Student-guided tours designed to give visitors 'first-hand' view

Main Campus is not as big and confusing as the Big Apple, but for the uninitiated trying to discover the ins and outs of the university, it may as well be.

Two years ago OSU began an annual campus tour, complete with a university tour guide, to acquaint visitors with the 3,243-acre campus. The five miles, two-hour tour begins at the admission office in Lincoln Tower at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Before arriving at Drake Union, the last stop, the tour van makes four stops and winds its way around nearly 30 streets.

Information ranging from the historical background of specific buildings to the academic ranking of various colleges and available recreational opportunities are offered to the visitors.

The student tour guides answer questions, give details about tour sites, and relate anecdotes of personal experiences at the university.

Bill Wahl, director for the Visitor's Information Center, said the upperclassmen's experience and knowledge of the campus "really do a lot for the tour because they are Ohio State, and that enthusiasm always rubs off on the visitors."

Wahl said three to four students assist with the tours each year.

Jorge Trevino, a sophomore from Kestoria who has worked as a tour guide since June, said he enjoys the tour because "it's nice to meet interesting students and parents, to share what I feel and help them make a good decision about Ohio State."

Wahl said the program was started to give people a good impression of Ohio State.

"The idea was originally designed as a recruiting tool," he said, so high school students and their parents could see the campus before making a final college choice.

Tony Rupen, a Buckeye High School student, has narrowed his college choices to three universities.

"I wanted to see the campus," Rupen said, "to see what it's like."

Although he made no final decision, the high school junior said the tour will help with his decision.

"I got to see everything I wanted to," he said, adding the campus size and building architecture were "impressive."

Between 6,000 and 7,000 people take the tour throughout the year, but not all are prospective students, Wahl said.

Visiting professors, employees, students and dignitaries from overseas also participate in the tours, he said.

Tours are flexible enough to accommodate the interests of various groups or individuals, however, the usual route makes four walking stops at Drake Union, Baker Hall, Larkins Hall and West Campus.

At Drake Union, visitors are shown two university theaters, student gathering places, and the Olentangy river and marina are pointed out. During summer orientation, prospective students can also pick up information about student organizations.

Baker Hall serves as an example of dormitory life for incoming freshmen.

Larkins Hall gives a view of the sports facilities available.

At West Campus, visitors can see library facilities, a lecture hall, a regular classroom and a biology lab.
Columbus, OSU promote city with first hospitality trade fair

By Cheri Hill
Lantern staff writer

ColumbusSpirit '84 is the first event which OSU and Columbus are working on together to promote each other, said Bill Wahl, coordinator of OSU Visitor Information.

ColumbusSpirit -- A Showcase of Excellence takes place Friday at Veterans Memorial.

Mayor Dana Rinehart, City Council President Jerry Hammond and Bureau President Earl Flora will cut the ribbon opening the doors to Columbus' first hospitality trade fair Friday morning.

To kick off the event, part of the 150th birthday celebration of Columbus, Rinehart and four elementary school children will blow out the 150 candles on the city's birthday cake, which will serve over 2,000 guests throughout the day.

The festivities, which are sponsored by the Greater Columbus Conventions & Visitors Bureau, are a marketing effort to sell Columbus' hospitality industry.

The OSU pep band will perform and officially welcome the first groups of the 900 invited conventions, meeting and motorcoach buyers.

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. invited guests will view exhibits, which will be opened to the public from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., with free admission.

"It is open to acquaint people who live here with Columbus," Wahl said. "It gives students an opportunity to see their university in a different perspective and see what the rest of Columbus has to offer."

OSU is one of over 120 exhibitors. Others include hotels, motels, restaurants, retailers and attractions, which will be under one roof to sell Columbus as "the perfect host."

Included in the exhibits is a colorful display featuring pictures of OSU activities and sites.

In OSU's presentation there will be slide shows, video tapes of points of interest and giveaways, such as autographed footballs and basketballs.

The Office of Continuing Education is also promoting OSU by emphasizing the campus' facilities to house conventions and groups.

Other exhibitors include German Village, COSI and the Columbus Zoo.

The bureau is also expecting 300 meeting and seminar coordinators from OSU. Susan Ettl, director of public relations for the bureau, said, "Professors from OSU are instrumental in helping the convention bureau attract conventions and corporate meeting planners."

Although ColumbusSpirit is a one-day affair, over 120 corporate meeting planners and motorcoach tour brokers will be visiting Columbus for a three-day familiarization tour.
Offbeat OSU tour includes bug farm

By Janet A. Pearl 9-23-84

Dispatch Staff Reporter

Where in Columbus can you find the ashes of a man stashed in the wall of an office building and pampered cockroaches snacking on dog biscuits?

They are some of the many surprises discovered by Ohio State University students during the "Tucked Away Treasures" tour on the OSU campus last week.

The two-hour walking tour was offered for the first time this quarter to students returning to the university after summer break. Classes began last week for OSU's 55,000 students.

ABOUT 100 students joined the tour, said tour guide JoAnn Ivan, a senior majoring in public relations.

Students cried out in disgust when they entered the cockroach-rearing facility in the Botany and Zoology Building.

The bugs are housed in aquariums and open garbage cans with petroleum jelly smeared inside to prevent their escape.

"They do very nicely on dog biscuits," said Professor David J. Horn, acting chairman of the entomology department.

"We just dump them in whole, and they'll just chew them up."

THE ASHES of Herbert S. Atkinson, a 1913 OSU graduate and former trustee, are in a second-floor wall of the Administration Building at his request. He died in 1952.

The office of OSU President Edward H. Jennings, across the hall, was the next stop. Although Jennings was out, the students visited his large wood-paneled office and a few took turns twirling in his swivel chair.

Orton Hall is one of two original buildings remaining on campus. Home of the geology department, the walls are constructed of about 30 types of Ohio stones layered in the order of geologic age, Ivan said.

ON THE building's tower are gargoyles representing dinosaur-like animals that lived in the area up to 100 million years ago, said geology professor Stig M. Bergstrom.

Students also were shown a bronze plaque marking the 40th degree of latitude, which passes through the campus.

Students were able to imagine formal dances once held in the "grand ballroom" of Pomerene Hall, formerly a women's dormitory.
Students to replace computers

By Angela Ostreicher
Lantern staff writer 1-14-85

When people call for information about Ohio State on weekends, they will no longer hear a synthesized computer voice, but one of an enthusiastic student.

Bill Wahl, manager of Community and Visitor Relations, said that two students are in Ohio Union 208 Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to operate phones and answer questions about the university.

Starting this past weekend, people can get information about social or sporting events and directions to specific buildings by calling 422-2365. However, the operators will not give student or faculty phone numbers.

Wahl said students are being used as weekend operators because they are the real promoters of OSU. "When people call, the students will not only be able to give them information about movie times, but will also suggest other events going on around campus."

Malcolm Baroway, executive director of University Communications, said he got the idea for weekend operators when he called the university switchboard one weekend and got a recording. "I figured I was the average consumer and if someone called OSU for information, they should be able to get it."

Baroway said he brought the problem to President Edward H. Jennings' attention, and Jennings agreed something should be done. The university gave $21,000 for phone installation and paid for five student operators, he said.

Annette Anderson, a junior from Columbus, is a weekend operator. She said 92 people used the information number Saturday and most calls were about campus sports events.
TUCKED AWAY TREASURES TOUR

TOUR GUIDE MANUAL
Descriptions of Marshall Fredericks six relief sculptures on the east side of the Ohio Union. These sculptures depict Ohio History.

There are five reliefs on the High Street (east) side of the Union and one relief on the north side.

As you look from south to north:

I. Indian, Bear. Signifies the Native Americans who lived in harmony the animals.

II. Europeans, Covered Wagons, the prophet. Signifies the pioneer spirit and the move West of Christianity.

III. Pioneer woman and children, Johnny Appleseed, (John Chapman 1774 - 1845), Johnny was an Ohioan and a noted orchardist.

IV. The Great Seal of the State of Ohio, Rutherford B. Hayes 1822-1893 The 19th President of the United States. Pres. Hayes is holding a McGuffey Eclectic Reader. This along with the school desk and school bell signify the spread of education through the State. During this time period the state was becoming more organized.

V. The beginning of Industry in Ohio. Canal boats, our first major transportation system.

Around the corner on the north side:

VI. Gears of Industry, Man holding a cauldron and a Freighter from the Great Lakes. Signifies Ohio's Steel Industry.
Ohio Union - 1951

- Billiards, video game room, movie theater, ballrooms, University Discount Store
- Student Organizations offices (over 500 organizations)
- Restaurants: Terrace Dining Room, Wendy's, pizza and sub restaurant, Mark Pi's, Taco Bell, and Perks
- Marshall Frederick's six relief sculptures on East side depicting Ohio History
- Houses office space for Campus & Community Relations, Creative Activities Program (CAP), Student Affairs, Counseling & Consultation Services, Off-Campus Student Services, Dean of Student Life, Ombudservices
- Parent Association
- Visitor Information Center

Patriarch's Gateway

- Welcome to campus pedestrian-wise
- Main entrance
- Named for group of early classes of students to Ohio State
- Dedicated in 1931
- Many changes to this area since Wexner Center was built
Sullivant Hall - 1914
- Formerly The Ohio State Archaeological & Historical Society
- University has used it since 1970
- Sculpture: "Doughboy" used to be located behind Sullivant later moved to Ohio Historical Society - its present site

Mershon Auditorium - 1957
- Auditorium seats 3,072
- Colonel Ralph Davenport Mershon gave $11.5 million
  2nd largest gift to Ohio State; $3 million to auditorium
- Backstage - orchestra pit, organ
- OSU seal (Columbus now replaces 1870)
Wexner Center for the Arts – 1989
- Named for the family of Les Wexner, Founder and President of the Limited, Inc.
- Mr. Wexner gave a gift of $25 million – largest gift to Ohio State
- 4 galleries, 2 libraries, 5 public areas, 350 seat auditorium, performance theatre, bookstore & cafe
- House OSU’s $10 million art collection
- "Breakers" by Professor Black, OSU faculty
- built on site of the Armory – 1898
- men’s gym, ROTC, military reviews
- guns outside of Converse used to be outside of Armory
- caught fire on May 16, 1958

Oval
- Alumni always remember it
- site of many campus events
- Long Walk
- paths made by students
- tunnel system underground stores gas lines, wires
- used to be very marshy, muddy – reason why buildings on Oval have recessed doorways – students left boots on steps
- site of military reviews
- used to have 3 baseball diamonds
- driving permitted on Oval one-way until 1969 – OSU switched to a pedestrian campus
Hayes Hall - 1893

- 2nd oldest building on campus (renovated 1977-78)
- National Register of Historic Places
- point out carved name on top of building (symbolic of manual training)
- red mortar - unusual
- oak doors with inscription above (symbolic of manual training)
- originally manual training and shops building, then Home Economics, then military dept., then dorm for aviation cadets, then in early 20's Fine Arts
- 1st bookstore-when books started to get expensive, students opened bookstore co-op
- sandstone benches
- permanent display inside of OSU & Hayes history
- Whispering Arch

Hopkins Hall - 1959

- Fine Arts Gallery
- sculpture courtyard
- newest building situated on the Oval
- classrooms and studio space for art students inside
- houses Industrial Design, Fine Arts, and Art Education
Derby Hall - 1906
- renovations & additions in 1909, '30, '38, '62, '90
- OSU's 3rd Chemistry building
- caught fire 6 months after it opened
- relief sculptures of gas lamps symbolic of old OSU
- undergoing renovation
- used to house the bookstore and recording studio

Bricker Hall (Administration Building) - 1924
- first faculty club on 3rd floor until 1940
- bullet-proof windows on 1st floor as a result of 1970 riots
- Herbert "Hub" Atkinson - 2nd floor-trustee for 23 years buried in the wall
- Office of the President located in 205
- outside-flagpole and boulder of 1892-every month on a Wednesday morning at 10:55 a.m., "Taps" used to be sounded in honor of University war dead
UNIVERSITY HALL  1873, 1976

- started construction in 1871 total cost $112,484.00
- 24 students (3 of which were women), 7 Profs
- tuition in 1873 - $8/term or $24/yr. - if all $24 paid up front, student given a $5 rebate
- OSU opened on Sept. 17, 1873 as the Ohio Agricultural & Mechanical College
- condemned 1968
- built replica at alumni request
- Photostatic eye for flag
- Parts of bldg. from old U-hall
- Arrow painted on top of old U-hall to point planes in direction of Dayton Airfield

LATITUDE MARKER

- Latitude: 40 degrees north
- longitude: 83 degrees west
- line cuts through Shanghai, China and Madrid, Spain
- Founded by Mendenhall (1st prof of physics) & MacFarland (1st prof of math)

SPHINX PLAZA
- senior honorary membership never exceeds 16

SUNDIAL
- gift of class of 1905
- OSU owns 3 dials (plaza, south side of Mack, & Stone lab)
INDEPENDENCE HALL - 1976
- largest lecture hall at OSU
- seats 738
- originally built to replace chapel at U-hall

Neil & 17th Bldg. - 1903
- "Buckeye Bargains" - run by OSU Mother's Club
- pitched walls at "Bargains" signifies old operating
  of Vet. Med. - anatomy class taught there
McCracken Power Plant - 1918

- main heating for central campus
- named for OSU head bldg. engineer William McCracken head for 60 yrs. 1886-1946
- coal yards used to be located behind the bldgs

BUCKEYE GROVE

- each OSU football player who receives an "All American" rating has a tree planted in his honor
- tree planted for each member of the 1st OSU football team
- "Scarlet Key" group of football managers that takes care of grove
Ohio Stadium - 1922
- National Register of Historic Places
- first double deck horseshoe stadium in the U.S.
- originally built to hold 63,000 now holds approximately 92,000
- Stadium Scholarship Dorm houses approximately 300
- Victory Bell-class gift of '43 & '44-used to ring for every athletic victory
- Jesse Owens Track & Plaza
- entrance ramp & Block O
- OSU scoreboard - $2.6 million - 10 stories high
- arm of Olentangy used to flow thru site of stadium

Press Box
- small cafeteria on 1st floor
- area for members of press
- VIP seats
- room for scoreboard operators - old Woody Hayes' seat
- Stadium Dorm has formal dance "Playboy" there

Bandroom
- TBDBITL
- pictures of drum majors
- renovations
- locker room upstairs
- women 1st admitted in 1973
Lazenby Hall - 1914
- deep recessed entrances
- psychology labs to be located there
- named for 1st prof of Horticulture & forestry-
called "Hogs & Frogs" bldg.

