Rumor of No Union Is Denied
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A rumor that there will be no River Union was denied Monday by Robert Goldstein, University College-1, executive assistant to the West Campus Student Association president and chairman of the River Union Planning Committee.

Goldstein said the reason there is no contractor for the Union at present is because earlier bids were too high.

The University has gained almost one half million dollars since then, Goldstein said. New bids will be taken Dec. 9.

"We're almost certain of getting a contract this time," Goldstein said. "They should start breaking ground around the first of the year."

Goldstein is meeting with University architect Stephen Lance today.

"The students have no major say in planning the Union," Goldstein said, "but we will see and discuss the plans." According to Goldstein, the purpose behind these talks is to get the students interested.

"Right now we're trying to get West Campus together on this Union," Goldstein said.

River Union Theater's Design May Not Meet Division Needs
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Even though construction of the River Union Theater has not yet begun, faculty and students of the Division of Theater are already looking upon it as an interim theater, according to a source in the division.

Because of budgetary restrictions and structural problems in the building's design the spokesman said, the Union Theater will not completely fill the needs of the division.

The site of the Union theater will be between Lincoln and Morrill Towers. The University Architect's Office is asking for bids on the building. A construction date has not been set.

The spokesman stated that the problems in the theater's design are "not peculiar to Ohio State. Construction of a theater is immensely more complicated than commonly believed."

Much of the difficulty stems from the history of the Union Theater, he said. Planning for the theater began in the 1950's, and its design is based on theater concepts of the 1950's.

The problem was complicated by turnover in the personnel of the Theater Division, he said.

The building will contain a classical proscenium theater, a product of the 19th century. A proscenium theater has a simple rectangular stage and presents problems in staging some modern plays.

Costs have skyrocketed since funds were first allocated for the theater, the spokesman said. He indicated that the theater could not be fully equipped because of this.

Several structural shortcomings were mentioned:

-There is no direct loading access to the workshop where scenery is constructed. This means that larger materials may have to be dismantled before being loaded on an undersized elevator and carried to the shop.

-The theater is not high enough. People sitting in the front row will be able to see scenery that is suspended from the ceiling while not in use.

- The cloakroom will be in the theater hall rather than the lobby, creating aesthetic problems.

- The ticket office will not be in its traditional location in the lobby but down the hall. The office should be close to the house manager so that he can control the performance according to ticket sales.

The history of the Union Theater has been a "very complicated process of trying to persuade, convince and educate people at all levels of the difficulty in planning something like this," said the division spokesman.

He stated that students and faculty in the division are striving to achieve a professional quality in their productions. "A first-rate theater program depends on the facility," he said. "A bad building can prevent a first-rate performance."

The source indicated that he agreed with playwright Jerome Lawrence who stated recently that Ohio State needs a cultural center which would include several professional quality theaters. This would make it possible for the best American and foreign companies to perform at the University, as well as fulfill the needs of the division, he said.
River Union Contract Awarded by Trustees

The Board of Trustees' action on several major construction projects Thursday included the awarding of contracts for the new River Union and Theater.

The facility, to be located between the River Towers on West Campus, represents "a very small start toward meeting the needs of the performing arts on campus," said President Novice G. Fawcett.

Fawcett said the new theater is "not the answer" to the need for a permanent facility for the performing arts on campus.

Cost of the River Union and Theater was set at $3,966,287.

The trustees also approved plans and specifications for a new parking garage, with a rooftop helicopter landing deck, for the Medical Center area in the southwest portion of the campus near Upham Hall.

The five floors of the planned garage will accommodate 1,021 cars.

The helicopter deck will provide landing facilities for the "Medicopter" project through which 40 critically injured or ill patients have been flown directly to the Medical Center since the program started in 1967.

At present, helicopters land on athletic fields west of the Medical Center. The parking garage landing facility would include a special elevator for quick transfer of patients to the hospital.

The trustees acted to change the name of University School 29 W. Woodruff Ave., once a laboratory school for the College of Education, to Ramseyer Hall in honor of the late Prof. John A. Ramseyer, former director of the School of Education, who died in 1968.

In other action, the trustees approved the appointment of a new director for the Mershon Center for Education in National Security, the post formerly held by James A. Robinson, now vice president for academic affairs.

Named director was Richard C. Snyder, professor of administration and political science and former dean of the Graduate School of Administration at the University of California, Irvine.

He is the former editor of the interdisciplinary journal, Public Opinion Quarterly.

The Ohio State Lantern
River union near completion

By LINDA HOWARD

The three-story, $4.67 million River Union and Theatre is expected to be completed a year from now, according to Wendell Ellenwood, Ohio Union director.

Ohio State is the second college in the nation to have a satellite union, the first of which was the University of Wisconsin.

Ellenwood said the union was designed primarily to serve the over 4,000 West Campus dorm residents. He pointed out that these students have to walk three-fourths mile to reach the Ohio Union and High Street.

Adds new dimension

“The new River Union and Theatre will add a new dimension to living in the River Towers and should make that area a prime residence area.”

The new building will be about one-half the size of the Ohio Union. While most of the facilities in it are also found in the old union, the new building will have several new features.

One of the newest concepts, says Ellenwood, is the marina idea.

The marina, on the river side of the union, will give students the chance to rent canoes, rowboats, aquaboats and gigs from the union’s boat storage area.

Some of the other features will include a lounge overlooking the river, buffet, dance area, a University bookstore, eight bowling lanes, co-ed exercise room, sauna bath, laundry pick-up room, bike rental shop and barber and beauty shops.

Mixed reactions have been the result of a survey conducted on West Campus concerning the barber and beauty shops.

“It’s possible these students believe they will be in the Towers for only one year, then move out,” Ellenwood said to explain the reaction.

Campus Drama Center

One of the outstanding features of the union will be its theatre area, consisting of a 622-seat auditorium, experimental theatre, classrooms, rehearsal halls and offices.

Ellenwood explained that the theatre department in looking for a spot to build a drama facility, chose the same spot as did the Ohio Union council in selecting a site for the new union - between the Tower dorms on the river bank. The two collaborated to put more money into one good facility.

“We are the only major Big Ten college without a drama facility.” Russell Hastings, associate professor of theatre said, “It will be the best facility in any university when completed.”

Asked about the union’s new name, Ellenwood replied that the Ohio Union council had passed a resolution recommending that the new facility be named after Edward S. Drake.

The University Memorial Committee has not yet approved this proposal.

Edward “Beanie” Drake, who died in 1967 at age 90, managed the Ohio Union for 33 years. A bachelor who was extremely popular with students, he worked with student organizations for over 50 years.

Ellenwood, who knew Drake well, remarked, “It would be very appropriate to memorialize this man this way.”

Ellenwood commented that some kind of facility is needed on the extreme West Campus - the University College area.

“We had plans in developing such a thing, but decisions are always made for projects of top priority.”

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Union Theater To Begin Soon

By MARGARET T. MCCLURE

Lantern Staff Writer

Construction of the new River Union Theater will begin within the next two weeks, according to Stephen E. Lance of the University Construction Department.

The Union Theater will be constructed between Lincoln and Morrill Towers. Cost of the Union and Theater is $3,966,287. Completion date of the theater is scheduled for December, 1971.

Difficulties in planning for the design of the theater stem from skyrocketing construction costs. Several shortcomings expected are:

— The building will contain a classical proscenium theater, a product of the 19th century. A proscenium theater has a simple rectangular stage and presents problems in staging some modern plays.

— There is no direct loading access to the scenery workshop. This means larger materials will have to be dismantled before being loaded on an undersized elevator and carried to the shop.

— The theater is not high enough. Scenery not in use, suspended from the ceiling, will be visible to people sitting in the first row.
THE NEW DRAKE Union rests on the east bank of the Olentangy River. The facility has bowling lanes, a marina, sauna baths, canoes, bike rents, and other recreational activities. Taking up a large part of the union is the 622-seat Thurber Theatre and an experimental theatre for student productions. The Thurber Theatre will open formally Nov. 8.
Drake Union on Schedule;
Third Facility Considered

By JAMES EGGERT
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The construction of Ohio State University's second student union, on the east bank of the Olentangy River, is expected to be completed in April, and already the university is considering the possibility of a third union on the west bank.

Ohio Union director Wendell Ellenwood said expansion of the university has moved him to look into the possibility of constructing the third student center. The first student union, called the Ohio Union, is on High St.

POINTING ON A MAP to the new West Campus, Ellenwood said, "This is a whole new campus in itself" and it will require union facilities. But money for that project has not yet been obtained.

The second facility, called the Drake Union, should be ready by spring.

THE $4.5 MILLION structure will serve a dual purpose. In addition to union facilities, it will be the new home for the Ohio State theater department, housing a 622-seat auditorium, an experimental theater, classrooms, rehearsal halls and offices for drama faculty.

The auditorium will have dressing rooms, scenery shops and storage.

The new facility is on the east bank of the Olentangy, just west of Lincoln and Morrill Tower dormitories. It will have a marina where students will be able to rent canoes, paddleboats, and small sailboats.

BOAT DOCKS will extend from the union into an inlet from the river. A large area beneath the auditorium will provide space for boat storage repair.

Also in the plans is a small shop where students can buy charcoal and rent grills for cookouts along the river.

Other recreational facilities will include eight bowling lanes, about 20 pool and billiard tables, a workshop, an exercise room with sauna baths and shower rooms for both men and women, a bicycle rental shop and two browsing rooms.

TAVERNS AND "BUFFETERIA" dining rooms will offer snacks.

Ellenwood said a laundry and dry cleaning pickup facility, a barbershop and beauty shop may be leased as a convenience to students.

The building will be about half as big as the Ohio Union on N. High St. and with cost about the same as the main student center, constructed in 1951.

ELLENWOOD SAID the union is being constructed primarily to serve students in the river dormitories because they are far from High St.

Pedestrian walkways connecting to bridges from Morrill and Lincoln Towers and a bridge to parking facili-
River complex to be built

By Leo Bianchi

The Edward S. Drake River Union and Theater and the new Veterinary Hospital are part of a project undertaken by the Campus Planning Division of Ohio State to develop land along the Olentangy River for recreational and academic use.

The $4.67 million union was originally to be completed Feb. 4, 1972, but it now appears that it will not be completed until May 4, Dean Ramsey, director of the University office of Construction, said.

He said the delay is due to problems with the weather and the ventilation of the auditorium.

The River Union project was undertaken to provide recreational facilities for the residents of Morrill and Lincoln Towers. Students living in the river dormitories have to walk three quarters of a mile to use the Ohio Union facilities.

"We're trying to provide the river dormitory residents with facilities comparable to those of the Ohio Union," said Campus Planning Director William J. Griffith.

The River Union facilities will include canoe, rowboat and bicycle rentals, eight bowling lanes and a 622-seat theater.

The river land development does not stop there, however. On the west side of the river, just west of Sisson Hall on the Agriculture Campus, the construction of a $9 million Veterinary Hospital is underway.

The structure is due to be completed in December, 1972. It will house the School of Veterinary Medicine, contain research facilities in this field and provide clinical teaching facilities.

"The land along the river will be further developed for student recreation," Griffith said.

"The casual approach will include such things as sunbathing and picnicking while other land will be open for baseball, football or whatever else the students choose," Griffith said.

Further land may yet become available for student recreation with the removal of old livestock barns on the agriculture campus.

No definite date has been set for the removal of the barns, but new barns are being built farther west on Lane Avenue, Sawmill and Case Roads at a cost of $4 million. Completion is set for late spring, 1972.

Recreational land also may come from the removal of the Olentangy River Road. No definite date has been set for the removal of the road but Griffith hopes the action will occur in the near future.

The land was promised the University by the state in exchange for the rights to build Route 315 across University property.

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New union opening set for June

By Carol Piaseczny, 16 MAY '72

The Drake Center, West Campus' $4.6 million concrete facility, will begin serving as a new student union and the Department of Theater's new home on June 19.

"The shotgun wedding of the two" resulted because Ohio State's plans for a West Campus student union and the Department of Theater's plans for a departmental facility both lacked the necessary funds and, for efficiency's sake, the two groups decided to combine forces. Wendell Ellenwood, director of the Ohio Union, said.

The Olentangy River site was chosen "because the campus is growing that way and we found that we're a long way from the 3,000 students down there," Ellenwood explained.

The Drake Center, when completed, will be the first building fully equipped for handicapped students on campus. Ellenwood said the center will be "fully accessible" and "completely in accord with set standards."

Although the Drake Center will be open for Summer Quarter use, official opening day ceremonies will be in the fall.

The playwright team of Jerome Lawrence, an Ohio State graduate, and Robert Lee, who have written "Inherit the Wind," "Auntie Mame," and "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," is presently working on a play based on the life of James Thurber. It will be performed around Thanksgiving in the Drake Center as part of the opening fanfare. John Walker, chairman of the Department of Theater, said.

Walker said the main theater will open in the fall with Lawrence and Lee's play. The summer theater program will be in the experimental theater, which is completely void of seats and stage, he said.

Besides being "near the West Campus dorm population," Walker said the department is looking forward to the relocation of the Department of Theater because "one of the handicaps that this department has been working with for a while is that they've been scattered in so many places."

Walker said "most of the classes will be held in the new building" which will be a change from the "procedure of teaching in classrooms whenever and wherever we could find them."

The Drake Center, which is half the size of the present student union, has more than half of its space devoted to the Department of Theater, Ellenwood said.

The two theaters, one the conventional and the other the experimental ("a great big cavern with no fixed seating"), take up two levels and over half the center's floor space, Ellenwood said.

Ellenwood explained that, besides the space the Department of Theater and their personnel will use, part of the remaining area of the Drake Center will be devoted to two music rooms, meeting rooms, office space, classrooms and lounges.

Space set aside for a beauty and barber shop will instead be used for either a branch bank or space for the campus radio station because it's "obvious there's no need for a barbershop or beauty shop," Ellenwood said.

In addition to the eight bowling lanes — half as many as the present union has — and 14 pool tables as compared to the 20 tables in the Ohio Union, Ellenwood said there will be "a lot of space devoted to the great big marina," canoe and bike rentals, a sauna and exercise room and a cafeteria "with a Lumm's kind of service."

Ellenwood and the present Ohio Union Activities (OUA) will still direct services and activities in the center. OUA reorganized this year with the aid of a task force to create two officers where there was one. One could work "in the Ohio Union and the other in the Drake Center and together coordinate their activities," Ellenwood said.

"We're keeping one board responsible for both unions," Ellenwood explained. "Our staff will just be doubling in a belt-tightening operation."

Security will be a problem," Ellenwood said about the center. "We'll use anything we can to maintain security."

Because of vandalism already committed at the new center, Ellenwood said there is now a night watchman on duty but he hopes "we don't have to employ full time personnel for security."

"We're now worrying about the safety of coin-operated lockers," he said.

Ellenwood said the "original concept for the center was developed in the early '60's at the same time Ohio State talked of the River Towers."

With all the planning and available room, Ellenwood said he hopes "there'll be people using the space."
New union opened for summer

By Eric Bruce

20 June '72

The $4.8 million Drake Union, scheduled to open last February and rescheduled for May 4, opened Monday unfinished.

