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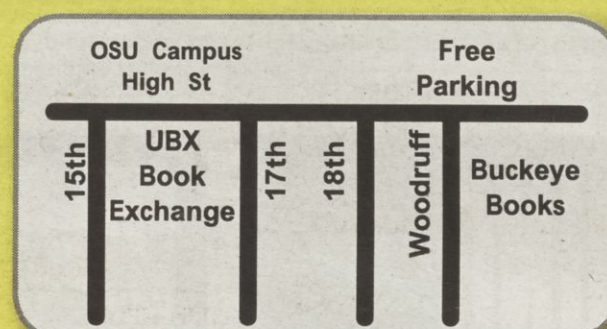
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By Adam Jardy  
Buckeye Bound editor

Greetings, new member of the Ohio State family. By enrolling as a member of THE Ohio State University, you have become an elite person.

That's right — you have become a Buckeye.

A Buckeye can be defined as a crazy, poisonous nut. Think about that for a minute. Our mascot is a person with a giant nut for a head.

It sort of sums up what it takes to be a student here. You have to be a big person. You should be social. And it doesn't hurt to be a little odd.

But what is it about being a Buckeye that makes it so great? Is it the football? The academics? The campus? Having an older brother who lives off-campus? Brutus?

Slow down and take a deep breath: this might take awhile.

The goal of this issue is to give you a sneak preview of what life at OSU will be like. If you aren't fortunate enough to have older siblings to show you around, this may be your first glimpse into OSU beyond what you learn at orientation.

As you go through these pages it is my hope that you will get a glimpse behind the looking glass. I can't lie and say that everything is perfect at OSU. Construction is a major pain. Tuition isn't fun. And

south campus dorms don't have air conditioning.

But you know what? That all sort of goes away the longer you are here. Buckeye pride is a feeling that is hard to explain; it has to be experienced. But until you realize that, OSU can be a scary place.

Pride is evident on the faces of alumni who come back to visit. It's on the shirts that parents wear when they visit their children that say "Buckeye Dad" or "OSU Mom." It's in the eyes of your high school classmates who didn't get in or were afraid to move away from the comfort of home.

You are on your own in the second biggest university in America.

The biggest piece of advice I can give you is this: don't be overwhelmed. This isn't as simple as it may sound. One of the first things you will notice is that campus is, simply, huge. In my case, campus is bigger than my hometown. You need a map to find out where to eat, much less figure out where class is.

But it will get smaller as the year goes on. You won't be able to cross the Oval without passing someone you know. Once the construction is done, of course.

But beyond that, here are a few early tips to help you along. Take them as they are; advice from a senior.

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# There is light at the end of freshman year

By G.W. Moore  
For the Lantern

It's not been an easy four years at The Ohio State University, with doubt and worry stealing precious hours of sleep and eating an increasingly large wound in the lining of my stomach. These times are not the same as those of afternoon recesses and snow days.

As graduation drew closer, I found myself stopping and trying to adjust the focus of the shaking, panoramic view that is my perspective. The majority of difficulty persisting in my life is from trying to place all the necessary objects of a successful existence into this narrow frame without zooming out so far as to lose the vivid aspects of those objects that give life its intrinsic value.

However, when one has teetered his or her way this far — in a world where an illness, no matter debilitating, doesn't warrant a make-up exam or an extension on a paper without "proper documentation" — the civility of life has already been blurred.

I copy edited for *The Lantern*, and I've had to read stories about some quitters of this institution taking their own lives. It reminded me of when I was a freshman during the 2000-2001 university year. That year there was a string of suicides, complete with a gunman holding a pistol out of a dorm window.

As many will probably agree, freshman year was not easy. I left everything behind in the safe, isolated town of DeGraff — extracted from my Momma, my two beagle puppies and all my friends — and I was transplanted into the intimidating university we've all come to love.

Making friends wasn't easy, classes were hard and eating something other than my mother's home cooking was torture. There were all-nighters devoted to writing papers and studying for tests — something I wasn't familiar with in my school where I never cracked a book,

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OSU Grad, class of 2004

played football and baseball, worked 35 hours a week and still graduated valedictorian.

Loneliness and the gaping hole in my heart resulting from abandoning my Momma broke me down. Having problems adapting and quickly losing sight of my reason for being at OSU, my situation probably wasn't much better than those who gave up.

Be it divine intervention or sleep deprivation mixed with taking a few too many antidepressants, I had my sustaining vision — the grandiose illusion of what I was working towards.

I flashed back to the happiest moments of my young, meaningless life. I was sitting on my porch on a warm summer evening with my mother. I recalled her smiling

and tears rolling down her cheek when I told her I was going to take care of her.

It became as obvious as basketball coach Gene Keady's toupee; I needed to stand up, prepare for my final, get a degree and repay my mother for all of her sacrifices.

I didn't sleep that night, and as I walked into my final, I remembered the countless mornings I heard my mother's alarm going off at 4 a.m. so she could get up and go to work to put clothes on my back and food on the table. It fully occurred to me how important it is to persevere through the struggles presented by college so I could attain my dreams, fulfill the promises I had made and hopefully do a job half as good as the one my mother did raising me.

But to present myself as nothing short of stoic and to offer help to anyone lacking the fortitude necessary to complete the daunting task of obtaining a degree, I challenge everyone — including myself — to embody the description once given to Julius Caesar: "For himself he wanted a high command, an army and a war in some field where his gifts could shine in all their brightness."

I'm nominating myself as captain of the team and this is my half-time speech. This time and experience known as college is our own individual "war" where each of our gifts can shine. But without the proper sacrifice, the sleepless nights, the endurance through illness and the demoralizing uncertainty, our war will appear in history as meaningless and fruitless as "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

So, for those in the same predicament I am — was in, I want to point out how amazingly analogous the acceptance to college is to Julius Caesar's 2,053-year-old decision to cross the small Italian stream called the Rubicon. Caesar's words, appropriate enough, ring true to this day: "We may still draw back but once across that little bridge, we shall have to fight it out."



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# Newport Music Hall continues to rock hard

By Jake Chapman  
For the Lantern

After spending many years in dire need of repair, the Newport Music Hall has a fresh, clean look. Major renovations took place during the past school year on America's longest

The renovation was the most expensive and extensive work done on the building since it was taken over by Pro-

moWest Productions in 1984. PromoWest spokeswoman Amy Troendly said \$700,000 was spent on the operation.

The primary renovation was the installation of heat and air conditioning. PromoWest doubled the width of the entrance and repainted the lobby. The bathrooms were refurbished and made larger, and the administrative part of the building was remodeled. These changes were made without disturbing the rustic

ambiance of the building, Troendly said. She said it is fitting that Red Wanting Blue brought back the historic venue.

"They're one of our most successful, repetitive bands," Troendly said. "They come through every four or five months and always give a great show."

RWB front man Scott Terry said he is glad the renovation did not take away the old feel of the Newport.

"I'm a romantic," Terry said. "I like the

dingy, dirty places."

Formed in Athens but based in Columbus, the band is familiar with the Newport. Manager Mark Anderson thought this would be the ninth show RWB had played at the Newport, but Terry thought it was closer to 15 or 20. He also said the band has been doing three or four shows

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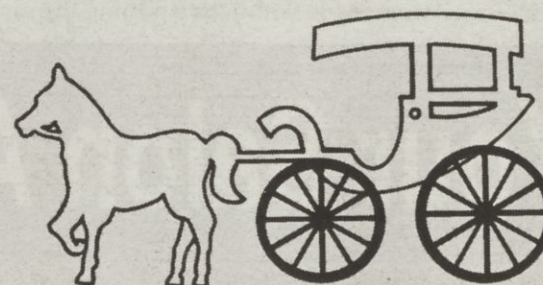




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# Searchlight making first motion picture

## Student-run "Buckeye Searchlight" spends summer making movie

By Reena Samaan  
For the Lantern

Buckeye Searchlight, Ohio State's only film production crew, is shooting its first movie this summer.

"As far we can tell, this is the only project of its kind happening on a college campus in the nation," production manager Kara Ulseth, a junior in film production and screenwriting, said. "Nothing else of this magnitude is being done."

The group, created by Nate Hahn, a senior in film/video production and directing, and Mark Laivins, a freshman in film/video production and directing, began the company in the fall of 2003 with the desire to produce a film while educating its members.

"We wanted to hold a film writing competition that spoofed up Project Greenlight, so we started advertising that we were going to produce a movie for somebody if they were willing to write the screenplay," said Hahn, the film's producer. "We had about 250 people in the city writing scripts, and we went through a huge selection process."

An hour before the deadline, Buckeye Searchlight received what would be the winning script.

The screenplay, written by Sheryl Mascarenhas, a senior in chemistry, is tentatively titled "Detachment."

"It's a psychological thriller about dreams and dream therapy (and) alternate realities," Hahn said. "It's about 70 to 75 percent visual, so it's really going to be something to watch."

Mascarenhas' Spanish class and the university's eerie history were central influences in the making of the script.

"It really involves OSU's folklore in some ways," said Mascarenhas. "But it's not a story about Ohio State, though it involves the locations on campus."

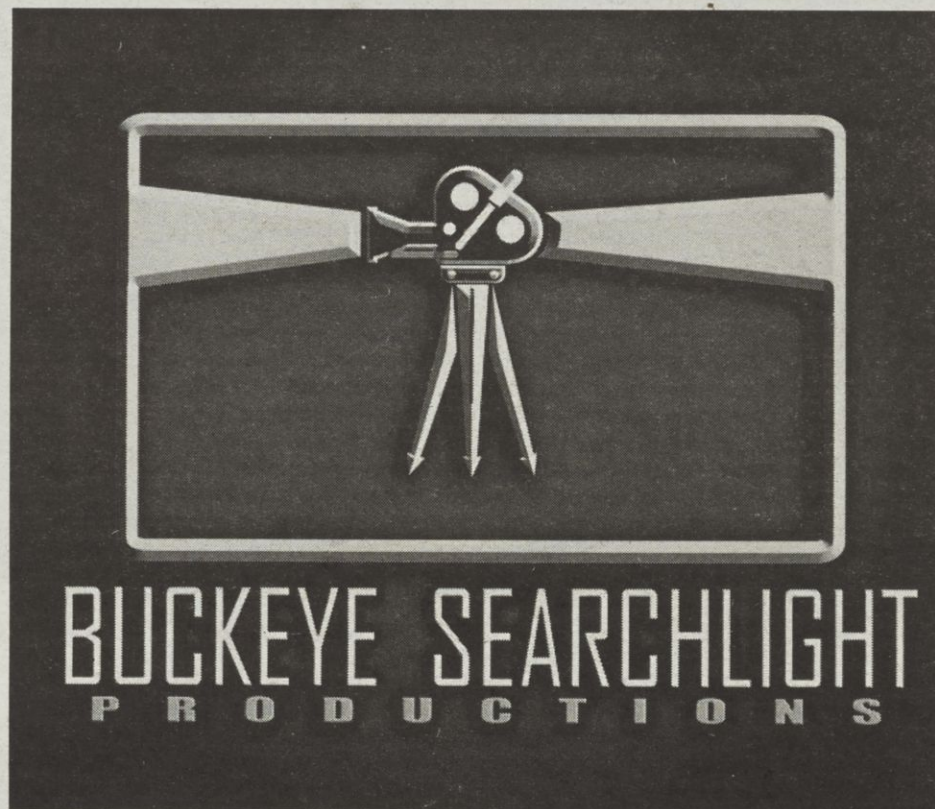
The production group picked the script based on its versatility and uncanny storyline.

"Compared to all the other scripts that we received, I thought this one was really unique," said production coordinator Amira Soliman, a sophomore in international studies. "It also includes a lot of set design and costume opportunities."

"Detachment" is being filmed this summer before the three-month editing process prior to the film's premiere in November.

Eager actors came from all across the

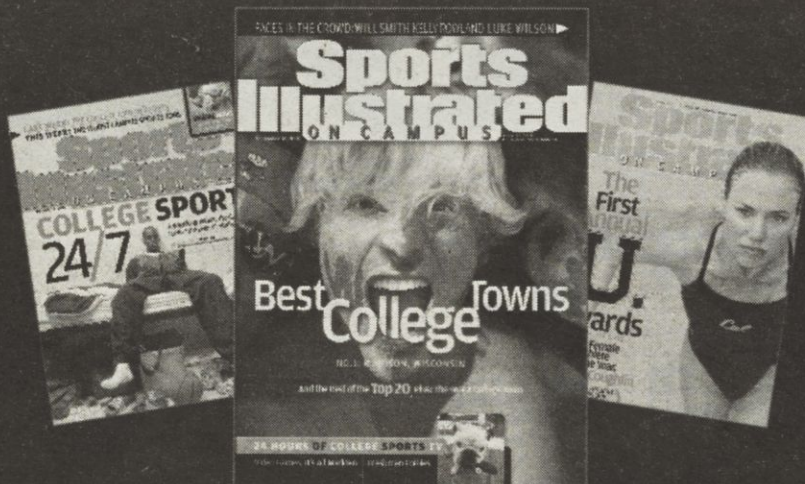
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A student-founded organization, Buckeye Searchlight is currently producing its first movie, Detachment. The crew finished shooting over the summer and is looking to release it to theaters later this year.

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# Board to stop holding "secret" meetings

By Adam Konvalinka  
Lantern campus editor

Ohio State is now making its Board of Trustees pre-meeting briefings open to the public and press. While the board's prior policy, which allowed undisclosed pre-meeting briefings under certain conditions, was legal under Ohio's Open Meetings Act, the new policy will provide more accessibility and should take away any misconceptions about "secret" briefings.

Controversy arose earlier this summer when *The Columbus Dispatch* published several articles criticizing OSU for holding pre-meeting briefings where information was shared and the public and media were not notified. In a July 15 article, *The Dispatch* described the manner in which same-sex benefits were extended to faculty as "a sad spectacle of a great university being reduced to misleading statements and secretive maneuvering."

Virginia Tretheway, OSU executive assistant to the president and the general counsel, said the board has always had pre-meeting briefings about which the public was not notified and it is legal under the Open Meetings Act, also known as the Sunshine Law.

"The board has had such sessions, as boards do everywhere," she said. "There's

always been some form of breakfast or some kind of briefing."

The Sunshine Law requires public bodies to take official actions and to conduct deliberations on official business in open meetings. Tretheway said OSU was not violating the law because the briefings were not official meetings.

"It is not a secret meeting if it is not a meeting," she said. "In the statute, there is an opening for such briefings to occur."

As reported by local media, in the 2004 publication about the Sunshine Law, the attorney general's office notes that some courts have found the gathering of a public body may not be a "meeting" if, "(Officials) act only as passive observers in a ministerial fact-gathering capacity or informational session. The simple presentation of information to a public body, without more, may not be discussion." The office adds a "discussion" would be "an exchange of words, comments, or ideas."

Different interpretations of the law by separate courts of appeals, and many aspects of the Sunshine Law, have not yet been interpreted by the Supreme Court, Tretheway said.

According to *The Dispatch*, Attorney General Jim Petro sent OSU and the other higher education institutions a letter July 14 that "delivered a stern warning to all Ohio universities and their

trustees: Don't deliberate on official business in secret board meetings or in one-on-one discussions between officials."

Tretheway said she cannot discuss the letter because it falls under attorney-client privilege, but she said that it does not accuse OSU of violating the law.

"(The attorney general's letter) did not say OSU had violated the law," she said. "In fact, it supports our position that this is still an open question in Ohio jurisprudence. As a matter of policies, he has very publicly stated a view towards openness as the default, for the benefit of the doubt."

OSU has decided to open all briefings to the public unless they are closed for specific reasons covered in the law, such as personnel matters.

"The university agreed in the spirit of openness, to open all presidential briefings to the public," said Elizabeth Conlisk, spokeswoman for OSU. "(Briefings) will not be conducted with board formalities but will be open to the public."

Tretheway said the decision was not influenced by Petro's action.

"The decision was made to open briefings to the public before we knew the attorney general was writing the letter," she said.

Tretheway said the briefings are necessary to provide board members the infor-

mation to make decisions regarding OSU.

"With the complexity of this institution, that nine unpaid citizens have to learn everything about this institution, it is an enormous task to make that function effectively," she said.

The board often votes unanimously, because the administration only brings forward proposals that fit the mission of OSU, Tretheway said.

"The administration is charged with running this administration concurrent with its mission," she said. "If the administration is doing its job, there shouldn't be any controversy. If the negatives outweigh the positives, (a proposal) should never get to the board."

Tretheway said issues are not brought up for votes suddenly or secretly.

"It isn't surprise night," she said. "We've studied (the proposals) to death."

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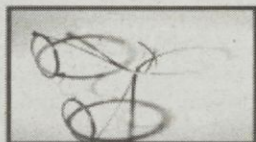
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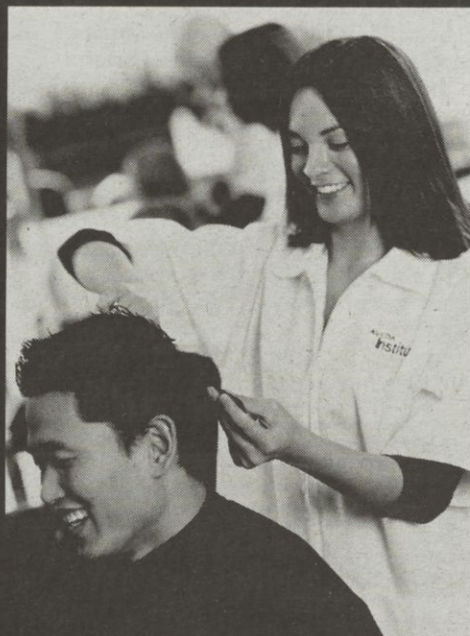
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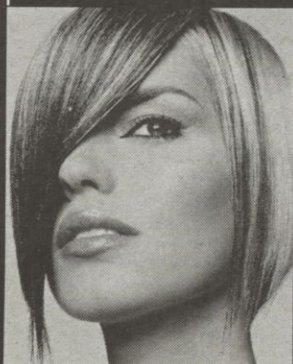
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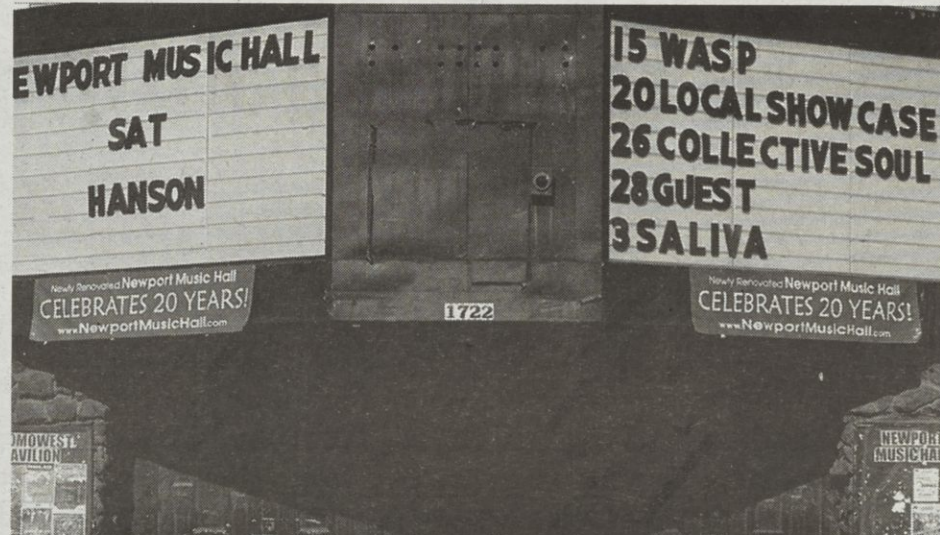
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each year for the past 5 years.