Townshend Hall - 1898
- 3rd oldest bldg. on campus
- 1st agriculture college
- named for 1st prof of AG
- psychology there now

Botany & Zoology Greenhouses
- three roof
- cockroach lab
- tunnel to B&Z bldg
- previous location of B&Z annex - barracks used for
returning GI's who came to school on GI Bill - torn down
(Buckeye Village used to be emergency GI housing)

moved to top of Parking Garage
Campbell Hall - 1916

- Home Economics
- daycare center
- costume collection - oldest piece from 1870's

Oxley Hall - 1908

- named for William Oxley Thompson's mother's family
- used as a dorm until 1966 (girl's)
- ghost story
- own dining hall long ago
- secret courtyard
- Houses Office of International Affairs, University Center for International Studies, and Office of International Students and Scholars
Pomerene Hall - 1922

- "Women's Building" originally, housed Physical Educ. (women's)
- went co-ed in 1957
- Rathskeller
- Grand Lounge ("Jesse Owens Story")
- secret door
- 1927 - Women's Natatorium built
- women not permitted in the Ohio Union - Pomerene called Women's Union

Mirror Lake

- originally had islands & bridges
- major factor in selecting site of OSU
- rich in lore and history
- natural grotto from which natural spring flowed
- large underwater planters
- lake waters used to cut limestone for U-Hall (mill located by spring)
- Bucket & Dipper Rock - junior honorary - members required to kiss rock then doused with water
- city of Columbus built sewer system in 1891- made spring and lake dry up- manmade in 1920's
McMillen Observatory 1895-96
- McMillen Observatory - 1895 - 96
  - gave $ on the condition that 12th Ave. be built on the south side of the observatory instead of right next to Mirror Lake
- housed Dept. of Astronomy-small rooms
- 12½" telescope -given to city of Fostoria
- dome jammed in 1962-new observ. built on Smith Lab-dept. moved there
- used as landmark & storage til 1975 when it was torn down

President's Residence/Kuhn Honors House - 1926
- used as President's home until 1972
- Novice Fawcett last OSU President to live there
- Bevis and Rightmire lived there as well
- now used by the University Honors Program
Browning Amphitheatre - 1926
- cost of $26,000
- named for Browning Literary Society
- site of: Shakespearean plays, concerts, early commencement ceremonies
- each stone bench has name of contributor on it
- $100,000 renovation project by Ohio Staters, Inc.

Enarson Hall - 1911
- first college union building in the U.S.
- used until 1951 (new union opened)
- used for Student Services until 1973
- additions & renovations 8 times
- National Register for Historic Places
- University College (UVC) is located here
- Beanie Drake 1st union director
- was to be razed in 1975—saved by National Register
- men only by vote—reason why Pomerene was built
- housed entertainment, study rooms, dining hall, bedrooms, YMCA offices, and barbershop
South Oval
- South area residents named this area
- actually considered to be beginning of Mirror Lake Hollow
- site of: Renaissance Festival, Michigan game party, frisbee games, football & baseball, dormitory cookouts

Faculty Club - 1941
- 2nd location of club (1st in Bricker)
- used for lunch for faculty (members only), banquets, receptions
- University Coat of Arms above main door
- George Bellows painting in lobby (famous Ohio artist)
- small library and meeting rooms
- at one time women not admitted - had their own club at University Hall called the "Gab Room"
- former site of the Botanical Building - 1883-1940
  - Botany Museum
  - 1926 temporarily used for School of Music
  - 2 greenhouses and a conservatory
  - 1914-40 - state Health Dept. located there
Orton Hall - 1893
- Edward Orton 1st President - 1st Professor of Geology
- one of the most photographed buildings on campus
- geological strata of structure
- all Ohio Rock except for Indiana stairs
- carved prehistoric animals on tower - gargoyle on corner of building
- outside building- various rocks, core samples, 30 ton erratic
- inside lobby- columns, carvings, museum, library, sky lights
- oldest building on campus
- columns have capitals with organic material on them except for one immediately right of front doors- has a Block 0
- in bell tower- chimes are class gifts from 1906-14; 12 bells in key of D flat - weigh 25,000 lbs. made by Mcshane who supposedly made the Liberty Bell

Mendenhall Laboratory - 1905
- originally physics lab
- building is a contemporary of University Hall, Hayes, Orton
- named for Professor Thomas C. Mendenhall, 1st Professor of Physics- brought back name of the OSU yearbook
- point out Commencement Grove
- Five Brothers - Eastern Red Oaks to celebrate 300th Commencement
- 1890 - 1st Elm planted as memorial to class for Arbor Day - 4 more planted in 1891 for the class - elms succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease in 70's - boulder marks site
HAGERTY Hall - 1924
- named for Prof. H.E. Hagerty, dept head of Commerce, economics, administration, sociology, and Journalism
- used to be called Commerce & Journalism-named Hagerty in 1947
- Accountants Hall of Fame
- Fenley Hall donated $6.5 mill for renovation
- site of old Biological Building - 1898-1923
- dept's of Anatomy & Physiology, Zoology (museum) and entomology
- never officially named, demolished for Commerce & Journalism

Page Hall - 1902
- original College of Law
- named for Henry Folsom Page - never attended OSU but left entire estate of a quarter of a million to OSU (former Miami of Ohio and Harvard student)
- Law moved to Law Building in 1959
OSU's Tour Chief Emphasizes Personal Aspect Of University

By Graydon Hambrick
Of The Dispatch Staff

Go to Ohio State University and Bill Wahl will tell you, "Frankly, I'm the best at what I do."

What he does in his job as OSU's coordinator of visitor information is, for the most part, to guide tours for most of the 20,000 or so people a year who come to see the university.

Generally, Wahl is the first official people meet when they visit the campus. He sees his job as being the primary link between an anonymous administration and the visiting public.

Many of the visitors, said Wahl, tour the campus with their high school or junior high classes. A constant question, particularly from the younger boys when Wahl takes them by Ohio Stadium, is, "Does Woody Hayes really live here?"

Visitors also get to see other athletic areas, a classroom or two, a learning center with film strips and sound recordings and either the Ohio Union or the river-front Drake Union.

For the last two or three years, Wahl said, high schoolers on his tours have asked more serious questions about college.

"They're interested in grades and requirements they have to have in high school to be admitted to Ohio State, and in costs and the courses they'll be taking," he said.

"I love my job," said Wahl, of 370 E. Beamont Ave. "As a representative of the university, it has struck me that visitors need accuracy in the information I give them."

A Cleveland native, Wahl graduated from OSU in 1969 with a degree in elementary education, but never taught. After some fill-in work, he joined the OSU staff in 1971 and, he said, on his own began giving tours to various groups in 1972.

Five students help Wahl conduct the tours, which include guided campus explorations during summers for parents of those who will enroll in the following fall.

A "must" stop on the 2½-hour tour is the University Bookstore where most all younger visitors buy T-shirts with the words, "Property Of OSU" on them.

"I hope visitors leave thinking there are people at Ohio State — that it isn't just a big institution," Wahl said.
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

walking inside some buildings, such as Larkins Hall, the College of Dentistry, the Learning Resources Center or another West Campus facility.

The tours last about two hours and cover the medical complex, South Campus, North Campus and West Campus.

A running commentary tells those on the tour about the history of the University, something about University policies, student impressions and statistics.

"The most gratifying aspect of the Center is the tour," Wahl said. "So many people want to see the campus and once they do, it sells itself, with its beauty. The tours are the happiest part of the center."

The tours average about thirty people per day and most of those just stop in at the designated times. Appointments can be made but are not necessary, except for large groups or specific organizations, Wahl said. "We can tailor-make a tour to whatever area a group might want to see," he added.

Most of the people who go on tours are high school students looking at OSU as a potential college. About 20,000-25,000 people tour the campus through the center each year. Orientation tours are also held for about 5,000 parents each summer, Wahl said.

Tours have never been given to incoming freshmen, but plans for that are included for the future, Wahl said. "They (the students) are the ones who need to know where they're going, not the parents."

Another aspect of the Information Center available to visitors is the information telephones, located in six areas around campus.

The phones ring directly into the Information Center office and average five or six calls a day on each of the six phones. However, during Fall Quarter, hundreds of calls are taken daily, Wahl said; Winter Quarter is the only slow period for the information center. Spring is busy with high school students touring the campus; summer orientation increases activity in the summer; and lots of lost freshmen make the fall a busy season.

The medical complex is the busiest area of campus for information requests, Wahl said. "Fifty to sixty percent of what we do is in the hospitals area. We answer questions regularly on how to get there, how to find buildings and how or where to park."

The Visitor Information Center has been in existence since 1975. Wahl conducted tours and provided information himself beginning in 1973, but a staff was added later. "The center is a way to have a human being involved," Wahl said. "Publications provide information, but when someone has a specific question, they can call or stop here. In that respect, the Visitor Center really works. And the people we have are very good at what they do."

"We really want people to be comfortable. We provide a personal touch."

Hours for the Visitor Information Center are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Information can be obtained by calling 422-0428.
OSU's New Radio Station Sounds Same All Day

By Gary Kiefer

It might be the world's most monotonous radio station.

Turn to 530 on the AM radio dial and, if you're near Ohio State University, you will hear the same 90-second message repeated more than 800 times a day.

"WELCOME TO the Ohio State University," it says, and then goes on to advise campus visitors how they can get directions and information about university activities. That message, with some variations, is the sole programming on OSU's newest broadcasting service. There is no music, no talk shows, no other staples of commercial radio -- and there never will be.

It's all part of an agreement OSU made to become the first university in the nation to be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to operate an "informational broadcasting service."

The service, dubbed "Info Radio" by OSU officials, is patterned after similar broadcasting services provided by some national parks and entertainment facilities to give visitors a guided tour by radio.

WILLIAM H. WAHL, coordinator of OSU's Visitor Information Center, said a staff member brought the idea to campus after a visit to a national park.

"We felt that it was a way to greet visitors to the campus and help them get around, particularly if they're coming here for the first time or haven't been here in many years," Wahl said.

At the information center, located in the lobby of Mershon Auditorium at 15th Ave. and N. High St., visitors can obtain maps, parking information, and lists of campus activities.

TO SET UP the radio service, OSU had to apply to the FCC for a license, and then install a 10-watt transmitter atop the Animal Science Building, 2025 Fyffe Rd. The transmitter is identical to one used by the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport to provide travelers with similar information.

"It's supposed to have a range of only two to three miles," Wahl said, "but we have already received calls from people in Delaware and Circleville who picked up the signal."

"This is really an experiment so far, but it has a lot of potential. We can change the message to include information about street closings or severe weather warnings or special events," Wahl said.

Also planned are special messages for OSU faculty and staff driving to and from the campus.

OSU Info Radio success growing, although still new

By Marcia E. Frisbee

Operation OSU Info 530 AM Radio is a marked "success" according to Bill Wahl, visitor information center coordinator.

A few years ago an OSU official was visiting a national park which had an information station to guide tourists to locations in the park as well as give weather and traffic conditions.

Heavy visitor flow prompted the OSU public affairs office to consider such an information tool at the university. As a result, the radio station is the first information station on any college campus in the United States approved by the FCC.

"It's an experiment, but it's working," Wahl says. Statistics show a 20 percent increase of telephone responses to the Visitor Information Center (VIC) since Nov. 1 when it first started. Two of the station's services are tabulated when people call the VIC and are asked how they obtained the phone number.

Wahl and Dale Willman alone staff the station due to budget cutbacks. Wahl acts as the station's writer and Willman is the broadcast manager. Wahl says that the station will continue at least until June unless there is a lack of funds, and statistics from previous years show the service is unnecessary.