Wendell Ellenwood, director of the Ohio Union, busied himself Monday with the bulk of last minute preparations.

However, as Ellenwood worked no students came to wander through the halls and rooms to welcome the opening of the new river union.

Doors to the building were opened during the morning but there was no opening day ceremony for the Drake Union. In fact the only students in the building were workers helping to paint the theater.

Workmen were setting up the wiring for eight pinsetters expected to arrive for the bowling lanes today. The University is still waiting for the lounge furniture, which left Pennsylvania on June 9, and the boat docks for the marina.

The new union will have eight bowling lanes, 14 pool tables, marina, canoe and bike rentals, sauna bath, co-ed exercise room, cafeteria, browsing room and bookstore.

All facilities will be accessible to the disabled.

"We will be phasing things in as they arrive and are set up," Ellenwood said, "but we hope to have everything in operation within the next two weeks."

Thirty-six different colors embellish the walls, floors, and furnishings. "We didn't want the new building to be institutionalized and drab," he said.

Also housed in the union and taking up about half of the floor space is the Department of Theater's 622-seat Thurber Theater and a smaller experimental theater to be used for this summer's productions.

In 1969 after the theater plans were checked, there was some doubt as to whether the new structure would fit the department's needs.

John A. Walker, chairman of the Department of Theater, said, however, that he could not be more pleased with the set-up. He said there were only a few minor problems with the access to the loading dock that could be overcome.

When the contract was awarded in 1969, President Fawcett said the new theatre was not the answer to the need for a permanent facility for the performing arts on campus. Walker said, however, the department's only problem was in trying to squeeze the laboratory theatre into the new facility since it lost its space in Haskett Hall. There is also a desperate need for storage space, he said.

Total construction cost for the Drake Union was set at $4,797,699 by Dean A. Ramsey, director of the office of construction. The cost consisted of four construction contracts totalling $4,011,471. The remaining funds were allocated for loose equipment, architect's fees, building inspection fees and other incidental costs.

The funds came from: the federal government, $383,242 for teaching facilities; state legislature, $1,262,289; and the University, $3,966,287.

The Drake Union was named in honor of the late Edward S. "Beanie" Drake, who managed the Ohio Union for 33 years and died in 1967 at the age of 90.
Canoeing feature at new union

By Bob Bossart

20 June '72

Marina facilities and billiard tables at the new riverfront Drake Union are now open. Other facilities will become available later this summer, according to William Mittendorf, supervisor of the Student Union Recreation Program.

Thirty canoes, six equipped with lateen sailing rigs, four row boats and four bicycle pontoons are available for rental by Ohio State students, faculty and staff.

The row boats, bicycle pontoons and regular canoes rent for $1 an hour. Canoes with sailing rigs rent for $1.50 an hour.

Children under three years old are not permitted in the canoes, but they are allowed to ride in the row boats. Children under ten years must wear life jackets in compliance with state law.

Canoers will be allowed to paddle as far south as the King Avenue bridge, just above the dam, and as far north as the Lane Avenue bridge. The north boundary will be extended as far as Dodridge, when sufficient manpower is available to patrol the area, possibly within a few weeks.

Dodridge is as far north as the course can be extended because there is a dam located about 2,000 yards north of Dodridge. Mittendorf explained.

Open long hours

"Two patrol boats, manned by student employees, and one police boat will patrol the area. The student employees are trained in life saving and first aid," Mittendorf said.

"The marina will be open 8 a.m. until sunset Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to sunset on Sunday," Mittendorf said. "This is a tentative schedule and can be changed, depending on the demand for marina services."

According to Mittendorf, the Physical Education Department is offering three canoeing classes first term and at least one second term. The classes will be part of the Physical Education 101, 102 and 103 series.

Saunas, tables planned

Future plans for Drake Union include the installation of two sauna baths. Mittendorf said. Exact completion dates for the saunas and other unfinished projects are still pending.

The Ohio State Lantern
Drake Union Theatre gives greater flexibility

Stage, classrooms, costumes and scenery, for the very first time the Ohio State Theatre Department is entirely under one roof in the new Drake Union Theatre.

"We hope to find more unity and ease of operation," said Russell T. Hastings, assistant professor of Theatre and the designer who worked with the Drake Union architects, coordinating their ideas with the theatre departments.

There are two stage areas in the new theatre. The major one, the Thuber Theatre, is a conventional proscenium stage. It is equipped with a flexible apron which can be raised or lowered and side stages. Lowered, the apron creates an orchestra pit level with side stages it is a modified thrust stage.

Line power

According to Hastings, the Thuber Theatre is the best-equipped stage Ohio State has ever had. The wings of the stage are large enough to hold two full sets of scenery on wheels out of audience view. A third can be stored in the scene shop immediately beyond the stage left wing.

There are 35 sets of counterweight lines which can be used to lift a set of scenery or some scenic element hung from bars out of audience sight above the stage, and 17 sets of sandbags which hold a single spotlight or angle a piece of scenery. This is a large number of lines, and the sandbags are difficult to use, but they give the stage designer much more flexibility.

Finding a place to paint scenery and backdrops was always a problem for the theatre department. Mershon stage was one of the few possibilities. Frequently stage designers found themselves painting scenery for several productions in the coming quarter during the quarter-break when Mershon stage was unused. Not only was timing inconvenient, but the painting job itself was awkward.

Space solves problem

The new scene shop has solved this problem. The shop is on two levels. The upper level is connected to the stage.

A large frame on an elevator shaft holds the scenery stretched tightly. It can be raised or lowered through a slot in the floor of the upper level. In this way scenery painters can stand on the floor of one level or the other and reach all areas of a flat or drop without straining or using a ladder. Moreover, because the material is held tightly it will not shrink out of shape when it is painted.

On the lower level of the Thuber Theatre with the lower level of the scene shop is a costume shop with an abundance of work and storage space. There are four dressing rooms with easy access to the stage by either stairs or elevator. Two of them are equipped for large group use like choruses, with lockers and wall to wall mirrors. Two of them are for men and women principals equipped for six to eight people.

Upstairs, the house seats 600 people. This is an ideal size auditorium for live productions, Hastings said. Continental seating, that is seating without a center aisle, lends a feeling of intimacy. Experimental screens have been constructed in the wings to reflect sound eliminating any dead spots in the audience.

Sharing a common lobby with the Thuber Theatre is the experimental arena theatre, Stadium II.

New style theatre

Purposefully reminiscent of the highly popular Stadium summer theatre, it seats 350 to 400 people on four sides of the staging area. Bleacher type stands called risers hold chairs. They are moveable so the stage shape is flexible.

Hughes Hall Summer Theatre has never been as successful as Stadium Theatre. Kirk said, "We are trying to win some of the old fans back."

"We'll be able to do more different kinds of things with more finesse. We'll be much more flexible and more sophisticated." Kirk added.
Colorful Drake Union inaugurated

"Colorful" is the best word to describe the new Drake Union. President Fawcett formally presented the union to the Board of Trustees at a dedication dinner in the new union's cafeteria August 11.

The Union is named for Edward S. "Beanie" Drake who was director of the Ohio Union for 33 years.

"The Drake Union is a symbol of what can be accomplished when people who believe in Ohio State work together for the accomplishment of goals," Fawcett said at the formal opening.

The union will have eight bowling lanes, 14 pool tables, a marina, saunas baths, canoes, bike rentals, cafeteria, browsing rooms and a bookstore. The disabled will have access to all facilities, Wendell Ellenwood, director of the Ohio Union, said.

The University community may react with some colorful remarks about the Union's rainbow rampage.

Thirty-six different colors embellish the walls, floors and furnishings. The dining room is decorated in a splashing mixture of purple, rose red and yellow.

The unusual colors are used throughout the union, with stripes going in different directions in several of the areas.

Also housed in the union and taking up about half the floor space is the Department of Theatre's 622-seat Thurber Theatre and a small experimental theatre to be used for fall productions.

Ellenwood said the union represents the finest in college union and theatre concepts. Besides the two theatres, the Department of Theatre's offices and classrooms will be located on the south side of the building.

The traditional Thurber theatre will open formally Nov. 8 with a play about the adolescent life of James Thurber, famous author and Ohio State alumnus, in the "fictional town of Columbus, Ohio," according to Lee Rigsby, dean of the College of the Arts.

The union rests on the East bank of the Olentangy with the dining room overlooking the river.

"The Union relates directly to our environment," Hall said. There was a time when universities retreated into ivory towers where just learning took place, Joseph Hall, chairmen of the Ohio Union Activities Board, said.
'Fall of the House of Drake' theme for Union open house

13 Oct 72
By Pat Huston

The peace and quiet that typifies the new Drake Union will be temporarily disturbed tonight with the bustle of activities at the fall open house.

According to Linda Spitzer, director of Ohio Union activities, events will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight simultaneously on all three floors of the Union.

In keeping with Friday the 13th, the open house committee selected the theme, "Fall of the House of Drake" — "no indication that the building will collapse Friday," Spitzer said.

Entertainment and games are open to students without charge and special invitations have been sent to University administrators, including President Enarson, she said.

Purpose of open house

"Drake opened this summer when there were few students around to enjoy it," Spitzer said. "We hope that by having the open house more students will be aware of what it has to offer."

The evening will open with a gambling casino in the marina, she said. Students will receive equal amounts of play money to use at various tables until 10 p.m. when all money won can be used for bidding at an auction.

Items up for bid, donated by area merchants, include hamburgers, pizzas, flowers, books and an aquarium, she said.

Entertainment

In the meantime, the lounge area of Drake will be occupied with Jeptha Hostetler, assistant Professor of anatomy, who will perform magic tricks and Pierre Robin of Columbus who will perform hypnosis. Robin visited several campus dorms last year, Spitzer said.

Musical entertainment in the Tap Room will be by Mike Murphy, a folk singer from Kentucky, and The Jaybirds, an Ohio rock group.

Organizational displays will be set up in the Scarlet and Gray suites on the top floor.

Union facilities

The $4.8 million Drake Union opened some of its facilities to students in June and was dedicated in August. Sauna baths, the Thuerber Theater and the exercise room remain to be completed.

Students presently are able to use the bookstore, cafeteria, bowling lanes, pool tables, marina and canoe and bike rentals, Spitzer said.

For the most part, Drake is a quiet place where students can study, kick off their shoes and curl up on plush furniture or talk to their friends while looking out over the river, she said.

"We offer the student a different kind of atmosphere here," she said. "There will be soft music and folk singing in contrast to hard rock at the Ohio Union most of the time."

Student response

For Jim Appleton, a sophomore from Wooster, the new union provides a place where he can bring his parents when they visit and practice on the grand piano in the lounge.

"It's really beautiful here," Appleton said. "I just look around and wonder how long it will stay this way."

Dave Grat, a graduate student from Lancaster, said Drake's self-sufficiency, roominess and large bookstore, as well as its quiet atmosphere, are the good aspects of the union.

"There should be more smaller unions like this one at every corner of the campus," he said. "That would be a lot better than one big one."

Keith Murry, a freshman from Euclid, enjoys the soft piped-in music in the background while he studies at Drake. He described it as "relaxing and comfortable" and said the union is a convenient place for him to come from his room in one of the tower dorms.
RIVER FRONT HANG OUT

Drake Union Is Newest Student Center at OSU

By JOE IONNE
Photos by Gordon Kuster Jr.
THE STUDENT union is the community center of a college, the hearthstone of the college family, a place for recreation and relaxation. The newest student hangout on the Ohio State University campus is all this and a lot more.

Drake Union Overlooking the Olentangy has the usual pool room, bowling alleys, meeting rooms and eating spots. It has a spacious riverfront lounge with colorful and comfortable mod chairs and couches for snoozing. It has a bookstore, a campus radio station, an exercise room, music lounge and browsing rooms.

But this is where the newest OSU center of student activities splits off from the ordinary student union. Built on the banks of the Olentangy River, Drake Union was designed to use the river setting for aesthetic and recreational activities. It features a marina that offers sailing and canoeing. Students can also rent bicycles, or unwind in one of its sauna baths.

There is more. The beautiful campus facility combines the social, recreational and food programs of the student union with the cultural programs provided by the Department of Theater and the two theaters it also contains.

There is the 622-seat (James) Thurber Theatre, named after one of America's most famous writers and cartoonists who studied at Ohio State. Also, a 400-seat experimental theater.

Named in honor of Edward "Beanie" S. Drake, director of the Ohio Union from 1913 until 1946, Drake Union is the second major student activities center on campus.

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UNION continued

It was built to serve students in the university's tower dormitories (Lincoln and Morrill), to which it is connected by elevated walkways, and the nearby Stadium Scholarship Dormitories, as well as students in the health sciences, agricultural, and veterinary medicine complexes in the area.

After retiring as director of Ohio Union, Drake continued to serve the university as an advisor to student organizations. In 1963, Ohio State honored him for his 50 years service by establishing the Edward S. Drake Student Leadership Endowment Fund. He died in 1967.

Drake was the moving force in forming and guiding the Association of College Unions, which was born on the OSU campus. He was host and director for the first two ACU conferences in 1914 and 1915, served as secretary of the association from 1919 to 1932, and as president in 1933.

The $4.7 million Drake Union is the third student union to be built on campus. The original Ohio Union, built at a cost of $75,000 appropriated by the Ohio Legislature, opened in 1911 when Ohio State's enrollment was 2,832. It was the fourth college union in the United States and the first on the campus of a state university.

The first Ohio Union was strictly a men's club, following the pattern established by universities in England in the early 1800s. However, the some 500 women students enrolled at Ohio State at that time were "extended the courtesies of the building" one day each week. The yet unliberated females also were invited into the union for certain special events such as dances, which wouldn't have been much fun without them.

It was 1941 before women were officially allowed as guests in the lobby of the Ohio Union, the manager having been requested by the petition of men students just several years earlier to deny this privilege to women. In 1945, the union's Board of Overseers voted to open the building's Grand Lounge to women.

As early as 1926, the construction of a new and larger union building was being discussed on campus. However, it would be another quarter century before the bulging walls and the overtaxed facilities of the Ohio Union would get relief from the ever-increasing enrollment of the university.

Early in 1947 petitions bearing the signatures of 14,000 students were presented to Ohio State's Board of Trustees requesting that a new union be constructed for both men and women. Each student would be assessed five dollars per quarter to pay for it. Construction started in June, 1949. A little more than two years later, November 17, 1951, the new building on High Street was dedicated. It was called the "largest and finest college union in the country" at that time.

The total cost of the building and furnishings was more than $4 million. It's estimated the cost to replace such a structure today would be $12 million.

The original Ohio Union still stands on 12th Avenue. It houses student services offices today.

Not too many years after the new Ohio Union opened university officials realized there would be a need for a second student union on the campus that was expanding to the west. A spot on the banks of the river that runs through the campus was picked as its site.

Students arriving for classes last fall found a new 120,000-square-foot "dream building" on the site. It was Drake Union, an activity and cultural center dedicated to training students in social responsibility and for leadership in community life.

