

Captain  
John Butler

## CSU VARSITY SWIMMING RECORDS

50-yard free style	23.0 sec.	Robert Busbey, 1949
100-yard free style	51.2 sec.	John Butler, 1971
200-yard free style	1:53.7	John Butler, 1971
500-yard free style	5:19.4	John Butler, 1971
1000-yard free style	11:06.7	John Butler, 1971
1650-yard free style	18:30.2	John Butler, 1971
100-yard back stroke	1:00.1	Dane Mechlin, 1971
200-yard back stroke	2:11.8	Dane Mechlin, 1971
100-yard breast stroke	1:04.5	Jim Pence, 1971
200-yard breast stroke	2:19.5	Jim Pence, 1971
100-yard butterfly	57.6 sec.	John Thomas, 1971
200-yard butterfly	2:13.0	John Thomas, 1971
200-yard individual medley	2:15.7	Jim Pence, 1971
400-yard medley relay	3:51.5	Dane Mechlin, Jim Pence, John Thomas, John Butler, 1971
400-yard free style relay	3:33.6	Donald Remle, Eric Russu, John Butler, Chuck Kunsman, 1969

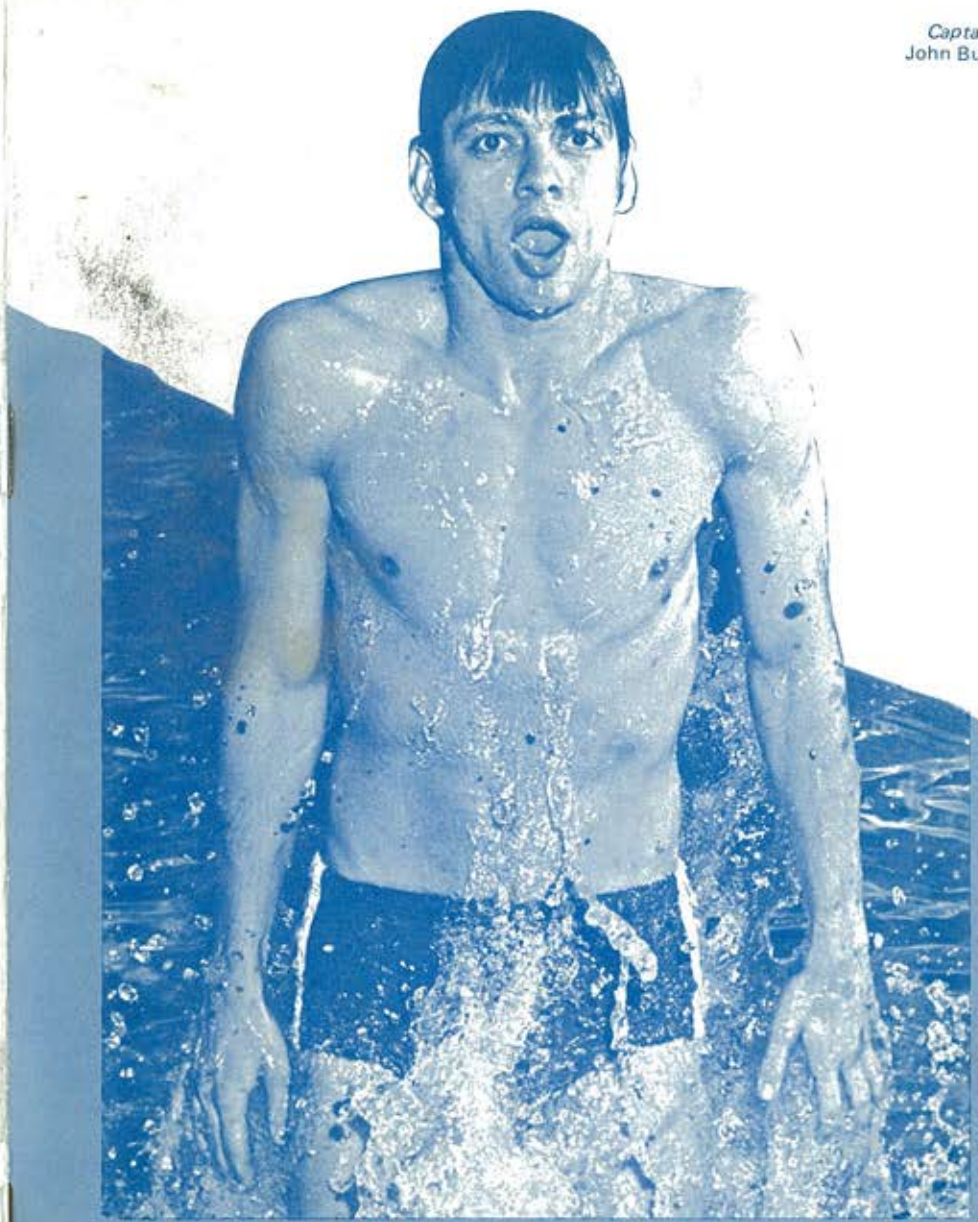
## ELLWOOD H. FISHER POOL RECORDS

50-yard free style	22.8 sec.	Tom Craciun (Youngstown State), 1966
100-yard free style	51.2 sec.	John Butler (Cleveland State), 1971
200-yard free style	1:54.5	John Butler (Cleveland State), 1969
500-yard free style	5:25.4	John Butler (Cleveland State), 1971
1000-yard free style	11:12.8	John Butler (Cleveland State), 1971
200-yard back stroke	2:13.7	Dane Mechlin (Cleveland State), 1971
200-yard breast stroke	2:21.4	Jim Pence (Cleveland State), 1971
200-yard butterfly	2:15.1	John Thomas (Cleveland State), 1971
200-yard individual medley	2:12.2	Tom Platt (Hiram), 1971
400-yard medley relay	3:52.1	Cleveland State (Dane Mechlin, John Butler, Jim Pence, John Thomas), 1971
400-yard free style relay	3:34.2	Slippery Rock (Wes Channing, Bill Smith, Bill Rickert, Tom Erdos), 1966

## SWIMMING HONOR ROLL

The following athletes have been the recipients of the Cleveland State Alumni Athletic Association award as the university's "Outstanding Swimmer of the Year":

1962-63 Dieter Kulicke	1965-66 John Michel	1968-69 John Butler
1963-64 Richard Hoenes	1966-67 William Cody	1969-70 Eric Russu
1964-65 John Michel	1967-68 John Butler	1970-71 James Pence



# Cleveland State SWIMMING 1971-72

# 1971-72 SWIMMING OUTLOOK

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**OUTSTANDING VETERANS:** John Butler, holder of seven varsity and five CSU pool records; Gary Hughes, one of team's most versatile swimmers; Curt Jones, expected to become one of school's all-time best divers; Dane Mechlin, third in meet points earned last year, set pool and school records in backstroke; Jim Starrett, another of team's more versatile performers, probably squad's top sprinter; John Thomas, holder of school and pool records in butterfly.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Tom Brunson, potentially one of team's best distance swimmers; Tom Cole, also expected to pick up points in the distances; Tom Hronis, has the ability to challenge Jones in the diving; Kent Kirchner, best of the freshman crop and potentially the best all-around swimmer ever to compete here; Craig Lopatka, one of area's top backstrokers last season.