Depending on the day, three different messages are typically broadcast. One broadcast welcomes visitors to the campus and provides directions to the central campus or the VIC in Mershon Auditorium for any further questions.

On weekends a second recording usually is run explaining that most of the college is closed and gives the campus operator as a referral.

Holidays require a third type of message, which informs visitors the university is closed except for areas like the university hospitals.

Approximately 22 signs, informing travelers of the information station, are posted around the perimeter of the campus. When State Route 315 is completed, a few more signs will be erected.

The radio equipment is located in the Administration Building 108. The transmitter, which broadcasts in a two-mile radius, is situated on the roof of the Animal Science Building to meet future demands of traffic coming from State Route 315.
Information
Provided by
Visitor Center

"Welcome to the Columbus campus of The Ohio State University," begins a recording heard by drivers tuned in to 530 on their AM radio dials.

More information about the University, its location and what it has to offer follows as part of OSU's new information radio station.

The radio service is a new program started by the Visitor Information Center on campus. Its purpose is to acquaint visitors with OSU, welcome them to the campus and give them information on how to get to the Information Center, where they can get further information about Ohio State, according to William Wahl, coordinator of the center. "The radio system is a valuable tool in the sense that we can get information on the air pretty quickly. Any official message from OSU, such as snow closings, energy crisis information and football traffic reports can be aired immediately," Wahl said.

Eventually, Wahl added, the program will expand to include a short news update for faculty, staff and students, informing them of road closings, parking conditions and weather closings.

The information radio station is only one facet of the Visitor Information Center. Maps can be obtained at the center, as well as information on how to find places on campus or what parking areas are the most convenient, Wahl said.

Another service offered by the center, and that which is the "most fun," according to Wahl, is the tour program.

Each day at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., a tour leaves from the Admissions Office, 310 Lincoln Tower. "Those people who are thinking of coming to OSU or anyone else can just show up for the tour at either time," Wahl said. The tour covers the entire campus by van and includes
Alumnus gives van for OSU visitor tours

By Cynthia A. Griffin
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OSU visitors don't have to tour the campus on foot anymore. They can have a smooth ride — thanks to the donation of a new $18,000 van to the Visitor Information Center.

William Wahl, the center's coordinator, was worried about the department's fate as it faced OSU budget cuts. The center had been renting vans, but was informed the practice had to cease because of a lack of funds.

"The cuts were really going to affect us," Wahl said, adding that the new van enables the center to retain OSU tours that were to have been dropped.

"I understood they needed a van badly in order to keep the service going," said John Gerlach, president of Lancaster Colony Corporation and OSU alumnus. Gerlach provided the van. "I'm supposed to come down for a ride sometime," he said.

The center, which provides services to students and OSU visitors, was founded by Wahl after he experienced the frustration of being lost at OSU in the mid-60s.

The tours give prospective students an "idea of the physical size of the university, and an idea of where things are," he said. OSU students help Wahl conduct the tours, and he provides a script for their monologues, but encourages them to add personal experiences to maintain an informal atmosphere.

An OSU alumnus bought the $18,000 Visitor Information tour van, and its options include a cassette player, a musical horn that plays the fight song, a built-in public address system, electric door locks and seating for 15 passengers.

Spring is the busiest time of the year for visits. Wahl said the service had 12 tours in its first year, but now conducts more than 300 a year.
Tucked Away Treasures...Building List

The Tucked Away Treasures Tour is an in-depth look at the history of The Ohio State University. The purpose of this tour is to show visitors some of the little-known "treasures," or secrets of the University. Furthermore, it is an opportunity for our visitors to see different historical attractions that they might not have been aware of.

Start at the Ohio Union, walk out the East doors (facing High St.)
Ohio Union
Patriarch's Gateway
Sullivant Hall
Mershon Auditorium
Wexner Center for the Arts
Mortar Board Court
the Oval
Hayes Hall
Hopkins Hall
Derby Hall
Bricker Hall
University Hall
Latitude Marker
Sphinx Plaza
Sundial
Independence Hall
Neil and 17th Building
McCracken Power Plant
Buckeye Grove
Ohio Stadium
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What to include in a T.A.T Tour...

Ohio Union

Meet your group in the lobby of the Union on the second floor, near the Newsstand. Introduce yourself as a University Ambassador and explain what you will be showing them over the next 90 minutes or so. Explain to them that this tour looks at OSU from a historical aspect. Also, briefly go over the acreage of the University (16,580 total; 1644 acres at the Columbus campus), the number of students (49,542 at the main campus), and some of the different programs that are well known throughout the University. Walk out the East doors facing High Street, and turn Left (North).

Point out the Relief sculptures on the building.

Marshall Frederick’s six relief sculptures on the side of the Ohio Union depict Ohio history.

I. Indian, Bear. Depicts an 18th century Miami Indian in tribal dress. The calumet or peace pipe in his hand represents the relatively mild, courteous disposition of the Miamis.

II. Europeans, Covered Wagons, the prophet. Signifies the pioneer spirit and the move West of Christianity.

III. Pioneer woman and children, Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman 1774-1845). Johnny was an Ohioan and noted orchardist.

IV. The Great Seal of the State of Ohio, Rutherford B. Hayes 1822-1893, the 19th President of the US. Pres. Hayes is holding a McGuffey Eclectic Reader. This along with the school desk and school bell signify the spread of education through the State. During this time period the state was becoming more organized.

V. The beginning of Industry in Ohio. Canal boats, our first major transportation system.

AROUND THE CORNER ON THE NORTH SIDE:

VI. Gears of Industry, Man holding a cauldron and a Freighter from the Great Lakes. Signifies Ohio’s Steel industry. The scythe symbolizes Ohio agriculture.

Partriach’s Gateway

-Used to be the main entrance to the University
-Welcome for pedestrians
-Named for group of early classes of students that started the project in 1912.
-Dedicated in 1941 to “receiving and welcoming faculty, students, friends, and visitors.”
-many changes to this area since the Wexner Center was built

Sullivan Hall

-Until 1970 was the home of the Ohio Historical Museum.
-Named for Joseph Sullivan, one of the 5 original Trustees of
the University, and a prominent figure in the establishment of the University.
-Sculpture: "Doughboy" used to be located behind Sullivant. Later it was moved to the Ohio Historical Society—its present site

Mershon Auditorium
-completed in 1957
-seats 3072
-Colonel Ralph Davenport Mershon gave $11.5 million, $3 mil. for the auditorium.
-Backstage-orchestra pit, organ
-OSU seal (Columbus now replaces 1870)
translated it means "Education for Citizenship"
-in the lobby is a 19th century Japanese ceramic vase and an intricately carved ivory pagoda. Gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Christian E. Burckel. When Mr. Burckel graduated from OSU in 1922, President William Thompson saw that the young man was short on money and gave him $75 from money an alumnus had donated. "Some day you will help Ohio State students, as the alumnus has helped you, 70 times 7," President Thompson said. Through the vase and pagoda, as well as other gifts, Mr. Burckel fulfilled Thompson's prediction.

Wexner Center for the Arts
-Named for the family of Les Wexner, Founder and President of the Limited, Inc.
-Mr. Wexner donated $25 million-largest gift to OSU
-4 galleries, 2 libraries, 5 public areas, 350 seat auditorium performance theater, bookstore and cafe.
-Houses OSU's $10 million art collection
-Built on site of the Armory -1898
-mens gym, ROTC, military reviews
-the guns outside of Converse used to be outside of the Armory
-caught fire on May 16, 1958.

Mortar Board Court
-One of the two Senior Honoraries
-Show how the Mortar Board echoes Mortar Board, a national senior honor society founded at Ohio State

Oval
-Site of many campus events
-When OSU was new, the criss-crossing of the sidewalks were only dirt paths that students, faculty, and staff wore into the ground. In the summer, when campus was quiet, the paths were re-seeded and filled in with grass. At the beginning of the school year, the paths would quickly be worn in again, and eventually a decision was made by the University to create brick— and consequently, concrete—sidewalks.
-Each day an estimated 5,000 to 15,000 people cross the oval, which covers 11.5 acres of land.
-The first references to "the oval" were in 1910 and it became regularly referred to as "The Oval" in 1920.
-Used to have three baseball diamonds
-Driving was permitted on oval one-way until 1969 - OSU switched to a pedestrian campus.
-Tunnel system underground stores gas lines, wires
-Used to be very marshy, muddy. Reason why buildings have recessed doorways - students left their boots on the steps.
-Myths of the Long Walk. If a couple walks hand in hand the entire distance of the Long Walk, they are destined to live a long happy, healthy life together

Hayes Hall
-Inscription over the door reads: "The cultured mind, the skillful hand." This had meaning when Hayes hall began as the University's manual training and shops building.
-In 1898 the School of Home Economics, then known as domestic science, moved into the bldg. and the 1st cooking classes were held.
-During WWI, was used for aviation cadet dorms.
-In 1920's fine arts classes were held here, as they are today.
-Went extensive restructuring and remodeling in 1977
-Included on the National Registry of Historical Places
-Named after Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th President of the US, and a University Trustee
-Completed in 1893
-1st bldg in the US made with a scarlet(red) mortar
-Site of the 1st student bookstore. When books started to become expensive, students opened a bookstore co-op.
-Point out the sandstone benches, and how they have eroded over time
-The Whispering Arch

Hopkins Hall
-Fine arts gallery- displays faculty and student work
-Sculpture Courtyard
-Newest building situated on the Oval, completed in 1963
-Classrooms and studio space for fine arts students inside
-Industrial Design, Fine Arts, and Art Education
-Named for James Roy Hopkins, a former director of the School of Fine and Applied Arts

Derby Hall
-Named for Samuel D. Derby, first dean of the College of Art and Sciences
-Opened in 1905 as the 3rd Chemistry Building (The 1st 2 burnt down)
-Renovations and additions in 1909, '30, '38, '62, '90
-The relief sculptures of the Gas lamps are symbolic of the old OSU.
-Used to house the bookstore and recording studio.
Bricker Hall
-First faculty club on 3rd floor until 1940
-bullet-proof windows on 1st floors as a result of the 1970 riots
-Herbert "Hub" Atkinson(a trustee for 23 years)- his ashes are buried in the wall on the 2nd floor
-Office of the President located in rm. 205
-outside: boulder(1892), flagpole(1921).- Every month on a Wednesday morning at 10:55 am, "Taps" used to be sounded in honor of University alumni who gave their lives in the military service
-Opened in 1924

University Hall
-Oldest symbol of the University
-This replica cost $3.75 million, and is a scaled down replica of the original building. Built at request of alumni.
The original building was started in 1871 with a total cost of $112,484.00.
in 1873 there were 24 students (3 women), 7 profs.
-Tuition in 1873 was $8/term or $24/year - if all $24 is paid up front, student received a $5 refund.
-OSU opened on Sept 17, 1873 as the Ohio Agricultural & Mechanical College
-Arrows were painted on top of the old U-Hall to point planes in the direction of Dayton Airfield

Latitude Marker
-Latitude: 40 degrees North
-Longitude: 83 degrees West
-Line cuts through Peking, China and Madrid, Spain
-The stone was originally set in 1881 by 2 members of the 1st faculty of the University (Mendenhall and MacFarland). The stone was relocated in 1932 by Dr. E.F. Coddington, prof. of geodetic engineering.

Sphinx Plaza
-Senior honorary
-Constructed as a 75th anniversary gift for the University
-Membership each year never exceeds 16

Surdial
-Gift of the class of 1905
-Originally, it stood in the grassy area in front of U. Hall on the 40th Parallel and within a few rods of the 83rd meridian, indicating not only sun time but also central standard.