(The End)
Spacious lounge overlooking the Olentangy River provides relaxation with a view.
Thurber Theatre, named for Columbus writer James Thurber, is one of two theaters on the premises. Stage is set for recently produced Jabberwock.

Bowling lanes are among the recreational facilities available for students at Drake Union. Pool room can be seen beyond lanes at right.

A favorite gathering spot for snacks and conversation is the buffet area and dining room at north end of riverfront lounge.
Ruling limits union films, hurts dorm fund raising

By Cathy Conlon and Jean Kinney

The Ohio-Drake Union Activities (ODUA) Board will be the only organization permitted to show films in the unions on weekends, following action at the end of Autumn Quarter by the Ohio Union Council.

The Council voted to prohibit any other student group from sponsoring weekend movies in union facilities. The 18 ODUA student directors and 15 faculty, administrators and staff make up the council.

At least one Ohio State student feels the ruling violates his student rights by giving ODUA an unfair monopoly on a lucrative form of programming.

Last quarter, films shown in the Ohio Union netted ODUA $1,411.96. The group lost $18.65 showing films in Drake Union.

Richard J. Walker, a junior from Chillicothe and president of Park Hall, said his dormitory has shown films in the past which were profitable fundraisers. His floor in Park Hall earned nearly $900 showing "Young Frankenstein" in Ohio Union's West Ballroom last spring. However, he said showing films on week nights, which the ruling allows, is not worth the effort.

"It's just not fair," Walker said. "If you cut off students from programming, what good is a union?"

Students do have input into union programming through ODUA, countered ODUA member Stephen E. Clary, a senior from Columbus and director of films for the Ohio Union.

"Actually ODUA is not a student organization, but part of the union programming board," Clary said. "Because we're budgeted by the union, it would be ironic if we didn't have first rights to programming in it.

Clary plans the continuing movie series sponsored by ODUA called "Ohio Union Fabulous Flicks."

The series runs weekly, with six showings of a movie each weekend in the union's Conference Theater. ODUA also coordinates a shorter series of films at Drake Union.

The only present alternative to showing movies in the unions is to rent Hagerty Hall, said James G. Triner, coordinator of the student organization financial office. He and Walker both noted it is difficult to make any profit there because Hagerty is available only on Friday nights and custodial charges must be paid.

ODUA justifies the restriction by claiming that their program is a service to students.

Roger A. Meyer, director of student programs in residence and dining halls, summed up the council's perspective on the ruling by saying the money ODUA makes goes back into student programming, while Park Hall revenues from showing films goes back into the Park Hall treasury. Meyer is a member of the Ohio Union Council.

Walker defends his dormitory's use of film profits, claiming the money often benefits the community and campus.

Park Hall sponsors several largescale campus projects annually, he said. Also, last year Walker's floor in Park spent some of its film profits on activities with the Neil Avenue Boys Home, he said.

Acquiring current and popular movies, in Walker's experience, has been difficult because some major film distributors give priority to ODUA, he said.

"Business is not democratic," said Chip Perry, college sales manager for the midst office of Films Inc. Perry explained why his distributing company cancelled a contract with Park for "The Omen" last spring and then gave it to ODUA.

"We prefer to deal with an established customer, especially with our big titles," he said. "A direct film series often pre-determines the success of a film on campus."

When Walker called Perry to reserve "Silver Streak" to show last quarter, Perry told him that in the future ODUA would have first choice on all movies.

Clary acknowledged that Films Inc. gives ODUA preference in selecting films.
Sailing, sailing . . . "ON Campus"
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ONE SURE SIGN OF SPRING is the return of watercraft to the Olentangy River and students once again scattered about the riverbank, basking in the sun.
Drake financial crunch cuts food service hours

By Ellen Brown

Drake Union has curtailed food service, student employee hours and housekeeping in the face of a possible budget deficit. According to Wendell Ellenwood, director of student unions, the Food Service Department of Drake Union was $11,000 in the red as of Jan. 1.

If the housekeeping department continues spending at its present rate, it will have a $15,000 deficit by June 30, he said.

The Ohio Union remains within its budget, but it also is undergoing changes due to budget cuts and a hiring freeze.

In order to stabilize Drake Union's budget, the food service department has curtailed hours on Saturday and Sunday, according to Robbin Kirkland, director of Drake Union. The cafeteria near the River Den and Tap Room provides food to Drake Union customers.

However, the union will maintain food delivery from the cafeteria to students in Lincoln and Morrill Towers on weekends, Kirkland said.

Drake Union has cut back in areas that would least affect student services, he said.

In order to control the housekeeping department's budget, Kirkland said he has been cutting employees' hours since the beginning of this quarter. Five student housekeeping positions also remain unfilled, he added. The program department had expended two-thirds of its budget as of Jan. 1, Ellenwood said.

However, Kim Savage, program director for the Drake Union, said the department has produced more revenues since then and is basically "on target."

Savage said the department has increased its income by co-sponsoring events with various student organizations.

Kirkland said the union's problems could be attributed to higher wages and a slow winter. He said fewer students bought food at the union this winter.

Ohio Union departments are feeling the crunch as well.

Carla Mattmiller, program director of the Ohio Union, said the program department is providing fewer programs.

"I'm less concerned with providing entertainment every night than I was last quarter," she said. Instead, the department is providing fewer programs, but these programs are expected to draw more people, she added.

According to Mattmiller, the nature of programs is changing as well. The department is sponsoring student and local entertainment instead of professional performers, she said.

The Ohio Union housekeeping department is having difficulties operating efficiently due to a vacant position, Ellenwood said.

The building is not as clean as usual, but students probably have not noticed, he said. Ellenwood said the union is in the process of filling the position.

At an Ohio Union staff meeting, Ellenwood said he thinks the budget problem will worsen and said he foresees further cutbacks.

The Ohio State Lantern
Shooting sparks new rules

By Steve Jackson

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New guidelines for the Ohio Union, Drake Union and Bradford Commons were added to the existing event regulations to give more protection to students and their guests attending the functions, according to Dean Mitchel Livingston, Student Organizations and Community Life.

The additional guidelines are:
- No off-campus advertising.
- Dances are to be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with no extensions.
- Student ID's will be checked at the door.
- One guest only will be admitted for each Ohio State student.
- Any additional police protection will be paid for by the group sponsoring the dance.
- Organizations will be held responsible for any damages to the area where the event is being held.

The new guidelines stemmed from a shooting incident which occurred during an Ohio Union dance May 2. OSU police and Ohio Union officials are still investigating the incident.

Livingston said the new guidelines are directed at the "outside element" who have caused most of the problems at events sponsored by Ohio State organizations.

"The question was the degree of enforcement we (the unions' directors) needed to control the outside element. Without the additional guidelines we felt we did not have it," Livingston said.

All organizations who use the Ohio State facilities must follow the new regulations, he said. The unions' directors have not and will not develop any specific guidelines for specific groups, Livingston added.

Individuals and organizations will not be allowed to use the facilities if the new and existing rules are not followed, Livingston said.

The new guidelines were written by John Ellinger, assistant director of the Ohio Union, Wendell Ellenwood, director of student unions, Tina Love, coordinator of Black student programs and Livingston. The guidelines went into effect May 21, he added.

Livingston said the new guidelines were strong enough but their effects will depend on how many non-students still will attend the events.

"Even with the new guidelines there will still be limited ability by Union officials to control outsiders," Livingston added.

Livingston said security coverage will be determined by police and the nature of the event.
Drake Union has new food service management for students, faculty

By Polly Paris 10-1-81

After losing $30,000 in its services program last year, the Drake Union has a new food operator and a look. Last year's cause of labor costs and budget cutbacks within the university, Drake Union, which previously ran the food service ram, was forced to give in. Ten companies applied for the operation, which is the major contributor of income and expense at Drake Union. Gladieux Food Corp became the new manager and will give 6 to 10 percent of its profits to the university.

Gladieux was awarded a five-year contract and took over the service on Aug. 24 because Drake Union could no longer handle the large amount of business with a 40 percent cutback in staff. Twenty student employees had to be dropped, according to Robbin Kirkland, Drake Union manager.

The food service provides two functions. One is the regular daily distribution of food and the other is the catering of events on campus. Gladieux is continuing with the traditional pregame brunches as well as catering receptions.

Gladieux is experimenting with new food ideas such as the “brief eater” concept. Under this concept the customer passes through a serving line as before, but a salad bar and deli have been added.

The dining area has been converted into a spacial modular design. After 10 or 11 years in the same atmosphere, Kirkland said he thought it was time for a change. “They've done a great job,” Kirkland said.

In the past, people sat in the Drake River Den. The den is now the Haufbrau House which specializes in eight kinds of sausage and serves beer and wine.

Kirkland is pleased with the operation so far but said more emphasis should be placed on customer service, which will improve,” he said. “Gladieux will become accustomed to what people like in this particular environment.”
Drake Union disco in full swing

By Katie Branch '2 - 3 - 81

"It's an inexpensive Thursday night on the town," said Bill Hyman, Drake Union program department graduate teaching associate, about the union's disco program.

Every Thursday from 8:30 p.m. to midnight during the quarter, about 250 students can be found in the River Den and Tap Room listening or dancing to music played by disc jockey Merrill Smith Jr., a junior from Columbus. Smith keeps his disco collection up to date but the songs played are requested by the audience.

"People are attracted to him because he plays what the audience wants," Hyman said. "He always plays disco, but he plays songs for the crowd."

Because of the number of students that frequent the disco, an individual can feel comfortable dancing or just listening to the music, said Hyman.

Refreshments are available during the disco through the Drake Union food service.

"The population that comes to the disco is mainly from the Olentangy Area," Hyman said. "It seems like their interest in disco is high."

Although many students who attend the disco are from the Olentangy area, Hyman stressed that the program is open to the entire campus.

Admission to the disco is 50 cents with an OSU ID.

Starting winter quarter, Ohio State students will pay a 25 cent admission charge from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and non students will be charged $2. Program officials are calling this the disco's happy hour.

Because the disco is Drake's most successful weekly program, T-shirts promoting the event are now on sale at the Drake candy counter on the union's first floor. Every Thursday night, three T-shirts are awarded in random drawings.

The disco is student operated and it is sponsored by the Drake Union Program Department.
FOCUS

'May Days Craze' to offer free boating, bicycling

By Julie Hurst
Lantern staff writer

The north beach of the Olentangy River today and Saturday will be the site of the Drake Union Marina's "May Days Craze," featuring free boating, outdoor dancing and live music.

In honor of the marina's 10th annual grand opening, use of the facility's 53 boats and 25 bicycles will be free beginning at noon both days. Canoes, row boats, paddle boats and flat boats will be available along with men's and women's single and tandem bicycles.

"Recreation specials are planned with billiards and bowling available at reduced rates," said William A. Hyman, graduate associate from the Drake Union Program Department and coordinator of the event.

A special attraction added to this year's opening is student entertainment, which will be performing outside Saturday.

"The acts, which are all musical, will be performed this year at Drake Union coffee house," Hyman said.

Scheduled to perform are Jeff Bieber, Don Toth, North Short, Sam Vellone, Trisha Jason and the Four Aces. WOSR will also provide music.
Union's store offers towers fast groceries

By Mike Ryan
Lantern staff writer 10-12-82

Since Drake Union's general store opened this quarter, lugging groceries to Lincoln and Morrill towers is a thing of the past.

"Everything from bread, peanut butter, milk, lunch meats, soft drinks and cookies are offered," said Franklin J. Gencur, administrative associate in Drake Union. "Nothing which requires cooking in student rooms is sold."

Because the towers are "located in the middle of nowhere," the general store was designed to provide accessible services, Gencur said.

The store's prices are competitive with local groceries' prices, he said.

The store is on Drake Union's lower level and is open 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to midnight Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday (except football Saturdays, when store hours are 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.), and noon to 11 p.m. Sunday.

"Business is picking up everyday in the general store," Gencur said. "It's too early to talk about expansion, but we'll look and see what students need and delete the items that won't sell."

Gary Marcinick, a freshman from Cuyahoga Heights and a store employee, and said students like the general store. "It's more convenient now that they don't have to go to Big Bear."

The union operates the self-sustaining store. Revenue will go toward student union programming, Marcinick said.

The Ohio State Lantern
Prices limit parties in OSU student unions

By Marlene Harris
Lantern staff writer

The high cost of renting rooms in the Ohio and Drake unions is forcing many student organizations to look for places off-campus to hold their functions, said Colleen O'Brien, president of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG).

O'Brien said many organizations turn away from the unions because they are forced to use food and beer provided by specific outside suppliers. "The contractors have a monopoly on the unions," O'Brien said.

Debbie Dewald, former president of Pi Beta Phi sorority, said the cost of beer and food has kept her group and other groups from using the unions when they wanted to have a function involving alcohol. "We do use our house for most of our parties," said Dewald. Most sororities, however, are not permitted to have alcohol parties at their houses.

The Ohio Union's East and West Ballrooms cost $200 to rent. And the rental cost for Drake Union's River Den and Tap Room is $40.

The costs of renting the union's include $40 per hour for security and $50 per hour for extended use of the room.

The cost of renting the union's is not the problem, said Gerald Prophett, vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. "The real problem is security," he said.

Whenever an organization has a dance or a function that draws a large number of people, the organization must pay for security officers.

Prophett said he questioned the need for security officers because, in an emergency, all they can do is call the University Police.

Robbin Kirkland, Drake Union manager, said he and the management of the Ohio Union are aware that many student organizations are having trouble affording the costs.

Ohio Union management has asked the university to allot free space for student organizations, Kirkland said. He said this policy would cover all rooms, including the East and West ballrooms.

"As for security, there wouldn't be a need if student organizations took more responsibility at their parties," Kirkland said.

Robert Holmes, vice president of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, said although his fraternity has never needed security at any of its functions, security is still required.

But Holmes said student organizations should not pay for security. Kappa Alpha Psi, like many other fraternities, use the money earned from dances to sponsor other community projects. Since the price of security is steadily rising, "our profit margin is a lot lower," said Holmes.

The university should be more sensitive to students' needs, Kirkland said. He also said "many students probably are not aware that some universities charge their students as much as $75 to support their unions." OSU does not charge anything.

"Both unions were built by students money," O'Brien said.
Alcohol

Student unions revise liquor, party rules

By Janet Nickerson
Lantern staff writer

New guidelines for the use of alcohol in the student unions are being planned by a committee appointed by the Ohio Union's Council.

The Policy Procedures Committee, composed of union administrators and students, established rules for the use of alcohol by student, staff, and faculty organizations and also defined "private parties" held at both the Ohio and Drake Unions.

Robbin Kirkland, committee chairperson and assistant director for Drake Union, said a "private party" is "a private event to which the general public is not invited." Any group may host a party at one of the unions with permission of the administration. Student organizations may rent a room at no charge, but university departments and non-university organizations are charged a rental fee.

According to the guidelines, people hosting parties at either union must buy all food and beverages, including alcohol, from vending agents at the unions.

A keg of beer bought from one of the vendors costs $65, "a cost within range for student organizations," Kirkland said. This price includes keg rental, delivery and pickup charges, he said.