"We've played a lot of different shows at a lot of different places, but it's great to remember the times when we were young and taking the stage and thinking 'Man, Nirvana or Bob Marley played on this stage.'"

Anderson added the Newport and Ohio State are important to the band.

"The Newport is the backbone of the

music scene in Columbus as far as national acts go, and we've always loved the support they and the university give us," Anderson said.

The Newport is not the only place to see concerts in the campus area, either. Major bands often play at PromoWest Pavilion, located in the Arena District downtown, as well as Little Brothers in the Short North.

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"We are looking to enter it in the film festival circuit...the biggest one would be Sundance," Ulseth said.

Most importantly, however, Buckeye Searchlight hopes to open future doors for aspiring filmmakers here at OSU.

"The main focus of this movie is education, because we all want to learn how to make movies," Ulseth said.

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# An alternative Greek lifestyle

By Lindsay Jacobs  
For the Lantern

Delta Lambda Phi has officially joined the ranks of those that can be deemed full fraternities by both the National Board and Ohio State. The organization, which received its charter, said it is excited to provide a greek organization for gay and bisexual young men at OSU.

"I think we provide a more supportive environment for gay and bisexual men who might feel at odds about joining another greek organization for fear of harassment," said Garth Wall, president of Delta Lambda Phi.

Wall, a sophomore in biology, has been involved with Delta Lambda Phi since January of 2003. He has also worked for this charter since its colonization in May of 2003.

"A lot of hard work went into getting our charter," Wall said.

Some of the work consisted of three new member classes, including a founding class. The group also had to show it could meet the requirements of both the national organization and OSU Greek Life.

"It was very much a learning experience," Wall said.

OSU Greek Life is also excited about the inclusion of this fraternity at the university.

"Delta Lambda Phi has become very active within the community and especially within the newly formed Multicultural Greek Council. They have been an integral part in creating the foundation of this new council," said Steffani Pealer, senior coordinator of Greek Life.

Pealer also feels the fraternity has a lot to add to the OSU Greek Life experience.

"(The fraternity) will add diversity and inclusiveness. They are a group of dynamic men who believe in the well-being of all individuals. They have the passion to make the fraternity experience for their members and future members to be life-changing," Pealer said. "Any individual interested in this fraternity would find a group of men striving to achieve excellence in all they do and to become better men throughout the process."

*"Progressive-minded heterosexual men are also welcome in our organization and encouraged to join."*

**Garth Wall**

President, Delta Lambda Phi

There have been many people involved to make sure Delta Lambda Phi received its charter this spring. One of those people is Timothy Ortyl, a senior in political science and sociology, and the vice president and sergeant-at-arms of Delta Lambda Phi.

"I feel a great sense of relief and accomplishment. Making sure that we received our charter this spring has been one of the top priorities in my life for the past year, and we all worked very hard to ensure it happened," Ortyl said.

The fraternity said it hopes to be pillars in both the OSU and Columbus communities for acceptance and brotherhood.

"We have done some community service work with the Columbus AIDS Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign, and we look forward to working more closely with both of them in the future," Ortyl said.

While some may believe Delta Lambda Phi to be only a gay and bisexual fraternity, Wall said any and all are welcome to join.

"Progressive-minded heterosexual men are also welcome in our organization and encouraged to join," Wall said.

## WELCOME FROM PAGE 1

you. And it's ok to go home every once in awhile. Your family might even miss you, too.

It doesn't take long at OSU to start to find your niche. Friends are made during fall quarter, but your true friends come out during winter classes. When you can't go outside without wearing multiple layers of clothing you start to make friends inside, where it's always warm.

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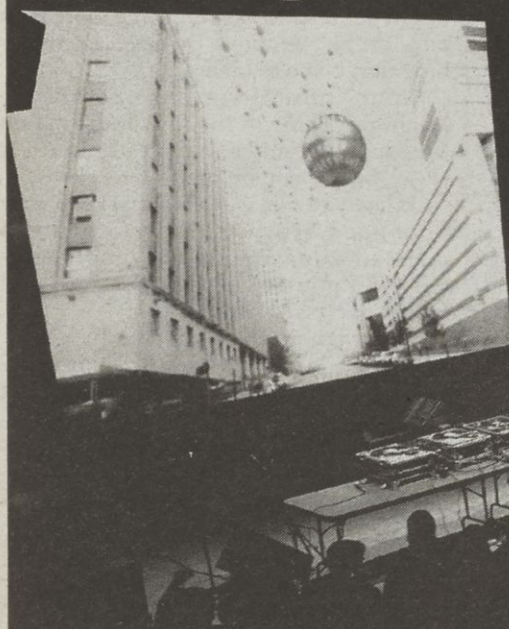


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# Lost, but now found

By Mandy Zatynski  
For the Lantern

Some students would lose their head if it weren't attached, and other students are more apt to lose golf clubs, bowling balls, cell phones and clothes all over campus.

Ohio State's Lost and Found services the entire campus area in attempts to locate lost items and their owners.

"If you've found an item, automatically give it to OSU's Lost and Found," said Angela Williams, coordinator of the department. "The sooner you get it here, the sooner we'll get it where it belongs."

Medications and prescriptions, personal articles such as lipstick and body lotion, and diabetic kits and other items of a biological nature cannot be accepted by the Lost and Found for health and safety reasons, she said.

"The bus system, Jesse Owens and Larkins send over quite a bit," Williams said.

Clothing, cell phones, keys, glasses and books top the list of the most common items turned into Lost and Found, but in the three years Williams has worked with the service, she has seen some not-so-ordinary articles as well.

"An entire set of golf clubs was turned in, an old computer scanner, and even a bowling ball," Williams said. None of the items were claimed.

Lost and Found holds lost articles for 90 days, except for clothing, which can only be kept for 30 days.

"We don't have enough storage space to keep clothing for 90 days," Williams said.

Lost and Found donates the unclaimed items to various organizations around campus.

"We try to donate back to the university as much as we can," Williams said. She cited Buckeye Bargains, OSU's thrift shop, and Call to Protect, an organization that distributes cell phones to victims of domestic violence in case of an emergency.

Lost and Found focused on promoting their services last year, since most students and staff do not know of their efforts.

"Posters in CABS have helped tremendously," Theresa Thayer, manager of Lost and Found, said. "In the last year, it's doubled our calls and the number of items brought in."

In addition to its main location in room 35 of the Central Services Building, Lost and Found also has building contacts throughout campus



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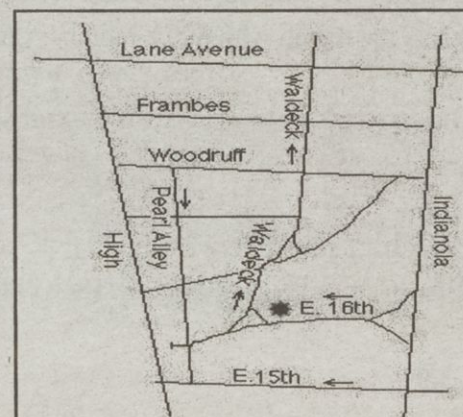
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# Weekend camping breaks abound for students

## Ohio offers lots of fun stress relievers near OSU

By Miho Kubota  
Lantern staff writer

Students looking for a fun getaway should think about going camping at one of Ohio's many state parks.

"State parks are there for (students) to enjoy, and it's a great way to get away from the stress of school and also a great place to get some fresh air and exercise," said Jean Backs, a spokeswoman for Ohio state parks. "It's good for your soul and good for your mind to go out and take a hike, and it's a lot of fun to sleep under the stars."

People can pick a favorite park from a variety of selections. Ohio has 74 state parks, which offer a variety of outdoor experiences. Backs said two parks are especially popular for camping in Ohio, and both have extensive hiking trails.

"Hocking Hills in southeast Ohio, is very, very popular, and also has a very nice campground," Backs said. "The reason why people like Hocking Hills so much is it's very scenic. There are lots of waterfalls, caves, and cliffs,

so there's very good hiking there."

The other most popular park is located in northern Ohio.

"There is also a park called Mohican state park in northeast Ohio — it's also very popular," Backs said. "There are lots of people that like to go canoeing in that area on the river, and it also has a very nice campground; another one that's very busy, but very nice, is a resort lodge at that park."

One benefit of camping at state parks is they are equipped with modern facilities so campers do not have to rough it entirely. Campgrounds have facilities such as electricity, running water and showers.

State parks closer to Columbus might be more convenient for students with limited time. Backs said she recommends a couple of parks close to Columbus.

"The parks in the Columbus area are Alum Creek and Delaware state parks, which are north of Columbus," Backs said. "John Bryan state park is very lovely and good for primitive camping. Also, Mount Gilead and A.W. Marion have a nice quiet campground."

State parks with big lakes also offer extra types of recreation, such as boating and a great view for visitors. Backs said Deer Creek, Salt Fork, Dillon and Buckeye Lake state parks all

have large lakes.

"There is no state park campground (at Buckeye Lake), but there are lots of beaches, and there's lots of boating on that lake," Backs said.

Many Ohio State students have experience camping in Ohio.

"Mohican was very nice, and it's very clean," Travis Heenan, a senior in political science, said. "I went there for kayaking, and that was cool."

"I've been to East Fork. I went there on the weekend, so it was very busy," said Ken Cradock, a graduate student in entomology. "(Camping) is a lot of fun and a good way to get away from the city."

Sam Messerly, a senior in political science, said he has been to Salt Fork, Kelleys Island and Nelson Kennedy, and he enjoyed them all.

State parks also provide a large number of events each month during the summer, like a camping event with music and a car show called "Summer Bash" at Buck Creek and an American Indian culture event called "Zaleski Flint Knap-In" at Lake Hope, Backs said. In August there is an old-fashioned, farm-oriented event called "Farm Fun Days and Summer Barn Dance" at Malabar Farm. Also, a meteor finding event called "Star Seekers Shower Search" takes place at Hocking Hills and "Street Dance" at

Delaware.

To camp safely and properly, people need to obey rules, such as how to deal with fire or trash in the park.

"The state parks — all the camp sites — have a fire ring to build a camp fire in, so practice common sense," Backs said. "Keep your fire in the fire ring, and you don't want to use fuel or gasoline to get it started. If you're camping at night, you want to make sure your food is kept unavailable to animals. Probably the best place is your car, so don't leave food sitting around because it will probably attract animals."

Furthermore, rash behavior in the wilderness is dangerous and can be the cause of big accidents.

"When you are on the hiking trail, especially at Hocking Hills, be sure to stay on the designated trail that's marked," she said. "Don't wander off the trail because in areas like Hocking Hills where there are lots of cliffs, people can have accidents if they wander off."

Some state parks also offer camping gear rentals.

"For people who don't have their own tent and camping equipment, many of the state parks also have what we call 'getaway rentals,' where you can rent either a tent or a small camper or cabin," Backs said.

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# Towing remains a real problem for OSU students

By Julie Slader  
For the Lantern

It is an unforsaken land many Ohio State students rather not embark upon — the towing lot.

The scenario of the tow lot blues is actually quite a simple process. Park the car illegally, walk away for a moment and return to find the dreaded sight of a tow-

truck.

Although the off-campus housing for OSU students has grown volumes in past decades, the parking space has not. This has forced students to utilize what parking resources they can find.

J.R. Wright, a driving supervisor at the Campus Towing Service, said he understands the students' frustrations, but is left with only one option when a car is parked illegally.

"I sympathize with the fact college stu-

dents live on a tight budget and can't afford the charges of a towing, but they have to understand, if they park illegally they are in the playing field of tow trucks. What would they do if I parked in their driveway?" Wright said.

"If we didn't tow the cars, there would be such a panic and parking frenzy on campus. We are just doing our jobs and servicing the community," he said.

Each year, Brian Brady, the manager of

Shamrock Towing, estimates nearly 3,500 automobiles from the campus area are taken away by towing companies throughout the Columbus vicinity.

In adherence to Ohio's state code, each towing company is required to charge a \$90 fee, and an additional \$12 each day the car remains in the lot. Some students

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## Internships important

By Dina M. Cater  
For the Lantern

For Joanne Robinson, graduating from Ohio State was a dream come true. She worked for five long years at obtaining a business degree. In June of 2001 she achieved her goal and received her degree. The next step of finding a job was a bit harder.

"I did not intern at any place and therefore really had no experience," Robinson said.

It took her almost a year to find a job which utilized her business degree, she said.

"It was horrible because I was so excited to get into the real business world and I could not," Robinson said.

"If I could go back I would have started as a sophomore and interned at a number of places. It would have made life much easier," she said.

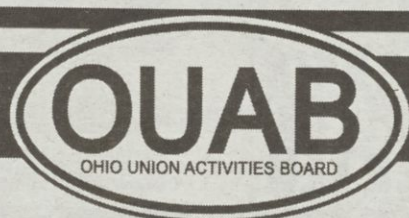
Chris Boggess, who graduated in June of 2000 with a degree in natural resources and environmental communications, found life much easier.

"I worked in the parks since high school and was able to use that experience when searching for a job," he said.

His experience gave him the upper hand over his fellow graduates and allowed him to get a job with the state, Boggess said.

"Even though I did jobs that were not all that impressive, I was still

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# Ohio politics important

By Stephen Heaphy  
Lantern staff writer

In Ohio, many young people are working hard to advocate their political beliefs.

At the recent Democratic National Convention, many of the delegates were young people. Ohio sent 26 delegates 35 years of age or younger. Sarah Bender of Medina, Ohio is the youngest delegate. The 17-year-old high school student will be of legal voting age just 12 days before the election.

Sarah said, despite her youth, she has been interested in politics for a long time.

"I grew up in a political family," Bender said. "My dad was Tuscarawas County (Democratic Party) chair and my mom is a social worker, so they have always made me aware of the world. I used to go to political events as a child all the time and help with campaigns and stuff."

Sarah said being a delegate at the National Convention was her idea. She said she wanted to be a delegate because she believes young people need to be active in supporting things they believe in.

"Personally, I was there to show young people they can make a difference, they should get involved, and that their

votes do count," Bender said. "There are issues out there that really affect me, and all young people a great deal, so I wanted to do something to change things."

Ryan Jolley, a senior in political science and economics, is president of the College Democrats at Ohio State; he said his organization is very active this year in trying to get people to vote for the Democratic Party.

"Our organization will be holding rallies, hosting speakers, registering voters, educating voters, and participating in 'Get Out The Vote' efforts, on and off campus and in the surrounding communities," Jolley said.

Jolley said it is very important for young people to get the word out about their beliefs and vote according to them. He said he believes their votes could propel John Kerry to the presidency.

"Young people can have an enormous impact on this election," Jolley said. "If every young person over the age of 18 registered and voted for a candidate who actually cares about the future, John Kerry would win in a landslide."

Not every young person involved in politics is a loyal Democrat. In fact, many support Republican or third-party

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known and was aware of how the parks worked," he said. "I did not realize when I first started what I could get into by being there for so long."

Another important piece of advice besides interning is to have a goal and know what type of job you want, Boggess said.

"You need to keep your goal in mind and always strive for it," Boggess said. "It's what keeps you motivated."

Another OSU alumna who had a similar experience to Boggess is Diane Richter.

Richter graduated in the summer of 2001 with a degree in political science.

She had interned for a company for almost a year and was hired when she graduated.

"I felt lucky to have a job all lined up. I had many friends who could not find jobs and were forced to keep waiting tables or whatever they had done during school," Richter said.

Richter said that even though the pay at the company was low, she knew that the experience would be worth much more.

"I would tell students to make sure they get experience and to keep in contact with those at the company," she said. "Those people are so useful and potential employers love getting contact numbers."

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have been able to avoid these charges if their car is on the tow truck, but hasn't left yet by paying a \$40 fee.

Sheena Mismas, a junior in human nutrition and dietetics, found herself in a predicament after momentarily leaving her car in a tow-away zone. Mismas was forced to argue with the driver for nearly an hour before the driver released her car, and said she was extremely skeptical of the fee the driver attempted to charge her.

"The driver said that the only way I could get my car back was to pay him \$40, which I thought he was just planning to pocket," Mismas said. "I was able to convince him, but it was really obnoxious that he tried to charge me \$40 for something that takes a couple of seconds to unhook."

Tow-truck drivers are initially required to call their main office each time they site an illegally parked vehicle before beginning the towing process. Wright said this is a key operative to maintaining the proper monitoring of each driver, to ensure drivers are not pocketing money for themselves.

"I've heard stories about drivers charging \$40 to get their car back, which isn't legal considering it violates state code," Wright said. "But I can verify that none of my drivers have performed such dishonest acts because they are required to call before each towing, and bring back a valid receipt. We are in contact with them from the time they find the car, till the time they pull it in the lot."