Independence Hall
-Completed in 1975 and dedicated in 1976 in celebration of the bi-centennial of the US
-Largest lecture hall at OSU (728 seats)
- Originally built to replace the old University Hall Chapel

**Neil and 17th Building**
- Originally Vet. Med. Building
- Completed in 1903
- Houses "Buckeye Bargains" -run by OSU Mother's Club- a second-hand store
  - proceeds go to OSU student scholarships

**McCracken Power Plant**
- Main source of power for central campus
- Named for OSU head bldg. engineer, William McCracken, for 60 years (1886-1946)
- Opened in 1918

**Buckeye Grove**
- One buckeye tree is planted in memory of each player who was part of the first OSU football team in 1890.
- A tree is planted for each team member who is named "All American"
- Plaques at the base of the trees commemorates people such as Wesley Fesler, Chic Harley, and Howard "Hopalong" Cassady.
- "Scarlet Key" is a group of football managers that takes care of the grove

**Ohio Stadium**
- Completed in 1922, on the National Registry of Historic Places
- First Double Decker Horseshoe stadium in the U.S. Cost $1.3 million to build
- Stadium Scholarship Dorms house ~350 people
- Victory Bell in southeast corner was a gift of the classes of 1943 and 1944 -used to ring for every athletic victory
- OSU scoreboard cost $2.6 million, 10 stories high
- An arm of the Olentangy River used to flow thru the site of the stadium
- In 1990 we replaced the turf with P.A.T. (Prescription Athletic Turf)
  - cost $900,000
  - 2" sod, 14" soil and sand, automatic drainage system
  - grass height on game day: 1.5"
- Seats ~85,000 permanently, and 91,771 for football.
- Record Attendance on 9/30/95 vs. Notre Dame: 95,573 people

**Press Box**
- Small cafeteria on 1st floor
- Areas for members of the press
- VIP seats on top floor
- Stadium dorm has formal dance there (Used to be known as "Playboy," now known as "Escapade")
Band Room
-TBDBITL (The Best Damn Band In The Land)
-Pictures of all the drum majors
-Locker room upstairs
-Women were 1st admitted in 1973

Larkins Hall
-Also in the building are the Mike Peppe Aquatic Center and the Paul G. Benedum Recreation Center
-Include a 10-meter Olympic Diving Well, a 50-meter Olympic Competition Pool, 6 gyms, 26 racquetball/handball/squash courts, numerous other facilities

Lazenby Hall
-Deep recessed entrances
-Psychology Labs used to be located there
-Named for 1st prof. (William R. Lazenby) of Horticulture and Forestry- called "Frogs and Hogs" Bldg.
-Completed in 1914

Townshend Hall
-Completed in 1898
-3rd. oldest building on campus
-1st agriculture college, referred to as the "Agriculture Building"
-Named for 1st prof of Agriculture- Dr. Norton Strange Townshend
-Now houses Department of Psychology

Botany and Zoology Greenhouses
-Greenhouses are set up as a forest, a desert, and one greenhouse is part of the Entomology Department and houses the Cockroach Lab.
-Cost over $7 million dollars

Campbell Hall
-Constructed in 1916
-Houses the College of Human Ecology, used to be Home Economics
-Daycare Center inside used as a research facility
-The new addition on the building (completed in 1995) houses a collection of historical costumes w/ over 7000 different artifacts including costumes, hats, purses and jewelry

Oxley Hall
-Completed in 1908
-Named for William Oxley Thompson’s mothers family
-Used as a dorm until 1966 (girls)
-Had its own dining hall long ago
-Secret Courtyard
-Houses office of International Education

**Pomerene Hall**
- Completed in 1922
- Contains a secret door and some of the carved-wood walls, molded tin ceilings, rose-colored lamps and leaded-glass windows of its earlier days
- Named for Frank E. Pomerene, alumnus and University Trustee at the time of his death in 1919
- Originally known as the "Women's Building" and housed women's phys ed. and the Office of the Dean of Women
- Women were not permitted in the Ohio Union (Enarson Hall), also known as the Women's Union
- Building went co-ed in 1957
- Home of the Rathskellar Deli formerly known as the Pomerene Refectory
- The movie "Jesse Owens Story" was filmed partly in the Grand Lounge
- 1927 the women's Natatorium was built

**Mirror Lake**
- Originally had islands and bridges
- A major factor in selecting the site of The Ohio State U.
  - Contained pure, cold water being fed by a natural spring
- For many years since 1870, residents from all around the Central Ohio area would travel by horse-drawn carriages and streetcars to fill buckets and jugs with this exceptional drinking water
- The natural grotto from where the spring flowed can be seen on the north side of the lake
- The Mirror Lake water was used to cut limestone that was used in the original U-Hall (mill was located by the spring)
- City of Columbus built a sewer system in 1891 - spring dried up - it was manmade/rebuilt in the 1920's
- Bucket & Dipper Rock (Junior Honorary) - members are required to kiss the rock and are then doused with water
- Fountain at the end is called the "Memorial Fountain"

**McMillen Observatory**
- Used to stand just east of Pomerene Hall
- Built in 1895-1896
- Prof. McMillen gave money on the condition that 12th Ave. be built on the South side of the Observatory instead of right next to Mirror Lake
- Housed Dept. of Astronomy
- 12 1/2" telescope - later given to the city of Postoria
- The dome jammed in 1962 and a new observatory was built on the top of Smith Lab
- Used as a landmark and storage until 1975 when it was torn down

**Presidents Residence/Kuhn Honors House**
- Built in 1926
-Used as the President’s home until 1972
-Novice Fawcett was the last OSU President to live there
-Presidents Bevis and Rightmire lived there as well
-Now used by the University Honors Program

**Browning Amphitheater**
- The original was a 300 seat, Greek-style, open air amphitheater with a grass stage
- Cost of $26,000
- Named for the Browning Literary Society
  - site of Shakespearean plays, concerts, early commencement ceremonies
- Each stone bench has a name of a contributor on it
- In 1985 Ohio Staters, Inc. did a $100,000 renovation project
  - added suitable lighting and sound equipment for musical concerts, theatrical performances and lectures

**Enarson Hall**
- Building completed in 1911
- First college union building in the U.S.
  - used until 1951 (when the new union opened)
- Used for Student Services until 1973
  - Underwent 8 additions and renovations
- On the list of the National Registry of Historic places
- Now houses University College (UVC)
- Beanie Drake was the first Union director
- Was to be razed in 1975 - saved by the National Registry
- The original union was used by men only. That is why Pomerene Hall was built
- Housed entertainment, study rooms, dining hall, bedrooms, YMCA offices, and a barbershop
- Named after President of OSU - Harold Enarson

**South Oval**
- The south area residents named this area
- Actually considered to be the beginning of Mirror Lake Hollow
- Site of: Renaissance Festival, Michigan game party, frisbee, football and baseball games

**Faculty Club**
- Constructed in 1941
- 2nd location of the club (1st was in Bricker Hall)
- Contains dining and lounge facilities, game rooms, a small library, and a conference room
- University Coat of Arms above the main door
- There is a painting by George Bellows (famous Ohio artist) in the lobby
- At one time women were not admitted - they had their own club in University Hall called the "Gab Room"
- Former site of the Botanical Building (1883-1940).
  - Housed a botany museum
  - 1926 temporarily used for School of Music
- 2 greenhouses and a conservatory
  - From 1914-1940 - the state Health Dept. was located there

Point out the Main Library
- The central portion of the library was built in 1911
- The wings and tower were added later
- In 1977 an addition was completed and resulted on more space for books, periodicals, newspapers, and reference materials
- A depository for US government documents

William Oxley Thompson Statue
- Sculpted by Erwin Frey, member of the art faculty
- Thompson was the 5th president from 1899-1925
- The sculpture was presented to the University as a gift from the classes of 1923, '25, '26, '28. Dr. Thompson was present
- At the base of the statue is a bronze replica of the original University Seal, designed by Joseph Sullivant
- In 1940, the late Prof. Thomas E. French incorporated the present symbols and the motto. French's design was revised in 1952 by the late University Architect Howard Dwight Smith and again in 1986 by the Office of University Communications

Orton Hall
- Completed in 1893
- Designed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style
- Named after Edward Orton, the 1st President and Prof. of Geology
- One of the most photographed buildings on campus
- Built with 40 different types of stone. They are in the geological strata of Ohio
- All Ohio rock except the stairs (Indiana Limestone)
- Carved prehistoric animals on the tower - gargoyle on the corner of building
- Outside the building - various rocks, core samples, 30 ton erratic
- Inside lobby - columns, carvings, museum, library, skylights
- Columns near the door have capitals with organic material on them except for the one immediately right of the doors - this has a Block O
- In bell tower - chimes are a gift of the classes 1906-14. There are 12 bells in the key of D-flat. Weigh a total of 25,000 lbs.; made by McShane who supposedly made the Liberty Bell

Commencement Grove/ The Five Brothers
- Group of Eastern Red Oak trees
- Planted as part of the University's 300th Commencement celebration on June 12, 1987.
- These trees commemorate the original Five Brothers elm trees which were planted by the Class of 1891 and stood as a campus landmark for many years.
  - 1st Elm was planted as memorandum to class for Arbor Day
  - The last of the Five Brothers succumbed to Dutch Elms
disease in the early 1970's and until 1987, only the boulder which stands in the center of the new trees marked the site.

Mendenhall Laboratory
- Completed in 1905
- Named for the University's first prof. of Physics and mechanics (Thomas C. Mendenhall)
- Originally a physics lab
- Building is a contemporary of University Hall, Hayes, and Orton

Hagarty Hall
- Completed in 1924
- Named for Prof. H.E. Hagarty, dept. head of Commerce, Economics, Administration, Sociology and Journalism
- Used to be called Commerce & Journalism—named Hagarty in 1947
- Home to the Accountants Hall of Fame (4th Floor)
- Fenley Hall donated $6.5 million for renovations (1950's)
- Site of the old Biological Building (1898-1923)
  - Dept's of Anatomy & Physiology, Zoology (museum) and entomology
  - Never officially named, demolished for Commerce & Journalism

Page Hall
- Completed in 1902
- Originally the College of Law
- Named for Henry Folsum Page—never attended OSU but left entire estate of a quarter of a million to OSU (former Miami of Ohio and Harvard student)
- Law moved to Law Building in 1959
- Currently houses our Business Library

Breaker
- Sculpture by Prof. David Black
- Erected in June, 1982
- It originally stood in a grassy area just west of Mershon Auditorium and South of Weigel Hall, the site of the Visual Arts area of the Wexner Center
- Prof. Black created this sculpture by drawing his boyhood memories of ocean waves on the Massachusetts coast.
- During a special ceremony in June, 1985 it was moved to its present site

Return to the Ohio Union and thank your group for their interest and participation in the history of The Ohio State University.

Congratulations. Once you know this information, along with the information in the admissions tour, you are prepared for any type of tour you may ever encounter!!
A campus as big as Ohio State University's Columbus expanse ought to have a few unusual stories. Like the man whose remains are in Bricker Hall. Or the secret door in the Pomerene Hall lounge. Or Professor Mendenhall's peephole that lets the sun shine into the classroom one day a year.

Bill Wahl tells stories about all these things. As manager of the Office of Community and Visitor Relations, he will take people to see these and other versions of Ohio State's "Amazing Stories."

Take the cockroach lab, for instance. It doesn't have just ordinary run-of-the-mill cockroaches, but hundreds of bugs with rather exotic sounding names such as the Madagascar hissing cockroach. Wahl keeps one, about the size of a silver dollar, in his office. "It will hiss when you touch it," he says, but Wahl says he is content just to look at it. Some of them were given away as prizes at an insect art exhibition earlier this fall.

The cockroach lab is one of several "Tucked Away Treasures," the name of the tour Wahl and his assistants offer campus visitors.

He shares his stories with visitors and sometimes picks up a few more from them to enrich future tours.

He finds that people familiar with Ohio State discover things on campus they never saw before, although they may have walked over or by them a hundred times.

"People who've been on campus for years have said, 'I've never noticed the details,'" says Wahl. "They say, 'Good night! I've never known the history behind some of these buildings.'"

At Hayes Hall—named not for Woody but for Rutherford B., former U.S. president, governor and Ohio State trustee—Wahl points out 16 different styles of windows adorning Ohio State's oldest building. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Visitors learn the large recessed entrances in buildings built before 1920 had more than an architectural purpose. "In those days the Oval was a sea of mud in the spring and it gave students a recess from the rain to leave their shoes and socks," Wahl says.

At Bricker Hall, visitors get to shake hands with President Edward Jennings in his second floor office and see the resting place of former trustee Herbert Spencer Atkinson, Class of 1913, who willed his body to Ohio State. His ashes were placed in a wall of the old board room. He served as an Ohio State trustee from 1925 to 1948.

Visitors get to see several other academic buildings including University Hall, a replica of Ohio State's first academic building. While in the Orton Hall tower, visitors may get to hear the bells chime the quarter hour or a melody.

Tourists also will see banana and eucalyptus growing in the tropical greenhouse, the 40 degree latitude marker next to Thompson Memorial Library, Mirror Lake and Browning Amphitheatre. Visitors will learn Orton Hall was constructed entirely of Ohio rock with bedrock at the base and sandstone at the top to show geology students how Ohio's earth is formed.

Some of the other spots are Mershon Auditorium backstage, the Ohio Stadium pressbox, Jesse Owens Plaza, Buckeye Grove and an offshoot of the famous Logan Elm.

Tours are offered throughout the year on Friday afternoons. Individuals or groups wishing to take the tours may call Community and Visitor Relations at (614) 422-4070 by Wednesday prior to the desired Friday tour.

Persons wishing to take the self-guided Oval area tour of The Chadwick Arboretum, featuring more than 40 varieties of trees and shrubs, can obtain a free tour brochure by calling or visiting Community and Visitor Relations in room 208 of the Ohio Union.
Campus tour aids visitors

By Nancy Glenn
Lantern staff writer

“Go Bucks” is a slogan the Office of Community and Visitor Relations takes seriously.

The office reaches over 100,000 people yearly to promote Ohio State through its outreach services, which include tours of the university and participation in community organizations.

“Our primary aim as an office is to provide hands-on services to the community for the university,” said William Wahl, manager of the office.

Wahl said the major service offered is a twice-daily tour service in conjunction with the Admissions Office. Most people taking the tours are high school students and their parents, who want to learn more about the university.

The two-hour tours give visitors a chance to see a large part of Ohio State, including dorms, sports facilities and lecture halls.

“We basically say ‘Here it is, look at it,’” said Wahl.

Rick Sherman, tour coordinator, said they average about 15 people per tour.

