facility upgrades such as the final stages of the Peden Tower Renovation Project and the new Schorr Weight Room in the Convocation Center were completed. In addition, planning began for improvements

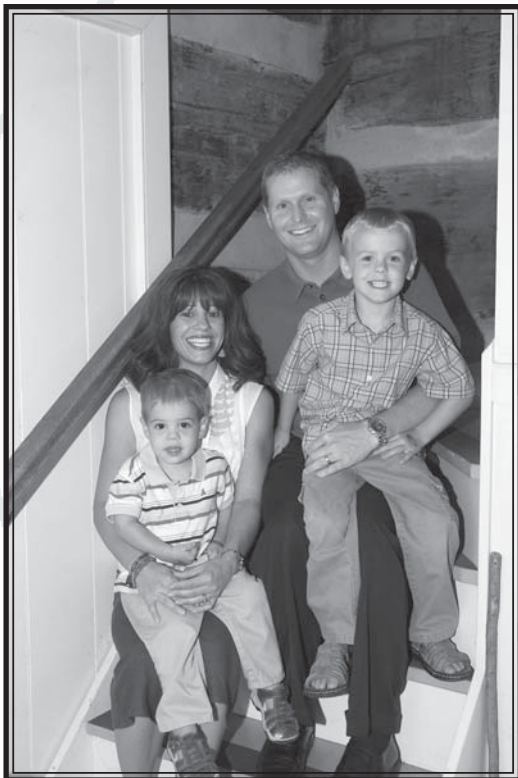
to both the football locker room and the Carin Center.

Aside from the physical improvements, the athletic department underwent several changes in its operation in Hocutt's first year, including the formation of the Ohio Bobcat Club. The new program serves as the fundraising arm of Ohio Athletics, and all annual gifts to athletics now occur within the Ohio Bobcat Club. Hocutt also negotiated a restructured contract with International Sports Properties, the exclusive corporate marketing rightsholder for Bobcat Athletics, that greatly enhances revenue opportunities for the department.

The first year of the Hocutt Era was full of accomplishments, including a third straight MAC volleyball championship, two MAC players of the year, six individual conference titles and five All-Americans. Bobcat fans responded as

the football and volleyball teams each played in front of school-record crowds, while season ticket sales for both football and men's basketball increased significantly.

Ohio athletics also excelled in the classroom, making the Bobcats a national and conference leader in academics. All of Ohio's 20 athletic teams scored above the NCAA mandatory minimum of 925 on the Academic Progress Report (APR) released in March with men's



Hocutt with his wife, Diane, and their two sons, Brooks (left) and Drew (right).

cross country, men's and women's golf, and volleyball recording perfect APR marks of 1,000. The Bobcats' had a total NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) score of 81 percent in 2005, putting Ohio among the top 25 public institutions in the country. Nine of Ohio's programs had a GSR of 88 percent or above, including six of at least 91 percent. Women's golf, men's swimming & diving, and men's golf boasted perfect GSR scores of 100 percent.

Not only has Hocutt made his mark on the Ohio campus, he is also active in the Mid-American Conference and the community. He serves on the MAC marketing and broadcasting subcommittee, the MAC football bowl subcommittee, the MAC infractions committee and is the administrative chairman with the league's volleyball coaches. Hocutt served as the honorary chairman for the 2006 March of Dimes Walk America in Athens County.

Prior to his arrival in Athens, Hocutt had been at the University of Oklahoma for the previous six years, serving most recently as associate athletics director for external operations and sports administration.

Hocutt led Oklahoma's athletics fundraising to an all-time high in annual giving and capital campaigns. From 1998 to 2005, Oklahoma's annual giving increased from \$3.4 million to more than \$17 million. That 400 percent increase in annual giving was one of the highest percentage increases in intercollegiate athletics history.

Beginning in 1999, Hocutt served a leadership position in the strategic planning for a capital campaign. The \$120 million campaign was unique in that it focused on facility construction or improvements for each of Oklahoma's 20 sports.

A former student-athlete at Kansas State, Hocutt was a four-year letterman as a linebacker while leading the Big 8 Conference in tackles and being named to the All-Big 8 Conference team during his junior season. *The Sporting News* selected him in 1993 as one of the top 20 "underrated" players in the nation.

Hocutt earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State in 1995 and his master's of education degree from the University of Oklahoma in December 2001.