Wright said he wants the public to understand his company is only doing its job and is not the culprit behind the real issue of needing more areas designated for parking.



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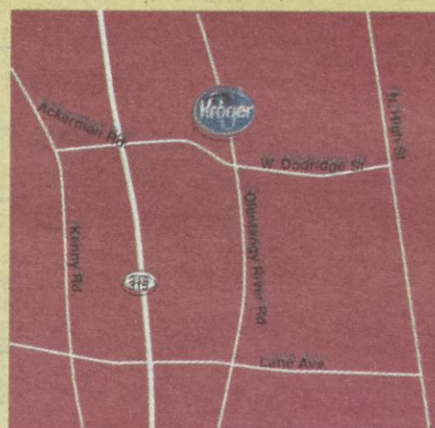


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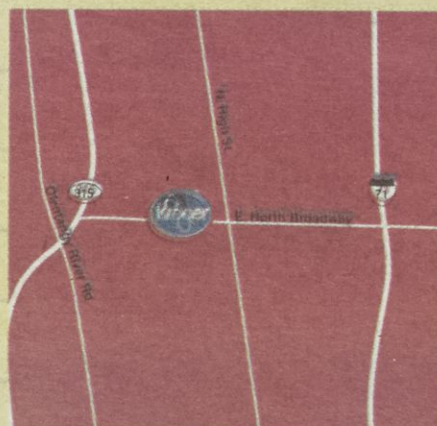
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# Athletic dreams live on through intramural sports

By Kevin Hall  
Lantern sports reporter

There is no finer thing in life than a college student putting away his books and losing himself in a web of intramural sports.

Ohio State offers various sports for students to enjoy and be competitive. Memberships range anywhere from \$30 dollars to \$80 per team and there are always a ton of them each quarter.

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"I think that intramural sports help students stay active with sports that they are either interested in or played before and want to relive their previous experiences," Andy Preising, a senior in communications, said.

Intramural sports also give people opportunities to extend their experiences participating in sports they can't achieve by playing for a varsity team.

"I think they are good for people who played athletics in high school but weren't good enough to play in college," said Emily Kuhfeld, a senior on the OSU women golf team.

Perhaps the greatest perk of playing intramural



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An intramural ice hockey team celebrates after winning the championship during Spring quarter.

sports, Kuhfeld said, is the chance to meet people and create friendships. There are times when a shy person wants to meet new friends so they sign up to play intramural sports and in the end, they have developed lifetime friendships. Meeting people and learning about one of them are part of the experiences a student can gain from playing intramural sports.

"Intramural sports give students a chance to get to know each other while building camaraderie," Preising

said.

When a student signs up to play intramural sports, it is the same exact feeling in sense of being competitive with a group of people and tasting the sweet nectar of victory.

"I think intramural sports are very competitive as college sports," Kuhfeld said. "It's something to do

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The Short North, located between Ohio State and downtown, is a common living area for many same-sex couples.

## OSU extends benefits to partners

By Adam Konvalinka  
Lantern campus editor

In a move to attract and retain the best faculty, Ohio State has expanded health benefits to cover same-sex domestic couples and their children. The measure adopted by the Board of Trustees Friday will eventually allow other dependents of faculty, staff, graduate associates and students to purchase OSU benefits.

Providing health, dental, and vision for same-sex couples will only increase OSU's annual costs by one-half to three-quarters of one percent, it is estimated to be about \$900,000. The board decided to offer the benefits to be competitive with other

universities. OSU was the second to last school in the Big Ten to offer domestic partner benefits, said Brett Beemyn, Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered student services coordinator.

"It had a hugely detrimental impact on the university's (faculty) recruitment," he said. "The main reason is to be competitive with other universities."

Faculty and staff surveyed on quality of life issues, overwhelmingly supported providing benefits to same-sex domestic partners. Seventy percent favored expanding benefits. The change in

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## THE LANTERN BUCKEYE BOUND

### Foreign teachers bring diversity to classrooms

By Matthew Keves  
For the Lantern

Ohio State foreign language instructors bring first-hand knowledge into the classroom by sharing their experiences with their students.

For many of the students, it is this first-hand experience that makes in-class time more interesting.

"The great thing about language classes is that when teachers talk about the culture of a foreign country, I know they know what they're talking about because they've actually been there and lived in the culture," said Joe Stekli, a senior who studied French for two years.

Each teacher has a story about how they ended up at OSU. While some received degrees from OSU, most have studied abroad and been a part of the culture they now teach.

When hiring new teaching assistants, each language department looks for applicants from all backgrounds to enhance the learning experience, said Kathryn Corl, an associate professor of Germanic languages and leader of the committee set up to hire teaching assistants.

"We've had people from China, India — all over; and they've always brought something great to the program," she said.

The result is a group of teachers who bring a unique understanding of language and culture to the classroom.

For the faculty who teach contemporary culture, taking frequent trips abroad is essential.

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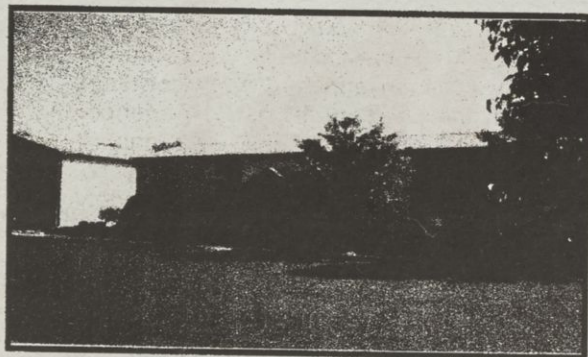


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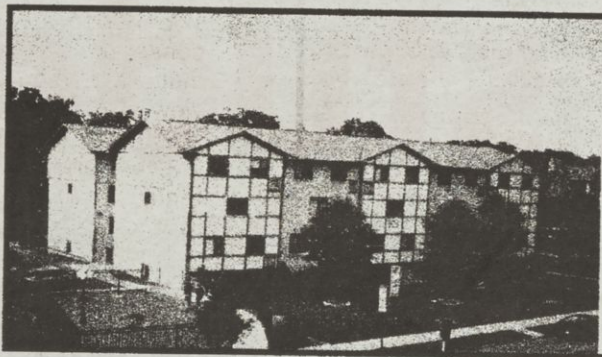


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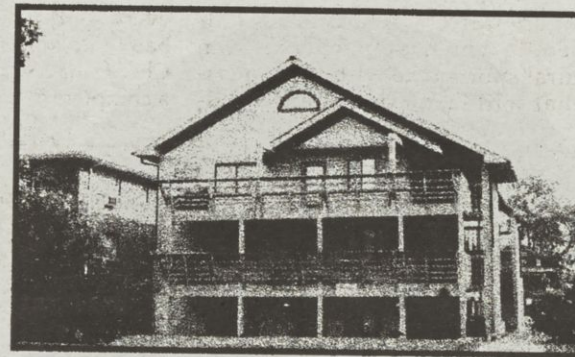
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after school and it's like being on a team."

Preisung said that intramural sports give students a chance to stay in shape. So many of the sports require people to be quick on their feet, running and doing a lot of cardio. Basketball, soccer, and golf, just to name a few, are sports that require people to run or walk continually. Intramural sports can strengthen people's bodies while they compete.

After spending a few years at college, people who have participated in intramural sports take with them memories that will last a lifetime. Friend-

ships, great games and the sheer joy of victory or the sour taste of defeat are part of the memories people gain from playing intramural sports.

"I think my best memory from golf was when I beat the guy I played," Preisung said. "I liked the feeling I had when I won decisively."

At a relatively cheap price for a quarter, students can sign up to play sports and embark on an adventure that will last in their memory bank for a lifetime.

Ohio State intramurals offers nearly every sport you can imagine, from dodgeball to ice hockey to inner tube water polo. Check out [www.ohiostateresports.org](http://www.ohiostateresports.org) for a complete list.

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"I go to Russia every summer," said Yana Hashanova, assistant professor of Russian and Slavic cultural studies. "Culture is constantly changing and I feel it's an important part of my job to give my students the most up-to-date information."

One of Hashanova's classes involves taking a two-week trip to Russia at the end of the quarter to learn about the culture.

"There's only so much that I can teach," Hashanova said. "I feel the students can learn so much more from actually experiencing the culture themselves."

While OSU offers various study abroad programs throughout the year, most students do not have the time or money to take advantage of them.

"I never had a chance to go abroad," Stekli said. "But I feel that having people who have been abroad teach me is pretty good."

Another benefit to this system is the interaction between faculty and students, which creates an opportunity for them to have class discussions and learn about each other's cultures.

"One of the best things about it is that our students are able to teach the faculty something as well," Corl said.

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# Good way to help keep off the "Freshman 15"

By Miho Kubota  
Lantern staff writer

Buck-I-Robics is one of several fitness services provided by the department of recreational sports.

According to the department summer fitness schedule, 15 different varieties of classes are available for summer quarter in the Buck-I-Robics program. Programs include activities such as kickboxing, plyo-robics, Latin rhythms, body sculpting, cycling and water exercise training.

All summer classes consist of a one-hour program. The classes are available at Larkins Hall Monday through

Friday. Ohio State Students can get a pass to participate in a class for \$3 or a quarterly pass for \$35 with a valid BuckID.

Some of the classes are targeted for beginners while others provide a more strenuous workout.

"Water (exercise) is good for beginners," said Jennifer Peters, fitness coordinator for the department of recreational sports. "Any of our body sculpting classes, or the ball classes, are more strength-training oriented."

A more advanced and challenging class would be a step or kickboxing one, Peters said.

"Sometimes the instructors tend to

make them a little bit higher intensity," she said.

Fitness programs are a good way to increase strength while having fun. The participants in the Get on the Ball class move their bodies by sitting, bouncing and stretching on a "Resistance-Ball" to jaunty rhythm music.

"The class provides a total body workout," said Kristin Markle, an instructor of the program. "Using the ball helps work abdominal and back muscles. It's fun, and I enjoy teaching fitness, wellness and being healthy."

Class participants said they enjoyed the work out, too.

"I feel stronger," said Carol Wheel-

er, a nurse at the OSU medical center, who attended a Get on the Ball class. "I feel better, and more energetic after the class."

Buck-I-Robics has been revised many times over the years.

"They improved it the last couple of years," Wheeler said. "They are offering more."

Some classes, such as cycling and Get on the Ball, are relatively new and becoming more popular.

"We started (cycling) in winter," Peters said. "We have a stationary Schwinn bicycle which has movable

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benefits policy was also asked for by most governing bodies at OSU.

"There have been so many resolutions passed by student government and other governing bodies," said Larry Lewellen, vice president of human relations. "Just about all governing bodies have passed resolutions calling for the change."

The move was also about equality, said Beemyn. "It's an important issue because it's equal pay for equal work," he said. "(Same-sex domestic partners) did not have access to the same benefits."

The OSU proposal has three program elements. Starting Oct. 1, same-sex partners of faculty and staff and their children may be enrolled into the

faculty/staff medical, dental and vision plans with the same subsidies given to spouses and children. Graduate associates will be able to enroll the same group of dependents into student health plans starting Sept. 15.

The second program element, which takes effect Jan. 1, will allow faculty and staff to enroll other sponsored dependents into medical/dental and vision plans, but without a subsidy. Individuals eligible for this plan are opposite-sex partners, relatives by blood, grandparents-in-law, parents-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law who meet eligibility requirements. In order to be eligible, applicants must complete an affidavit stating they have lived with the individual for at least six months and are financially dependent.

"They're really trying to be inclusive," Beemyn said. "(OSU) recognizes families are diverse and are looking to provide options to fit families situations."

The third plan element will allow students to enroll domestic partners and children starting Jan. 3.

"It also covers students," Beemyn said. "We didn't forget about students."

The student health plan will also be unsubsidized by OSU.

Subsidized health care for opposite-sex partners may be available in the future.

"We're starting this way because this is how other higher education institutions have started," Lewellen said. "We're open to feedback (about providing subsidized health care to opposite-sex partners)."



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# Let yourself go with Columbus-born O.A.R.

By Jessica Herzfeld  
For the Lantern

While outsiders may think Ohio only breeds farmers and football players, Ohioans take pride in cultivating rock stars.

Three musically-minded friends from Maryland began their educational careers at Ohio State in fall of 1997. After acclimating to Columbus and hooking up with two other musicians, the friends created the band they are known as today — ...Of A Revolution.

The band's sound has been compared with The Dave Matthews Band, Sublime and 311.

"People relate to O.A.R.'s style, as many college students love that genre of music," said Amy Troendly, marketing assistant at Promowest Pavilion.

O.A.R. was first put on the map with "Crazy Game of Poker," a song that has become popular among fans and is a concert staple.

The song was written by lead vocalist Marc Roberge during a hectic time in his life while the band members were still in high school.

"It reflects the hastiness and confusion of being 17," he said.

Today the band has a grassroots following all over the country.

"We came to the reality that although (O.A.R.) was born in Maryland, we were raised in Ohio," said Roberge.

Choosing OSU was no coincidence for Roberge and band mates: Richard On (guitar), Chris Culos (drums), Benj Gersham (bass) and Jerry DePizzo (saxophone). DePizzo is from Youngstown but the college choice was strategic for the others.

"Ohio State was absolutely targeted, we wanted to go there," Roberge said. "Ohio State is the biggest school. We wanted to be their band."

In the end, Ohio State panned out well for O.A.R.

"Ohio State put us on the map," Roberge said.

Aside from the possibilities of a large audience, OSU offered many advantages to the up-and-coming musicians. Being centrally located, Columbus provided the band with easy access to the many colleges in Ohio and to other Midwest schools.

"By the time I was in my fourth year we were traveling within the state and the region to many different schools," Roberge said.

For many, the ability to be a musician and actually be successful at it is just a pipe dream, but for O.A.R. it is a reality.

"It's something you wish and hope for. It's a long shot," DePizzo said. "But I figured if there's anywhere in Ohio you could do it, it would be Columbus."

When O.A.R. was not rocking a venue, the musicians were typical students enjoying college life.

"Sophomore year was the best year of our lives," Roberge said of the year he moved in with fellow O.A.R. member, On. "I really became a man away from home."

Many of the band's most memorable songs were written about experiences at OSU.

"We were living in Morrill Tower and were going through a lot of issues because of



Richard On, guitar, and Jerry DePizzo, saxophone, jam during a sold-out concert at Promowest Pavilion.

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being away (from home)," Roberge said.

Songs like "Night Shift" and "I Feel Home" reflected the reconciliation feelings of excitement and being homesick, which are typical of leaving home for the first time.

"Now we write a lot of new stuff about leaving Ohio," Roberge said.

Most notably, "Road Outside Columbus," on their latest CD "In Between Now and Then," is a favorite among OSU students, with lyrics like: "This Midwest way of ease it surrounds us; I can't deny the rhythm here; And as I pull away from Riverside beside me, That High Street never looked so good."

"I was always giving love to Maryland, and my girlfriend said you've been in Ohio for so long," Roberge said of his motivation to write about Ohio.

"Road Outside Columbus" was initially supposed to be about Roberge's daily drive from his off-campus house to campus, but decided to weave his drive from Rockville, Md., to Ohio into the song, as well.

Even with their ever growing popularity, the band still considers Columbus home and maintains a loyalty to the city that jumpstarted their musical career.

"I live in Columbus right now," DePizzo said. "That's where I call home. I could've moved anywhere."

The band's popularity has soared over the past two years with five albums and two major tours under its belt. In the summer of 2003 the band toured with the 2003 Sprite Liquid Mix Tour and in 2002 with the Jeep World Outside Festival alongside headliners like Sheryl Crow, Train and Ziggy Marley.

"For huge corporate things they were fun," Roberge said.

Roberge said the band much prefers smaller, intimate venues like the Newport Music Hall, where the musicians feel they are one with their fans.

"The Newport is a landmark," Roberge said. "It is so much more personal. People came to see you rather than just winning tickets off the radio."

The fans at the local venues appear to appreciate this notion, with all recent performances in Columbus selling out.

"The audience is always extremely excited for O.A.R. shows," Troendly said. "They have a lot of fun and put on great performances. We constantly hear feedback on people absolutely loving their shows, and asking us to bring them back."

Today O.A.R. is working to promote awareness for Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a genetic disorder that affects motor neurons. The band has teamed up with the organization Miracle for

Madison and Friends to help raise funds for research.

"They have been so excited and sincere about raising money and awareness for Miracle For Madison and Friends," said Annette Reed, founder of the organization.

Reed's 7-year-old daughter Madison, who has been diagnosed with SMA, is the namesake of the organization.

The band raised \$5,000 last summer for the charity and chose to work with the charity again this year.

Reed said this is the first time O.A.R. have ever chosen to work with the same charity.

In February, the band had the opportunity to meet Madison for the first time, on her birthday.

"They came in with birthday balloons and a teddy bear for Madison. She really had fun with them," Reed said.

Reed said she was impressed with the band's down-to-earth attitudes and eagerness to help with the charity.

"They kept asking, 'What more can we do,'" Reed said.

The dedicated band members have donated autographed memorabilia to be auctioned off for charity and wear SMA shirts during concerts to promote awareness.

"They are doing it because they want to do it, and that makes me feel really good," Reed said.



## Local police force helps combat campus area crime

By Jared Hayes  
Lantern staff reporter

Decked out with bullet-proof vests, radios, flash lights and uniforms, the patrollers of Community Crime Patrol assist the police in keeping the residential off campus area safe.

The patrollers cannot make arrests but can call in crimes and code violations to an assigned police officer, who then responds. The patrollers travel in pairs and either walk or ride bikes every night (except Sunday) from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. The patrollers act as extra pairs of eyes for the police and often provide valuable information and assistance.

The organization played a pivotal role in the apprehension of Taban Cruz and Jonathan Bankston, two men who were charged with two counts of felonious assault after a shooting that took place outside of the bar Old School last month. The Columbus Division of Police initially believed that the suspects were heading north after shooting the two men. The police notified CCP of the altercation and gave them a description of the men.

The suspects were actually southbound toward the CCP office on East 15th where patrol director Kevin Widmer spotted them and notified police.

"I was conducting training in the back of our office when the officer came on the radio saying the suspects were heading north bound," Widmer said. "I said if we see him we'll let you know, and about six minutes later he came walking through trying to walk casual, and I identified him."