“It depends on the season,” said Sherman. “Winter quarter we’re lucky to have five or ten people. Spring quarter it can go as high as 50.”

Sherman said the tours do not only attract potential students. Ohio State is a true tourist attraction, he said. A recent survey done by the city found that, in answer to the question “What do you think of when you hear Columbus, Ohio?,” an overwhelming majority named Ohio State.

“Many people have heard about Ohio State and just want to see it,” he said.

Wahl and his tour guides make it their business to know a little about everything at Ohio State, so they can give satisfactory answers to questions. If they can’t answer a question, they track down someone after the tour who can.

Fifteen students work as part-time tour guides for the office. Although Wahl gives the students a script to use as a guide, he never tells them what to say.

“People like to hear a student’s impressions,” Wahl said.

He said while all of his guides love Ohio State, it’s not a requirement for the job.

Through the mid ‘70s each college did its own tours for students interested in that specific academic area. The Admissions Office also offered a walking tour of campus. By 1980, Wahl had taken responsibility for the tours, making them a general overview of the university.

Wahl also acts as a community representative for Ohio State. He is active in the University Area Commission and is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Columbus Area Tourism Council, an independent group of people who want to promote Columbus as a tourist attraction.

Wahl feels the success of the tours can be measured in figures. More than 90 percent of prospective students who tour the university later apply.
You are here at Ohio State
Student tour guides sell OSU with history, smiles and wit

By Kim Stock
Lantern staff writer

Innovative students have found a variety of jobs to help work their way through college. For many, the job choice revolves around some type of sales. And for a few, the product is Ohio State.

The Department of Community and Visitor Relations offers several campus tours, the largest of which is the admissions tour given twice daily.

Throughout the two-hour tour, tour guides use a combination of OSU history trivia, wisdom and wit while leading their groups on foot and in vans, across campus and, perhaps, to a decision to enroll.

Bill Wahl, director of visitor relations, said his department has students give tours because, in the eyes of a prospective student, there could be no one more credible or knowledgeable about dorms, meals and campus policies than another student.

And statistics from The Office of Admissions indicate the system works. "A study of university registration showed that 85 percent of the students that went on our tour registered to attend the university," Wahl said.

Amy O'Keefe, a senior from Columbus, said her two years as a tour guide have helped make her a better saleswoman.

"That's what we are really doing, promoting and selling the university," she said. "I think the tours play a fairly large role in people deciding to go to school here.

"We give people more information than they could ever retain, but what the tours do is give people an overall impression of the university; give them a feel for it."

Bob Sevel, a senior from Cleveland, said his goal as a tour guide is to make people realize that though Ohio State is a large university, it is not impersonal.

"How many of you have heard Ohio State is too big, that you're just a number here?" Sevel asked a group of high school students and their parents, at the onset of their tour.

The group raised their hands in what looked to be a consensus.

"Now how many have heard that from an alumnus or someone who is in school now?" the four-year guide veteran asked.

While a graduate smiled and gave an omniscient nod, the hands went down.

"Ohio State can be as personal as you want it to be," Sevel said. He pointed out Lincoln Tower as the place where the "scarlet tape" takes place, referring to the admissions offices.

He told the group the top floors of Lincoln were student dormitories, as is all of Morrill Tower.

"Most freshman live in these dorms with 15 other people in their suite, and believe me, you get to know people very fast."

Sevel said he is tired of hearing people insinuate that students get lost in the crowd and that every class will have 600 students in it.

"The people who say those things haven't ever gone to school here," he said.

Another guide, Tom McHale uses a different technique to show that the campus is not impersonal.

On the tour, McHale points out to the group all the people on campus he recognizes.

"I tell them I'll probably see at least ten people, but one day I counted 25, " he said. "Everybody thought that was neat, that even with a student population of 50,000, I saw that many people I knew in just a couple of hours."

Sevel said it is important to explain how the university is divided according to different areas of study.

"Some people come here and I tell them there are over 300 buildings on campus and OSU sits on 3,000 acres of land, and they think they'll be walking across all 3,000 acres," he said.

Sevel said he likes to show groups Mirror Lake. "The high school students get embarrassed when you tell them it's the most romantic place on campus."

He said the stadium is another very popular place to take the groups. When giving this portion of the tour though, Sevel stresses that OSU football games are only 18 hours of the entire school year.

Clearly it is the guide's job to persuade the groups to attend the university, but Sevel said he doesn't try to hide the unfavorable aspects of a large school.

"If you don't lock your bike, it will get stolen, if you don't pay your fees on time you will be penalized and have to stand in mile-long lines and you probably shouldn't walk down dark alleys by yourself late at night."

"They're not going to do anything to stop you. It's your neighborhood. We're just one of 50,000 people in your neighborhood."

"But we do try to make people enjoy it. We try to make it a good experience for them. That's our goal."

"If you like being surrounded by people and have some friends already here, you can always find people to live with. It is not a problem to make friends here."

"The atmosphere here is an atmosphere of outdoor living. You don't have to live in a dorm to experience the outdoors."
night," Sevel warned. "But those are things you find in any large city."

The guides are not explicitly restricted from saying whatever they want during the tours, but they are discouraged from saying they hate certain things, Wahl said.

"There are very few real requirements for being a guide. You have to have a driver's license, be willing to talk to large groups and be enthusiastic," Wahl said.

The nature of the job attracts a lot of journalism and public relations students to be guides, he added.

Both Sevel and McHale are public relations majors.

Guides are paid an hourly wage for giving tours and working in the Merchon Information Center.

New guides are trained through watching seasoned guides give tours and through studying a script prepared by Wahl.

The script is basically just to give them information about OSU. We don't want or expect the guides to use it verbatim," he said.

Although the guides seem to enjoy their work, Sevel said at times it is difficult to keep up the "Go Bucks" attitude.

"Everybody has had to come in here at some point after just flunking a midterm or having a fight with their girlfriend, and had to give a tour to a bunch of people waiting. At those times it's not very easy to act excited."

"But you know when you're in front of those people you are Ohio State, and your word is gold. You can't let personal feelings get in the way," he said.

While outsiders might think giving tours sounds like a monotonous way to earn a living, the guides tell about experiences that keep the job interesting.

O'Keefe recalled a tour that she led through Park Hall, an all-male dorm. "The dorms usually leave the door of the room we're supposed to show propped open, and on this tour I saw a door open, and without paying attention I took the group in the bathroom ... and there we were, face-to-face with a naked resident."

McHale remembers a day when he was running late for a tour session and picked up a van from the OSU Transportation Department without checking it out.

"When I got to the point where I was going to put the group in the van it finally hit me that the thing didn't have any seats in it. They had given me a cargo van," he said.

Sevel recalls the time the designated dormitory room he was to show had two occupants, one male and one female, in bed together.

"Somehow they manage to talk their way through the predicaments and finish the tour."

"I've had a lot of jobs, but this is definitely my favorite," O'Keefe said. "Being a guide has really helped me as a public speaker. I used to be so nervous about getting in front of people and talking, but now it's commonplace."

Sevel said the biggest benefit from being a guide is the contacts he has made.

"I also see this job as a way of repaying OSU," he said. "It's like putting in something for all you've taken out."

McHale said the best part of the job for him is getting thank-you letters from parents who have taken the tour and seeing students on campus who remember him and the tour he gave.

"It's difficult because the success of our work can't really be measured. We don't see the results right away, it happens down the road."

"But it really makes you feel good when you run into someone who has been on your tour and think, if it wasn't for me that kid may not have been here."

"Maybe they wouldn't be. Austin Groves, a Cincinnati high school junior said he wasn't really interested in attending Ohio State before the tour.

"I came to Columbus because my mother had a meeting here, so I just decided to take the tour," Groves said.

"I thought I wanted to go to a smaller school, but the guide made me feel really welcome here." Groves said, though he still will consider other universities, because of the tour, Ohio State is one of his options.

Jim Austin, a 1986 OSU graduate, brought his son from Buffalo Grove, Ill. to acquaint him with the campus.

"I basically knew my way around, but after 20 years there are quite a few changes," he said. "The tour was a great start to see the overall campus. Now we can go look at other things in more detail on our own."

Brian Austin, a high school senior who is already enrolled for fall quarter, said he feels a lot better about starting school after going on the tour.

"Ohio State seemed so big and overwhelming, I thought it would be impossible to ever find my way around. Now it doesn't seem quite so bad. Meeting someone who is so friendly, and thinks so much of the school really helps."
OSU tour guide Bob Sevel gives a pep talk to a group of prospective students and their parents in front of Larkins Hall.
Tour guide finds satisfaction by helping incoming students

By Kim Stock
Lantern staff writer

One cold January morning in 1975, Bill Wahl looked out of his 11th-floor public relations office window in Lincoln Tower, and saw a group of incoming students being led past the Larkins Hall tennis courts through the sleet. He thought there had to be a better way.

That thought planted the seed that has since developed into the Department of Community and Visitor Relations, which Wahl manages. The department offers an extensive tour program, and works, in general, to promote the university.

It hasn’t been long since Wahl was the only one on campus giving tours. In past springs, he said he did as many as eight a day, jumping off one tour bus and jumping onto another.

“Just five years ago this office was me and a phone,” he said.

At that time, events called college Saturdays were the only source of campus information for prospective students.

“The problem with these events, such as Nursing Day, was that they were helpful for answering questions on the Nursing School, but if the students wanted to know about the dorms or other university activities that weren’t directly related, they could not help them.

Wahl, from Cleveland, graduated from Ohio State in 1969 and has worked for the university since 1970. He laughs when he thinks about how he got started in the tour business.

“I was working for the public relations office in the mid-70s. One day we had a substitute working at the information desk,” he said. “Evidently, the regular secretary had promised a Cleveland high school guidance counselor to give his students a tour of the university. But when the counselor arrived ... the sub explained that there wasn’t a campus tour, gave him a map of campus and said he was welcome to show the kids around.”

“Meanwhile, we have a lobby full of kids who have come all the way from Cleveland to see Ohio State, so I decided I would give them a tour. I ... had a great time with the kids.”

About two weeks later Wahl got a call from a counselor at another school who heard about the tour and wanted him to do one for her school. That was the beginning of the guided campus tour.

“I love to do tours, it makes me feel like a dead battery that’s been recharged,” said Wahl, who has shown the campus to Gerald Ford, Bob Hope and Walter Cronkite.

“Sometimes you walk out to get on one of the yellow high school buses, and hear the kids’ cat-calls to the girls walking to class, and see them throwing their lunches out the window and I think, what am I getting myself into?”

“But somewhere in our venture around the loop, the kids grow up a little bit,” he said. “It makes you feel great when you get back from the tour, and the kids ask good questions. You know that you have made an impression on them.”

Last year, Wahl was the recipient of outstanding staff awards given by the Office of Personnel Services. He was nominated by his office staff.

The student guides also have a deep respect for him.

“I don’t know anyone who is more knowledgeable, enthusiastic or excited about OSU,” said Amy O’Keefe, a senior from Columbus.

“Every time you talk to him, you get all pumped up about Ohio State again.”

Tom McHale, a senior from Rochester, NY, said Wahl has been a mentor for him and the other guides.

“Whenever we get a new guide, the first thing we tell them is, ‘Go see Bill Wahl.’ He knows so much about this university. It’s unbelievable. I’ve never seen anybody so pro-Ohio State.”

Bob Sevel, a senior from Cleveland and a guide for four years, said Wahl has been a second father to him.

“Bill and I bleed scarlet and gray,” Sevel said. “He would do anything to promote the university.”

Currently Wahl is not giving many tours, his duties as OSU director for the United Way and Operation Feed occupy much of his time.

Wahl said his department is also in the process of instituting a university-wide electronic calendar which most of the computer terminals in the university will be able to hook into.

Other activities that have come out of Wahl’s department include an OSU trivia show, the “Buckeye Bill” radio show which aired on WBNR during the last football season, OSU trivia facts, the annual OSU Beach Party, the Oval version of Musical Chairs and the yearly Ohio State Birthday Party.

Wahl deserves his reputation as the OSU know-it-all. A bet with his son five years ago proved forever how well he knows campus.

Wahl’s son bet him he could find a place on campus that his father wouldn’t recognize.

Wahl was blindfolded and escorted around campus, and finally taken to a windowless second-floor hallway in the Botany and Zoology Building. After the blindfold was removed, Wahl immediately knew where they were.

By the way, did you know Ohio State’s school colors used to be orange and black, or that the Olentangy River used to run through Ohio Stadium, or that there are three verses to “Carmen Ohio,” or that the OSU libraries house 4 million volumes, Wahl queried coyly.
Newcomers glimpse OSU oddities through specialty tours of campus

By Kim Stock
Lantern staff writer

The Department of Community and Visitor Relations caters to more than just high school students. It wants everyone to feast on Ohio State.

Bill Wahl, manager for the department, said there are two tours besides the admissions tour, that he is especially fond of giving.

"Tucked Away Treasures" is a two-hour walking tour focusing on the oddities on campus.

"The tour actually started just as something to add to our admissions tours to keep the kids' attention," Wahl said, "but we found so many neat things we decided to offer it as a separate tour."