Because of the change in the drinking age for beer, all private parties must have someone checking I.D.'s to make sure no one younger than 19 has any alcoholic beverages. A hand stamp is to be used, said Kirkland, except at events, like alumni gatherings, where verification is not needed.

The Ohio Department of Liquor Control approves sales of beer and wine at OSU as long as these beverages are of a certain proof, Kirkland said. Anything over 42 proof, or 21 percent alcohol, is not allowed.

A special license can be approved, for one night only, if the group requesting the higher-proof liquor can verify all members attending the event are older than 21 and the event is being held in the River Den at the Drake Union or the Tap Room at the Ohio Union.

Khris Pierre, a graduate student from Detroit who represented the Council of Graduate Students in the Policy Procedures Committee, said the guidelines are "a fair, equitable policy."

"I feel pretty good about this," she said. "The policy itself is a strong one." She added that the new drinking age was not a high consideration.

"This was a give-in," she said. "We have to work with the law." At a private institution, such as Dennison, groups might have been able to work around the new law, but because OSU is a state university, it would have been in danger of losing state and federal funds, she said.

Pierre also said the guidelines take into consideration advertisements for parties held at the unions.

"Social events should have a theme rather than 'alcoholic beverages will be served'," she said. When an event is publicized, the poster or flyer advertising the event can say only that 'beverages will be served.'

"We're promoting responsible drinking," Pierre said. "We do not want to say 'no drinking' but emphasize responsible drinking."
Drake browsing room closes

By Brenda A. Conklin
Lantern staff writer

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The magazine shelves will be empty and the stereos silent when Drake Union's Music and Browsing Room becomes a regular study lounge spring quarter.

Drake Union’s administrative staff decided last week to stop operating the browsing room because they felt it wasn’t attracting enough students to justify its operation, said Robin J. Kirkland, assistant director of the union.

Kirkland said the number of students using the facility has increased this year to about 200 per week. However, the union staff felt this was not enough to match the investment put into the browsing room, he said. These costs include labor for student employees, magazine subscriptions, and maintenance of an adequate record library, he added.

However, Kirkland said other factors were considered in reaching this decision. For the past year, the union staff examined how it could use available space for the students’ best advantage. The browsing room was one area the staff felt could be put to better use, and the money spent on other student programs, he said.

Drake Union invests in programs which benefit the largest number of students, and have some social or educational significance, Kirkland said.

Currently, outdoor programs are being planned for spring quarter. This is one area where browsing room savings could be spent, he added.

Another reason the browsing room will close is because the students' need for it may have disappeared, Kirkland said.

Traditionally, college unions nationwide have included a Music and Browsing Room to serve students with musical entertainment and access to magazines and newspapers.

However, today most students have their own stereos and get reduced student rates on magazine subscriptions, he said.

The student employees who work in the browsing room will not lose their jobs, Kirkland said. Instead, they will be transferred to other areas within the union.

Lisa Davis, a sophomore from Bellefontaine and a browsing room student employee, said she will miss seeing the friends she’s made through her job, and added that some regular browsing room patrons were upset by the closing.

The browsing room will be used as a study lounge until another use is found for the space, Kirkland said. One idea being considered is setting up an arts exhibit studio. However, this idea still needs to be explored, he added.

Kirkland said they view it as an operation that needs to be reassessed, and not one that’s going out of business. The browsing room albums and tapes will still be used in other areas and programs within the union, he said.
Frosh stabbed after Drake block party

By Brian Daher
Lantern staff writer

OSU Police reported one stabbing, a man allegedly wielding a gun and two fights at the Drake Union block party and in its vicinity Friday night.

A Merrill Tower resident was stabbed at 12:30 a.m. while walking back to his room, police said.

Jon Moyer, a freshman from Tipp City, suffered a stab wound in the left chest and a punctured lung, said Douglas Brandt, University Hospitals coordinator.

Moyer was in stable condition Sunday, Brandt said.

OSU Police Supervisor John Hartsell said Moyer and another student encountered a group of 15 to 20 people near Larkins Hall.

One male in the group swung and missed Moyer's friend, police said. Two other males ganged up on Moyer and stabbed him, police said.

Moyer was not aware he had been stabbed, and he and his friend ran from the group and returned to the dormitory, police said.

Moyer's friend was not injured, Hartsell said.

Once at the dorm, Moyer told a staff member he thought his ribs might be injured. The staff member, while examining Moyer, noticed the wound and called the emergency squad.

Police have no suspects in the stabbing.

In another incident during the block party, police arrested a man in the parking lot between Merrill and Lincoln towers. The man allegedly was waving what police believed to be a .357 Magnum. The weapon was actually a .177-caliber pellet gun, police said.

Hartsell said the two guns are indistinguishable from a distance.

According to police, the man, who they said was not a student, was involved in an argument with two other people at the party.

He went to his car and allegedly returned to the argument with the gun, police said. He was arrested, but no charges have been filed. Police would not release his name.

Police also reported that two students walking near Lazenby Hall Friday night were assaulted by two black males.

Hartsell said one student suffered a nose injury and another was cut above his eye and received several stitches at University Hospitals.

Both were treated and released.

Hartsell said police always have problems at block parties because a lot of non-students attend.
Drake inspired growth in role of student union

By Patricia Miroczak

If Ohio State ever had a "Mr. Chips," it was Beanie Drake. People have forgotten why they called him Beanie, but apparently everyone did. He was simply, "Mr. Ohio State."

Beanie, or Edward S. Drake, was the director of the Ohio Union from 1913 until his retirement in 1946. He spent 18 years after retirement as a constant visitor to Ohio State, finally slowing down in the mid-1960s. He died in 1967.

This year the University is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Ohio Unions. Drake is being remembered as a driving force in the unions' success.

Construction began on the original Ohio Union, today's Student Services Building, on 12th Avenue, in 1910. When the building opened in 1911, two faculty members shared interim responsibilities as managers for two years.

It was the first student union at a public university, and the fourth in the country.

Today the Ohio Unions are made up of the Ohio Union, which opened in 1951 at its High Street location, and the Drake Union, which opened in 1972 near Lincoln and Morrill towers along the east bank of the Olentangy River.

Together they provide recreational facilities, eating establishments, lounges, music, study and meeting rooms, and theaters.

Drake was hired as the first permanent director of the Ohio Union in 1913. He founded probably more student organizations and programs than any person ever associated with Ohio State. A bachelor, he dedicated his life to the

for most student groups on campus, including honoraries, publications and service organizations — all of which Drake advised.

As late as 1940, male students petitioned to keep their club "men only." Women could enter only when escorted and only through the back or side door.

Beanie liked it that way.

"He enjoyed the role 'master of the men's club,'" said William Guthrie, Ohio State's executive dean of student relations from 1936-61. Guthrie was a student at Ohio State from 1926-32.

J. Wallace Phillips, another friend and former student, called Drake "a fine southern gentleman." A student on the Ohio Union's Board of Overseers, Phillips earned his bachelor's degree in 1946 and law degree in 1947.

"Beanie Drake was 'Mr. Chips of Ohio State,'" Phillips said. "Beanie was 'Mr. Ohio State' in my thinking. He was the father image. He thought of all of his boys as his children."

Guthrie, Phillips and others recently recorded their memories in an archival video called "Ohio Union: 75th Anniversary Celebration."

They remember Drake as both caretaker and provider.

During the early part of the century, Drake channeled energy into student organizations, service clubs and honoraries. When he couldn't bring a group to campus, he created his own.

In 1933, he founded Ohio Staters, the campus's preeminent service organization. It was chartered in 1935 and will celebrate that 50th anniversary this year with a $100,000 revamping of

he's trying to fill.

"He left a legacy that is now over 1,000 schools and 4,000 professionals," Ellinger said. "He left that for all colleges and universities. In 1989, the 75th anniversary of that association will be celebrated here in Columbus."

For the students, he engrained in his three predecessors the mission of the Ohio Unions. As Ellinger puts it, "the No. 1 function is to serve the needs of students, educationally, socially and culturally. That is an extension of why the Ohio Union was built."

The Ohio Union now houses the Vice Provost of Student Affairs offices, which includes the Counseling and Consultation
His main responsibility was operation of the Ohio Union, its student programming and activities. But through the years, he had responsibilities for housing, scheduling and dining at the University. He led not only students, but also military attachments during two world wars, and needy people during the Great Depression.

His most important role, however, was befriending thousands of Ohio State’s young men. He called them his “boys.” Drake turned the Ohio Union into a club. A membership card got you in. Being male was a prerequisite.

From 1911 until World War II, the Ohio Union was a “men only” student activities and services area. It was home

Browning Amphitheatre near Mirror Lake.

John Mount is a “Stater.” He is also one of Drake’s “boys.” Mount first came to Ohio State in the mid-1930s and like Drake, spent his career here. But Mount rose to a vice presidency. He is now an emeritus vice president and dean.

Mount never forgot the stewardship that Drake lived by.

“He was a small man, a pleasant man, who dedicated his life to this University and its people.”

Wendell Ellenwood, an Ohio Stater who served as director of the Ohio Union from 1958-83, is another person touched by Drake’s life.

Ellenwood had an opportunity to experience Drake’s prominence when he

1967.

“After I was dean of women, I knew him quite well. Our relationship couldn’t have been nicer,” she said.

But when Conaway came to campus as a student, she wasn’t allowed in the Ohio Union. Females used the women’s union, Pomerene Hall, which during Conaway’s senior year in 1922-23 was only half built.

The student unions remained separate until the 1940s, when World War II changed that.

John M. Ellinger, the current director of the Ohio Unions, knows well the shoes

Services, the Office of Student Life and the union offices.

The Ohio Union also houses more than 40 student organization offices, including Undergraduate Student Government, Ohio Drake Unions Activities, Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils, and Ohio Staters.

The Drake Union has a bookstore, campus radio station, marina and is the home of the Department of Theatre and the 622-seat Thuber Theatre, as well as the 400-seat flexible experimental Stage II Theatre.

**Fireworks, movie, band to highlight fall celebration**

Fireworks over the Olentangy River will kickoff the celebration this fall when Ohio State commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Ohio Unions.

More than 250,000 students have used union facilities on this campus since construction began on the first Ohio Union in 1910.

To celebrate that service, numerous events are planned during the next academic year, including:

- Welcome Week festivities at the Ohio Union on Sept. 23 will include mime artists, a brass quintet, doughnut-eating contests and evening performances by keyboard comedian Eric Gneda and the rock group, Osvald. All events are free.
- Fireworks on Sept. 24 are planned at the north beach area of the Drake Union. Ohio State’s Marching Band will perform at 7 p.m., followed by the 15-minute fireworks display. In the event of rain, the concert and fireworks will be Sept. 25.
- Following the fireworks, Drake Union will host its annual "New Year’s Eve Party" and will provide free

entertainment. The National Lampoon film, “Vacation,” will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. A “top 40s” band will entertain in the River Den and Tap Room from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Discounts will be in effect in the recreation area.
- An essay contest fall quarter will award a $500 scholarship to the student who can best express through writing or photography how the Ohio Unions have enhanced students’ lives. Applications are available in the Ohio Union ODUA program office.
- One of the biggest celebrations of the year will be Oct. 12 at the Indiana football game when Ohio State’s Marching Band will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the unions. Jon Woods, director of the band, will present a special arrangement of the song “Celebration,” including a band formation during pre-game ceremonies.

New features at the Ohio and Drake unions this fall will include the opening of two souvenir shops, a florist and bakery and the installation of an electronic ride board at the Ohio Union.

**THE STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING** recently was renovated and soon will house the Instruction Services Laboratory and three art studios. Construction on the campus landmark began in 1910.

*Photo by Kevin Fitzsimons*
History of the Ohio Unions

The Ohio Unions have a long and distinguished history of service to The Ohio State University community. The first Ohio Union, now the Student Services Building on 12th Avenue, was built in 1909. The original Ohio Union was the fourth college union built in the United States, the first three being Harvard, Brown and Pennsylvania. The National Association of College Unions was established here in 1914. Edward S. "Beanie" Drake became the manager of this facility in 1913 and continued his service to the students of this University until his retirement in 1946. He was succeeded by Frederick Stecker who served as Director of the Ohio Union from 1946-1957 when he became Executive Director of University Relations. During the early years of the Ohio Unions, they were recognized as a men's only club and facility. Women did not gain full access of these facilities until 1946.

After World War II with the large number of servicemen entering OSU, the students petitioned the Board of Trustees for a new Union building. Construction was begun in 1949, and in 1951, the new Ohio Union on High Street was opened. The total cost of the original building was over $4,000,000 including furniture and equipment. Each student contributed $5 per quarter to construct the facility. The estimated value of the land itself was $1,000,000; however, this land was given to the students by the University Board of Trustees. The estimated value of this property in 1984 was approximately $25,000,000. In order to maintain the Ohio Union in its original condition, funds were made available in 1958 to continue maintenance and rehabilitation of the facilities and to increase aid to Ohio Unions Programs. Wendell W. Allenwood was appointed Director of the Ohio Union in 1958, Wendell retired in 1983 after twenty-five years of service.

A second major change in the fall of 1959 was to form the Ohio Unions Council, made up of students, faculty, staff and alumni. This council replaced the original Ohio Union Board of Overseers, made up of only two students, two faculty, and two administrators. The Ohio Unions Council establishes all program policies for the Ohio Unions and assists in all student activities program.

With the expansion of enrollment at Ohio State during the early sixties and the construction of Lincoln and Morrill Towers to accommodate that expansion, a second Union, the Drake Union, appropriately named for "Beanie" Drake, was completed in the summer of 1972. This facility, located on the Olentangy River was built at a cost of $4,500,000 to serve the needs of the students in the Olentangy housing area.

Through two world wars, two armed conflicts, a turbulent Sixties, the Ohio and Drake Unions have met and served the needs of students from all over our world. We have changed as our students have changed, adjusting to their personal and educational needs. Today the Ohio and Drake Unions are facilities in which everyone can take great pride. As we pass the Diamond Jubilee of service to our students and the University community, we reconfirm our dedication and commitment to excellence for those we serve, as an integral part of The Ohio State University's educational program.
The Drake Union opened in the summer of 1972. The building was built on the bank of the Olentangy River, between Lincoln and Morrill Towers at a cost of $4,500,000 to serve the students in the west campus area.

As with the Ohio Union, Drake Union serves as a recreational, cultural, social and educational center for OSU students. One of its most popular facilities is the Marina which offers sail boats, canoes, row boats, paddle boats, and bicycles for student use. Other recreational facilities open to students include bowling lanes, billiard tables, air hockey, and sauna baths.

More than recreational facilities are available. The Union houses a branch of the OSU bookstores, a branch of the Bank One and the WOSR radio station. The Food Service Area offers light meals and snacks and a variety of weekend entertainment presented by the ODUA Board. The Tap Room is available for parties and banquets. Like the Ohio Union, Drake Union offers catering services and meeting rooms, as well as lounges for relaxation or study. In the spring and summer months the Drake Union grounds provide a great place for soaking in the sun and meeting people.