**KEY LOSSES:** Jim Pence, CSU's first All-American swimmer in two decades, holder of four varsity and two pool records, team's "outstanding swimmer" last season; Jon Martin, three-year diving star; Eric Russu, four-letter-winner, former backstroke record holder and winner of "outstanding swimmer" award as a junior.

**FORECAST:** More depth, more experience and more ability, but not necessarily more wins are in the cards for the 1971-72 Viking natators. The Vikes, in fact, could be hard pressed to equal their 11-3 mark of last winter against a somewhat stronger schedule. Nevertheless, this should be an even more interesting squad to watch than was the '70-'71 team that smashed all but two of Cleveland State's varsity records. Biggest reason for the heightened interest will be provided by freshman Kent Kirchner, who can swim just about any event save the breaststroke faster than anyone has ever swum here. Since senior John Butler could make virtually that same claim, for several seasons, and since Mr. Butler is still improving, Coach Bob Busbey finds himself blessed with a pair of standouts who lend infinite variety to his planning strategems. Overall, the Vikes look stronger just about everywhere save in the breaststroke, where Busbey is still searching for a reasonable facsimile of departed All-American Jim Pence. The backstroke is so filled with talent that sophomore Jim Starrett, the Vikes' No. 2 man at that spot last season will probably concentrate on the freestyle dashes, leaving varsity record holder Dane Mechlin, sophomore letterman Joe Antz and frosh Craig Lopatka as Kirchner's chief chasers. Record-holder John Thomas, sophomore Gary Hughes and former record-holder George Kirk will fight it out for the available butterfly spots. Butler may concentrate on the shorter freestyle races, leaving the longer grinds to topnotch newcomers Tom Brunson, Tom Cole and Kirchner. Sophomore Curt Jones and newcomer Tom Hronis give CSU its best one-two diving punch in recent seasons, and Hughes, Kirchner and frosh Stasie Nicholaides will divide up the I-M chores. Hughes and veteran Steve Bogas are the breaststrokers. The Viking swimming program takes another big step forward this year, but possibly not quite big enough to overtake anyone it hasn't already passed. The mermen will need wins over schedule newcomers Oberlin and Youngstown State to improve on last year.