The information was helpful in the apprehension of the suspects.

"We look for crimes and general quality of life violations like burned out street lights, excessively tall grass or trees or bushes covering up street signs," Kevin Petrey, the assistant director of the patrol, said.

The majority of CCP's 25 patrollers are OSU students who come from a variety of different majors. For most students CCP is a stepping stone before becoming a real police officer. Nationwide, 55 CCP alumni work as law enforcement officers, most in central Ohio.

"Not everybody goes on to be officers," Petrey said. "Some do it just because they're concerned about the safety of our community."

CCP was formed in 1991 in the campus area and has expanded to Franklinton, Merion Village, Hilltop, German Village and the multi-purpose path between Spring Street and State Route 104 because of its success.

"(CCP) was formed in response to growing concern about crime," Petrey said. "It made sense to put students out on the streets to be extra ears and eyes for the police."

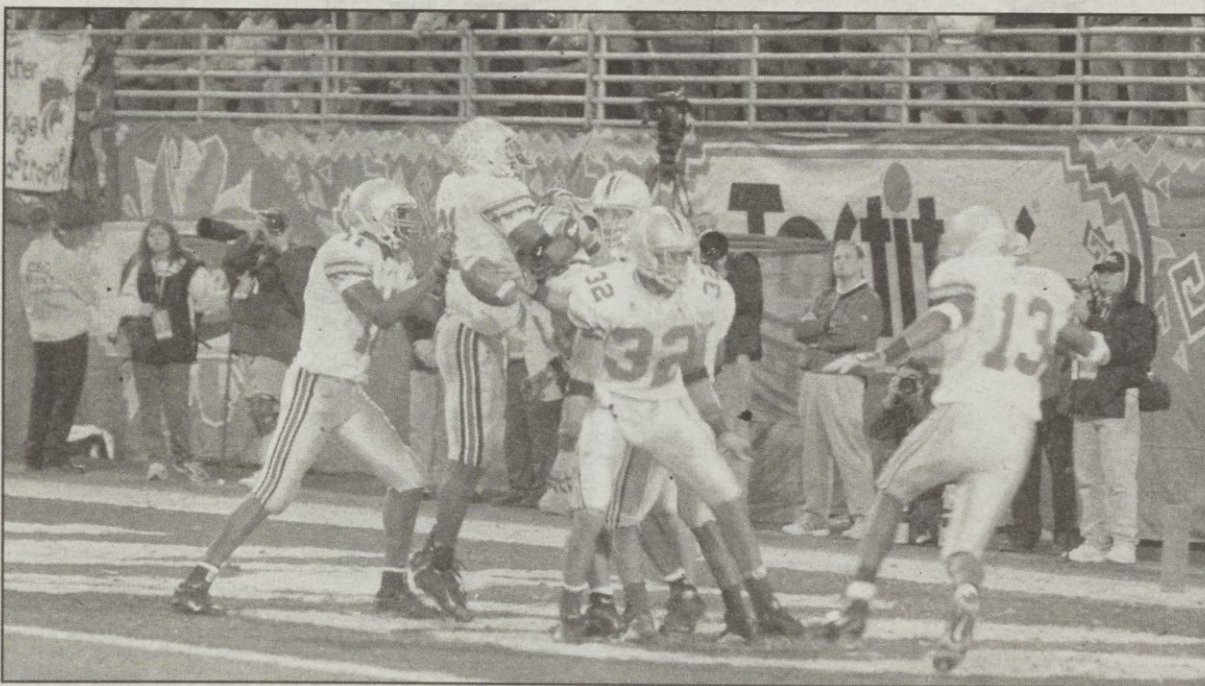
The police appreciate the work that the organization does.

"They're a set of trained eyes and ears that get around quickly and are very beneficial to us," said Sgt. Brett Mull, Columbus police spokesman.

Most nights patrollers have nothing to report. They are the busiest during Autumn and Spring quarters when students are most active and when the majority of parties happen.

"We get some verbal harassment from students, because they think we're out to spoil their fun," Petrey said. "If we see drunk college kids walking home, we're not going to bother them unless they're bothering others."

## 2004 Buckeye football outlook



LANTERN FILE PHOTO

Ohio State's special teams unit celebrates after blocking a punt and recovering it in the end zone during the Fiesta Bowl last season against Kansas State.

### Buckeyes counting on youth to step up and deliver

By Aaron Stollar  
Lantern sports editor

After the loss of 13 starters including the starting quarterback, a Ray Guy award winning punter, and a number of staff members, this could be the first serious transitional year that Jim Tressel has had to go through. This year's Ohio State team will look very different than the one that has gone 25-2 in their last two seasons. Despite that, some of the questions that emerged last season regarding the offensive line and the pass defense are still there.

#### Schedule

OSU's schedule isn't as tough as last year's but slightly tougher than 2002-2003 schedule as they start off against former defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio and his Cincinnati Bearcats on Sept. 4. After that, the Buckeyes will host Marshall at the Horseshoe in a game that has serious slipup potential as the Thundering Herd are stinging after going 6-2 in the MAC and losing the championship to Miami (OH). OSU ends its non-conference schedule traveling to Raleigh to take on N.C. State who famously took the Buckeyes deep into overtime last season before finally succumbing. Without Phillip Rivers, this game looks to be slightly less troublesome for the Buckeyes — but only slightly. OSU's Big Ten schedule is not too bad; home games against Wisconsin and Michigan more than balance out against road games against less-than-troublesome Michigan State and Northwestern. The two road games that OSU should be seriously worried about are the Oct. 16 matchup against Iowa and OSU's first return to West Lafayette, Ind. and Purdue since the great "Holy Buckeye" game of the National Championship year (think 37-yard touchdown pass from Krenzel to Jenkins).

#### Offense

Tressel is doing his best to play down the fact that OSU may have a full-blown quarterback controversy on its hands. Red-shirt sophomore Justin Zwick entered OSU two years ago as one of the most hyped quarterback prospects ever to come out of Ohio and Massillon Washington H.S. This is the year for him to prove that the hype was real.

Zwick is facing competition from Troy Smith, a scrambler who according some analysts has a better arm than Zwick as well. Tressel said immediately after the Spring Game that the position was Zwick's, but the upcoming practices will be an audition for both men and not simply a coronation for Zwick. Todd Boeckman, a freshman, will likely red-shirt barring injuries to Zwick or Smith.

#### Running back

Running back is also a question for the Buckeyes. Last year's combination of Lydell Ross, Maurice Hall, and Ira Guilford often looked ineffective. Right off the bat, Guilford got himself likely suspended for the season after being caught with tight end Louis Irizarry in an attempted robbery on campus. But Ross and Hall both return with Ross looking like the starter right now. Ross isn't ever going to blow anyone away with his breakaway abilities, but he is a classic OSU yard-grinder back there and will hope to improve on his 826 yards and 10 touchdowns of last season. Hall will likely just see spot duty next season, but he could sneak up on some as he had some minor surgery on his leg and possibly could have some of his explosiveness back. Brandon Joe returns as fullback but will not feature heavily in Tressel's offense.

#### Wide Receiver/Tight End

There are lots of new faces at wide receiver this season but Santonio Holmes is not one of them. Holmes was one of the revelations of last season, finishing the year with 32 receptions for 549 yards and seven touchdowns. With Michael Jenkins gone, Holmes will be asked perform like that all season despite being the focus of every opposition secondary. With all the focus on Holmes, sophomore Roy Hall may see some more openings and will definitely feature heavily in the offense this season. Fifth-year senior Bam Childress will also be fighting for time but right now is set to backup Holmes at the flanker position.

Ben Hartsock has moved on to the NFL, having left the tight end spot presumably to Irizarry — at least before he was arrested. In steps Ryan Hamby, who scored three goal line touchdowns last season but needs improve his blocking.



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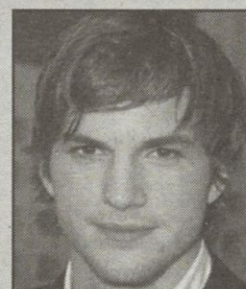
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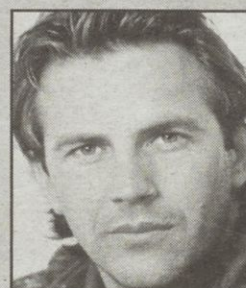
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candidates. Claire Stilwell, a senior in political science and economics, is the treasurer for the Ohio College Republican Federation. The Ohio College Republican Federation is a self-funded organization of college Republicans created to advance the ideas and candidates of the Republican Party. Stilwell said her organization is working hard to get its message out, as well as register new voters. Stilwell said she believes that their work is very important considering that the state of Ohio will be closely contested in the upcoming election.

"This campaign is relying heavily on grassroots efforts and the College Republicans throughout the state have contributed a lot of time to these efforts," Stilwell said. "Ohio is the battle ground state for 2004, which makes our job exciting, but intense as well."

Stilwell said she believes being politically active or at least aware of certain issues, is an important duty for all Americans.

"Personally, I view political awareness as an essential part to understanding everyday life," Stilwell said. "It is the job of the individual, young or old, to watch over their government."

Doug Wagner, a junior in political science, is a member and former president of the Ohio State Campus Green party. Wagner said he believes young people are drawn to third parties like his because they are unsatisfied with what the two major parties have to offer. He said young people should vote for parties that have the same values that they do. He said he

## Oval remains under heavy construction

By Miho Kubota  
For the Lantern

Construction on the Oval was postponed until summer quarter because of a student-led petition drive that pushed to preserve Oval access during the spring, but now summer students are deprived of access to the scenic meeting spot.

The work began June 14 with the main area of the Oval being surrounded by high fences covered with black sheets. The Oval is now inaccessible to passers-by.

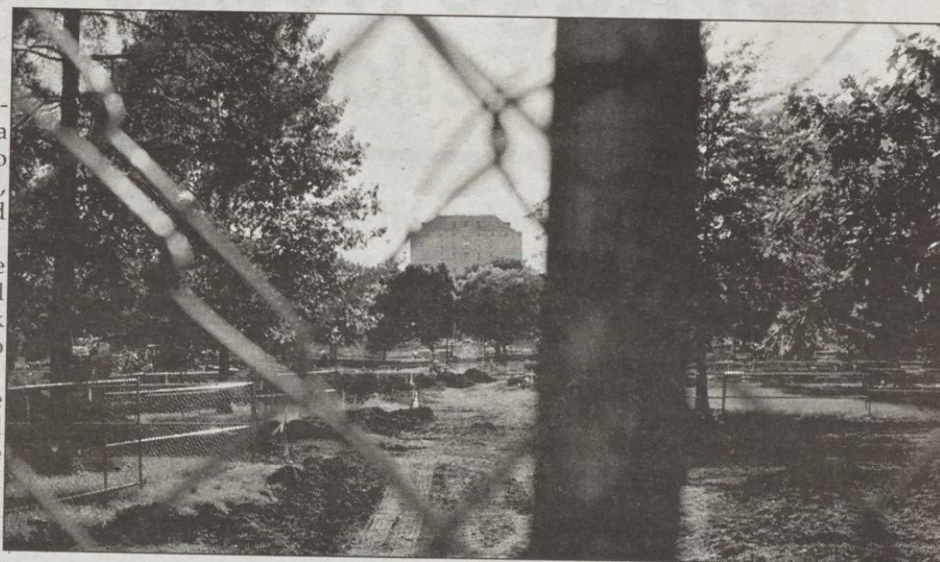
Walkways will not be available through the Oval until Sept. 18, said Stephen Volkmann, university landscape architect for the department of Physical Facilities.

Volkmann explained what the Oval will look like in the future. He said the pavement and lawn areas will be replaced, and the soil of the lawn areas will also be improved.

Despite the work, the new design of the Oval will not be a large departure from the old, he said.

"This is not going to be a significant change, other than to the material," Volkmann said. "Ninety percent of the locations are the same — some of them we arranged a little differently to line up with the old entrance."

The major concern for Ohio State students who are taking summer classes is the difficulty of getting to their class-



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The Oval, as it stands during the summer.

rooms.

"(The construction) is restricting and gets in the way too much," said Asma Sheikh, a junior in psychology. "It's inconvenient because everything is closed."

She said she has to leave earlier now to get to classes on time.

"My concern is going from one side to the other is a little bit difficult," said Ron Bolin, a student in continuing education.

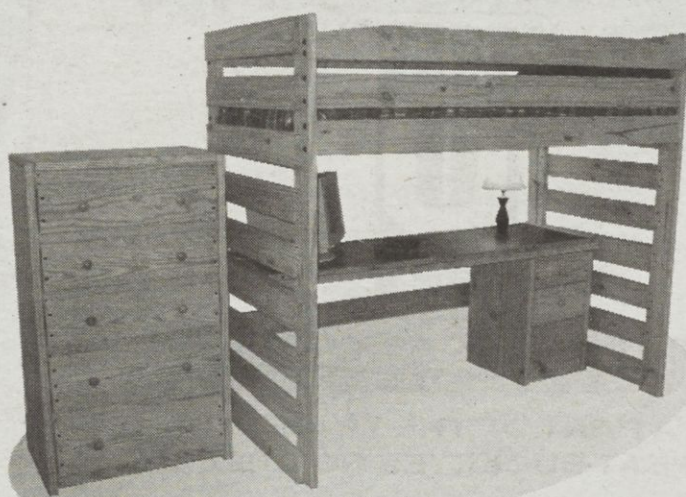
Students must walk all the way around the oval.

Losing a large place for on campus having fun and relaxing is another concern for summer students.

"Sometimes I like to read books outside, but the construction makes it a little bit difficult because of the noise," Bolin said.

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Construction noise will also be an obstacle for classrooms.

"Sometimes it's hard to hear the instructor in the middle of the class," Bolin said.

Furthermore, some students said they feel alarmed about how the campus environment looks to new students.

"It doesn't look good. I think it makes campus look unfinished," said Malaika Temu, a senior in textiles and clothing. "Now the Oval is separate from the campus."

Even if main walkways will open before autumn quarter, the lawn area will still not be available for students because grass will be growing. Volkmann said students have to wait through winter quarter and probably spring quarter, at which time the lawn protection fences will be changed.

"It's very important we get the grass established and growing well, and it's

*"The good news is this will be done this year."*

**Stephen Volkman**

University landscape architect

very important that students respect the fencing and stay off," Volkmann said. "It will be a four-foot-high chain-link fence."

He recommended other large places for playing sports or relaxing around campus as substitutes, such as the South Oval and Tuttle Park.

"The good news is this will be done this year, and any improvement we make on the perimeter won't affect this center area," Volkmann said.

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handle bars and has a movable seat, and it's designed so you can add resistance on to it...it's a bike designed for indoor cycling training."

Peters explained that cycling is suitable for any level.

"Cycling classes are good for beginners and advanced participants," Peters said. "It's just necessary for people to get used to the cycle."

Santi Chrisanti, a professor in material science and engineering, attended a cycling class.

"The cycling class was fun but a little bit hard because it was my first time," she said.

Chrisanti has also tried the Get on a Ball, Step and Sculpt, Hi and Low, and kickboxing classes, she said.

"My friend asked me to join her in this cycling class," she said. "Usually I go with a friend."

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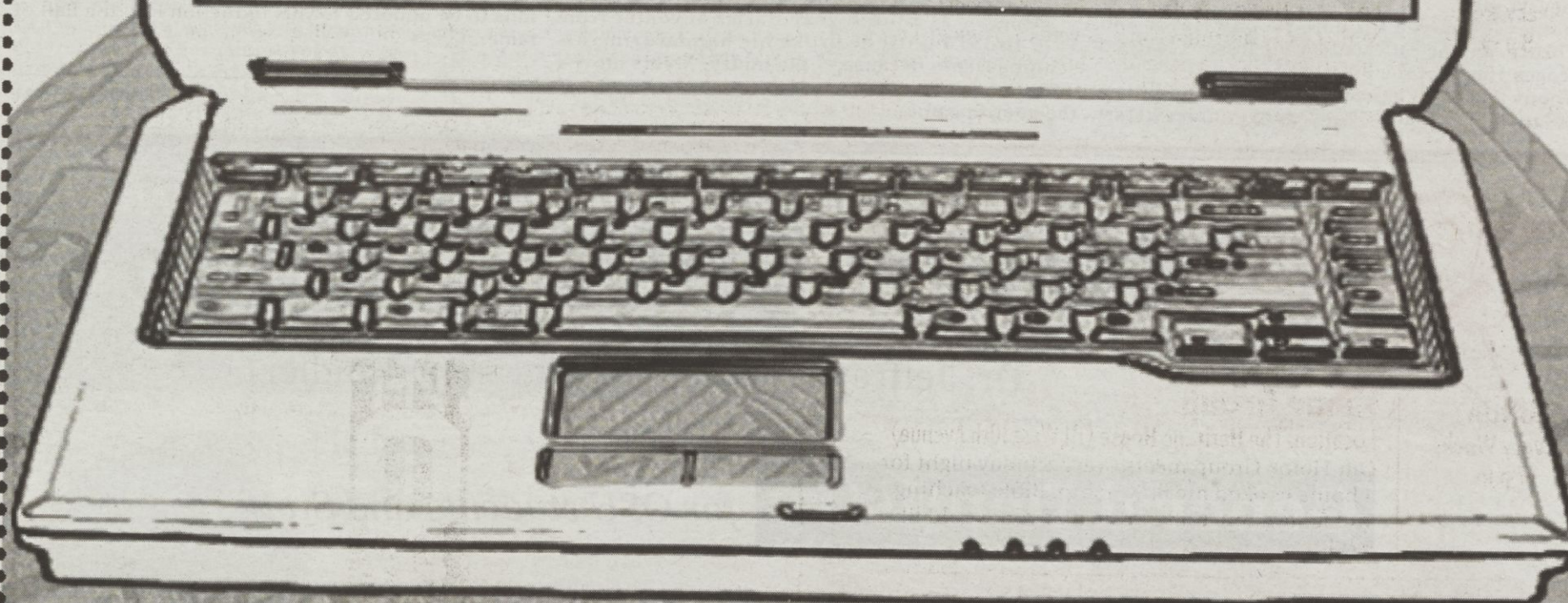
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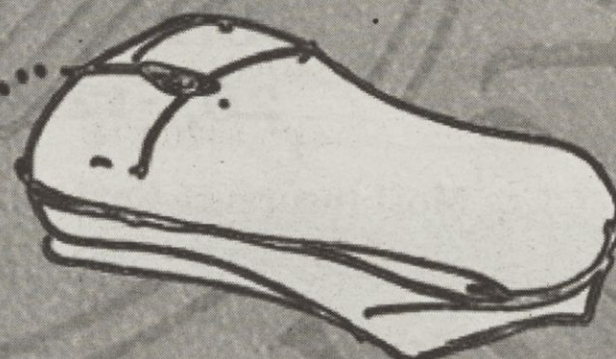
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# New members to be enshrined in OSU Hall of Fame

By Edward Mauler  
Lantern sports writer

The Ohio State Varsity "O" Association announced that it will induct 12 new members into the OSU Athletics Hall of Fame at a press conference yesterday.