Student productions by the Theatre Department are offered throughout the year in both the spacious Thurber Theatre and the Stadium II Theatre.

Arrangements for use of Drake Union facilities, whether for meetings, food service, or special events may be made by visiting the Drake Union Administrative Office or by calling 422-8597.

Facilities In The Drake Union

General Shops and Services
- Bank (First floor) Bank One services every student’s banking needs, checking, services and 24 hour banking.
- Bookstore (First floor) The Drake Union University Bookstore features many of your required texts plus O.S.U. memorabilia: shirts, O.S.U. souvenirs, etc. Call 422-1230 for further information.
- General Store (Ground floor) Offers food, beverages, and grocery items.
- News Stand (First floor) Information and munchies are available here.
- Lockers (First floor) Located next to the Bookstore, these lockers are available for student and general public use until 10 p.m.
- River Den and Tap Room (First floor) Offers meals and snacks. ODUA entertainment is also offered on weekends. Drake Union Food Service serves breakfast, lunch, banquets, receptions, and parties. For more information, call 422-8597.

Meeting Areas
- Meeting Rooms — 11 rooms available. Free to registered student organizations.
- Shelter House — Located north of Drake Union. Available for parties and picnics through the Reservation Desk (422-8597).

Recreational Areas
- Billiards (Ground floor) 12 billiard tables are available for recreation at $1.75 an hour.
- Bowling Lanes (Ground floor) Eight bowling lanes are also included in the ground floor recreation area. Price is $1.00 per game. Shoe rental: 35¢.
- Lounge (First floor) After a long day, come rest and relax in front of a beautiful view of the Olentangy River.
- Marina (Lower level) Recreational facilities are available. Canoes, rowboats, sailboats, and paddleboats may be rented.
- North and South Patios (picnic areas) Available for parties and picnics through the Reservation Desk (422-8579).
- Saunas (Ground floor) For a $.50 charge, students may relax and enjoy a nice, hot sauna.
- Theaters (First floor) Thurber, Stadium II offer Theater Department plays, ODUA movies and various other productions.
- Ticket Office (First floor) Purchasing of tickets may be done here for theater productions.

Programs
- Ohio-Drake Union Activities Office (Room 2040) Here, the directors and program assistants for the Drake Union Activities meet and schedule student entertainment and activities in the Union (422-0234).
Student Unions Observe 75 Years

By Patricia Mroczek
University Communications

Fireworks over the Olentangy River kicked off Ohio State University's celebration commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Ohio Unions.

The Ohio Unions, made up of the Ohio Union and the Drake Union, are buildings where services and activities are provided specifically for students.

More than 250,000 students have participated in union programs and activities since the first union opened on campus in 1911. The original Ohio Union building still stands on 12th Avenue. It is now the Student Services Building.

The current Ohio Union at 1739 N. High St. opened in 1951. The Drake Union opened in 1972 along the Olentangy River. Elevated walkways connect Drake to Lincoln and Morrill towers.

The unions offer recreational, cultural and social activities for students. There are music and study rooms, browsing areas, lounges, restaurants, bowling alleys, exercise facilities, and theaters.

The Ohio Union houses more than 40 student organization offices, including Undergraduate Student Government, Ohio/Drake Union Activities, Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils, and Ohio Staters. Mailboxes are made available to student organizations. Laboratories allow students to work on crafts, photography and even personal computers.

The Ohio Union also houses programs of the Office of Student Affairs, including the Counseling and Consultation Services, the Office of Student Life and the union offices. Student Life is the major programming arm of Student Affairs, offering the alcohol education program, black student programs, Greek affairs, Hispanic student programs, judicial affairs, student organizations, and activities, and women's services.

The Drake Union has a gift shop, campus radio station and marina. Drake houses the Department of Theatre, the 822-seat Thurber Theatre and a 400-seat flexible experimental theater.

New features at the Ohio and Drake Unions this fall include two souvenir shops, a florist and a bakery. An electronic car pool information board has been installed in the Ohio Union.

To celebrate the service provided by the Ohio Unions, numerous events are planned during the academic year.

Open houses were conducted at both unions in September. Fireworks on Sept. 24 were preceded by a concert by Ohio State's marching band.

Carla Mattmiller is organizing the 75th anniversary celebration, which will include an essay contest with a $500 scholarship prize.

Mattmiller said today's pre-game show will highlight the anniversary celebration. Ohio State's marching band will commemorate the event with a marching formation to the song "Celebration." The seventh reunion of alumni from the Ohio/Drake Union Activities Board is also being held today.

John M. Ellinger is director of the student unions. He's the fourth director, following in the footsteps of Edward "Beanie" Drake, who served from 1913-46, Fred Stecker from 1947-58, and Wendell Ellenwood from 1958-83.

Ellinger said the legacy of the unions is service to students.

"The number one function is to serve the needs of students, educationally, socially and culturally. That is an extension of why the Ohio Union was built," he said.

"Today's students are looking for more from us. I think this is the most exciting time to be in a college union field. The vitality of the next generation is being created today."

The Ohio Unions will soon be preparing for yet another 75th anniversary celebration, that of the National Association of College Unions in 1989.

Founded at Ohio State in 1914, the association now has more than 1,000 participating schools.

"Beanie" Drake, the first permanent director of the Ohio Union, created the national organization and kept it operating through two world wars.

Because of Drake's efforts, Ellinger said, it is appropriate that the 75th celebration be conducted here in Columbus.

"Beanie left a legacy that is now over 1,000 schools and 4,000 professionals," Ellinger said. "He left that for all colleges and universities. It's fitting that the anniversary be celebrated here in Columbus."

The Drake Union, named for the first director of the Ohio Union, Edward "Beanie" Drake, is a popular spot for sunbathing and boating on the Olentangy River.
Drake Union opens lab for personal computing

By Tricia Colley
Lantern staff writer

In an effort to meet the need for personal computers on campus, a new computer lab has been opened this quarter in the Drake Union, said Lee Page, a manager for OSU's Instruction and Research Computer Center.

Ten Zenith 148 personal computers and five printers are now available for use to any student, faculty or staff member with valid OSU identification.

The new lab will provide more convenient access to machines on late evenings and weekends, said Gene Conrad, manager of the union's personal computer labs.

"The computer lab is a service that the unions are in a position to offer that others can't provide," said David Mucci, associate director of the student unions. "We want to provide an accessible place for people," he added.

Personal computer labs are also located in the Main Library and the Ohio Union. Mucci said all the computers in the Ohio Union lab are in use 75 percent of the time when the lab is open.

"The other labs are an overwhelming success," Page said. "People are always waiting to use them.

"We want to make more personal computers available to the general campus community," he said.

The lab is in Drake Union 0001, open noon to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and noon to midnight Friday and Saturday.
Union dances may be subject to stricter policies

By Suzanne Priore
Lantern staff writer

Shooting incidents and other security problems during dances held at the student unions have prompted university officials to consider changing dance contract policies.

Although no deadline for a policy change has been set, John Ellinger, director of the student unions, said, "We are proceeding as quickly as possible to review (the dance contract policy)." He would not comment on what changes may result.

"The question is how to have a function at the unions that may be (open to the public), while at the same time, protect the safety and well-being of students, employees and guests of those who attend," Ellinger said.

The current dance contract, which must be signed by the organization's president and adviser, includes such safety precautions as:

- hiring at least two OSU police officers to oversee the event
- maintaining appropriate room lighting
- monitoring crowd size
- prohibiting weapons, contraband, explosives, fireworks and other controlled substances from the unions.

Six people have been arrested in three incidents this quarter connected with functions at the Ohio Union. The individuals who have been arrested have not been affiliated with the university.

A 20-year-old Columbus man was charged with two counts of felonious assault Jan. 26 after allegedly shooting at two men on Hagerty Drive, near the Ohio Union, when the men confronted him for harassing female friends during a dance.

More recently, two Columbus men were arrested Sunday morning after police discovered the men re-entering a dance carrying concealed sawed-off shotguns.

Organizations usually sponsor 12 to 14 dances a quarter in the Drake and Ohio Unions.

The student organizations have given us excellent support and have always been very cooperative," Ellinger said. "The security concern (results from) the non-university people who are attending the event, not the sponsors."

OSU Police Deputy Chief Gary Wilson agrees the problem is not with the organizations but with the non-students who come into the unions for the events.

He said union dances are not the only campus events that attract this type of problem. "Although they are not being held here this year, state high school basketball championship finals often bring in comparable problems to those experienced at union dances," Wilson said.
Union dances to be restricted

By Suzanne Priore
Lantern staff writer

Starting today, dances at student union functions will be restricted to persons 18 and over. Russell J. Spillman, vice provost for student affairs, said the restriction ends a three-month policy that permitted anyone 18 or over to attend dances. During that time, five incidents occurred at or near the unions. Six people have been arrested during winter quarter. Two situations involved possession of guns.

"We feel for the safety and security of everybody, we better go back to the old policy," Spillman said. Restricting admission to union functions was enforced between 1981 and November 1985.

John Ellinger, director of student unions; Mitch Livingston, dean of student life; and members of Spillman's staff helped him make the decision, he said.

Each quarter, 12 to 14 dances, mostly sponsored by Greek organizations, are held in the Ohio and Drake unions.

After reaching the decision, he met with several of the organizations' members. "We've had absolutely great cooperation, but I wouldn't say they're overly happy," he said.

Ellinger said most of the dances are sponsored by black Greek organizations. Members of several fraternities and sororities said they feel restricting admission to dances would hurt their ability to sponsor union functions.

Keith Herron, a senior from Warrensville Heights and president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, said an admission fee is charged to help defray the high costs charged by the university for the ballroom and required police protection.

"If you look at the price we have to pay, you'll see there's no other way to have a dance except to let the public in," Herron said.

The decrease of income from the restriction of non-students will limit his fraternity's ability to sponsor dances in the future, he said.

Michelle Jones, a senior from Bellaire and vice president of Delta Sigma Theta, said, "Union dances are a form of socialization for the blacks on this campus. If they take the dances away from us, there's little else for us to do."

Spillman said in a press release, "The student organizations have done everything we've asked them to do... Regardless of the effect on revenues from the dances, the safety and security of our students is the paramount concern."
New pasta bar offers Italian appeal

By Tricia Colley
Lantern staff writer

A new type of bar with Italian appeal opened this quarter at Drake Union.

Pastabilities is a new all-you-care-to-eat pasta bar that offers two or three different kinds of pasta and three or four different sauces. An Italian salad bar and garlic bread are included with the meal.

The setup is similar to a salad bar, said Suzan Demme, food services director at the Drake Union.

Candles and table linens present a nice atmosphere for the dinner, she said. Entertainment such as piano and band music is provided during the meal.

The event is co-sponsored by Ohio Union and the ODUA. Pastabilities is offered from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the River Den Room at the union.

The cost of the meal is $3.99 for pasta, salad bar and garlic bread. Desserts and beverages are a la carte.

Residence hall students get $1.60 off with a ticket from the commons manager.

Anyone who organizes a group over fifteen gets a free meal, Demme said.
River Den: Dining on

By Tricia Colley
Lantern staff writer

An expanded catering service is one of the changes underway at Columbus' only riverfront restaurant, the River Den in Drake Union.

Suzan Demme, food service supervisor at Drake Union, said she is currently working on the restaurant's catering program. The union caters for both university and private functions, such as weddings and banquets. However, Demme said, university functions have priority.

The River Den serves breakfast and lunch through the week, and evenings and weekends are open for catering.

"The (restaurant's) location would lend to excellent outside, university events and non-university events because of its location," said John Ellinger, director of the unions.

"Very few people know that Drake is available for entertainment and food service use," he said.

There is a cycle of events at Drake, Demme said. Fall quarter is a busy time because it is football season. On game days, approximately 1,200 people are served at Drake, Demme said. Winter tends to be a slow season for events, but things pick up in the spring with social events. During the summer, Demme said, they try to market the whole facility.

"We are hoping to pull ahead and be a leader in catering," Demme said. "The building has a lot of possibilities."

The food service has been operated by Ohio State since June. Before that, Pilot Inc., a private firm, held the food service contract at Drake Union. The contract expired June 15 and the university took over the food service operation three days later, Demme said.

The contract was terminated by mutual agreement, Ellinger said.

"We wanted to attempt to do our own and see how it would work," Ellinger said. "So far, we are delighted."

Other changes at Drake have been taking place in the kitchen.

$27,000 was spent to update, repair and replace old kitchen equipment, Ellinger said. New kitchen equipment includes ovens, ranges, washers and refrigerators.

Everything good in the old kitchen was kept and non-functioning equipment was replaced, Ellinger said. The kitchen could not run without the renovations, he said.

Not all the changes at Drake have been behind the counter. Changes have also been made in the daily menu and service.

Breakfast has been added to the menu. "Egg McDrake" and Belgian waffles are several of the new breakfast menu items.

The lunch menu has also been expanded, Demme said. Sandwiches made to order and a special of the day are now available.

A new express service at Drake, Ellinger said, allows customers to call ahead to place an order and then come pick it up through an express line.

This makes it much more convenient for people on an hour lunch break, Ellinger said. Due to the demand for parking spaces, people in the Olentangy area who drive to campus do not want to give up their parking places by leaving campus during lunch, he said.

"There is a population of the university community that needs to be served and they deserve to have an excellent food facility," Ellinger said.
OSU ends open-dance policy after 2 incidents with guns

By Ruth Hanley
Dispatch OSU Reporter

Ohio State University has restricted admission of non-students to dances in the Drake and Ohio unions as a result of recent incidents involving guns.

The decision marks an end to an experimental three-month policy of admitting anyone 18 or older to dances sponsored by student organizations.

On Feb. 9, two men near the Ohio Union, where a dance was being held, were charged with carrying concealed weapons after a bystander tipped OSU police that they had sawed-off shotguns. A third man was charged with complicity.

On Jan. 26, shots were fired near the Ohio Union during a dance. One man was charged with felonious assault, said Gary Wilson, OSU deputy police chief. Wilson said police believe the shots were fired at people during an argument.

The incidents took place outside the dances and did not involve OSU students, said Russell Spillman, OSU's vice provost for student affairs.

THE NEW policy restricts admission to:
- Students with a validated OSU photo identification card. Students are allowed one guest, who does not have to be a student.
- Students with a validated photo identification card from another Ohio college or university.

All students and guests must be 18 years or older.

A SIMILAR policy had been in effect from 1981 until Nov. 15, 1985. Sponsors, usually fraternities and sororities, asked for the open-admission policy to allow more people to attend their fund-raising and social events, Spillman said.

Attendance at the open-admission events usually was between 500 and 600, he said.

At two dances over the weekend — the first under the restricted policy — attendance was 300 or less but no problems were reported, Spillman said.

Between 12 and 14 student dances usually are held at the student unions each quarter.

Student sponsors are 'disappointed but extremely cooperative' about the new policy, Spillman said.

"THE INCIDENTS have not involved OSU students or student organizations," he said.

"The student organizations have done everything we've asked them to do. They have tried to control the situation but cannot. We had great concerns about the safety of everyone."