Lori Gundisch, the program assistant, said highlights of the tour are: the cockroach lab in the Botany and Zoology building; a costume collection including gowns worn by Joan Crawford and Phyllis Diller that are housed in the College of Home Economics; OSU President Edward H. Jennings' office; and the place in Bricker Hall where a man is buried in the wall.

"That's really something when you think about a man loving this university so much he wanted to spend eternity here," Wahl said, referring to Herbert Atkinson, a past Board of Trustees member, who requested that he be cremated and his ashes buried at Ohio State.

Wahl said he really enjoys giving the tours. "We have alumni go on the tours and they think they know everything there is to know about OSU, and usually, I can zap them in about 10 seconds when I show them where the name Hayes Hall is etched into the top of the building."

The other tour is the "Seasoned Buckeyes Tour," which is given to faculty and staff members. Wahl said this tour is used to show the staff what the university has to offer them.

"Picture a secretary that has been here 15 years and parks in the same place every day and goes into the same building to work; she doesn't know about any other part of the university," Wahl said.

"We want these people to be informed so they too can make the most of Ohio State," he added.

Wahl said his department occasionally sets up specialty tours for people, but 90 percent of the population can be accommodated by the existing tours.

"If we get a call from someone who really wants to see the university and can't work one of our tours into their schedule, we will tailor-make one for them," Wahl said.
SPECIAL BIRTHDAY ISSUE

The first OSU Birthday Party on September 17, 1983. Lori Gundlach and Carol Lowe cut the cake.
Ohio State celebrates 113 years of service

OSU BIRTHDAY PARTY BECOMES
A TRADITION

September 17, 1986 - Happy 113th birthday, OSU! - and what better way to celebrate it than with a traditional birthday party?

Today's party marks the FOURTH annual OSU Birthday Party sponsored by OSU Community & Visitor Relations, and it has become a tradition in itself!

The birthday party is the brainchild of Lori Gundlach, program assistant, and it is Lori who cuts the cake each year.

Another wonderful tradition is the presence of Woody Hayes at our Birthday Party, as well as readings from the history of OSU, balloons, OSU marching band music - what better birthday music for our University? - and the fun of watching guests clad in scarlet and gray trickle in and wondering who will be next.

Bob Sevel, Community & Visitor Relations longest-lasting student tour guide (a tradition in himself) attended the very first OSU Birthday Party in Mershon Auditorium Lobby on September 17, 1983. "I had the feeling that this was the beginning of a new OSU tradition," Bob says, and, sure enough, looks like he was right!

BIG 10 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS UNITE!

BY BILL WAHL

One interesting fact that I didn't think about until just this year is that perhaps other BIG 10 universities do some of what we do, such as tours and visitor information centers. As I checked out some of our sisters/brothers, I found out that every Big 10 university is involved in somewhat similar programs.

We are now in the process of forming a Big 10 Visitor Info group. Just think, students, there might be another Amy or Suzy out there, or, God forbid, a Bob Sevel.

At any rate, it will be interesting to see what other universities are doing. Of course, we all know we are the best, so we should be prepared to offer assistance where they need it.

I'll be keeping you up-to-date as we get more underway.

GO BUCKS!
WELCOME WEEK 1986

SEPTEMBER 18–27

BY LORI GUNDLACH

Welcome Week. Ah, those words conjure up visions of sixty people scrambling around campus for a tongue depressor, treks down to visit the cockroaches, and 100w's being issued as fast as Dee's fingers can hammer them out!

This is our fourth year of major involvement with the Welcome Week Committee - let me explain, as "major" is a relative term!

First of all, we're doing "Tucked Away Treasures of OSU" tours four times that week, providing three guides for each tour, for a total of twelve possible TAT tours. Rick has coordinated the stop at President Jennings' office with Maybelle. He has also contacted the pressbox person - so if you will be doing a tour, you can count on these stops being included. Don't forget your new flashcards as you conduct these tours!

I hope you enjoyed the training session with Bill on September 10.

Bob is working diligently on the second annual OSU SCAVENGER HUNT (Go Bucks!) for Welcome Week. Bill and I have zeroed in on hotels, restaurants, stores, and tourist attractions to gather prizes to be awarded for winning scavengers - the response is unbelievable! The Scavenger Hunt that Bob coordinated was so successful in 1985, that this year's committee insisted that another be arranged. We will be promoting this activity during the Welcome Fair on Monday, September 22.

At the Welcome Fair, which takes place on the back lawn of the Ohio Union, our involvement is high. We have three tables that will be used for different purposes: one, for the Scavenger Hunt, the second for Community & Visitor Relations, and the last to promote our services in the Community Resources Fair, which happens inside the Ohio Union. Additionally, for the Welcome Fair, we have worked with the Columbus Zoo to have them bring some of their animals out for the Fair - which they will be doing.

Convocation, a revived OSU tradition, precedes the Welcome Fair, taking place at 1:00 PM in Mershon Auditorium. After a full academic procession from Bricker Hall to Mershon, President Jennings will address the incoming freshman class as well as returning upperclassmen. This event will be approximately one half hour in length.

I hope you will want to help with Welcome Week. Because 1. it's fun, and 2. WE NEED YOUR HELP!! We need people to staff the booths at the Fair (booths, not "booze", Karl, aka The 21 Drinking Age Committee Expert), we need people to conduct TAT tours, and we really need judges for the Scavenger Hunt (2–5 PM, Larkins Hall). Hope you'll be involved -

GO BUCKS!

Lori
THE CONTINUING SAGA OF
KIRSTEN JONES, THE AMAZING
CALENDAR WOMAN

The Ohio State University has come a long way in 113 years, and technology has entered every phase of our institution. Perhaps the most notable example of the modern age at Community & Visitor Relations is the OSU Electronic Calendar, developed and implemented by this office.

On a day when we remember OSU's history, it might be fun to look back at the history of the Electronic Calendar.

The calendar began as a trial pilot project, funded for one year only in 1984, in President Jennings' office.

About the same time, Community & Visitor Relations was becoming the expert to contact on the weekend for information about OSU events. Of course, C & V R kept a calendar of campus activities for ready reference by weekend phone service operators.

As the C & V R calendar became bigger and bigger, the year-long pilot project to develop a campus-wide calendar in the President's office came to an end.

What was to become of the calendar project?

You guessed it!.....It eventually came to Community & Visitor Relations, a very logical move as we had already developed quite an extensive campus-wide calendar.

Various proposals were submitted to continue the calendar. Finally, the proposal for an electronic, or computer-operated, calendar was accepted.

Funding materialized, and the Wang equipment was purchased, and Kristen Jones, self-educated computer genius - who was already involved in the development of the weekend phone service campus-wide calendar - took control of compiling the events that are even today are being steadily entered into the Wang.

The OSU Electronic Calendar is the only comprehensive calendar, and it's handy to have one place to look for everything. Each OSU department has its own calendar - maybe not a printed one - which Kristen uses as a resource for compiling the Electronic Calendar.

More advantages of the Electronic Calendar: it changes instantly as events are modified, it's free in printed form from any OSU computer terminal, and it's a ready tool for OSU community planners who wish to avoid conflicts when scheduling events.
Welcome back to school!

By Rick Sherman

I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for the 1986 school year. As you already know from glancing at the rest of this issue, we have a lot planned for this quarter. For this year so far, we have two new VIC'ers (VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER ENTHUSIASTS) joining our ranks.

They are: Julie Malich, a soph from Chesterland, Ohio, and Matt Sevel, a freshman from Cleveland.

Julie and Matt are following in the footsteps of older brothers who were - and still are! - VIC'ers, Chris Malich and Bob Sevel!

These two are not the first example of tour guide talents flowing along family blood lines to occur in our VIC office. Meg Conlon followed big sis Cathy to become a VIC'er.

Welcome, Matt and Julie!

Plans are currently under way for the second annual VIC get-acquainted party to be held at my apartment.

The party will be held the second weekend of the quarter. More details to follow!

One more thing, if you haven't turned in your class schedule to me, please do so as soon as possible! See you on the 24th!

Go Bucks!

[Signature]

Rick

Student Work Schedule
OSU PREHISTORY

BY WANDA BROWN

Happy Birthday, OSU!

The history of OSU is a long and interesting 113 years...but what about the time even before history was recorded? Wouldn't it be fun to glimpse the land that became our campus as it was during prehistoric times?

The idea for a "prehistoric tour" of campus came out of a Columbus Landmarks tour I participated in last summer, the "prehistoric" tour of Central Ohio, or "Places Out of Time".

With the help of Jim Addington of the Ohio Department of Transportation, and Lenny Piotrowski, an avid OSU prehistorian, the "Places Out of Time" tour for OSU was born.

The final touches are being put on the script for this beginners archeological trek across campus, which will include a word-picture trip back in time to the ancient camp sites around Mirror Lake, the "Fort Ancient" settlement on what is now the intramural fields, and a trip to the fields around the Dairy Barns, where a prehistoric Indian burial mound lies lost in time under the deep furrows of a modern farmer's plow.

Coming soon, "Places Out of Time" prehistoric tour should be an exciting addition to our Admissions and Tucked Away Treasures tours... another of the many ways we can show off The Ohio State University!
MEMO FROM MOM

BY DEE SPROUSE

Can you believe this?! Another newsletter so soon!!

Just goes to show that we really have a "red-hot" crew working here, and with so many different events going on, we have to try and keep all of you up-to-date on the happenings at Community & Visitor Relations.

I have not really heard from anyone since the last newsletter, but Bob "Bonder" Sevel told me that Paul Huang called the other day. We thought Paul had dropped off the face of the earth; no one seemed to know where he was. Now we do!

How about that, Paul, thought you could get away from us, didn’t you? Not so... we know that all Visitor Information Center Alumni cannot stay away from us!

Let us hear from you, Paul, we would like to know what is happening with you. Just address your letters to me, 208 Ohio Union, 1739 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

The office is really getting in "high gear" with so many events coming up in the next few months. September 17th is our annual OSU Birthday Party; sure wish all of you could get back for that! Our United Way Campaign kick-off date is October 13th; the International Trade Fair opens October 22 through October 29 in Cleveland; Welcome Week is September 21 through the 27th; and classes begin September 24.

This, of course, does not include several other projects that are "in the works" in this office, i.e., the 300th Commencement being planned for next Spring, and this is going to be "really big"!! Also, Bill and Lori are working with some folks at Purdue University to form a committee for Visitor Information Center/Tour Programs/Community Relations; not only Big 10 schools, but with colleges and universities throughout the United States. All of this besides our regular tours, office work, visitors, phone calls, etc., etc., etc. You can see that we will not be having much time to sit around.

Now, that all of you know what is going on here in our office, I want to hear from all of you; then I will have lots to write about in the next newsletter to bring all of you up-to-date on everyone else.

Until next time.....si thee.
"SHARE YOUR LOVE"

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN 1986

BY CHRISTINE ZIMMER

As many of you know, Fall Quarter is an extremely busy quarter for all of us. In addition to the fun events, (Birthday Party, Welcome Week, and the International Trade Fair in Cleveland), the United Way Campaign takes up a great deal of time.

This campaign takes a tremendous amount of serious, hard, detail work, but, it can also be fun. Remember the fun times, Chris M., Lori, and Bob S.? This summer I have calculated the new goals for each of the administrative and academic areas. I am currently working on the previous and potential Pacesetter letters ("Pacesetters" are people who have donated $500 to the United Way Campaign).

In the very near future I am sure you will all be called upon to help in one way or another with the campaign.

Please remember, this is a worthy cause, and, "THANKS TO YOU IT WORKS FOR ALL OF US, THE UNITED WAY".

WELCOME WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT

BY BOB SEVEL

Tuesday, September 23, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM (2:00 PM sign-up) will be the second annual Welcome Week SCAVENGER HUNT!

This is an event that our office sponsors, an event that for the most part Lori and I handle, and an event that requires the help of most of our office the day of the event (the day before classes begin).

The idea behind Welcome Week Scavenger Hunt is mainly to help freshman get acquainted with campus. While incoming students are our target audience, the event is not restricted to freshman participants.

Everyone is a winner in the Scavenger Hunt. Students who participate win in three ways: they have fun, they learn about campus, and they can win prizes by finding all the items of the Scavenger Hunt in the shortest time.

The various offices and departments of OSU win because they get exposure (not exposed), and Community & Visitor Relations also wins by having fun, helping the new students get off to a good start, and completing yet another successful task for the University.

Lori has done her usual terrific job BONDING various prizes for winners of the Scavenger Hunt. Some of the prizes are clothing from College Traditions, pizzas from Dominos, and even weekend packages from local hotels.

I hope everyone is looking forward to this event! It starts from Larkins Hall lobby. Those of us who were there last year will never forget Bill blasting off the starting gun after I said, "Scavengers, take your marks, get set, SCAVENGE!!!" Students were scrambling like mad trying to get on their way, and we all got a good laugh from it.

Yea OHIO,

Bob Sevel
THE HISTORY OF THE OSU BUCKEYE

The basis for our nickname, the Buckeyes, comes from the fact that the official tree of the State of Ohio is the Buckeye tree. However, the Ohio legislature did not make this official until 1953. The symbol of the Buckeye leaf is a representation of its towering strength.