THE KIRBY HOCUTT FILE

- **Ohio University** – Director of Athletics
- **University of Oklahoma** – Associate Athletic Director for External Operations and Sports Administration
- **NCAA** – Assistant Director of Licensing
- **Kansas State University** – Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions

EDUCATION

Kansas State University

- **1995** – Bachelor's in political science

University of Oklahoma

- **2001** – Master's in education

HONORS

- Four-year letterman and All-Big 8 Conference linebacker at Kansas State
- **1993** – Named one of the top 20 "underrated" players in the nation by *The Sporting News*

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GAMEDAY INFORMATION

Interested members of the media are provided with a game program, team game notes, media guide (when requested) and standard NCAA statistics as soon as possible after the conclusion of the competition.

PLAYER/COACH INTERVIEWS

Please arrange all interviews during the week through the the Ohio Athletics Media Relations office. Advance preparation is encouraged as

24-hour notice is required. Interviews will be conducted around practices unless special circumstances are present.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Ohio's locker room is closed to all media. Interviews for either team may be arranged through the Ohio Athletics Media Relations representative at the conclusion of each match.

PRACTICES

Most team practices are open to the media. Please contact the Ohio Athletics Broadcasting and Media Relations office for updates on the team's practice schedule and availability for access.

WEB SITE

The official Web site of Ohio Athletics is ohiobobcats.com. In addition to press releases, specific team information (rosters, schedules, statistics, bios, etc.) for all 20 varsity sports is available. Box scores from most sporting events are available in the schedule/results section of the particular sport and links to Ohio Sports Network radio broadcasts are also included.



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MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Over the span of 58 years, the Mid-American Conference has progressively grown and developed into one of the most aggressive Division I conferences in the country.

Under the guidance of Rick Chryst, the seventh commissioner in the history of the league, the MAC has responded to the ever-changing landscape of membership issues and member standards in the fast-paced environment of collegiate athletics.

Based in Cleveland since July 1999 following a 15-year stay in Toledo, Ohio, the MAC has established historic measurements in both football and men's and women's basketball since its move to Northeast Ohio.

Both in the classroom and on the field of competition, the MAC continues to excel at the national level. In an NCAA report released in October 2004, the MAC led the 11 I-A conferences in long term graduation rates for football student-athletes at public institutions. On the field, the MAC set a conference record by sending five teams to bowl games.

As well, a league-record 11 players were selected in the seven-round NFL Draft in April. A total of 48 MAC student-athletes were honored on All-America teams during the 2004-05 academic year. On the field, the MAC has added instant replay for all conference football games beginning this season.



ESPN recently extended its television contract with the MAC through 2010. The agreement guarantees the league exposure for the term of the agreement on ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU. ABC/ESPN owns exclusive rights to the MAC Football Championship game and ESPN/ESPN2 has those same rights to the MAC Men's Basketball Championship. Overall, 26 games involving MAC schools (23 regular season, 3 post season) are to be aired in 2005 by ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU.

Additional exposure for the league comes through multi year agreements with Fox Sports Net Ohio and Comcast Local. The regional sports networks will again televise the MAC Game of the Week in football and men's and women's basketball.

The Mid-American Conference was founded as a five-school league on February 24, 1946 in Columbus, Ohio with Ohio, Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve admitted as charter members.

In May of 2005, the MAC added Temple as a football only member (effective 2007) with a plan that includes a men's and women's basketball scheduling partnership with the Philadelphia-based institution.

The Mid-American Conference has 12 full-time schools and a 13th, Temple, for football only. Comprising the East Division is the University of Akron (joined in 1992), Bowling Green State University (1952), University at Buffalo (1998), Kent State University (1951), Miami University (1947) and Ohio University (1946).

The West Division members are Ball State University (1973), Central Michigan University (1971), Eastern Michigan University (1971), Northern Illinois University (1975-86, 1997), University of Toledo (1950) and Western Michigan University (1947).

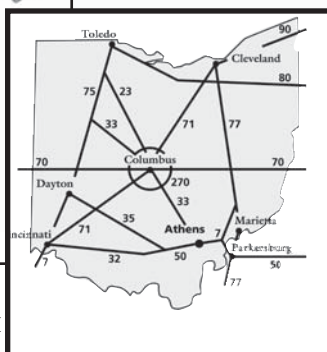
The 13 current football-member institutions have a total enrollment of better than 280,000, with individual enrollments ranging from 16,000-38,000. The MAC's overall enrollment makes it the fourth-largest conference in the United States. MAC alumni number over 1.7 million.



- Ball State University, Muncie, IN
- Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
- Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI
- Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
- Kent State University, Kent, OH
- Miami University, Oxford, OH
- Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- Ohio University, Athens, OH
- University of Akron, Akron, OH
- University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
- University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

DESTINATION: ATHENS, OHIO

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 the 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 I-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 for 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 I-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.

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