Police have no plans to increase security at the dances or to search those in attendance, Wilson said. The number of officers on duty at an event ranges from two to five, depending on expected attendance.
New pizzeria to open in Drake

By Tricia Colley
Lantern staff writer

A new food service will soon be available to Olentangy area residents when Scarlata & Gray opens at the Drake Union.

Construction began last week on a second Scarlata & Gray. One is currently located in the Ohio Union and has been successful with the students, owner Barney Greenbaum said.

The pizza restaurant at the Ohio Union was built in 1979 and has seen many food establishments come and go since then, Greenbaum said. "Chains have been in and out, but we've stayed," he said.

The new restaurant at Drake Union should be open by spring quarter, he said. Pizza, subs, chef salads, and baked potatoes with toppings will be featured on the menu. Two new items—hamburgers and ice cream "Flurries," a candy and ice cream combination—will also be offered, along with draft beer.

There is a need in the Olentangy area for this type of food service, Greenbaum said.

"I feel there is a big market on that part of campus for hot pizza and quick delivery," he said; "Twenty percent of our dorm deliveries come from the two towers."

Since Drake Union is located so close to the towers, Greenbaum said there will be a 20-minute delivery guarantee and a $1 discount if students walk across the street and pick up their pizzas.

A 20-minute delivery guarantee is a great idea, Cheryl Ruf, a former resident of Morrill Tower, said. "No one likes to deliver to the towers because you have to wait downstairs and the phone lines are always busy."

"It usually took at least 45 minutes to an hour to get a pizza delivered," said Anita Thomas, a former resident of Morrill Tower.

Scarlata & Gray will also provide service to people at University Hospitals and College of Veterinary Medicine, Greenbaum said. "We want to be a part of the university."
New revenues: Universal

By Tricia Colley
Lantern staff writer

Ohio and Drake Unions have to do more than provide services for the university community; they have to make enough money to enable them to keep providing those services.

The student unions currently generate 79 percent of their own revenue. John Ellinger, director of the student unions, said the remaining 21 percent of the budget is allocated from the university’s general fund.

“As student unions go, that is one of the higher self-generated percentages,” Ellinger said.

As the Ohio and Drake Unions have generated more of their own revenue, the proportion of their budget received from the university has decreased.

Ellinger said that major systems such as heating, electricity and plumbing have not been changed, only repaired at the 35-year-old Ohio Union.

These systems are large dollar items that students and other customers do not see immediate benefits from. “As these systems need to be replaced,” he said, “additional sources of funding will be above and beyond current operational expenditures.”

Ellinger said that this necessity to generate additional funding forces the Unions to look for creative opportunities like the new video store and the Picture Place.

“Any ideas that we have, that we feel will be of service to the university community, need to be tried because of the fact that we are almost 79 percent self-generated,” he said. “There is an emphasis on generating new sources of revenue in order to maintain a reasonable rate on other services offered in the Ohio and Drake Unions.”

Ellinger said student organizations are concerned that the rental rates for rooms in the student unions are too expensive.

“Any student organization can hold a meeting in any room free,” he said.

In the Ohio Union, students are charged for use of the ballrooms, conference theater, south and west terrace, main lounge, tavern and the mallway. In the Drake Union, students are charged for use of the River Den and the Underground.

Students are charged to use these facilities because they are large areas that have a labor charge for setup and cleanup.

“I would like to be able to give those rooms free, but because of financing, we just cannot do that,” Ellinger said.

The unions have two rental prices: one is a registered organization, student rate and the other one is a rate for university departments, alumni and continuing education, and non-university groups.

The student rates are lower than the non-student rates. For the use of the East and West Ballrooms, for example, students are charged $380. The rental rate for non-students is $990.

The unions rent space for private conventions to non-student organizations. However, the complaint of student organizations is the unavailability of space, but the expense of renting the rooms, Ellinger said.

“We are set at, or below, a commercial non-university price,” he said.

The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity recently rented the West Ballroom for a fundraising event for the American Heart Association.

“The rates are all right, but I still think they could be a little lower,” Mike Hall, social service chairman for the fraternity, said.

Black Student Programs recently rented out the ballrooms during United Black Week. Mimi Mickle, assistant to the coordinator of the Office of Black Student Programs, said that although the rooms are expensive to rent, she understands why the unions charge those rates. The unions must provide lighting and cleanup for the rooms, and they need to offset those costs, she said.

The majority of the time, the unions are not making money from the rooms, Ellinger said. The rooms are being used free of charge 75 to 80 percent of the time the unions are open, he said.

An important issue is upkeep of the student union buildings, Ellinger said.

One of the primary problems at the moment is the heating system for the building, Ellinger said, which is old and deteriorating and should be replaced. The heating system is leaking in many areas, he said.

“Our informal estimate is that it would cost $1.5 million to replace the entire system,” Ellinger said.

While other universities have a designated student fee to support student unions, Ohio State has no such fee.

“Seventy-seven percent of colleges have a designated student fee for student unions,” Ellinger said.

“Ohio State is near the bottom of the Big Ten for per-student con-
problem for student unions

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— John Ellinger.

tribution to student unions.”

Ohio State, Michigan State University and Northwestern University are the only Big Ten schools without a designated student fee for student unions.

Mary Maeche, associate director of the University of Iowa student union, said unions have been hit hard by revenue problems. Sometimes the money is not there and unions have to support themselves, she said.

“The mission is to help yourself,” Maeche said.

“Student unions are needing to be more business-like, while at the same time providing the service to students,” she said.

For example, the bowling lanes at the Iowa union were removed for financial reasons, even though some students wanted to use them.

Maeche feels there is a lack of understanding about the financial situation of student unions.

“The Big Ten unions are very strong,” she said. “In the ’60s and ’70s, students were not that interested in what was going on in the unions and a lot of programs weakened.

“Times are changing and our union buildings are crowded,” Maeche said. “Student organizations are booming and needing spaces.”

“There is an interest for things happening in student unions again,” she said.

Ted Crabb, student union director at the University of Wisconsin, said student unions must look for additional ways to make money as budgets are cut. At the same time, they face requests for additional services.

Charlie Bennett, associate director of the student union at Indiana University, said generating revenue is a concern at the Indiana Union, the largest student union in the country.

“We have a tremendous amount of lounge area in our student union and it has a great deal of expense with cleaning and upkeep,” Bennett said. “It is getting more and more difficult to generate enough revenue to offset those costs.”

“Each year the crunch becomes more of a crunch to keep the lounges in shape,” he said.

Michigan State University, like Ohio State, does not have a designated student fee for the student unions.

“Unions have the responsibility to identify income sources to be self-sufficient,” Jim Sheppard, director of the student union, said.

One of the things that happens in large facilities, such as student unions, is that the percentage of revenue generating space is only a fraction of the building, Sheppard said. A small part of the building has to support the rest of the building. For example, at Michigan State, one-third of the student union is revenue producing and it must support the other two-thirds of non-revenue space, such as student meeting rooms and spaces.

Students are not charged for use of this space.

“The free room for students is supported through revenue sources and if those funds are not in you’ve got a problem,” Sheppard said.
Computer use may extend over breaks

Unions may change terminal lab hours

By Anne Szymczak
Lantern staff writer

Many OSU facilities shut down or reduce their hours between quarters, and the microcomputer labs in the Ohio and Drake Unions are no exception.

But a proposal presented to the Provost Office by the Council of Student Affairs wants to change this.

"The council presented a ranking of proposals to the Provost office on March 1. One of the proposals was to keep the computer labs in the unions open," said Russell Spillman, vice-provost for student affairs.

Spillman said he is not sure if the proposal will be passed by the office. If it does pass by mid-April, then it will be implemented next year, he said.

"If it's funded, great, then next year we'll have it," he said.

Beverly Jensen, president of the Council of Graduate Students, said there is a need for computer labs to stay open over break periods.

"There is a special concern to keep the labs open during break because graduate students have more time to do their work and research then," Jensen said.

The micro-computer labs in the Ohio and Drake Unions will be closed this break from after March 19 until the first day of spring quarter classes, said Jill Moody a graduate student from North Olmsted who works in the lab rooms.

Moody said that she will be here over break and that it would be nice to have the labs open then. "Spring break is spring break though, and it would be tough to get people to stay and work here. But I'm sure that those who do stay over the break would appreciate (the labs staying open)," she said.

Steve Hollenhorst, a doctoral student from Minneapolis, will also be staying on campus over break. Hollenhorst would like the computer labs to stay open over the break. He did not know that they would be closing.

"There's a lot of work I can do over break," he said. "I planned on writing my syllabi for my spring quarter class then," he said. Hollenhorst is a teaching assistant for health and physical education and recreation.

"Now that I know the labs will be closed I'll have to change my plans and see what other options I have to get my work done," he said.
From water zool to truffles; director sates to meet needs

By Doral Chenoweth III
Lanter staff writer

The Drake Union, known for its quick lunch items such as subs, soups and chicken salad, is changing. For those who want a catered affair, the Drake Union is likely to present a water zool served in a hollowed out acorn squash or handmade chocolate truffles.

Behind this change is Suzan Demme, who has been food service director for the Drake Union for a year. In addition to handling the day-to-day operations of the River Den restaurant, Demme orchestrates catered affairs for many campus events.

"A lot of people know the unions cater, but we are growing by leaps and bounds. We can do small, intimate functions or really large ones."

The dinners range from chicken entrees with no courses to the type of dinner her staff prepared for scholar Mike Lanese. That dinner was held in the Clintonville home of President Edward H. Jennings.

The first course was cold asparagus vinaigret with smoked mozzarella and fresh basil. The soup was water zool served in a hollowed out acorn squash.

For the entree, guests dined on whole roast tenderloin. Two desserts were offered: Handmade chocolate truffles or creme caramel.

Demme said there was one major problem in preparing the otherwise simple-baked caramel custard—she couldn’t get the sugar to crystallize.

After changing several ingredients, trying both gas and electric ovens and even switching between wooden and metal spoons, she was getting nervous because it was almost dinnertime and the sugar wouldn’t crystallize.

Finally she called her boss, and he queried her about what type of sugar she was using.

It was sugar purchased from OSU Food Facilities on Kinnear Road.

He informed her Ohio State supports other Ohio State-run industries, and Ohio grows beets, which is processed into sugar. "You’re trying to caramelize beet sugar, and it won’t work. Go buy yourself cane sugar," he told her.

"So after spending hours to figure this thing out, it was like the great beet-sugar caper," Demme said.

Another major event she is planning is a gala fund-raiser for University Hospitals.

The dinner includes renting the Thurber Theater for the performance of the musical "Anything Goes."

Other perks include valet parking, six bars, dancing in the River Den with a swing band, and hors d’oeuvres on silver trays.

Demme plans a 35-foot buffet, probably with a beef entree.

Such detailed, plush events are needed, Demme said, because the university asks guests for donations and endowments after such occasions, and they are more likely to give if they enjoyed the university’s galas.

But she said the union can handle plentiful, detailed dinners in addition to smaller events such as catered picnics at the shelter house next to the Olentangy River.

A picnic package featuring beer and hot dogs has become popular, she said.

The Drake Union will also cater eight to ten wedding receptions this year.

Most of these catered events at the union will not have open bars.

"People are really getting away from alcohol. If they only have $10 a head to spend, they’ll spend it all on food and service. Otherwise, they would have to kick the meal down to 7 or 8 bucks and spend the balance of the money on drinks."

The other major trend is that people are more willing to try unusual foods.

"For so long the university expected to get chicken salad at lunch and prime rib at dinner. That’s why I am real excited to be here, because catering is really developing.

"I can offer people interesting, unusual, exciting, exotic entrees."

Suzan Demme
Drake Union office robbed

Two robbers, one armed with a knife, took an undisclosed amount of cash in a holdup yesterday at the Drake Union of Ohio State University, OSU Deputy Police Chief Gary Wilson said.

Wilson said the robbers entered the business office on the first floor of the union about 1:50 p.m. and went into a back room, where one held two female employees at bay with the knife while the other stole the money from an open safe.

No one was hurt. The men were both about 20 years old, Wilson said.
2 men rob Drake Union

The Drake Union Business Office was robbed Tuesday at about 1:50 p.m. by two males who took an undetermined amount of cash, said Ohio State University Deputy Chief Gary Wilson.

The men, described as being about 20 years-old, reportedly entered the office where one brandished a long-bladed knife at two female employees while the other took money from the shelf of an open storage vault, Wilson said.

Both men then fled the building, heading south on Cannon Drive, where they may have escaped in a waiting car, Robin Kirkland, Director of Drake Union said.

OSU Police and the Columbus Police helicopter searched the area for the suspects without success.

A hunting knife, believed to be the one used in the robbery, was found at the scene.

No suspects have been identified.
Problems eliminated at dances

By Michelle Schwartz
Lincoln staff writer

Student union dances have had fewer problems since February, when a stricter admittance policy was reinstated for dances at Ohio and Drake Unions, said Russell J. Spillman, vice provost for student affairs.

To get into a union dance, a person must be at least 18 years old and have an OSU ID; be a college student from another university with a valid school ID, or be the guest of an OSU student, said John Ellinger, director of Ohio and Drake Union.

In November 1985 these restrictions, which had been in place since 1981, were lifted and anybody over the age of 18 was admitted to the dances.

During the non-restrictive period, which lasted until Feb. 14, 1986, six people were arrested in or near the union while a dance was in progress. In one of the incidents, two men tried carrying guns into a dance at the Ohio Union. None of the people arrested were OSU students.

Following these incidents, the university decided to return to the restrictive policy, which they believed would eliminate outsiders who were causing problems.

Nine of the 13 dances scheduled for fall quarter have already taken place and there has not been any trouble, Ellinger said.

The reinstated dance policy and cooperation from student organizations have prevented problems, he added.
Ohio State’s unions earn big

By Lucy Wolstenholme

The Ohio and Drake Unions earn more than 85 percent of the money they need to operate. They earn the third largest amount of money per square foot of all the student unions in the Big Ten. However, administrators say, the process to generate funds is a never ending battle.

Only $586,300 of the unions’ $4.1 million budget comes from the university’s general fund, said John Ellinger, director of student unions at Ohio State.

In 1979, when Ellinger came to Ohio State, the unions generated about 64 percent of their expenditures. Since then, there has been about a 3 percent increase each year, he said.

The amount of money the unions receive from the university also has increased since 1979, but is still not comparable to the total amount the unions generate each year.

Food service

Ellinger said the food service program, which generated about $1.4 million last year, is the primary revenue source for the unions.

There has been a substantial increase in food service revenue over the past two years, he said. This increase was the result of recent additions to the unions’ food operation.

In the summer of 1985, Drake Union began running its own food service. Previously, the union contracted with an outside food operation. The hot dog and food carts on campus were also taken over by the unions.

Other additions include the unions’ catering services. Perks Bakery opened in November, 1985 in the Ohio Union and the Rathskeller a recent union food service operation.

There has been a recent increase in the unions’ catering service for events held in the union and in the campus area, Ellinger said.