The first Ohioan dubbed a "BUCKEYE was Colonel Ebenezer Sproat. In Marietta, Ohio, on September 2, 1722, a procession honoring the opening of the first court in the Northwest Territory, the Indians formed an admiration for Col. Sproat, and nicknamed him "Hetuck". He was the new sheriff and stood about 6'4". The Indian name "Hetuck means "Big Buckeye". The name really caught on during William Henry Harrison's term as U.S. President. As an Ohioan, he talked about buckeye cabins, buckeye walking sticks, and how the young people grew and matured as strong and as graceful as the Buckeye trees.

It was in the 1920's that OSU adopted the 'Buckeye' as our symbol and mascot for the University and our sports teams because it instills and maintains pride and admiration for the University by the citizens of Ohio. It is our perception just within the past ten years that the thrust of the emphasis on the cheer "Go Buckeyes!" has switched to "Go Bucks!" "Go Bucks!" brings to mind a herd of strong, attractive, graceful deer. The seed of the Buckeye tree resembles the eye of a deer.
Grand ol' State

Ohio State marked yet another milestone, its 113th year of classes, with a party Sept. 17 in Mershon Auditorium lobby. Amy Hamrick, Katie Brown, Meg Conlon, Todd Valley, all student employees in the Office of Community and Visitor Relations, cut and serve cake at the reception.
Window on OSU

DOWNTOWN SHOPPERS CAN GET A GLIMPSE of Ohio State's tradition in a window display at 109 N. Front St., the old Columbia Gas Building. Office of Community and Visitor Relations employees who turned their talents to window dressing are Bill Wahl, director, back, Wanda Brown, left, Lori Gundlach, program assistant, center, and Suzy Blosser, right.
A small trip

TRANSPORTATION IS THE THEME of a surprise retirement reception March 31 for Art Martin, left, visitor relations program coordinator. In recent years, Martin has been in charge of providing guides, transportation and information for Columbus campus tours. At the reception, he receives a momento — a toy bus — from his boss, Bill Wahl, manager of community and visitor relations. Martin, who has been a University employee for 26 years, has met with thousands of prospective students, parents and distinguished guests.

Photo by Lloyd Lemmermann
Many of the fans at today's game probably enjoyed the traditional tailgate party refreshments before entering the stadium: things like hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and baked beans.

But Ohio State's Office of Community and Visitor Relations is offering a tailgate party with something different -- food for thought.

The office has set up two mobile visitors centers near the stadium to provide information and answer questions, said Lori Gundlach, assistant manager of community and visitor relations.

"It's really a needed service when you consider there are more than 80,000 people coming to campus on football Saturdays," Gundlach said.

The mobile visitors centers are actually the office's two scarlet and gray vans. One is set up at the corner of Tuttle Park Place and Woody Hayes Drive and the other is on Woody Hayes Drive just east of the Olentangy River.

They are open two hours before each home game and one hour afterward. Both vans are easy to find because they have large helium balloons marked "Information" flying overhead.

The vans are staffed with well-trained students who can answer a variety of common questions such as: What's the best way to get to Route 315? Where are nearby restaurants? Where can we buy Ohio State souvenirs?

The students also offer souvenir buckeyes, Ohio State pennant stickers and campus maps, Gundlach said.

Community and Visitor Relations began using the information centers last year at the request of the Office of Public Safety.

University police officers had found they were swamped with questions while they were trying to direct traffic and perform other duties at the games, Gundlach said. The information centers take some of the burden from the officers.

The centers have been a tremendous success.

"We asked the students to take a count of how many people they helped, but they couldn't keep up. They had literally hundreds of people come up to them at each game," she said. Gundlach said the students try to be helpful, but there are some requests they just can't meet.

"One student was offered $75 for the Ohio State chair he was sitting on," she said with a chuckle. "He had to decline."

Time to celebrate

WHEN A UNIVERSITY is 114 years old, it's worth a celebration. Ruth Jones, library associate I, University photo archives, front, and Jean Hansford, campus planner, line up for birthday cake from Kelly McGreal, a senior in elementary education from Garfield Heights. The fifth annual Ohio State Birthday Party, hosted by the Office of Community and Visitor Relations, was held Sept. 17 in University Hall, which is a replica of the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College's first classroom building.
115 and counting

IT TAKES A LARGE CARD to say “Happy Birthday” to Ohio State. Bertha Ihnat, library associate I in University Archives, signs a greeting at the University’s 115th Birthday Party Sept. 15 in Mirror Lake Hollow. Looking on is Lori Gundlach, assistant manager of Community and Visitor Relations.
Admissions tours bring thousands to campus

By David Tuff

In August, more than a thousand of them flocked to Ohio State: high schools students and their parents intent on learning about the state's flagship university.

Before they left, they had seen virtually all there was to see in two hours time — academic buildings, dorm rooms, libraries and medical facilities. They even stood on the Ohio Stadium field where the Buckeyes battle each Saturday.

The are the admissions tours offered by the Office of Community and Visitor Relations, a part of University Communications. The admissions tours are showing a tremendous increase in popularity, according to William Wahl, manager of community and visitor relations.

In August alone, 1,028 people took the twice-a-day tours, compared with about 950 last August. The University, which normally uses 15-passenger, scarlet and gray vans, rented 48-passenger buses to meet the demand.

From January-December 1988, 5,116 people took the admissions tour, says Lori Gundlach, assistant manager of community and visitor relations and tour organizer. Already this year, 4,705 people have participated.

July was especially impressive, with 786 — more than twice the number for July 1988. In March of this year, 1,128 took the tours, compared with 972 last year.

"Some of the increase has to do with the active recruiting by the admissions office," says Wahl. "And the word is getting around to students and parents that Ohio State gives an excellent tour."

"We hear from parents that many schools give a walking tour that lasts only half an hour. We do a two-hour riding tour that lets them see where every academic discipline is, lets them see residence halls and shows them what campus is really like."

The Ohio State tours also are convenient and no reservation is required. Vans leave twice a day, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and participants simply show up at the admissions office.

Parents ask the most direct questions, usually about residence halls, meal plans and campus safety.

This summer visitors saw a "typical" student room in Baker Hall, except that it was unoccupied. Visitors were startled by its starkness. "So, we decorated it," says Gundlach. "We put in books and notebooks on the desk, a stereo, and posters and copies of the Master Schedules on the walls." They even included snacks in the decorating scheme — empty potato chip bags stuffed with cloth.

Larkins Hall is a popular stop on the tour; participants have said it's like a private health club. So is Ohio Stadium. At the Main Library, visitors are intrigued by the LCS computers.

The 20 tour guides are students, Gundlach adds. "Students have a deep affinity for Ohio State and they're the best ones to tell a prospective student what it's like," she says.

"It's a popular job and a demanding one. Something new is happening at the University every day. We try to keep our guides up to date and also ask them to share new information." Because it is a gratifying job, most students stay on as long as they're at the University. At times guides will be stopped on the Oval by a new student who tells them, "I took a tour with you and you're one of the reasons I came to Ohio State," Gundlach says.

Admissions tours are among several offered to campus visitors, Gundlach points out. Recently, students have guided the president of Oklahoma State University and its Board of Regents on a tour of campus, as well as a group of visiting international journalists. Throughout the year, students guide international visitors, VIPs, alumni and others.

"Of all the tours we give, the admissions tour is the most important," Gundlach says. "This is the one that sells Ohio State."
Gulf troops to get letters from OSU

By Stephanie A. Rohal
Lantern staff writer

Ohio State is seeking self-appointed elves to send holiday cheer and dental floss to service personnel in Saudi Arabia.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to send letters of support to service personnel stationed in the Middle East, said Bill Wahl, manager of the Office of Community and Visitor Relations.

People on campus are being encouraged to pick up the letters, available in the office at room 249 in the Ohio Union. The office will then send the letters to brighten the spirits of soldiers who are not going to be home for the holidays, Wahl said.

"It's support for those people who are over there for the holidays. The letters are just to let them know someone is thinking of them," Wahl said. "I'm sure they're homesick."

The letters, which have a snowman on the front cover, will be put in mail bags and sent on cargo planes to Saudi Arabia. When they get there, attempts will be made to get them to troops from Ohio, he said.

"The military won't tell us for security reasons where the letters are going, but we want to get them to Ohio folks," Wahl said.

Students can also include other things to be sent with their letters, Wahl said.

"They can send things like chewing gum, toothpaste and dental floss. Magazines are good, too, but they're not supposed to send materials like Playboy because of the religion of the region," he said.

The letters and goods need to be brought to the Office of Community and Visitor Relations by Nov. 27 to be sent over to Saudi Arabia, Wahl said.

Michelle Torry, a junior from Mentor majoring in business education and a representative from Grade "A" Notes, said the store donated about 5,000 notecards for the drive.

"We thought this was a good opportunity and challenged other print shops to do the same," Torry said. "The employees came up with the idea. It's just a goodwill thing to do."

Capt. Jim Boling, an officer with the Ohio National Guard, said the letters were a worthwhile project.

"We've been told all the guys really appreciate it. It's like a lifeline with the United States and their hometowns," Boling said.

Kimberly Sexton, a junior from Dayton majoring in English and an organizer for the Students for Peace and Justice, said sending the letters to the troops was good, but that people should concentrate on ending the crisis that keeps the troops there.

"I think it's important to support them but it's also important to bring them home for the holidays too," Sexton said.

The letters are part of a drive sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America and Grade "A" Notes, and are part of a bigger operation sponsored by WCMH TV-4, Wendy's, WNCI and Tom Gill Oldsmobile, according to a press release from the student society.
MAYER TO COORDINATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR OHIO STATE

COLUMBUS -- Sue L. Mayer, special assistant to the president of The Ohio State University, will coordinate the university's relations with Columbus civic and community organizations.

In announcing her new responsibilities, President E. Gordon Gee said that, as special assistant to the president for campus and community affairs, Mayer brings long experience to an important and visible position.

"Her vast experience includes working with the College of Medicine, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Alumni Association, the Development Fund and the president's office," Gee said. "She is well respected throughout the university and in the community.

"Ms. Mayer will coordinate and direct activities that both serve the members of the Ohio State family and assure that the university remains a good neighbor and a valuable resource in the University Area and throughout Columbus."

Mayer's new responsibilities include oversight of the university's annual United Way and Operation Feed campaigns; support for campus-community events, such as the United Negro College Fund walk-a-thon; liaison with University Area organizations and with Columbus nonprofit groups and businesses; Ohio State's campus tour program; a new parent relations program;
and the campus ministry. She also continues to serve as the president's liaison with the Office of Special Events, which coordinates commencements and other major activities.

The former Office of Community and Visitor Relations is being restructured and will report to Mayer.

"I am excited about working with my colleagues and friends on and off campus to implement President Gee's vision for Ohio State," Mayer said. "The university should be an exemplary citizen and its positive influence should be seen in its immediate neighborhoods and throughout Columbus."

Mayer has been a special assistant to the university president since 1981. Her responsibilities have included the day-to-day operation of the president's office, the Office of Special Events, and special projects.

Her career started at Ohio State when she was a student and worked in the Department of Medical Records at University Hospitals.

In turn, she was a technical assistant in the Department of Medicine, assistant to the associate dean of medicine, and administrative associate to the associate vice provost for instruction. From 1971-80, she was executive assistant to the director of The Ohio State University Alumni Association.

Mayer served with two presidential search committees: the first concluded in 1972 with the selection of Harold L. Enarson as president, the second ended in 1981 with the selection of Edward H. Jennings. She received the university's Outstanding Staff Award in 1988.

A graduate of the Columbus Area Leadership Program in 1987, Mayer is a member of the National Association for Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors and the American Management Association. She serves on the boards of the Children's Hospital Development Fund, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and the Columbus AIDS Task Force. She is a member of the Victorian Village Society, and she is active in the United Negro College Fund and YWCA.

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Hidden, little known facts found on OSU tour
Buried bodies, chiming bells make for rich campus history

By Doug Honig
Lantern staff writer

How many people are buried in Bricker Hall? None, you say. Well this time you're wrong.

This and other little known facts about Ohio State are found on a tour called "Tucked Away Treasures."

Bill Wahl, director of visitor relations, who gives the tour and talks about the history of the OSU campus said that there is one person buried in Bricker Hall.

Herbert Spencer Atkinson, class of 1915, was a member of the varsity basketball team, a cheerleader, member of Bucket and Dipper, student council, panhellenic council, founder of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and a trustee from 1925 to 1948.

When he died in 1952, Atkinson willed his body to the university and his remains were buried in Bricker Hall, Wahl said.

There is a plaque in his memory on a second floor wall, where his remains are also buried, according to the University Archives.

The tour's first stop is in front of the Ohio Union. On the front are six relief carvings depicting the history of the state of Ohio.

The first one is of an 18th century Miami Indian in tribal dress with a bear beside him. The bear typifies the wild animals of early Ohio.

The second relief depicts the arrival of pioneers to Ohio. A guide, leaning on his musket, stands beside a traveller who has fallen on his knees to give thanks for a safe journey.