## 1970-71 MEET POINTS EARNED

*John Butler	151	*John Thomas	84 1/2	*Joe Antz	47
*Curt Jones	102	Jon Martin	79	*Steve Bogas	40 1/4
*Dane Mechlin	101	*Gary Hughes	74 3/4	Frank Giblin	10
Jim Pence	99 1/4	*Jim Starrett	69 1/2	Gaetano Montagna	2
		Eric Russu	55 3/4		

**SPECIAL HONORS:** All-American — Jim Pence

\*Returning this season

## ROBERT F. BUSBEY

Athletic Director and Head Swimming Coach

With a quarter of century of accomplishment at The Cleveland State University and its forebear, Fenn College behind him, a whole new world is now just beyond the horizon for Athletic Director and Head Swimming Coach Bob Busbey. That world is taking form only a couple of hundred feet from the cramped athletic facilities which have housed CSU athletics since before Busbey's undergraduate days here, and includes an abundance of sub-worlds for the variety of increasingly skilled athletes who function within Athletic Director Busbey's programs. The most interesting of these areas for Swimming Coach Busbey include a superb 50-meter exhibition pool and a 25-yard instructional pool which, together, will give Cleveland State one of the finest indoor aquatics facilities in America when the \$7,000,000 Physical Education Center is opened during the 1973-74 school year. The opening of that facility will mark a memorable moment for Busbey, who has contributed more than his share of memorable moments to Cleveland State's athletic history. As an undergraduate, he became the University's first All-American, winning his honors in swimming in 1948 (50 and 100-yd. free style) and repeating in 1949. He also captured the National AAU free style sprint championships in 1948. In all, he earned nine varsity letters at Fenn in swimming, baseball, fencing and track, a feat that's never been matched. He took over as the head swim coach here in 1951, and in 1964 he was named assistant coach of the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team, the first time a Cleveland college coach has ever been chosen as an Olympic mentor. When Homer Woodling retired as the school's athletic director in July 1966 after a 37-year career, Busbey was named acting athletic director, and in July 1968, he was named athletic director. The school's athletic program has moved swiftly toward national prominence since, producing All-Americans in wrestling, swimming, soccer, and track, and an NCAA college division individual champion in track. The soccer team has won bids to three NCAA post-season tourneys and a pair of Ohio championships, and the golf, cross country and wrestling teams have all finished in the top 20 in the NCAA College Division Championships in recent years. With adequate facilities just around the corner at last, the real Busbey Era may be just beginning.



## THUMBNAIL GUIDE TO CSU

Location	Euclid Avenue at East 24th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115
Enrollment	15,200
Nickname	Vikings
Colors	Forest Green & White
Conference	Independent (NCAA College Division)
President	Dr. Harold L. Enarson
Athletic Director	Robert F. Busbey
Sports Information Director	Merle Levin
Team Physician	Dr. H. Royer Collins
Head Trainer	Jack McNeeley
Location of Pool	Sixth Floor, Tenn Tower Bldg.
Size of Pool	25 yards, four 6-foot lanes
Athletic Department Telephone	(216) 687-3644

# 1971-72 SWIMMING SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
<b>January</b>			
8 (Sat.)	MIAMI (Ohio)	CSU	2:00 p.m.
13 (Thur.)	Oberlin	Oberlin, O.	7:00 p.m.
15 (Sat.)	Fredonia State	Fredonia, N.Y.	4:00 p.m.
19 (Wed.)	Slippery Rock	Slippery Rock, Pa.	4:00 p.m.
22 (Sat.)	INDIANA (Pa.)	CSU	2:00 p.m.
28 (Fri.)	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	CSU	4:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>			
2 (Wed.)	BALDWIN-WALLACE	CSU	4:00 p.m.
5 (Sat.)	Akron	Akron, O.	2:00 p.m.
12 (Sat.)	EDINBORO STATE	CSU	2:00 p.m.
16 (Wed.)	CASE-WESTERN RESERVE	CSU	4:00 p.m.
19 (Sat.)	MARSHALL	CSU	2:00 p.m.
26 (Sat.)	CARNEGIE-MELLON	CSU	2:00 p.m.
<b>March</b>			
3-5	Penn-Ohio Championships	Slippery Rock, Pa.	