Room rental

The second largest fund raiser for the student unions is room rental. Ellinger said 10 percent of the unions’ revenue comes from outside organizations renting ballrooms and conference rooms.

Because room rental is such a big part of the unions’ annual budget, a lot of emphasis is placed on recruiting conferences to take place during breaks and during summer quarter.

For non-student organizations the rental rate for ballrooms and conference rooms increases two- and one-half times the student rate, Ellinger said. Non-student organizations pay $180 to rent the Conference Theater and $495 a day for a ballroom.

Student organizations do not pay for office space or meeting rooms in the union, but must rent the Conference Theater and ballrooms.

Other union revenue includes contract income from vendors, from the unions’ general stores, recreation areas like Ohio Union’s bowling alley and programs like the Creative Arts Programs.

Administrators’ goals

The biggest problem the Ohio Union faces is replacement of its major utility systems.

Ellinger said the heating, electricity and plumbing have not been replaced at the 35-year-old Ohio Union. To do so would cost about $6.5 million.

He said the repairs are expensive and students do not see immediate benefits from them. “These needs are above and beyond what we can generate. A lot of the money we do generate is going elsewhere,” Ellinger said.

Ellinger listed other goals he has which would benefit all union customers. The public areas and meeting rooms in the Ohio Union have had little change since the 60’s. He wants to renovate these rooms by putting in new furniture, carpeting, painting and replacing windows.

Ellinger said he would like to see the Ohio Union get more space to accommodate new student organizations, more lounge area, additional study areas and more rooms for students to hold informal class meetings.

Over 230 student organizations applied for office space in the Ohio Union for this fall, but because of a lack of space only 180 organizations received offices.
bucks in Big Ten

Ellinger said he would like to expand the unions’ food service operation. To attract more customers, the unions try to improve on the variety of restaurants, try new menus and increase the food service space. However, he said the seating space for the dining area and ballrooms is too small for a university of this size.

He said the unions always look for additional sources of revenue to reduce costs, add new services and establish a development fund to help pay for the renovations.

Other Big Ten unions

Ellinger said Big Ten student unions earn from 60 percent to 89 percent of their operating funds.

Ohio State has no designated student fee—money collected through tuition—to help support the student unions. In comparison, 77 percent of universities around the country have designated fees.

Michigan State University is the only other school in the Big Ten without designated student fees to support its union.

Its student union receives an allocation of 25 percent for its $2.1 million budget from the university, said Jim Sheppard, director of MSU student union.

“Our goal is to be self-sufficient and we are moving well in that direction,” Sheppard said.

He said new additions were completed this year which included a new “union square” with four new restaurants and the addition of other shops and services.

The university helped pay for these additions through a special project fund, using money earned from university vending machines, Sheppard said.

Indiana University student union is supported through student fees. Winston Shindell, director of Indiana Memorial Union, said half the money received from the student fees pays for bonds on the building, and half is used for operating costs.

Shindell said he believes the student union is meant to be a community center. About 50 percent of a union’s space does not generate any money.

In addition, to better protect their investment, Indiana University officials do not delay maintenance work on the building.

The University of Wisconsin also has two student union buildings. But, Wisconsin’s unions are supported by designated student fees.

Tom Smith, associate director of Wisconsin’s student unions, said the designated fee breaks down to $23.60 per student per semester.

Smith said the unions’ revenue is expected to be over $10 million. The food service operation is its number one money maker. Over $6 million will be earned on the food service program.

Wisconsin’s unions run their own food service and have been very successful, Smith said. “It pays a lot of the bills and covers over $1 million in overhead costs.”

He said it is very difficult to compare the Big Ten schools’ student unions because there are great differences in the way each university runs its facility.

Jean Kendall, director of the University of Iowa student union said its union is basically self-sufficient.

Although Iowa’s union does receive money from students’ tuition, “we get between $500,000 and $800,000 from the university each year,” Kendall said.

She said the amount of money received from student fees varies each year and most of the money is used to pay utilities.

Although their aim is to be self-supporting, Kendall said, “We probably will never completely eliminate the general fund (money received from student fees), but will hit a static amount and hold at that.”
Rowing on sunshine

As the season slides from summer to autumn the OSU women's crew team rows down the Olentangy River near Drake Union during a recent practice.
‘Condoms for sale’ in student unions

In an effort to promote safe sexual practices, Ohio State’s student unions and bookstores have begun to sell condoms.

The threat of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) prompted the policy, says John Ellinger, director of student unions.

“We need to help our students in any way we can to adapt to the AIDS problem,” Ellinger says.

Prophylactics for birth control have been sold in the Wilke Health Center pharmacy since the early 1970s, says Doris Charles, director of health services.

When used properly, condoms also may help prevent the transmission of the AIDS virus through sexual intercourse.

The best defense against AIDS is monogamy or sexual abstinence, C. Everett Koop, Surgeon General of the U.S., has said. For sexually active people, he endorses condoms.

There are risks even with prophylactics, researchers warn. “Natural” condoms made of lamb’s intestines may contain microscopic holes that could permit transmission of the AIDS virus.

Latex condoms have been shown to be extremely effective in blocking the virus. However, they can deteriorate when exposed to heat, light or oil-based lubricants, such as petroleum jelly.

According to “Safer Sex, Condoms and AIDS,” a pamphlet from Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio, condoms should not be carried in a wallet for more than a week, should not be used with Vaseline, and should not be stored in a hot place such as a glove compartment.

“We in the United States do have a health problem, and college students are sexually active,” Ellinger says. “It’s a subject no one likes to talk about, but there definitely is a need for condom sales.”

Four brands of prophylactics are available at the Ohio Union newsstand and the Drake Union General Store. A few packets are on display in the health and beauty section of Derby Bookstore.

“I don’t know how many we’ll sell,” says Robert Carlson, director of the bookstores. “We want to make buying condoms convenient for people, especially students.”

The product will continue to be displayed even if the number purchased is low, according to Ellinger.

The unions and bookstore do not hand out pamphlets about AIDS. However, the Columbus Department of Public Health requires a sign with information be displayed where condoms are sold.

University Health Services has provided information about the disease for union and bookstore staff members who may answer questions from customers.

Brochures are available for students, faculty and staff at the Wilke Health Center.

The Residence Halls Advisory Council, a group of students, has placed the sale of condoms on its agenda for autumn quarter. According to Alice Girdler, acting associate director for residence life, the council has not scheduled discussions. Any recommendations will be presented to William Hall, director of residence and dining halls.
Project to halt erosion at Drake Union

By Marcy Waller
Lantern staff writer

If nothing were done to prevent further erosion of the peninsula of land located behind Drake Union, the building would eventually fall into the Olentangy River, said John McCoy, director of OSU grounds maintenance.

The Ohio Staters Inc. and the OSU Grounds Maintenance Division started a project to keep the peninsula from eroding.

McCoy said the maintenance workers have placed rocks known as rip-rap to help control the soil erosion. The rocks range from 6 inches to 24 inches in diameter.

The rip-rap will eventually form an erosion-preventing wall. McCoy said the Ohio Staters are donating labor.

Laura Liebenauer, member of the Ohio Staters and chairwoman of the Drake Union project, said the estimated cost for the project is $3,670.

Liebenauer said Ohio Staters have donated to the project because of the importance of the river bank.

"The peninsula is still a very visible area of campus," she said.

Liebenauer said the erosion-preventing efforts will not only save a student meeting place, but will also ensure the permanence of the docks located by Drake Union. She said the erosion has prevented the union from using the flagpole that is now on the land.

The U.S. flag, the State of Ohio flag and the alumni flag flew until students ripped them down, Liebenauer said. Nobody could re-string them because the land was not strong enough to hold the equipment, she said.

McCoy said the land was strong enough two years ago to drive a truck on the peninsula.

He said the project is also an effort to clean up the weeds and trash on the bank and make the area more appealing.

Once the wall is completed, grounds maintenance will plant native marsh grasses, red dogwoods and wild flowers on the peninsula, McCoy said.

Melanie Crump, a sophomore from Troy and member of the Ohio Staters, said the group has 35 student members and 14 faculty members.

The Ohio Staters will finish the project today from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. as they plant ornamental grasses and annuals around the flagpole.
Unions suffer budget cuts

By Traci Kathleen Mitchell
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio and Drake unions have experienced a $190,000 budget cut this year and can expect the same next year as a result of cuts in the Division of Student Affairs, said university officials.

The Division of Student Affairs, budgeted at $73 million, saw a cut of $1.8 million this year, said Russell Spillman, vice provost of student affairs.

"We are exploring our resources and need to find more efficient ways of meeting our needs," Spillman said.

Two programs cut from the unions' lists of activities are a recreational games tournament and the College Bowl, said John Ellinger, former director of the unions.

"We took programs with low participation numbers and cut them so we could save our program funds for other places," he said.

THE RECREATIONAL games tournament, which had 80 participants, held events in billiards, table tennis, darts and backgammon on the local and regional levels.

Ellinger said the cost for 80 students to play was $2,000.

College Bowl, which had its own television program, was cut both on the local and regional levels.

The computer labs, which have an 87 percent occupancy rate, will experience a small cut in Friday night hours due to low attendance. The reduction will increase the number of students using the labs during the week, he said.

Greg Gorospe, president of ODUA, said some programs in the unions, including the Ohio-Drake Union Activities Board (ODUA), are self-sufficient, and will not suffer from budget cuts.

MOVIES SHOWN at the Ohio and Drake Unions are sponsored by ODUA, and will not be affected.

ODUA generates $150,000 annually through the sale of plants, posters, carpet, the Dates and Data calendar, movies and concerts, Ellinger said.

The Creative Arts Programs (CAP), which has 11,000 participants in the university and surrounding communities, is also self-supporting and will not be affected.

The unions, which serve more than 18,000 people on weekdays, have a budget this year of $5.6 million, Ellinger said. Because the unions serve a large number of people, the two facilities earn $4.6 million a year through their food services, rent from contracted restaurants, recreation and programs, he said.

Ellinger said the unions receive the remaining $1 million from the university. This money is used for housekeeping, routine maintenance and directors' salaries, and allows for some programming besides that done by ODUA.

ELLINGER, who directed the unions until he accepted the position of assistant vice president of agricultural administration two weeks ago, said maintenance is very expensive.

He also said the size of the cuts were unexpected.

"We received cuts just like every other unit on campus. The unfortunate thing was that it occurred after our budget and rates were approved," Ellinger said.

David Mucci, acting director of the unions, agreed and said the size and timing of the cuts surprised him.

The Ohio Unions employ 55 full-time people and 275 students.

ODUA GENERATES its own programming dollars but relies on union-generated funds for the salaries of the secretary, graduate assistant, and it also helps pay for telephones and printing.

The in-house food service, the newsstand and the recreational programs usually break even or make a profit, Ellinger said.

These union services pay their own utilities and return money to the facilities, he said.

The following departments make up the Division of Student Affairs: Admissions, Athletics, Counseling and Consultation Services, Disability Services, Ohio and Drake Unions, Residence and Dining Halls, Students Life, Student Personnel Assistant Program, University Health Clinic, Recreation and Intramural Sports and University Registrar.

The only department not affected by the cut is Student Financial Aid, Spillman said.

Student Affairs is not alone in this reduction. The entire university has experienced a $12 million cut, he said.
River Den restaurant closes, plans to re-open this quarter

By Richard McAninch
Lantern staff writer

The River Den, located in Drake Union, closed its doors for food service at the beginning of winter quarter because of a lack of employees, but will re-open Jan. 9, said David T. Mucci, acting director of the Ohio Unions.

Faculty and students who came to the den to eat Monday left disappointed when the facility, which normally closes during the holidays, did not re-open.

Betsy Greiner, a graduate student from Columbus, was one of the disappointed patrons. She said there were no signs posted to notify patrons the facility was closed.

"People came in and found it was not open," she said.

Mucci said he was unaware there were no signs posted and would post them as quickly as possible.

The River Den normally employs about four full-time positions and 15 part-time student positions.

"Lack of student labor returning from the winter break and the departure of two senior-staff members due to emergency situations were the main reasons we couldn't open," Mucci said.

Mucci said shortages of labor often occur in food service operations, but they normally try to switch employees back and forth between unions to fill the shortages.

Three management positions have been listed in the green sheet, the official university posting for jobs available on campus, and will be filled as soon as possible, Mucci said.

Before the quarter started, management discussed reducing the services of the restaurant to sandwiches and snacks contracted from vendors, and salads and fresh sandwiches from the River Den. But the idea was struck down because of the lack of management and the shortage of a cook, he said.

Robbin J. Kirkland, manager of Drake Union, said River Den, which is run by Ohio Union, services about 350 to 500 people a day.

There are a variety of people who eat at River Den, about half faculty and about half students, he said.

On the western part of campus there are few alternatives to eat, Greiner said.

"With River Den closed there is no other food service in this area, except for Scarlata and Gray," she said. "People have to go off campus."
DARTS HIT DRAKE

The Drake Union now has two dart boards available for everyone to use located in their recreation area. So if you were wondering where you could play a quick game of darts, or possibly join a league, then wonder no more.

"We have billiards and bowling so why not darts?," Steve Statler, student maintenance worker for the Ohio Union, asked. He was partly responsible for getting the dart boards installed.

Statler also said that there seemed to be a lot of student interest in playing darts around campus right now, which is why the Drake Union decided to install these dart boards.

A campus dart league is hoping to be able to expand its team roster and add the Drake Union into its schedule.

"If we have enough teams to expand that far then we will add Drake," Shawn O'Neil, president of Campus Dart League (C.D.L.), said.

A C.D.L. team consists of four to six players matched together in divisions based on skill level. They meet at campus bars on Tuesday nights to play darts during an eight week season.

Statler finished, "If you're a professional darter, or even if you're just a beginner, you should still come in and play darts, because it's free!"
Stage star speaks to students

Robert Nichols, who spoke to a crowd of 50 at Drake Union on Wednesday, is currently appearing in "Anything Goes" with Mitzi Gaynor.

DANCE
ELIZABETH BRANDENSTEIN

quickly when Gary Grant took Nichols under his wing and showed him how to mark action and cheat to the camera. Grant also introduced Nichols to the agent which he stayed with for the next 14 years.

"Gary told me if you make a mistake, we'll shoot it again. If you don't make a mistake, we'll shoot it again," Nichols said.

Nichols was featured in over 50 films including "The Thing," "Red Dwan of Courage," and "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." On television he has appeared in well over 100 shows including "Gunsmoke," "Maverick," and "The Dick Van Dyke Show.

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OHIO UNIONS PROMOTE RECYCLING WITH REUSABLE "BUCK CUP"

COLUMBUS -- On Thursday (10/25), in conjunction with the kickoff of The Ohio State University's Pilot Recycling Program, the Ohio Unions will introduce the "Buck Cup."

This reusable 12-ounce plastic mug will sell for $2 at food counters at both the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St., and the Drake Union, 1849 Cannon Drive. Patrons who bring the mug to any restaurant in either union will receive a discount on coffee and other hot beverages. With the mug, 12 ounces of coffee will cost 50 cents, compared to 65 cents for the same amount in a throwaway foam container.