The third is Johnny Appleseed, an Ohioan, teaching a young boy to plant a tree while his mother and small sister look on.

Statemanship and education are shown in the fourth panel by Rutherford B. Hayes, the 19th U.S. president, standing in front of the Great Seal of Ohio.

The fifth and sixth panels show Ohio's agricultural and industrial strength. In the fifth panel, the keeling figure represents the ceramic industry. The standing figure holds a model of the airplane invented by Orville and Wilbur Wright. The scythe in the panel symbolizes the importance of Ohio's agriculture.

The sixth panel represents Ohio's steel, coal and mining industries. The figure is dressed in a foundry apron to show the steel industry. It shows a large crucible that represents steel and uses in the auto and accessory industry.

The artist, Marshall M. Fredericks, carved the reliefs with the help of two assistants.

The next stop on the tour is a large white piece of artwork next to Page Hall. The artwork, named "Breakers," was designed by David Black, a professor of art. It is modeled after waves rolling onto a shore and then crashing, Wahl said.

Orton Hall, the tour's third stop, used to be called the "All Ohio" building because the original materials came from Ohio. When the building was redone, Indiana limestone was used for the front steps, nullifying the nickname.

The outside of the building shows the composition of the earth's core, with the rocks placed in order from top to bottom as they were in the earth, Wahl said.

Professor Edward Orton Jr., the first OSU president, designed the building after ones he had seen in Germany. He had diorama heads carved on the tower as a reminder that history is recorded in fossils. Also, gargoyles heads were intricately carved around the entrance and mixed in with the heads is a block "O," Wahl said.

During World War I, aviation cadets learned to fly biplanes over the Oval. Set up on the Oval were targets for the pilots to practice dropping sandbags, which represented bombs.

Orton Hall had a skylight running the length of the building, and the pilots used to "accidentally on purpose" drop their bombs through the skylight, Wahl said. The university finally bricked over the roof, closing the skylight, he said.

In the tower of Orton Hall, the original apparatus used to ring the bells is still there, and the room was originally illuminated by candlelight, Wahl said.

The modern instrument is quite anti-climactic being a small keyboard not much bigger than one octave. The bells, which are on the third level of the tower, are now controlled automatically from the second level, said Wahl.

In 1869, a natural spring in Mirror Lake Hollow ran into a bog which is now Mirror Lake, the next stop on the tour. People came from all over Ohio to get the water, and it was decided by the founding fathers that Ohio State should be located around the spring, Wahl said.

The Memorial Fountain on the east side of the lake is a gift from the classes of 1927, 1928 and 1930, which is symbolic of the original spring, Wahl said.

Between the Main Library and University Hall, the tour stops near the Sphinx Library where the Latitude Stone is found.

The 40th latitude runs through Ohio State, as well as Madrid, Spain and Beijing. The stone has its exact latitude and longitude, as well as elevation above sea level, Wahl said.

Originally, the stone was incorrectly placed by over 70 feet, but when electronic devices were developed, the stone was placed in the correct spot, Wahl said.

Another stop is the arch at Hayes Hall, called "Whispering Arch."

"A man proposed to a woman on the other side of it, and if she heard it, they were marriage would last forever," Wahl said.

The arch carries words spoken within the inner and outer arch and may be heard clearly at the other side, nearly 20 feet away, according to the archives.

Hayes Hall, not named for Woody, but for Rutherford B. Hayes, Page Hall, Wahl said.

This sculpture, one of the many treasures of Ohio State, can be seen on the east side of the Ohio Union.
New offices

The new Office for Campus and Community Relations has moved to 231 Ohio Union. The phone number is 292-4070; the FAX number is 292-1850.

The office, headed by Sue L. Mayer, coordinates the University's relations with Columbus civic and community organizations. Included are activities such as the annual United Way and Operation Feed campaigns, support for campus and community events such as the United Negro College Fund walk-a-thon, the campus tour program, and the campus ministry.

Mayer also coordinates the activities of the Office of Parent and Visitor Information, which has moved to 249 Ohio Union. Its phone number is 292-0148.
OSU TOURS

History buffs must hustle to walk

By Robert Albrecht
Dispatch Staff Reporter

Sellouts are nothing new at Ohio State University. Football and basketball fans are confronted by them regularly; so are students trying to enroll in popular courses.

Now, it seems, history and nostalgia buffs have to hustle to pursue their interests on the campus.

The Tucked Away Treasure tours fill up about as quickly as they can be scheduled, sometimes even faster.

People just love to learn about Hayes Hall’s “whispering arches”; to snoop around the Ohio Stadium press box; and to hear about life in the original University Hall, the school’s first home.

“We could easily do these things weekly,” said Rick Sherman, coordinator of the Office of Campus and Community Relations, which sets up the free tours. At 10 a.m. today, he will lead members of the Columbus Historical Society on a two-hour trek across the campus.

That marks an unusually early opening for the tour season. Sherman and 16 student guides try to schedule most tours in June, July and August and sometimes in September, he said.

Already, the next eight to 10 tours are solidly booked, he said. But other times can be arranged.

Requests to get a look inside the stadium press box led to the first tour seven or eight years ago, Sherman said.

Tourists today make 10 to 12 behind-the-scenes stops, including the press box. They also spend some time on the venerable OSU Oval.

At Hayes Hall, history fans learn that, when it opened, the century-old building was known as the home for “domestic sciences.” Visitors enter Hayes through arches that have unusual acoustics. A whisper uttered in one corner can be clearly understood by an eavesdropper at the opposite corner.

On the south side of the Oval stands Orton Hall, named for Walter Orton, president in the 1870s when the school was known as the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Sherman said he shows the building to tour groups because, aside from housing the chimes that ring each noon, it is noteworthy for its use of seven types of stone native to Ohio. The stone types are layered in Orton’s walls in the same order as they are in the Earth, Sherman said.

The big boulder in front of Orton Hall was brought there by Orton himself from a residential building site in Clintonville.

For tour reservations, call 292-4070. Tour groups are limited to 15 people.
Media focuses on less seen side of OSU

Local TV station explores tradition surrounding campus

By Stephanie Warsmith
Lantern staff writer

OSU President E. Gordon Gee had to straighten his bow tie for an interview Thursday by anchors for local television station WSYX.

The interview will be part of an hour-long show about Ohio State that will air April 20 at 8 p.m.

"The more people that know about the university the better," Gee said. "The show should help with public support."

Gee was interviewed by Anchorman Tom Lawrence, who will host the show with his co-anchor, Deborah Countiss, an OSU graduate.

During the interview, Lawrence asked Gee why he has not considered potential job offers from other universities. "I love this university and can't think of any other place I would rather be," Gee responded.

Gee told Lawrence that Ohio State is recruiting high-performance students because they deserve to get the high-quality education Ohio State offers, and Ohio State deserves to have them.

Gee also told Lawrence the secret behind his bow tie. He said he likes bow ties, has always worn them, and people identify him with his bow ties. He said this identification is one way he tries to "create a personal atmosphere on a large campus."

Lawrence said that, while filming the program, he has now seen as much of the university as most students have.

"The show will give a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on at Ohio State," said Anne Brown, producer of the show. The title for the show is "Columbus Points of Pride - The Ohio State University."

Brown said viewers, through their television sets, will go inside a wind tunnel used for research and visit the OSU veterinary clinic and the Wexner Center.

"There's a lot more to Ohio State than the football team and a bunch of drunks running around on High Street at two in the morning - both of which I have done," said Bill Payer, news director.

Payer, a 1971 OSU graduate, said WSYX is filming things most people have never heard of. "We want it to be entertaining since we are asking people for an hour of their lives," he said.

The previous day, the WSYX anchors took a tour of campus.

Julie Campbell, who graduated last quarter from Ohio State, took them on a "Tucked Away Treasures" tour of campus Wednesday. Campbell works part time for the OSU Campus and Relations office.

She said she showed the news crew the bell at Orton Hall, the press box at Ohio Stadium and the whispering arches at Hayes Hall.

She added that if students noticed the bells in Orton Hall rang more than they were supposed to Wednesday, it was because Countiss and Lawrence were playing with them.
TV anchors on campus

Deborah Countiss and Tom Lawrence, anchors for WSYX channel 6, will be filming a promotional shot on campus Thursday afternoon in front of the Main Library. The promotion will be for the Ohio State episode of the "Columbus Points of Pride," series WSYX-TV has been putting together.

This will be the second airing of the Ohio State episode, said Sharon McKisson from WSYX, channel 6.

The first showing thrilled people. It received such a great positive response the channel decided to show it again, McKisson said.

The show gives a behind-the-scenes view of Ohio State and showcases places the average visitor wouldn't go, said Anne Brown the show's producer.

It also includes a short interview with OSU President E. Gordon Gee, Brown said.

The show will be aired at 7 p.m., June 5 on channel 6.

— J.D. Shipengrover
Right this way, ladies and gentlemen

ABOUT 45 prospective students and family members take the basic tour of the Columbus campus recently. Ryan Townsley of Hartford, Conn., a sophomore majoring in communication, points out interesting aspects of Hayes Hall, one of the oldest buildings on the Oval. Townsley is just one of several students who conduct tours, which are offered daily by Parent and Community Relations.
Ghosts, secret doors and ashes all part of Ohio State tradition

By Laura Crabbe
Lantern staff writer

Campus ghosts, secret doors and a dead person's ashes are just a few attractions featured on an unusual tour offered by the campus tour program at Ohio State.

The 
Tucked Away Treasures 
tour highlights unique historical information, legends and traditions that are particular to the university.

Dave Clar, a tour guide and a senior majoring in consumer resources, said he was not aware of campus history or legends before he became a university ambassador.

One of these legends occurred in 1870 when the Ohio State Board of Trustees decided to build the university in Columbus because of Mirror Lake Hollow.

At that time, the lake was a naturally-fed spring and provided the best drinking water in the state, Clar said.

By building the university near Mirror Lake, the board thought the students and faculty could take advantage of the great drinking water which some people traveled miles to get.

The hollowed-out area that surrounds the present manmade Mirror Lake was once filled with water, bridges and islands," Clar said.

"However, when the university installed a sewer system on campus, the lake dried up. Because the lake was such a large part of the history of the campus, the present manmade lake was created," he added.

The small pool of water located on the east end of the current lake commemorates the small pool of water which people in the 1870s would bottle drinking water from.

Clar also said there is a ghost that supposedly haunts the campus.

"The story goes that there was a professor here who believed there was a lot of oil available in this area. He got a lot of his friends to invest in this project. When he started drilling for the oil, he found there was no oil here. Because he did not know how he was going to repay his friends, he decided to commit suicide," Clar said.

The professor left a note for his wife saying he was going up to the OSU Observatory, where Kunz Honor House is today, to kill himself. His wife came home earlier than he expected, found the note and ran to the observatory to save his life. A she was looking for him, he killed himself, Clar said.

Today, the myth states the wife of the ghost still presides in the Mirror Lake area, where she is looking for her husband's body.

Clar said Pomerene Hall, which was the physical education house for women in 1922, did not allow men in the building. The only exception the rule was one night on the week end when men were invited to have tea with the ladies.

"There were strict rules...you couldn't hold hands with or sit close to the coeds. There were always chaperones there, as well and sometimes the chaperones would leave the grand lounge where the tea was held."

"The coeds would start getting closer to each other and the chaperones would reappear through a door which the students didn't know about, and they would get it trouble for getting too close to the dates," Clar said.

The "secret door" still exists today, in the main lobby of Pomerene Hall.

Clar also said many people do not realize the ashes of an Ohio State trustee, Herbert "Hub" Atkinson, are buried inside a wall in Bricker Hall, outside his favorite bar room.

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"Herbert willed his ashes to the university, so when he died his lawyer brought in his ashes and placed them on the president's desk," Clar said. "The president at that time had no idea what to do with Herbs ashes, so they decided at a board meeting to bury him on the second floor of Bricker Hall."

"The history of the university is unbelievable, and it's something students should know and be proud of," Clar said.

Although the history and legends of the campus are interesting to prospective students and their families, Clar said their major concern is about student life and housing, which is also included in the tour.

Connie Chang, a prospective student from Strongsville, said the tour helped make Ohio State seem smaller.

"At first I thought Ohio State would be some immense place that was very large and hard to know where you are. Now that I'm here and have taken the tour, it seems really quaint and kind of small," Chang said.

Jennifer Blackburn, a potential student from Columbus, said she gained a lot of knowledge from the tour.

Her father, John Blackburn, a professor in the College of Business, said he hopes she would see the university from a different angle in the tour.

"I wanted my daughter to see Ohio State from a student's perspective rather than just hear what I have to say about it," Blackburn said.

Professor Blackburn said he was unaware of the history and significance of Mirror Lake.

"There are things on campus like this I've seen but wasn't aware of until I took the tour," he said.

The campus tours, which are headed by the Office of Admissions, is open to anyone interested in learning about Ohio State, said Kathy Cleveland-Bull, associate director of admissions.

"Our goal is for our tours to meet or exceed the expectations of our tour participants," Bull said. "We really want to blow people away."

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