HOME MEETS are held in Ellwood H. Fisher Pool,  
6th Floor, Fenn Tower Building

## 1970-71 SWIMMING RESULTS

	CSU	77 - 36	Fredonia
	CSU	69 - 44	Akron
	Miami	91 - 20	CSU
	Marshall	73 - 38	CSU
	CSU	66 - 47	Indiana, Pa.
	CSU	70 - 42	Hiram
	CSU	66 - 47	Wayne State
	CSU	81 - 31	Slippery Rock
	CSU	66 - 47	Baldwin-Wallace
	CSU	85 - 27	Alleghany
	Buffalo State	80 - 33	CSU
	CSU	87 - 22	Canisus
	CSU	77 - 38	Case-Western Reserve
	CSU	82 - 31	Carnegie-Mellon

Won - 11      Lost - 3  
4th - Penn-Ohio Championships

# 1971-72 SWIMMING ROSTER

Coach - Robert F. Busbey

Name	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown and High School
*Joe Antz	19	6-0	178	So.	Berea, O.—Berea
**Steve Bogas	24	6-1	196	Jr.	South Euclid, O.—Brush
Thomas Brunson	19	6-0	170	Fr.	Euclid, O.—Euclid
**John Butler	23	5-10	150	So.	Euclid, O.—Shaw
Thomas Cole	18	5-11	178	Fr.	Euclid, O.—Euclid
Wayne Crowther	21	5-11	175	Jr.	Mayfield Hts., O.—Mayfield
John Gilroy	20	5-11	174	Jr.	Cleveland, O.—St. Joseph
Thomas Hronis	19	6-0	175	So.	Fairview Park, O.—Fairview
*Gary Hughes	20	5-8	148	So.	Cleveland, O.—John Marshall
*Curt Jones	19	6-2	165	So.	Lakewood, O.—Lakewood
Kent Kirchner	18	6-0	165	Fr.	Solon, O.—Solon
*George Kirk	20	5-10	180	Jr.	Warren, O.—Harding
Craig Lopatka	19	6-0	175	Fr.	Lakewood, O.—Lakewood
*Dane Mechlin	19	5-8	175	So.	Cuyahoga Falls, O.—Cuy. Falls
Paul Misterka	18	6-0	155	Fr.	Garfield Hts., O.—Chanel
Stasie Nicholaides	18	6-0	170	Fr.	Akron, O.—Firestone
*Jim Starrett	19	5-9	142	So.	Massillon, O.—Massillon
*John Thomas	19	5-8	145	So.	Tallmadge, O.—Garfield
Dennis Ursick	18	6-0	180	Fr.	Cleveland, O.—Padua
Robert Wheeler	19	5-10	160	So.	Cleveland, O.—Padua

## ROSTER BY EVENTS

Backstroke	Breaststroke	Butterfly	Diving	Freestyle	I-M
				(Sprints)	
Antz	Bogas	Hughes	Hronis	Brunson	Bogas
Kirchner	Crowther	Kirchner	Jones	Butler	Hughes
Lopatka	Hughes	Kirk		Gilroy	Kirchner
Mechlin	Wheeler	Thomas		Kirchner	Nicholaides
Misterka				Nicholaides	
Starrett				Starrett	
Ursick				Thomas	
				Ursick	
				(Distances)	
				Brunson	
				Butler	
				Cole	
				Kirk	
				Kirchner	
				Mechlin	
				Nicholaides	

# THE LETTERMEN



Joe Antz

Joe Antz, sophomore backstroke, showed steady improvement in his specialty last season and, as just a 19-year-old soph, can be expected to continue to improve this season. May also try his hand at another event or two this winter. Majoring in business administration . . . Steve Bogas, junior breaststroker and individual medley man, is the "pappy" of the team at 24, and also the guy who keeps the squad loose. A service veteran who's had some trouble getting serious about the sport until the season gets underway, he's a fine competitor once the starter's gun sounds. Swam behind All-American Jim Pence in the breast last season, but could well be the team's No. 1 man at this stroke in '71-'72. Set the varsity breaststroke record in his first season here. Majoring in labor relations . . .