The class includes four women and eight men who are former athletes and coaches, highlighted by former football coach Earle Bruce. They will be officially presented to the public in Ohio Stadium on Sept. 11 during halftime of the Marshall game.

Vlade Janakievski, a kicker for the football team from 1977 to 1980, is thrilled to be inducted with this year's group of new members.

"This is the greatest honor Ohio State has ever given me," Janakievski said. "Being inducted the same year as coach Bruce is such a great honor, and it makes this so special."

Janakievski was selected All-Big Ten twice, the first OSU kicker to be awarded such a distinction. He kicked 172 career extra points, second in the OSU record books. During his career, Janakievski kicked field goals in some of the biggest games in OSU history, such as the 1979 Rose Bowl which Ohio State lost to USC for the national championship.

"I think it will be more nerve-wrecking giving a speech in front of 100,000 people in Ohio Stadium," Janakievski said.

Janakievski played for both Woody Hayes and Earle Bruce, and he reflected on the lessons learned from coach Hayes at the press conference.

"Woody was such a great guy, and he taught me a lot," Janakievski said. "Now as I get older I start



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Earle Bruce, left, discusses strategy with current OSU football coach Jim Tressel. Bruce is one of 12 new inductees into the Buckeye Athletics Hall of Fame.

to appreciate what he did for us."

Steve Myers, another former player under Hayes, was also excited and stunned to be ordained into the exclusive group of Hall of Famers.

"In my case, I was a little shocked," Myers said.

Myers was a three-year starter at center from 1972 to 1974 until he broke his hand during his senior season. Because of the injury, Myers moved over one spot in the trench to finish the season at the guard position.

Myers excelled at both center and guard, and he was named All-American at both positions during his senior season in 1974.

Like Janakievski, Myers noted he also will be nervous when he stands in front of 100,000 Buckeye fans to be honored for his induction into the hall of fame.

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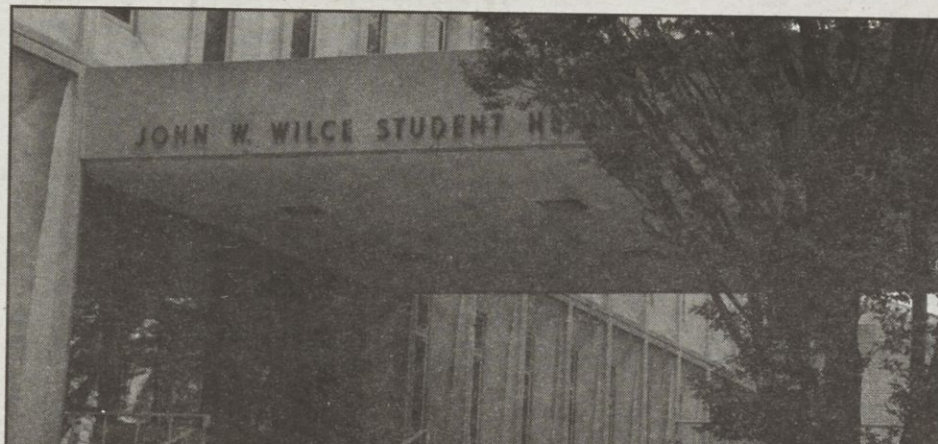
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## OSU's place of healing

By Tasia Andrews  
Lantern staff writer

When beginning a new lifestyle on a large campus with significant amounts of people, it is possible to feel overwhelmed by the amount of changes from high school to college. The Student Wellness Center on Ohio State's campus is a great place to help students get the most out of their college careers and overcome many of the obstacles amongst all the changes.

The mission of the Student Wellness Center is to "promote a caring campus environment ... throughout our diverse campus to create a community where health-enhancing behavior is the norm."

The Center provides many programs for students, including the Alcohol and Drug Awareness program, late-night programs, a sexual health program, the health risk appraisal program, a financial planning program, nutrition counseling, the body image program and the party smart program.

The Alcohol and Drug Awareness program teaches students about the effects of drugs and alcohol; how to help a friend who might have a drug or alcohol-related problem, and it informs students of the dangers of alcohol poisoning.

The Moonlight Madness: Late Night

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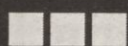
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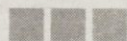
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programs mostly take place on or near campus. Some events include programs such as sporting events, late night breakfasts, open microphone nights, talent shows, a campout on the South Oval, concerts, dances, video game tournaments and DJ parties.

"Over 32,000 students attended 50 events in the 2003-2004 school year," Phil Suchma, late night programming coordinator, said. "The programs provide students with fun late night programs that give opportunities to make new friendships and learn more about OSU and Columbus."

The late night programs are also alcohol-free and drug-free events.

"We want students to see that they can have fun and enjoy their college experiences without the constant presence of alcohol," Suchma said.

The sexual health program teaches students about STD's, safe sex and risks of HIV. The Wellness Center also offers anonymous HIV testing and counseling to all students. The Condom Club is a part of the sexual health program, and provides allows students a free membership. With a free membership students can purchase 50 condoms for \$5.

The health-risk appraisal program is for students who wish to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Upon appointment, appraisal coordinators can pinpoint healthy and unhealthy promoters, addressed through education, health status and lifestyle behavior.

Students can get help creating a bud-

get and spending plan with help from the financial planning program. The program also offers help with credit counseling to help students stay out of debt while using credit cards.

The nutrition counseling program provides help with a professional dietitian to keep students healthy and eating right. A similar program is the body image program, which helps students promote healthy images of their bodies that might become deteriorated by the media's body image standards.

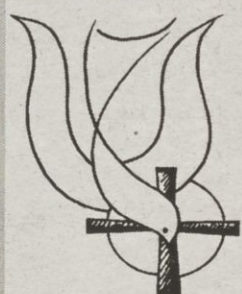
The party smart program teaches students to party responsibly and provides party smart kits for party hosts at no charge.

Connie Boehm, director of the Student Wellness Center, wants all students to know the center is geared toward the OSU community and is free for all students.

"It's a welcoming place," she said. "We can help with student projects; we can help students get better grades and help students live better lives. We give over 100 presentations for students because we are here to help."

The Wellness Center is a place for all students to go in almost any situation.

"It's very convenient. The doctors are sufficient and they have almost every type of doctor you could ever need — from general physicians to gynecologists," said Leah Rodriguez, a junior in marketing. "Don't be afraid to go there if you need help. Make sure to be nice to the advice nurses because they know more than you think and they are extremely helpful."



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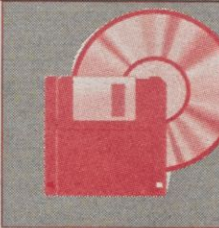
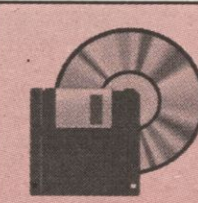
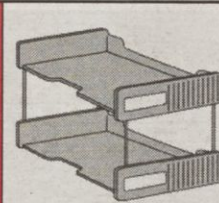
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# Four-year degree is actually possible

By Allison Bourg  
For the Lantern

College may not be the best four years of everyone's life. For students at Ohio State, it might be more like the best five years, according to popular OSU lore.

For OSU students who aren't lucky enough to have priority scheduling — those not in the Honors and Scholars Program or varsity athletes — getting the classes they want, when they want them, can be a serious struggle. Having to wait to enroll in certain classes — including a seemingly high number of entry-level general education curriculum core classes — often translates into having to wait just a little longer for that coveted degree.

Considering many college students change their major at least once, usually further postponing graduation, the idea of getting out into the real world in four years can seem like a lofty goal.

Adrian Curry, a fifth-year senior in criminology, spoke of getting stuck on the waitlist of several popular GEC's during his time at OSU.

"When you're far down on a waitlist of up to 100 people, there's no guarantee you'll get in (that quarter)," Curry said, adding that his evening job at Domino's Pizza eliminates the possibility of scheduling night classes.

He admitted that the difficulty of trying to schedule classes both in and out of his major as a non-priority student probably pushed his date of graduation further back, though transferring from Capitol University "probably didn't help either."

Chris Cordray, a graduating senior in international studies, managed to complete his course load within four years, though he admitted he enrolled for summer quarter as a part-time student twice to get some credits out of the way.

He said it was the easiest way to ensure a timely graduation date.

"I'd advise anyone to do it," Cordray said.

But according to University Registrar Brad Myers, the idea that it's all but impossible for students to graduate from OSU in the standard four years is misguided.

"There's a common myth that the university is trying to put up a barrier so that students stay longer and financially support the university," Myers said, "and that's absolutely wrong."

Myers noted that throughout the 1990s, graduation rates of OSU students rose steadily each year. While only 16.3 percent of students entering the university as freshmen in 1990 had graduated by 1994, 29.1 percent of the students who started college in 1997 graduated four years later in 2001 — a 12.8 percent increase over seven years. Myers attributes this improvement to the increasing academic strength of OSU's incoming classes.

Over the last few years, OSU has been moving toward a more selective admissions process, examining prospective students' high school backgrounds more closely and bringing in those who are best prepared for the demands of college course work and have set higher expectations for themselves, Myers said.

"These are stronger students who are more likely to graduate and more likely to be successful," he said. "That's had a significant effect upon the retention rates. The numbers are clearly going up."

Claire Wagner, associate director of news and public information for Miami, agrees with Myers' sentiment that admitting well-prepared high school students into the university has much to do with graduating successfully and quickly.

"We're more selective than many colleges, and students

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"I'll have butterflies," Myers said. "I'll be up there thinking about Woody with all of my former teammates."

Voted Buckeye wrestler of the 20th century, Kevin Randleman certainly had the credentials to be named to the OSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

"I rank it as third on my list," Randleman said. "It will be a rush to be in front of all those fans. I haven't been to a football game for a while."

Randleman wrestled for OSU from 1991 to 1993, and he dominated the 177-pound weight class winning two national championships in 1992 and 1993. With a record of 42-0-3 during the 1992 season, Randleman is only the second wrestler in OSU history to accomplish an undefeated season.

Along with Janakievski, Myers and Randleman, the OSU Varsity "O" Association also revealed that former OSU football coach Earle Bruce will also be inducted into the OSU Athletics Hall of Fame. Maria Giusti-Lugo (synchronized swimming), Jocelyn Jay (swimming), Averrill Roberts (women's basketball), Vanessa Wouters (volleyball), Arnie Risen (men's basketball), Paul Sarringhaus (football), Ty Tucker (tennis) and Blaine Wilson (gymnastics) are the remaining members of the 2004 hall of fame class.

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come in more ready to succeed," Wagner said. "We also have a good amount of support programs for students who are lagging behind."

She also noted that Miami focuses strongly on undergraduate education and places less emphasis on graduate research than larger public universities such as OSU.

While Myers acknowledged many students don't graduate in exactly four years — 4.5 years is the "ballpark average" for years spent as an undergraduate — taking the extra time isn't necessarily negative.

Students, now more than ever, are taking quarters off to complete internships or co-ops, study abroad or volunteer, activities which may enhance resumes and help to attain greater opportunities in the workforce.

"Students see such experiences as win-win situations, even if they delay graduation," Myers said.

Students' GEC requirements are under scrutiny, however. As part of his Academic Plan, former President William "Brit" Kirwan addressed the need for examination of the GEC requirements. To do so, he formed the Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee. The committee's dual goals are to investigate the time needed to obtain a degree for most undergraduate students and to determine whether the GEC needs revision, said Marilyn Blackwell, a professor of

Scandinavian Studies and committee chairwoman.

"We've met with a great, great many people from student focus groups to faculty members," Blackwell said. "We want to make it easier for students to navigate the GEC."

She said the committee discovered students' major complaint was the difficulty many of them had scheduling their basic core requirements.

Thus, one of the recommendations the committee has is to incorporate more class sections in the late afternoons and evenings, particularly to accommodate non-traditional students and professional students who often work during the day.

The committee also suggests that departments offer certain core sequences — like the commonly scheduled History 151-152 sequence — more than once a year.

"We want to make the GEC requirements more flexible," Blackwell said.

However, Paula Hook, an academic counselor with the Undergraduate Student Academic Services' Exploration division, noted that many GEC courses are movable from degree unit to degree unit.

She often advises undecided students to select courses, such as those in the social sciences, that are easily adaptable. By getting such classes out of the way early in the college career, students of all different ranks on the priority scheduling scale stand a decent chance of graduating fairly quickly, she said.

Cordray said doing exactly that helped him immensely.

"I took almost all my GECs early in college," he said. "I eventually switched from business to international studies, but didn't get set back at all because I had already gotten a lot of GECs out of the way."

Myers thinks the university is making an effort for most students to graduate in four years. While he admits that students who are on the lower end of the priority scheduling scale, such as non-honors freshman, may not always get exactly the courses they want when they want them, they can still make academic progress towards a degree.

"What often happens is that students will compromise desired time slots and the specific course they want to take," Myers said. "For instance, they may not be able to enroll in Psychology 100, so they enroll in Sociology 101 instead. It fulfills the same requirement and doesn't set them back at all."

The GEC already allows that kind of flexibility, he added.

Hook said it's completely possible to earn a degree within four years if a student makes wise choices. However, he warns "if you keep changing your mind, it can get tricky."

"Students need to be in consultation with an adviser and develop a relationship with that adviser early on," Hook said. "They need to keep in touch."

## NCAA Football in your living room

By Adam Jardy  
Buckeye Bound editor

For those who can't suit up and run out in the Horseshoe wearing the Scarlet and Gray, hope remains in the form of a small, plastic box featuring Larry Fitzgerald on the cover.

EA Sports' "NCAA Football 2005" has hit the shelves for all three systems. Featuring all-new features and rosters, the series' latest innovation is to try to capture the advantage teams earn from playing in their home stadiums.

EA Sports has ranked the top 25 stadiums where homefield advantage is important. When you play a game at one of these stadiums, the homefield advantage starts to kick in almost immediately. Ohio Stadium is ranked No. 3.

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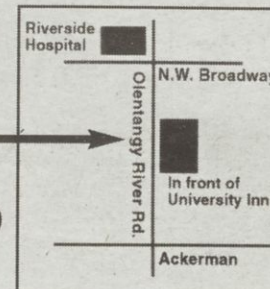
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# Spooky ghosts, lore haunt campus buildings

By Alysia Baker  
Lantern graphics editor

The halls are silent. All doors are locked, and all the lights are off. An eerie silence covers the buildings like a smothering blanket. It's 3 a.m., and the campus is illuminated in an orange tinge from the dusty street-lamps.

A light silently flickers on south campus.

The culprit is a stray room light on the third floor of Oxley Hall.

The building is empty, and has been for several hours.

Suddenly, the light dims and the door slams.

Every campus has their version of ghost stories. For years, reports of the elusive Oxley Hall inhabitant have circled campus.

This "ghost" is not alone.

According to documents in the Ohio State University archives, the campus is home to eight different spirits, ranging from the girl in Oxley Hall to a prehistoric man in Orton Hall.

Some of the better-known ghosts also include the mysterious Mirror Lake ice skater. According to witnesses, the female skater appears on wintry nights in early 20th century clothing with a hand muff. She is most often seen from a Pomerene Hall balcony overlooking the lake.

Pomerene Hall is also the home to another ghost: the lady in pink. She is said to inhabit Room 213, where she walks to the balcony and disappears. She wears an early 20th century pink party dress.

Denney Hall is also a site for a popular ghost story. According to leg-

end, while the northwest elevator in Denney Hall was stopped on the fifth floor a professor murdered a young female student. The professor left the woman for dead, and her spirit continues to haunt the elevator, forcing it to return to the fifth floor whenever headed down from the fourth.

Although none of the stories can be confirmed, Bertha Ihnat, Ohio State University archive associate, said the archives have only kept statistics of campus deaths since 1975.

Most of the stories originate in the early 20th century. Through the years they have been passed on to each class through oral tradition.

"People who have these experiences spread these stories much in the same way rumors spread," Barbara Lloyd, associate director for the Center of Folklore Studies, said.

The university stories in particular are examples of urban legend, she said. Stories become localized over time, and similar stories often are associated with different areas all over the country.

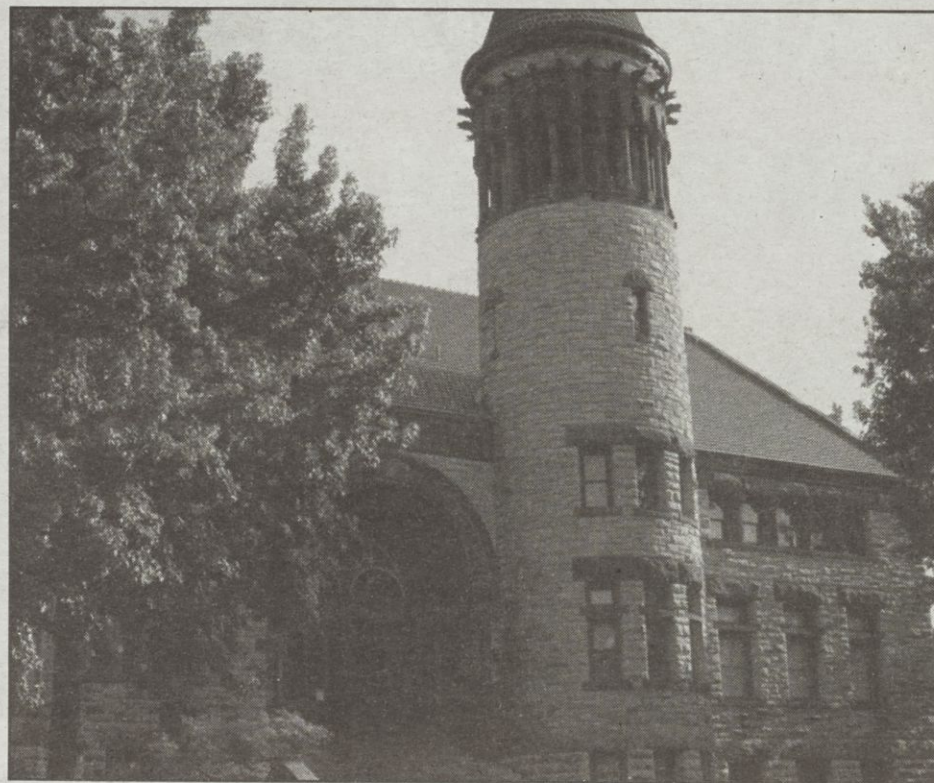
Culture distinction also plays a role in the sharing of ghost stories, Lloyd said.

"Some cultures are more into ghosts," she said.

The types of ghosts also differ throughout cultures. Lloyd said while ghosts in America tend to be harmless, ghosts in Europe are much more vicious.

The reasons for believing in ghosts vary depending on culture, said psychology Professor Gerald Winer.

According to Winer, about 50 percent of college students believe in



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The outside of Orton Hall, one of the buildings rumored to be haunted on campus.

ghosts. His studies convey the roots for the beliefs stem from social-cultural reasons.

Winer's study also has found many more adults believe in ghosts than children.

"(Ghost stories) are ways of explaining things we don't understand," Lloyd said. "For some of us,

it's preferable to believe we continue on."

It's all an issue of morality, she said.

"Whether something really happened is not as important as the emotional truth and why it has persisted," she said. "The stories will continue as long as they serve a purpose."

## Scarlet and Gray meets Gold, Silver and Bronze

By Aaron Stollar  
Lantern sports editor

A number of current and former Buckeyes qualified for the Olympic Games in Athens this August. Current Buckeye swimmer Gulsah Gunenc, a rising sophomore, qualified to represent Turkey in the 100 and 200 meter butterfly events. Current OSU cross-country head coach Robert Gary qualified for the United States in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Sacramento, Calif. It's Gary's second trip to the Olympics after qualifying for the 1996 Atlanta games. In men's gymnastics, former OSU All-Americans Blaine Wilson and Raj Bhavsar were named for the U.S. team going to Athens. Wilson was named to the team, his third straight Olympic selection, while Bhavsar was selected as an alternate to the U.S. team that will be coached by OSU men's gymnastics coach Miles Avery. This is also Avery's third straight Olympic appointment. Wilson, a Columbus native and DeSales

graduate, was named to the team despite suffering a torn left bicep at the American Cup at Madison Square Garden on February 28. At the 2000 Sydney games, Wilson finished sixth in the all-around and on the vault. Wilson still holds the OSU record in the all-around event which he set at the 1996 NCAA championships. Bhavsar was named an All-American 10 times during his OSU career and helped the Buckeyes win the 2001 NCAA team championship.

Gunenc set the Turkish national record in the 100-meter butterfly at the Turkish National Swimming Championships in Istanbul with a time of 1:02.35. She had already qualified for the 200-meter with another national record time of 2:17.53.

Gary qualified by finishing third in the finals at the U.S. Track and Field trials, with a career-best time of 8:19.46. Gary who graduated from OSU in 1996, has coached the Buckeyes for seven seasons after being an

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team, however. As the defense is lined up, ready to pounce on a key third down play, the screen is still shaking. After a while this begins to wear on the players' eyes.

All things considered, however, this is an exciting, fresh addition that brings a new dimension to what could otherwise soon become a tired football video game series. A lack of competition has not made EA Sports drunk with power.

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Shameless advertising aside, this game is thoroughly enjoyable to play. The game control is solid and does not majorly deviate from past EA football games. You can even customize signs to be shown during specific parts of the game. Take the opportunity to make an anti-Michigan slogan, put it on a sign and laugh when fans wave it during a big game.

But what about the one question that all hardcore Ohio State fans want to know: How do the Buckeye team look?

OSU boasts a stifling defense — which comes as no surprise — and also a powerful running attack. Between Branden Joe and Lydell Ross, OSU has two powerful offensive weapons. The arm of Justin Zwick is questionable, as are the hands of the Buckeye wideouts. This will inevitably result in a few curse words when Santonio Holmes drops a wide open pass.

Overall the game is almost as true to real life as the actual season will likely be. The only glaring inconsistency is the fact that Dustin Fox actually falls on fumbles in this game.

The bottom line is: This game is a must-have for any college football fan. The average gamer can amuse themselves for days simply by going from stadium to stadium and playing every random team in the country. For those who want more in-depth gaming, check out the Dynasty mode, where the user can play entire seasons as their favorite team and control recruiting from season to season.

Almost any person can enjoy this game, and even Lee Corso can't disagree on that.

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# Students learn Buckeye history in classroom

By Tasia Andrews  
For the Lantern

One of the most inconspicuous history classes an Ohio State student can take is not about the American Revolution, the Civil War or even the Spanish-American War — it is about the history of Ohio State.

"It introduces students to the very place where they're taking course work and to a way in which subject matter grew up and exists on a university campus," said Christian Zacher, the course coordinator.

Zacher, along with six other professors from different departments, came up with the concept of the class, which is listed as Arts and Sciences 500 in the university's registrar. The class consists of about 25 students, which creates a more hands-on teaching experience.

"Each of us had a different take on how to put the class together, so we all got together over lunch, and within a course of several months, we decided how the class would work," Zacher said.

Six of the seven professors are instructors for the class, including John Mount, Rai Goerler, Thomas Minnick, George Paulson, Paul Young and Zacher. Richard Sisson, past university provost and co-founder of the course, no longer helps with the class because of retirement. Having six different instructors helps to keep the class interesting.

"We're thinking about rotating the instructors every quarter to make it fresh and different," said Zacher.

Instead of having a two-hour lecture by one of the professors every class, the instructors opt to

have guest speakers from around the university, including the provost, athletic director and the alumni association president, to teach the class.

"My favorite part was just going to class every day because there was always something different, and with all the guest speakers, we always learned something new," said Adam Burden, a senior in political science and mathematics. "I would recommend this class to anyone who has an interest in the university; it's a fun class to take."

With many different guest speakers, students tend to get into interesting discussions concerning OSU.

"When it comes to athletics, students have different viewpoints," Zacher said. "The issue of teaching versus research, as well as parking, and about the buildings and why they get built or torn down is something students always have good discussions about."

In addition, the class is not held in the same room every time. The majority of the classes are held in Kuhn Honors House, but some classes have been held in the William Oxley Thompson Main Library, Medical Heritage Center, Faculty Club, the Archives Museum, Longaberger Alumni House and Ohio Stadium.

"We actually visited buildings we learned about and got to meet people we read about. That's what

distinguishes this class from the others," said Tiffany Bullard, a graduate student and past student of the class.

The course not only discusses OSU and its history, but it also gives an overview of how higher education in the United States began.

"I like to teach the history of the universities and how they came about — up until we got to Ohio State," Zacher said.

Zacher said he has learned some things about the university that he did not know before.

"I've learned an awful lot about the physical campus, a lot about the buildings," Zacher said. "I've also learned a lot about the land-grant universities that we take for granted every day."

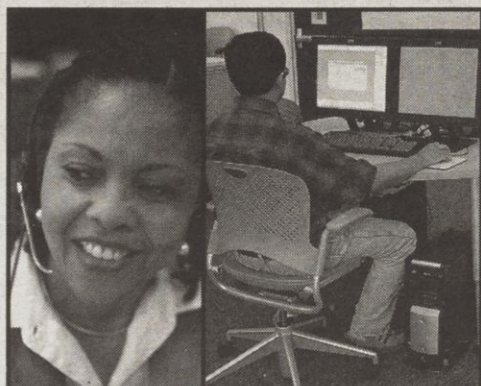
As students progress through the class they begin to have more appreciation for the school, he said.

Each student must write a 10-12 page paper by the end of the quarter about any topic related to the university. The course is offered to those of junior status or higher, and it is offered for one quarter each year.

"They're simply impressed by the university, and you can tell it in the papers they write because they delve into the topic," Zacher said.

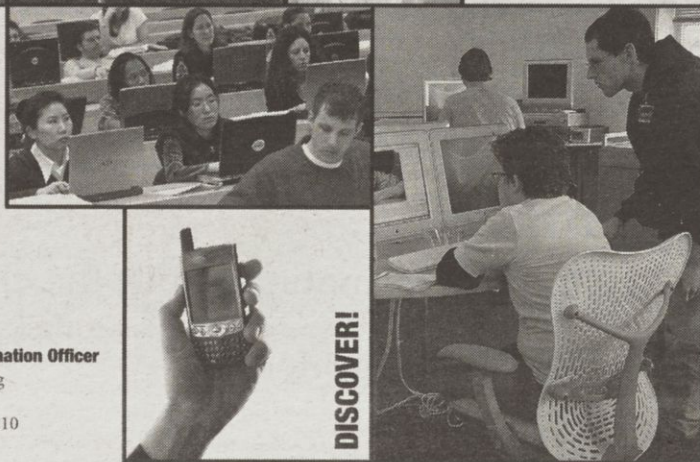


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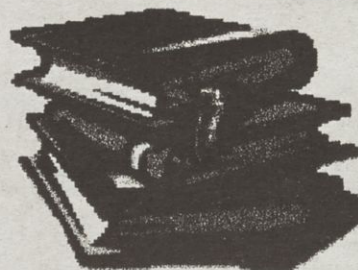
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## Short North offers "Gallery Hop" fun for residents

By Whitney Spaner  
For the Lantern

It's a block party — with a twist. The Short North is the location and all that is needed is an open mind and a love for the arts. On the first Saturday of every month, every art gallery in the Short North keeps their doors open late into the night to host thousands of visitors that come for the Gallery Hop.

Natives of Columbus and curious visitors alike fill the several blocks of the Short North to admire and purchase the pieces of art decorating the walls of the numerous galleries.

Maria Galloway, founder of the Gallery Hop and owner of the pm Gallery, said that back in 1984 when the Gallery Hop was founded, there were only a few galleries that called the Short North home. It was a somewhat dangerous and derelict area at the time, but the Gallery Hop has helped to develop the area.

"There was the start of an arts district here. We needed to get the word out that something really cool was happening," Galloway said.

Every gallery in the Short North from 1st Avenue and High Street down to 5th Avenue and High Street,

participates in the Gallery Hop, but the art is not limited to just galleries — many other businesses are also part of the Gallery Hop.

"It isn't just galleries; it's everybody: jewelers, hair salons and restaurants. On Gallery Hop night, everybody is a gallery," Galloway said.

Melody Worsley, the director of Roy G. Biv gallery on 2nd Avenue and High Street said the Gallery Hop is wonderful exposure for the galleries. She said during a normal week, anywhere between 75-100 visitors come to Roy G. Biv, but on Gallery Hop night, she will see 500-1,000 people come in a few hours.

Roy G. Biv is not a commercial gallery, so their main goal is not to sell pieces. They, however, enjoy exposing the Gallery Hop visitors to the arts, Worsley said.

Cowtown Art, an art gallery further south on High Street is a commercial gallery. Jason Slagle, manager of Cowtown, said Gallery Hop night is by far the best sales night of the month. Their specialty is affordable art.

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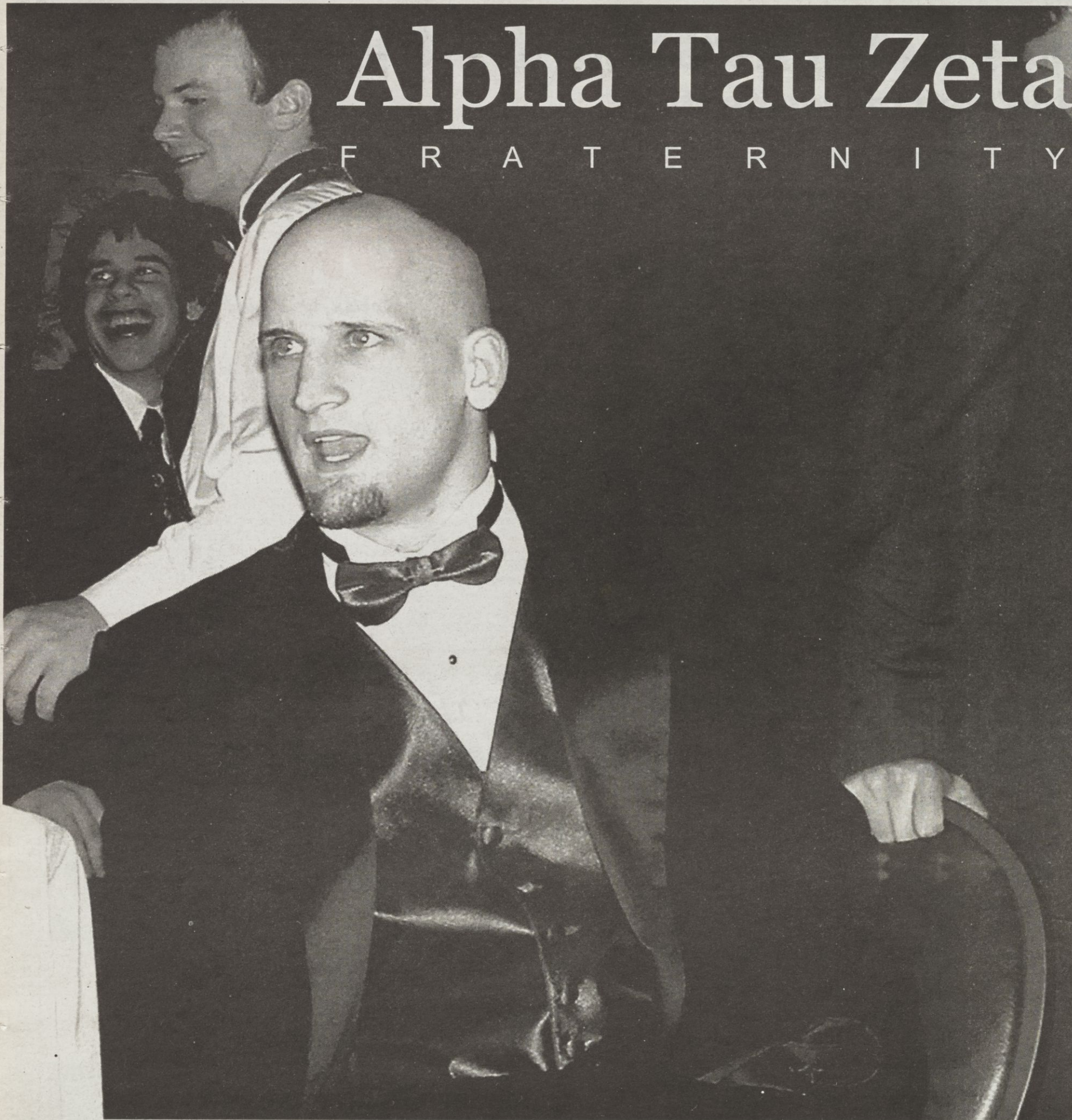
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# Buckeye research stretches all across the globe

By Stephen Heaphy  
Lantern campus reporter

A team of researchers from Ohio State returned home from Antarctica with the answer to a 160 million-year-old question. The research team led by Loren Babcock, professor of geological sciences, traveled to the Transantarctic Mountains last November to collect thousands of fossil samples from the frozen rock of Antarctica.

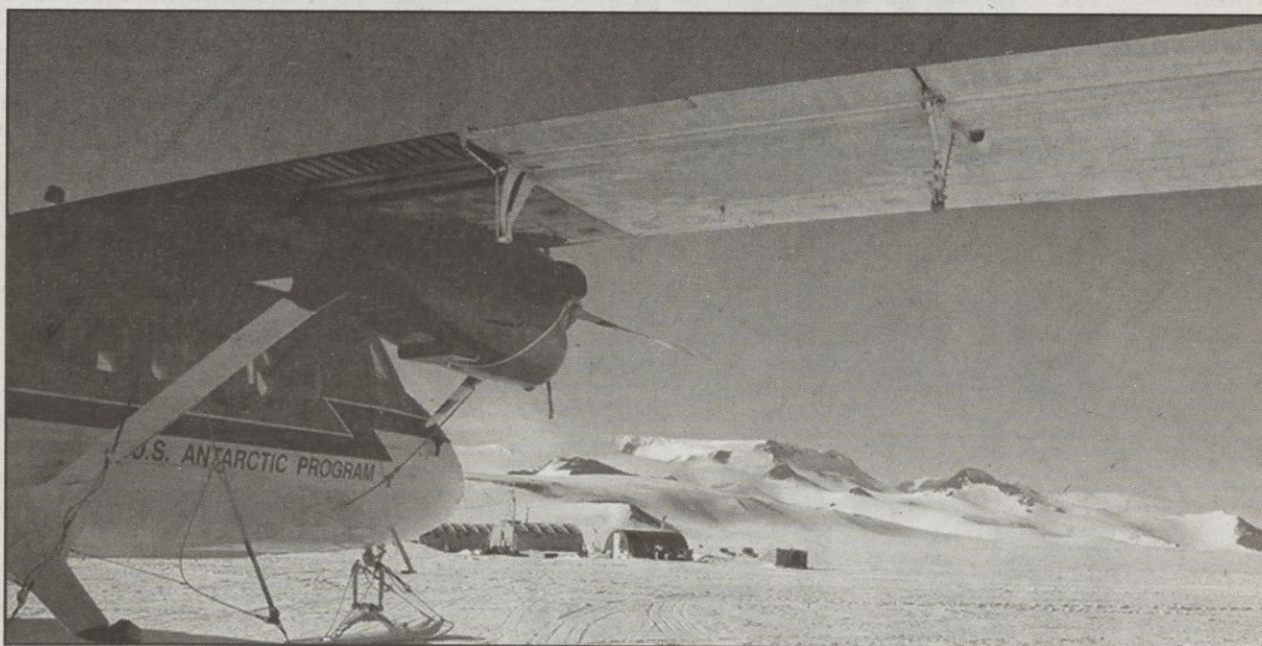
However, the team did not travel all the way to the bottom of the world and brave double-digit subfreezing temperatures just to collect fossils for classification and identification.