Steve Bogas

John Butler, senior freestyler, ends one of the great swimming careers in Viking annals this winter. Entered the '71-'72 season as the holder of five of CSU's 13 listed individual varsity marks, and four of the nine individual pool marks. Also shares in both varsity relay records and in the pool record for the 400-yard medley relay. In addition, he set varsity marks in the 200-yard backstroke, butterfly and individual medley which have subsequently been broken. Has twice been named CSU's "outstanding swimmer" and is a two-time team captain. Should be spread less thin this year thanks to Vikes greater team depth, and hopes to qualify for NCAA's. Twice qualified for the state high school meet at East Cleveland Shaw High. Majoring in math . . . Gary Hughes, versatile sophomore will probably compete in butterfly, breaststroke and individual medley this season, and should do well in all. Won city YMCA championships in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yd. IM, finished 5th in the state YMCA championships in 100-fly in high school, where he had no varsity team on which to compete . . .



Gary Hughes

Curt Jones, sophomore diver who won a Lake Erie League title at Lakewood High School two years ago, is the latest, and potentially one of the very best in a long line of good divers produced here. Finished second in team points earned last season, extremely unusual for a diver. Particularly strong in required diving events. Excellent student, majoring in engineering . . . George Kirk, junior freestyler and butterflyer, returns to the squad after a year's absence and is expected to provide solid backup strength in the fly and the distance events once he's shaken the rust of 12 months' inactivity. An engineering major. . . Dane Mechlin, sophomore backstroke and freestyler, rates near the top among team's most accomplished swimmers. Holds varsity 100- and 200-yd. backstroke marks, as well as pool record in 200-yd. backstroke, and shares in varsity and pool medley relay marks. Also did well in 500-yd. freestyle, rating as a strong No. 2 man behind Butler. Probably will be only No. 2 in backstroke this year also (behind frosh Kent Kirchner), but if so, he'll be one of the best No. 2 men in



Curt Jones

college division swimming. Majoring in management . . . Jim Starrett, sophomore freestyler and backstroke, will probably concentrate on sprints this year in deference to the large collection of backstroke talent on the Viking squad, and very likely will wind up as the team's top 50-yd. freestyler, and a steady point-winner in the 100- and 200-free. Good competitor who still has his best swimming times in front of him, he's shown steady improvement after a fine high school career which saw him twice win honors as Massillon's "most improved" swimmer. Majoring in physical education . . . John Thomas, sophomore butterflyer, quickly became the best Viking ever at his specialty, last season setting varsity marks in the 100- and 200-yd. fly, a pool record in the 200-yd. fly and helping to set varsity and pool records in the 400-yd. medley relay. The team "flake," he's serious about his swimming, could be a genuine standout before he calls it a career. He's majoring in accounting.



George Kirk



Dane Mechlin

Among the best of another fine crop of newcomers to join the Viking swim team this winter are:

## THE NEW FACES

Tom Brunson, sophomore freestyler, who set varsity marks in the 200- (1:55.0) and 400-yd. freestyles (4:11) at Euclid High School, one of the Cleveland area's best swimming schools. Started his college schooling at Youngstown State, but transferred here after one quarter. Should be a solid distance man for the Vikings. Son of a CSU professor . . . Tom Cole, freshman from Euclid High who has shown promise in the freestyle sprints and middle distances . . . Tom Hronis, one of Cleveland area's premiere divers at Fairview High two years ago, finishing fifth in the district meet, he missed last season because of grades, but is ready to go this season. Could team up with Jones to give CSU one of the best one-two diving punches in school history . . . Kent Kirchner, a swimmer without a team at Solon High School, he's being touted as the best tank prospect ever to enroll here. Won the district butterfly title and finished second in the backstroke last winter, then placed sixth in each event in the state meet, although he didn't have the benefit of regular season interscholastic competition because Solon did not field a team. Should rewrite CSU record books thoroughly this year, with capability of breaking every school mark save those in the breaststroke. Has the ability to be a college division All-American as a frosh, and could, indeed, be a national title threat . . . Craig Lopatka, finished sixth in district backstroke competition last winter at Lakewood High School, where he earned two letters as a natator, and figures to be one of the best of a good crop of backstroke artists. May also take a crack at another event or two . . . Stasie Nicholaides, figures to see action in the freestyle and individual medley this season after a fine career at Akron Buchtel and later swimming-mad Akron Firestone High School. Won three high school swimming monograms and also two letters in track where he threw the shot and discus.

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