Babcock said Antarctica is one of the few places on earth where scientists can find exceptionally large deposits of arthropod fossils. That fact is what brought the team to Antarctica. They wanted to discover why arthropods fossils were so common and exceptionally preserved there.

Babcock said despite the fact that arthropods are by far the most abundant creatures on earth, arthropod fossils are relatively rare. He said that arthropods, which include such things as spiders, crustaceans and insects, are rare in fossil record because they do not have hard body parts that easily fossilize.

"Most of the fossil record is made up of creatures that secrete bone, teeth or shell," Babcock said. "Rarely do the chitinous skeletons of arthropods get preserved as fossils."

Babcock said 160 million years ago Antarctica was a far different place than it is today. Other fossils of the same age found in Antarctica, specifically plant fossils, indicate that Antarctica once had a very warm tropical climate. It was in this climate that the arthropods in question once lived.



On site at the Antarctic research center in the Transatlantic Mountains.

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Babcock explained in order for a fossil to form two things must happen: First, the creature must survive predation, meaning that if another organism eats it, nothing will be left to fossilize. Second something has to happen to fossilize the creature or turn it into rock.

Babcock believes the reason these arthropods survived predation has to do with where the fossils were

found.

"It looks like most of the predators have been eliminated because the pools that are containing these little arthropods and other creatures were very, very close

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to volcanic vents, and the water was really warm," Babcock said. "That, combined with the fact that these pools were fresh water in a time when there weren't very many fresh water pools, tended to eliminate predators."

Babcock said the answer to the second question, how the arthropods became fossilized, was answered just two weeks ago. Using a scanning electron microscope housed in Mendenhall Laboratory, the team discovered microbes which covered the organism after it died are responsible for its fossilization. This is the first time that scientists have ever observed this phenomenon in Antarctica.

"The microbes that are responsible for partly decaying the decay of those animals are also the things that are setting up fossilization, and that's a remarkable discovery," Babcock said.

He said the microbes that covered the organisms changed the chemistry of the water and sediment just enough to cause the minerals around the organism to crystallize and turn to stone. Also, the skeletons of the microbes themselves fossilized on the surface of the organism, resulting in a fossil that is a combination of both the original organism and the microbes that encrusted it.

This discovery is still too new to apply to fossils found in other parts of the world, but he believes this process could play a role in most fossilization that does not involve bone, teeth or shell, Babcock said.

Alycia Rode, a postdoctoral researcher at OSU, traveled with Babcock to Antarctica and said the experience was amazing.

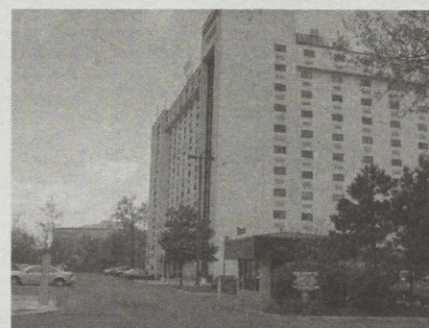
"Antarctica is fabulous. It's just an amazing place to work," Rode said. "You turn around and you have spectacular scenery everywhere you look and the fossils are super-abundant."

Rode is currently studying the fossilized organisms found in the rocks collected in Antarctica to determine what species they are, if they have been described by scientists before, what the environment was like they lived in and how they were related to other animals that were alive at the time.

Lara Ford, a junior in history, is also working with Babcock as part of an interdisciplinary research program. Ford said history often focuses solely on humans, but paleontology studies the history of the whole natural world, not just humans. Ford said that by branching out into paleontology she is now able to study a much larger time frame and many more interesting events.

"What I enjoy about it the most is being able to combine my interest in human history with my interest in natural history," she said.

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## New rec center promises thrills for Buckeyes

By Edward Mauler  
Lantern sports writer

From shooting hoops to climbing mountainous walls like Spiderman, the recreational facilities on Ohio State's campus provide various opportunities for students to work off that beer belly or those thunderously flabby thighs.

As the old saying goes, "variety is the spice of life" — and the seven recreational facilities available on campus for autumn quarter can be that variety that spices up exercising.

"Variety is the key word," Diane Jensen, associate director of human resources at the department of recreational sports, said. "I think I can tell you the best thing about our facilities is that there is variety."

Along with the existing work-out facilities located within Larkins Hall, the three Jesse Owens buildings (one on North, South and West campus), Fred Beekman Park and Coffey Road Park is the newly constructed Adventure Recreation Center that will open soon, said Steve Hawkins, assistant director of the future Outdoor Adventure Center to be situated within the ARC.

"We are shooting to open before autumn classes start," Hawkins said. "We hope to open at least in time for when the quarter begins. It all depends on construction."

The new ARC is being built on the corner of Woody Hayes Drive and Kenny Road and will be very accessible for students, Jensen said.

"There is an existing parking lot there and a bus stop on the east-bound side of Woody Hayes," Jensen said. "It will be just about a mile from Larkins Hall and near Fred Beekman Park."

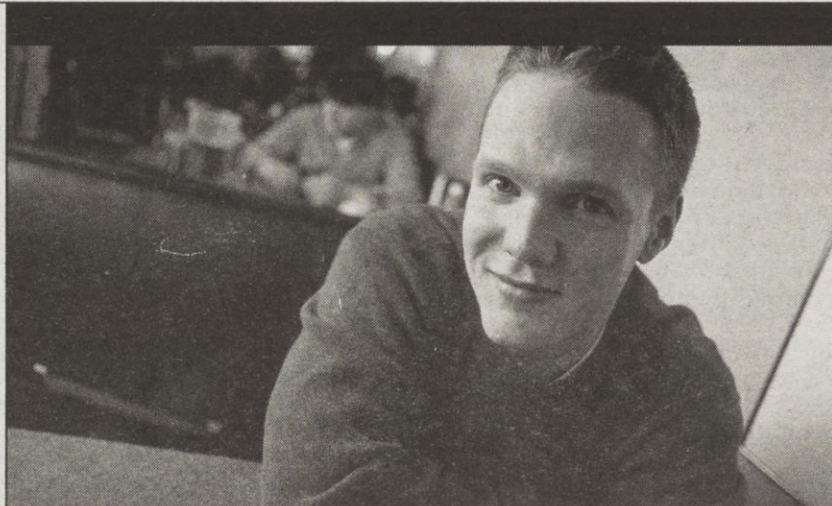
Divided into two major sections, the ARC will accommodate the typical exercising student as well the adventurous pupil, Jimmy Francis, the future ARC coordinator and current coordinator for the outside facilities, said.

"ARC main is going to be the main fitness portion," Francis said. "It will be a 5,000 square foot facility with over 30 pieces of cardio equipment. Plus, it will have four wood-floor courts to be used for basketball or volleyball."

Francis also mentioned that the ARC will provide an innovative feature for OSU campus recreational facilities.

"The ARC will have something that campus never had before," Francis said. "It will have two indoor turf fields with a field turf surface instead of Astroturf. Basically, the reason why it is so great is that this new style of turf is more like natural grass. Old Astroturf could cause cuts abrasions and cuts."

Basketball, volleyball and treadmills may be fun for the average student, but Hawkins said the ARC will also provide



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own rather than just look at," Slagle said.

He describes their art as, "pretty fun and funky, and most of all, affordable."

Gallery Hop night is also great exposure for local artists. For example, 25 local artists are represented at Cowtown Art and, 18 local artists at another gallery, Studios on High. These artists are often at the galleries on Gallery Hop night and are more than happy to talk with the masses of people coming in and out of the galleries.

Judy Hoberg, manager of Studios on High, actually works on her art during the Gallery Hop, a free demonstration for gallery hoppers. She makes clay animal sculptures. Her work has been displayed at Studios on High for 17 years.

"It is a learning experience for the artist and a learning experience for the viewer because they can talk to the artists about their work," Hoberg said.

Ellen Grevey, director of The Ohio Art League gallery said many Ohio State and Columbus School of Art and Design students come in during the Gallery Hop because it is fun and social, but also educational. In many cases they are able to meet and talk with the artists about their art. The Ohio Art League requires their featured artist to be at the gallery all day on Gallery Hop day to talk to the visitors.

Galloway agrees it is a very good activity for students.

"You can get to know the neighborhood, you can eat and it's a great way to socialize," she said. "It's also a cheap date!"

Grevey said the Gallery Hop is like a party. People come to socialize and enjoy the art.

She also said it helps out many other businesses in the Short North because people will stop to eat and drink. It's very good for the whole neighborhood.

"The Gallery Hop is part of what the Short North's identity is," Grevey said.

## Plenty of dining options to appease college appetites

By Stephen Heaphy  
Lantern staff writer

The first year of college: it's a time for studies, parties, new friends, new experiences and very often 15 to 20 new pounds. The freshman 15 — that's the official name for the weight that most students inevitably put on their first year away from home. It's a right of passage and for students that want to truly experience what college is all about, and a necessary achievement.

The problem is that most students aren't going to achieve such lofty aspirations on the less than gourmet food provided at the commons. Luckily for Ohio State's incoming freshman class, there are plenty of other dining options right on or near campus.

Students looking to refuel on their way to class without spending a lot of cash can stop by a Boss Dogs mobile hot dog stand. Besides hot dogs, Boss Dogs offers kielbasas, bratwurst, chicken sandwiches and several types of fajitas all for under \$3.00.

Tony Rudd, a sophomore in computer science and engineering, slings dogs at one of the Boss Dogs stands. He said that Boss Dogs is extremely popular because they are conveniently located and the price is right for student's budgets.

"We're right on the way to a lot of classes and it's cheaper than most other places," Rudd said. "Plus the food is about as good as anything else around here."

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Mark Pi's Chinese Restaurant is a popular choice for students at the Ohio Union.

Boss Doggs has three on-campus locations: Hitchcock, Independence Hall and in front of the Science and Engineering Library, and accepts BuckID.

Students that want to use their meal plan at some place other than the commons can visit several different places on campus. These establishments all also accept BuckID and cash.

Mirror Lake Café, located at Pomerene Hall and (surprisingly enough) Mirror Lake, offers freshly made hot and cold subs, pizza, fruit smoothies, daily specials and a rather large dessert selection.

Oxley's By the Numbers Café is located near the Numbers Garden and Central Classrooms. Oxley's offers subs, pizza, soup, wraps, salads, a limited breakfast menu and features Starbucks coffee.

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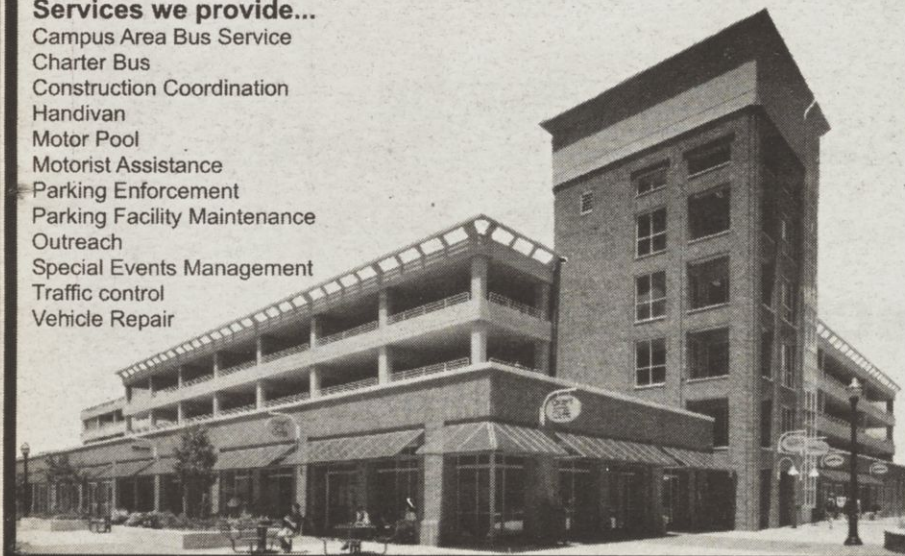
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# Buckeyes have a strong sense of pride, tradition

By Heidi Verhoff  
Lantern staff writer

Being an Ohio State Buckeye isn't just about attending classes and taking exams, and it's not a ball of peanut butter covered in milk chocolate. Ohio State gives you more than an education: it gives you life experiences. Ohio State has a lot to offer anyone in any field and from any origin.

"There is plenty of opportunity to get into a club or organization that will stretch you as a person and mold and make your character and beliefs," Amy Geist, a psy-

chology student, said.

A person walking on campus might wonder how could they make a difference or where would they fit in at such a large institution. Believe it or not, students are not just another number — they are a very important part of a great place that can take them anywhere if they apply themselves.

Looking back on his days at OSU, Art Thinguldstad, class of 1976 and now a systems engineer for Alcatel, said, "When I was at OSU I felt like a little fish in a big ocean, but it gave me a wide range of per-

spectives of different lifestyles that I wouldn't have gotten at any other college." So even in the cold long walks to class in the winter or lounging at Mirror Lake in the spring, Ohio State has many traditions that can be enjoyed by large groups or even an individual.

Ohio State academics can take you anywhere but Ohio State football can lead to one place most fall Saturday afternoons: The Horseshoe. Its grand design and state of the art facilities have hosted countless football games that have made traditions for many Buckeye fans.

"Getting early to the stadium on Saturday morning and grilling brats and screaming at the top of our lungs when the bucks win by a few points in overtime," Geist said. "Buckeye football has been a long-standing tradition for not only students but anyone who enjoys a good game of football."

Outside of the college atmosphere in the real world, Ohio State has made a name for it self and enticed many people

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Woody's Place, located in the Ohio Union, serves a variety of barbecue dishes with sides, including wings and macaroni and cheese. Woody's also features several TV's, live performances on their stage and karaoke.

Another location on campus that accepts students' meal plans is the Marketplace on Neil. The Marketplace is the newest place on campus for dining. The Market Place combines a small grocery store that sells everything from fresh veggies and fruits to frozen foods, with several small specialty eateries. It also has a large salad bar and bulk foods area.

Lisa Grubb, a junior in psychology, and Heather Young, an undecided freshman, like to frequent the Market Place because the selection is different from most of the other places on campus.

"I like the food here. They have lots of choices and it's good," Grubb said.

"I like that they have healthier choices, and good

prices," Young said.

J.R. Miggs Irish pub on Neil Avenue has a large menu that has something for almost every student. They are open late most nights and until midnight on Wednesday through Friday. Miggs also has a full breakfast so students that stay up all night can find something to eat when the sun is comes up.

The Ohio Union also has several fast food restaurants, including Wendy's, Mark Pi's Express and Steak Escape. Students in the Union seeking a cup of Joe should pass through the Wendy's seating area and head to Java Master. Java Master grinds their own coffee, which students can enjoy in a number of specialty drinks or they can take home their own grinds. Java Master also sells cold sandwiches, ice cream, wraps, baked goods, salads and bubble tea, which is described as a heavily-flavored iced tea.

Will Schorr, an employee at Java Master, said they can get pretty busy at times, but thinks if more students

knew they were in the Union they would get a lot more business.


"A lot of students don't even know were here," Schorr said. "They really have to look for us. We're like a suburb of Wendy's"

Catfish Biffs — where they don't have catfish but sure have pizza — is a staple of South campus life. Catfish sells whole pizzas for carryout and delivery, but is probably best known for its pizza by the slice. Slices of pepperoni or cheese pizza sell for \$1.75.

Of course if North Campus students don't feel like making the trek to south campus, dozens of pizza places abound in the campus area. Lots of other restaurants can be found around campus, especially on High Street.

In fact, there are so many restaurants on and around campus that its possible a truly dedicated student might be able to pack on a freshman 40.

Bon appetite.



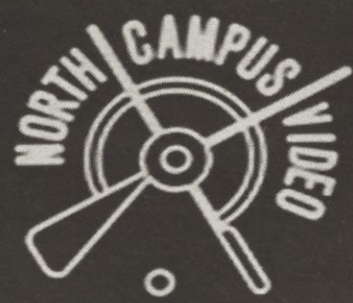
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#### Offensive line

After losing three players to the NFL, the offensive line practically needs to completely rebuild. Nick Mangold returns at center after a season where he played well enough to hang on to the starting spot after the starting center Alex Stepanovich was hurt. Robbie Sims also returns after starting in 17 of OSU's last 18 games. Everybody else is more anonymous; the rest of the unit combines for only one career start. Look for Doug Datish, Mike Kne, and either T.J. Downing or Tim Schafer to complete the first string unit.

#### Defensive line

OSU's spectacular rush defense that led the Big Ten this year was decimated by the NFL draft and individually by losing Big Ten defensive Player of the Year Will Smith. Mercifully Simon Fraser does return at defensive end after deflecting five passes last season and making seven tackles for loss. Mike Kudla will be at the other end spot, having recovered from a nasty virus that struck soon after the 2002 season ended and limited his time last season. The defensive tackles look to be one of OSU's more inexperienced groups with junior Marcus Green and sophomore Quinn Pitcock set to start.

#### Linebackers

Now here is a position that Buckeye fans do not have to worry about whatsoever. OSU may have one of the best linebacking corps in the country led by OLB A.J. Hawk. Hawk led the team in tackles last season and has tremendous instincts and speed to the ball carrier. Hawk is already been named to the Butkus award watch list and to several preseason All-America teams. At the other outside position there is Bobby Carpenter, who spent most of last season as Robert Reynolds' backup but got the start against Iowa after Reynolds' "choke-gate" incident at Wisconsin. At the MLB posi-

tion, in steps Air Force transfer Robert Schlegel who was All-Mountain West before deciding to transfer. Backups Mike D'Andrea and Indiana transfer John Kerr would start for most other Big Ten teams but they will have to fight for time in this unit.

#### Defensive Backs

Some Buckeye fans are more than happy to say goodbye to junior cornerback Chris Gamble after his inconsistent play last season, including his being totally victimized by Lee Evans for a long game-winning touchdown at Wisconsin. On the other hand, no one is downplaying the loss of Will Allen. Allen was a dominating figure last season at safety, winning one game against N.C. State as he dropped T.A. McClendon on the goal line in triple-overtime. At cornerback, senior Dustin Fox returns. Fox is one of the most infuriating Buckeyes on the roster as his inconsistent coverage skills sometimes negate his mind-boggling athleticism. At the other corner, look for junior E.J. Underwood or sophomore Ashton Youboty to step into Gamble's former spot. Nate Salley returns at free safety and is one of the most feared hitters in the Big Ten. Finally, Donte Whitner shifts from nickel-back to strong safety and hopes to improve on his 22 tackles, two-interception performance last season.

#### Special teams

It is a tail of two booters for OSU's special teams as All-American kicker Mike Nugent returns for his senior season. He went 16-of-19 last season and 6-of-7 from beyond 40 yards. He also is 83-84 on extra points with that lone miss coming after a botched snap.

With Ray Guy award winner B.J. Sander off to the Packers, it is up to Josh Huston to control the field position for the Buckeyes. Huston came into OSU highly-touted, but eventually lost the job to Andy Groom and Sander. Consider this his chance to prove his worth. If the inexperienced red-shirt senior cannot get it done, than Nugent may have to do double duty.

Look for the OSU return unit to see a burst of

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Kicker Mike Nugent prepares to kick during last year's Fiesta Bowl.

improvement as freshman phenom Ted Ginn Jr. should step and in and improve the return numbers of last season, where the Buckeyes finished 10th in the Big Ten.

#### Final wrap-up

This looks a little like the 2002 National Championship team with lots of inexperienced players needing to step into voids left by NFL draftees. If that happens and one of the quarterbacks and Lydell Ross pan out, it could be a very fun season in Columbus. If the QB controversy gets out of control and the inexperienced players struggle, then it could be a real test for Tressel. In this weak Big Ten, the OSU-Michigan game will likely be the de facto Big Ten championship game. And that game is in Columbus this season...

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recreation for the rock climber.

"The Climbing Center is a 43-foot tall, 4,000 square-foot climbing wall," Hawkins said. "It was created to look like real rock — actually molded from rock."

Don't worry if climbing rocky walls seems too challenging — Hawkins said students can seek help in their aspirations to be Spiderman.

"Since all students have memberships, they can come over to the climbing center," Hawkins said. "We can show them how to belay (climb) if they never climbed before."

Hawkins also said students can rent equipment for their outdoor adventure trips, such as canoes or sleeping bags at the Outdoor Adventure Center. Along with providing trip equipment, Hawkins said the OAC also plans adventure trips for groups of students.

"If a sorority wants to take a rafting trip, we'll have the price down for them," Hawkins said. "We also have a resource library where they can plan their own trip."

The OAC at the ARC will also take students on trips, Hawkins said.

"We'll have trips and trip leaders," Hawkins said. "The first year we'll keep it national but in the second year we will look into going to places like Costa Rica."

If students can't make the short trip out to west campus to use the ARC's resources, they can still utilize OSU's other recreational facilities. Larkins Hall will still accommodate most students cardio and basketball interests. Jesse Owens West offers tennis courts while Jesse Owens North and South focus mostly on basketball and Buck-I-Robics. Fred Beekman Park and Coffey Road Park provide tracks for joggers.

"It's excellent — we probably have 200 people day using the jogging track at Fred Beekman Park," Francis said. "We also have water fountains for when it is hot and joggers get thirsty. As you are running the track you can enjoy watching other people playing basketball and volleyball."

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to become part of the faculty.

"I came to OSU as a professor because it offered unique opportunities for me," Larry Whiting, professor of agricultural communications, said.

Whether you're a faculty member or a student, traditions at Ohio State are a big deal. To some it may mean going to sporting events or attending classes, but there is something about Ohio State that gives a sense of pride and honor. Flags of scarlet and gray can usually be seen in the areas surrounding Ohio State, and on any given Saturday afternoon you might catch a football, basketball or hockey game on the local television station.

But the real pride and tradition of OSU is in the people that teach, the students that attend classes and the people behind the scenes that make being a Buckeye something worth talking about.



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## Other cultures come to class

By Ryan Green  
Lantern staff writer

Ohio State is using technology to create a better understanding of the culture of the Middle East.

The modern way of cross-cultural learning involves students interacting with citizens from the foreign nations being studied. This method has been experimented with at OSU, and it has been concluded that future benefits could be vast.

Hassan Aly, professor of economics at OSU, is also a director of the MBA program at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He is teaching "The Economic Development of the Middle East."

With his contacts in the UAE and those here at Ohio State, he was able to set up a meeting, via satellite, between students in his class and MBA students at Zayed University.

The meeting took place in Derby Hall and lasted about an hour and a half. The classroom was complete with two giant screens showing students who were conversing with each other. During the interaction, students from both Zayed University and those from OSU asked each other questions in an attempt to gain knowledge of cultures far removed from their own. The meeting consisted of topics ranging from U.S economic influences in the UAE and the greater Middle East, to common stereotypes each culture shares, and the current military actions in Iraq. Students also got to hear the opinions and thoughts of individuals living in the Middle East.

"This is a way to enhance my class by getting first hand information from people who are actually in the area. It's a forum for an exchange of ideas and views, a guide to getting both sides of the ocean to know each other a little better and to wipe out any stereotypes present on both sides," Aly said.

Students such as Kristi Taylor, a senior in communications said, the meeting was worth her time.

"I thought it was very interesting. We got a lot of good feedback from the Zayed students," she said.

She also commented that she was surprised at the amount of knowledge the Zayed University students had about American culture and their understanding of our culture has made her want to understand the Zayed students better.

Reem Aly, a student in psychology, said she liked the idea of interacting with actual people from that part of the world and boasted about the future implications of this style of learning.

"I think, if we continue to do this it will be beneficial for the future and give students more of an outlook into a different world," she said.

"I'm now seriously thinking of having a long-distance learning course that will have students from both sides (express opinions) because it seems like it's a very efficient way of interacting with each other," Hassan Aly said.

## OSU auto team sparks desert victory

By Brad McGee  
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio State Automotive Research team, BuckHybrid, recently drove away with five awards from the FutureTruck competition. The team accomplished its goal of earning fifth place for its hybrid-electric Ford Explorer.

The FutureTruck 2004 competition was held June 17, at Ford's Michigan proving ground. The competition challenged 15 top North American universities to improve Ford's conventional, mid-sized Explorer. The Explorer need to be converted into a lower-emissions vehicle, with at least 25 percent higher fuel economy. The teams' designs are not allowed to sacrifice the vehicles performance, safety, comfort, and affordability. Team BuckHybrid established a 30 percent higher fuel economy than the current vehicle on the market.

The FutureTruck competition encouraged students to use a variety of cutting-edge technologies, including lightweight materials, hybrid-electric design strategies and alternative fuels, such as hydrogen and ethanol. Larry Slone, leader of the OSU team, said competition was a tremendous learning experience for the students involved.

"It's a way to showcase the research that's done here and it's a great opportunity for the students," Slone said. "They get a lot of very real world, hands on practical

automotive engineering experience."

Most of the work done by the OSU team is done at the Center for Automotive Research. Joe Morbitzer, the team's electric power train group leader, said he believes FutureTruck was a great learning opportunity.

"The work we did on the truck for this competition complements the experience in the classroom really well," he said.

Jason Disalvo, a sophomore in engineering and control engineer for the team, agrees with Morbitzer.

"The experience was great. I actually learned a lot more in here than in class," he said. "We worked with a lot more equipment and more advanced stuff."

Slone, who graduated in 1998 as a chemical engineer, worked in the automotive industry for four years before returning to OSU. He knows first-hand that the issues the teams faced in the competition, are applicable to the sorts of things that they will see in engineering jobs.

In the United States, today more than 50 percent of all new vehicles sold are SUV's and light-duty trucks. These vehicles appeal to consumers because of their versatile capabilities, but most consumers do not take into account that SUV's use more fuel than passenger cars and emit more pollutants.

"FutureTruck is about addressing the pollutants that come from all these vehicles rolling down the road," Slone said.

"It's about addressing the fuel economy and trying to reduce our dependence on foreign oil supplies."

Team BuckHybrid exceeded many of their own expectations by bringing home five awards from the competition, including first place in dynamic handling and in the mathworks modeling and simulation. Disalvo said he attributes the success of BuckHybrid to all the hard work of the team.

"We had a lot of really bright guys who were really dedicated," he said. "Members of the team voluntarily worked 24 hour work days to achieve deadlines."

The teams hard work paid off.

"We did better than we expected and better than we hoped, it was tremendous. We had hoped for a top five finish, but in addition to a top five finish we got a lot of awards," said Slone. "We didn't expect to come home with all that hardware."

The sequel to FutureTruck is called Challenge X. It is a three year competition that has similar goals of increasing fuel economy and reducing emissions. Challenge X is being sponsored by GM and the vehicle being used is a Chevy Equinox. The Challenge X team leader is Joe Morbitzer and he welcomes any OSU student in any college to join the team. The first year of Challenge X mainly consists mainly of planning, modeling, and the development of systems and subsystems.

## Tuition rate increased yet again

By Mandy Zatynski  
For the Lantern

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved another tuition during the spring — the third consecutive double-digit increase in the last three years.

"Nobody wanted to raise tuition," said Barbara Snyder, who was also named executive vice president and provost at the meeting. "We're very sympathetic to students ... We know it is increasingly difficult, but we must maintain our quality of education."

Snyder and William Shkurti, senior vice president for Business and Finance, presented the tuition recommendations to the trustees and listed better access to faculty and high-demand courses, implementation and access to updated technology and more opportunities for learning outside of the classroom as ways the university is improving the quality of education.

"An Ohio State degree is one that will stay with (the students) for the rest of their lives, and we want to ensure the quality of (the degree)," Shkurti said.

Aftab Pureval, the president-elect for the Undergraduate Student Government, and Deb Mason, the vice president-elect, are skeptical.

"We're very disappointed with what the board presented," said Mason, a junior in English. "It's definitely not what we want. Our main concern is pricing out the students."

Resident undergraduates and graduates will face a 13.4 percent increase, totaling \$7,506 for a three-quarter academic year, and non-resident undergraduates will see a 19.4 percent increase, totaling \$19,800. Students in other graduate and professional programs will incur increases between 6 and 14.5 percent. All fees will take effect fall

quarter 2004.

Mason and Pureval said they would be more accepting of the tuition increase if the students were provided with a detailed breakdown of exactly what the extra money funds.

"We won't be satisfied until we actually are seeing where tuition money is going," said Pureval, a junior in political science. "It's important that students see direct results from the money."

Pureval and Mason said they continue to support USG's tuition initiative and have plans to fight increases next year.

"We're going to lobby hard; it's our top priority," Pureval said.

As an out-of-state student, former USG President Mike Goodman said he thinks the increases are discouraging.

"The university is doing itself a disservice," said Goodman, a senior in finance. "Out-of-state students bring in great sources of revenue, and you're discouraging out-of-state students to look at OSU."

Goodman said he will be representing the educational qualities of OSU when he moves back to Chicago, Ill., after he graduates. He said the university should encourage this spread of university graduates in order to build its reputation, but raising tuition is counter to that goal.

"It is critical to have graduates from Ohio State go around the world," he said. "By keeping everyone in Ohio, we're not allowing ourselves to expand upon our international profile."

Goodman said the students want to see a return on their investment in the university, and he used the Student Activity Fee as an example.

"I haven't heard any complaints (about the fee) because the students are seeing their dollars at work," he said. "That's what I expect from tuition."



All-American on six different occasions himself.

"It was really good (to qualify). There were four of us fighting for three spots and I was happy to finish third," Gary said.

Gary is already looking towards Athens and the competition he will face.

"My main goal is really to make the finals, then see what happens," he said.

"Whatever three Kenyans make their team, they will be the favorites. There is always one non-Kenyan that ends up medaling and it would be great if that was me."

The 3,000-meter steeplechase is one of the Summer Olympics' more unique events. It consists of 7 1/2 laps of the track, including four hurdle jumps and one water jump per lap. The steeplechase hurdles are significantly bulkier and higher than standard hurdles. The fastest way over them is by jumping on top of the hurdle and then jumping off of it.

Two other former Buckeye runners came close to qualifying, but will have to wait until the 2008 Beijing games. Rob Myers, a 2004 All-American senior placed third in the 1,500-meters semifinal. Myers set a career-best at the race with a time of 3:38.93, which was over a second faster than his previous best. Ian Connor, who competed for OSU from 1998-2001, made the semifinals in the 1,500.

Two OSU women also took part in the trials. Keturah Lofton, a junior, finished 12th in the women's hammer finals with a throw of 62.26m. Amarachi Ukabam, a sophomore, advanced to both the finals of the shot put and discus. Ukabam finished 12th in discus with a throw of 54.98m, and eighth in the shot put after reaching 15.82m.

## Campus: under heavy construction

By Stephen Heaphy  
Lantern staff writer

The Oval renovation and the construction of several new buildings might steal the headlines, but there are at least seven other construction projects on campus that could cause problems for anyone traveling through the area.

According to the Ohio State Office of Media Relations, several projects could necessitate that motorists and pedestrians plan extra time for their travels on campus.

The Drake-Sisson pedestrian bridge, which crosses the Olentangy River just to the north of the Drake Union, is closed for the remainder of summer quarter for renovations. Pedestrians wanting to gain access to central campus from the west side of the river should use the CABS stop near Woody Hayes Drive and Fyffe Road; bicyclists should use Woody Hayes to cross the river.

Because of other renovations at Page Hall, the exit from the Ohio Union garage onto College Road will be closed. Motorists will need to use the High Street exit when leaving the garage.

The Page Hall renovations will also result in the narrowing of College Road while a new curb and sidewalk are put in place.

Construction at the intersection of 12th and Neil avenues has resulted in several changes that affect both pedestri-

ans and motorists. Traffic on 12th has been routed one way east and Neil Avenue traffic is limited to one way southbound.

Motorists wishing to travel on South Oval Drive should do so by entering through the traffic control gates near 17th and Neil avenues. Motorists parking in the North Cannon garage may still exit eastbound, but westbound traffic must exit using the Upham Drive exit.

Several sidewalks are also closed in the area and pedestrians walking near the construction must stay on the designated path.

Frequent deliveries in the area of Knowlton and Hitchcock halls will restrict access to Ives Drive for the next two weeks. Motorists looking to park in the area should use Tuttle garage.

There is also major construction taking place around Lincoln and Morrill towers. The bridges and walkways on the east side of the towers have been removed for replacement. This has resulted in the closing of the east entrances and the east stair lobbies of both towers. Entrance to either tower may be gained by using either the northwest or southwest second-floor entrances.

The drive that surrounds the base of the towers is also closed to traffic. Those in need of disability parking may use the designated area in the west stadium parking lot or the lot south of Lincoln Tower.

All of this construction has not gone unnoticed by students trying to navigate their way around campus. Kyle Sutton, a junior in athletic training, said he is sick of having to find new ways to get around campus.

"It will be good for the university down the road, but it's a huge pain right now," he said.

Like the rest of campus, the area surrounding the OSU Medical Center is also under heavy construction. Belmont Avenue and the Rhodes Hall Loop will both be closed through the end of July.

Because of these closings, valet parking and patient pick-up and drop-off have been relocated to the James/Doan Hall Loop. Additional patient pick-up and drop-off locations are available at the 12th Avenue garage and in the designated drop-off areas on 12th.

Traffic flow on 10th Avenue between Neil and the James loop will be temporarily modified from one-way traffic to two-way traffic to permit access to the James Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Bill Mifsud, associate administrative director of corporate planning services for the OSU Medical Center, said he knows all the construction and detours can be bothersome to students, faculty and staff, but the center's No. 1 goal is to minimize their impact on patients and visitors who might not be familiar with the area.

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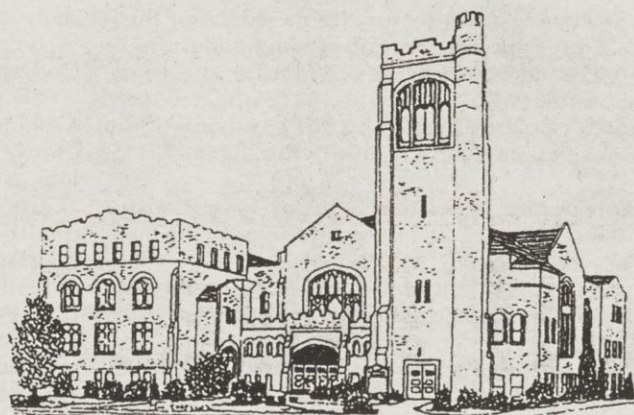
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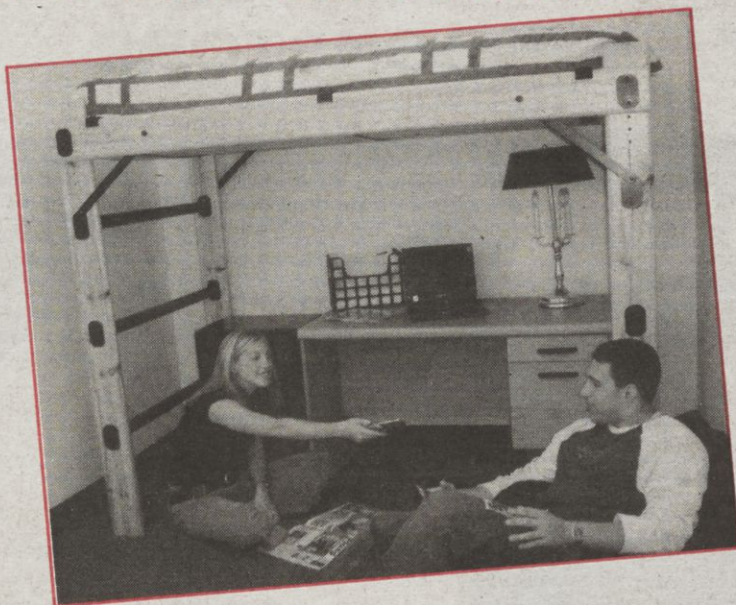
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