The idea was developed by the Unions Recycling Steering Committee as a way to cut down on use of polystyrene. The group is one of many on the Ohio State campus looking into ways to reduce solid waste in their operating areas.

"We wanted people to choose to recycle and not fill the landfills, so the cost savings was an incentive to encourage them to recycle," said Kim DeNero, Ohio Unions recycling coordinator.

The program is modeled after a similar endeavor at the University of Wisconsin. Nearly 7,000 mugs have been sold at the Wisconsin Union since the program began last spring. In a recent week, the Wisconsin customers used their mugs to buy nearly 5,000 hot beverages, or almost 50 percent of all hot drinks sold. In addition, sale of new mugs continues to be brisk.

Participating vendors at Ohio State are:
Ohio Union
Mark Pi's
Perks
Scarlata and Gray Pizza & Subs
The Union Bar-B-Q
Wendy's

Drake Union
Scarlata and Gray Pizza & Subs
River Den Cafe

Contact: Kim DeNero, (614) 252-2324.
Dance moratorium extended to include all student groups

By Amy Murch
Lantern staff writer

All student organization sponsored dances scheduled for any campus location, not just at the Ohio Union, are canceled until further notice.

"When we made the decision to cancel the dances, we meant Drake Union as well," said Russell J. Spillman, dean of student affairs. "It just didn't come out that way. We put a moratorium on all dances on campus."

Ramona Reyes, the president of Alpha Phi Lambda, a co-ed Hispanic fraternity, said she was surprised by the news. The fraternity was to sponsor a dance at Drake Union last Saturday, but she said she was told by Masood Karim, director of the Drake Union, it had to be canceled.

"He called me Thursday and said there would be no more dances on campus," she said. "He went to bat for us and tried to talk to David Mucci (the director of the Ohio Union), but it still had to be canceled."

Karim said he thinks the confusion might be a result of the phrase, "Ohio Unions." "Both Ohio Union and Drake Union, combined, are known as Ohio Unions," he said.

Karim said the reason he called Reyes was to check if she was aware of the canceled dance and not to actually inform her.

The fraternity's dance was eventually moved to a local restaurant.

"This dance is our only fund-raiser and community service effort for Winter Quarter," she said. "We charge a dollar for admission, as well as a can of food for the needy. A lot of people didn't know the dance had been moved."

The club considered canceling the dance, but the owner of Garcia's restaurant agreed to allow the students to use his establishment. "We still had about 100 people show up, but we usually get over 350," Reyes said.

Reyes said she can still understand the policy but said there have never been any problems at any of the fraternities' dances.

"We've had three to four dances a year and we've never had any problems with fights," she said.

A dance at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, sponsored by the Asian-American Association, is scheduled for Saturday.

"I haven't been informed that it's been canceled," Christine Chen, president of the AAA said. "I was concerned about that, but I haven't heard anything from my advisor."

Chen also said her club's dances have never experienced any problems.

Richard Hollingsworth, the dean of student life, was involved in some of the discussions leading up to the decision by Spillman and OSU President E. Gordon Gee.

"Their goal is to find a resolution to this problem as quickly as possible," Hollingsworth said.

The office of student life hopes to reinstate dances by Spring Quarter. A security plan and changes in dance policies are being reviewed, Hollingsworth said.
Unions might open for dances by spring

By David Sonderman

The moratorium placed on dances in the Ohio Unions and Fawcett Center is not expected to continue into spring quarter, says Russell Spillman, vice provost for student affairs. All dances were cancelled by Spillman following a shooting incident after a dance in the Ohio Union Feb. 16.

A panel, chaired by David Williams, associate professor of law, has been reviewing the University dance policies since early January. Spillman says he expects their final report shortly.

The panel was formed after fighting broke out at a dance in the Ohio Union Dec. 1. Spillman says Columbus police were called in and several students were sprayed with Mace.

"President Gee formed the panel to look into the safety of the dances after this incident," Spillman says.

"There is a slight possibility that, after reading and reviewing the recommendations set forth by the panel, the moratorium might be lifted before the end of winter quarter," he says, emphasizing that the chances are slight.

There are 10 dances scheduled on campus during the last few weeks of the quarter, according to David T. Mucci, director of Ohio Unions. Seven of them were planned by Black student organizations.

Seven dances were planned for the Ohio Union, two for Drake Union and one at the Fawcett Center. They all have been canceled, says Mucci.

The moratorium has no effect on groups whose activities are planned off campus, such as sorority or fraternity functions, he says.

According to Spillman, the dance policies need to address two arenas: inside the building and outside.

"My intent is to see that we do have dances."
—Russell Spillman

Inside policies deal with students and their guests in the event itself, checking identification; and deciding how many police officers will be needed to provide a safe environment inside the dance. Spillman says these policies have already had some revisions from autumn quarter and that those issues are easier to solve.

"The bigger problem is the outside or external policies after the dances in the area around the Unions," he says.

He says crowds loiter outside the Ohio and Drake unions after the dances. "And, (the Feb. 16 shooting) was not the first incident (involving guns) outside the Ohio Union after a dance," he adds.

Two guns were confiscated after a dance Jan. 11, but no shots were fired, according to University police.

"What is needed is a policy to secure the perimeter of the areas around the dances, and hopefully that is what the committee's report will address," Spillman adds.

He also recognizes the anger Black students feel because a major social outlet for them is temporarily eliminated.

"The Black community should be very upset at the moratorium but, at the same time, many have been understanding about the gravity of the situation.

"My intent is to see that we do have dances," he says.

Spillman says he believes the Feb. 16 shooting incident was not caused by Ohio State students.

Capt. John M. Petrey, police manager for University Police, says that the investigation is still going but, "All evidence indicates that it was not an Ohio State student involved in the shooting."

Petrey says the department is still trying to locate and talk to witnesses. "Two young ladies that gave us a description of a car that was near the area but didn’t give us their names still need to be located. We still want to talk to them and we will do whatever we can to keep their names confidential."

Anyone with information about the shootings is urged to call Petrey or Det. Gary Henthorne at 292-2121.
Unions increase dance security

By Hope A. Spangler
Lantern staff writer

New policies and beefed-up security will be implemented to ensure student safety during and after student dances at the Ohio Union.

"We’ve increased the numbers of patrolmen on the outside," said Richard Harp, OSC deputy police chief. There also will be an additional eight police officers stationed outside the Ohio Union during the dance plus the usual police on the inside, he said.

All 13 officers will be patrolling the Ohio Union and surrounding grounds before, during and after the dance. Harp said the police presence will be maintained until the dance is over and the crowd is dispersing.

To ensure student safety following the dances, the Ohio Union, campus police and sponsoring organization will work together to disperse the crowds. "We will encourage people to go home and not to linger on the lawn following the dance," Mucci said.

A moratorium was placed on all dances at the Ohio Union after a shooting incident took place following a dance at the Ohio Union on Feb. 16. The cancellation of student dances was enacted to protect the safety of everyone in the University community, said Russell J. Spillman, vice provost for student affairs.

The moratorium on dances at the Ohio Union has been lifted. Spillman said, "We have the first dance on Saturday evening." he said.

Strict new policies have also been enacted to ensure student safety inside the Union, said David Mucci, director of the Ohio Union. "We are putting together a new policy on how we handle check-in functions in the Union," he said.

Students will now be required to go through three separate ID check stations. Also, the location of entrances and exits has been changed to cut down on confusion.

To enter the dance, students may use both doors on the northwest side of the Ohio Union, and they may exit through the West Ballroom. "This should help us handle the crowd and identify students," Mucci said.

A new guest sign-in procedure will also be put into action. Guests will be required to sign-in and present a photo ID to verify their identity. Students bringing guests to dances at the Union will be required to sign a contract making them responsible for the actions of their guest.

"This requires OSU students to be more serious about who they bring as a guest," Mucci said. "If a guest causes trouble at the dance, the university will deal with that individual if possible," he said.

"You are responsible for your guest in this building," Mucci said. "If there are damages, the student will be held responsible for them."

Student organizations sponsoring the dances will also be required to provide two "senior advisors" and six student "marshals" for all dances.

Senior advisors must be established adults in the campus community and will monitor events at the dance. Graduate students and undergraduate students do not qualify as senior advisors.

Student marshals will monitor activities at the door and roam the dance and stage area, Mucci said.

A panel was appointed by OSU President E. Gordon Gee after a violent incident following a dance last December. The panel was put in place to review the university's dance policies and to make recommendations for future dances. The panel, which was chaired by David Williams, OSU associate professor of law, has reviewed the situation and has submitted its findings to Spillman.

Spillman is still reviewing the report, but said he felt comfortable lifting the ban on dances at this point.

He will make the panel's findings public next week.
Architect Griffin and President E. Gordon Gee cut the ribbon to officially open Archie’s Alley in the recreation room of the Drake Union.

Remodeled recreation center honors Buckeye great Griffin

By Ericka Pizzillo
Lantern staff writer

Architect Griffin now has a place to go where everyone knows his name.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Tuesday night for Archie’s Alley, the remodeled recreation center in Drake Union, renamed in honor of the OSU football legend and two-time Heisman award winner.

"I’m honored they asked me to put my name on it. I hope it’s a place people can come and have a good time," said Griffin, an assistant athletic director at Ohio State.

Architect’s Alley will offer bowling, billiards and beer as the recreation center always has, but it will also offer a large screen cable television, an expanded non-alcoholic drink menu and red phones that directly connect to Scarlet and Gray and Tubby’s Sub Shop for delivery.

Live entertainment, including acoustic and jazz acts, will be another addition to the recreation center, said Scott Lennon, manager of Woody’s Place in the Ohio Union, who is helping coordinate the entertainment at Architect’s Alley.

Griffin memorabilia will cover the walls of Architect’s Alley including pictures from his 1972-1975 career with Ohio State and a replica of an autographed jersey.

OSU President E. Gordon Gee called Architect’s Alley a living memorial to Griffin, “I can think of no one who values students more,” Gee said.

“It’s to let him know we appreciate his endeavors, past and future,” said Joe Mettle, who has managed Drake Union recreation center for 20 years.

Union administrators were encouraged by the success of Woody’s Place, the recreation center in the Ohio Union, which was remodeled last year. Administrators thought Drake’s recreation center also needed a change, said Patrick Rowan, an administrative assistant to the director of the student union.

The $10,000 remodeling is expected to pay for itself within the first quarter of operation, Rowan said.

A grand opening for students will be held Friday, Sept. 25. Bowling and billiards will be 50 percent off and there will be complimentary food and 25 cent sodas.

A drawing for a football autographed by Griffin will also be held Friday. Students can sign up on the Oval, in front of Hagerty Hall.
Your on-campus dining guide

FOR THOSE PLANNING TO feed high school recruits on the Ohio State University campus, here's a handy-dandy list of possibilities.

Ohio Union: Quick-service restaurants as well as the Terrace Room featuring the daily luncheon buffet.

The Barnstormer Restaurant: Soups and sandwiches in a hangar at Don Scott airport. It's farther from main campus, than, say, Damon's restaurant on Olentangy River Road, but it's still university-owned.

Golf Course Dining Room: The Scarlet and Gray Golf Course also is separated from the main campus. Open to the public for lunch and Sunday brunch.

The Faculty Club: Rub elbows over lunch with card-carrying members.

Rathskeller: This quaint eatery in Pomerene Hall by Mirror Lake is always a student and faculty favorite.

The Seasons Cafeteria: On the first floor of Rhodes Hall—University Hospital in the Medical Center. Grim, but nutritious.

River Den: Enjoy the scenic Olentangy River while eating in the Drake Union dining room.

Fawcett Center Dining Room: The OSU student handbook says, "Your folks will enjoy sitting at a table and being waited on." Your recruits will, too.

\^ John Elsasser
Drake Union recreation area not producing expected revenue

By Kristopher Weiss
Lantern staff writer

Archie's Alley, the newly-remodeled Drake Union recreation area, was expected to recoup its $10,000 investment in one quarter.

Now, three quarters later, it is still about $2,000 short of this goal.

Last summer quarter, in the midst of severe budget cuts, Archie's Alley underwent a $10,000 face-lift.

At that time Patrick Rowan, an OSU administrative assistant to the director of the student unions, told the Lantern that the investment was expected to pay for itself Autumn quarter.

Now, almost a year later Susan A. Henderson, acting OSU director of the student unions, says Archie's Alley should recoup all but about $2,000 of the investment by this Autumn quarter.

The discrepancy between last year's estimate and what has actually happened is a sore subject to union employees. Henderson said she thought Rowan had previously been misquoted. When told that Rowan hadn't denied the estimate, Henderson said, "He (Rowan) was misspeaking himself last year."

Ellen L. Fahrron, building manager of Drake Union, would not comment on the finances of Archie's Alley.

The money, which came from the operating budget for the unions, was spent mostly for aesthetic purposes.

"What we did was mostly cosmetic," said Rowan.

"We removed a wall, added an in-house stereo system, added booths by the bowling area, did drop lighting. We just added some ambience to the place."

Archie's Alley, located on the first floor of Drake Union, offers students bowling, billiards, large-screen cable television and refreshments.

Rowan said the investment was necessary because the Drake recreation facility had been self-supportive for more than 20 years, and by last summer it no longer was.

Henderson agreed that sales had been slipping. "It wasn't being used by students much," said Henderson. "It looked like somebody's basement."

Despite the fact that Archie's Alley hasn't lived up to its expectations, business has picked up.

"The usage is much better," said Joe Mettle, manager of Archie's Alley. "We got away from the classroom atmosphere and turned it into a cabaret."

Rowan said the average Friday night crowd has about doubled since the remodeling.

Henderson was a little less optimistic. "Business is surprisingly a lot better," Henderson said. "Drake has never had a really good traffic flow."

To this day, changes are being made in hopes of luring more business to Archie's Alley. There is a concerted effort being made to ensure there is live entertainment every weekend. Flying Tomato is replacing Scarlata and Gray, on the second floor of Drake Union.

They also hope to begin patio service for Archie's Alley sometime this year, Rowan said. Advertising will also increase with the beginning of fall quarter.

Rowan attributes Archie's Alley's slow start, and the need for more promotion, to its location, directly across the street from Lincoln and Morrill Towers on Cannon Drive.

"Even the students in the Towers seem to travel to High Street," said Rowan. "People are just starting to realize the establishment is there."
Taxi for takeoff

A flock of geese gear up to take flight behind Drake Union before the afternoon downpour Wednesday.
Ice house

Elizabeth Sammler, a sophomore, and Michael Fitzgibbon, a freshman, both from Lancaster, Ohio, trek across the broken ice washed into the Drake Union Shelter House. The narrowing of the river and the warming temperatures caused the ice to wash up onto the land on the north side of Drake Union.
Two arcade games stolen; one found by side of road

By Julie Stebbins
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You might call it a token robbery, but it has university police and union officials baffled.

Two weeks ago the arcade game "Mortal Kombat" was stolen from the Drake Union. The same day, according to police reports, "Killer Instinct" was stolen from the Ohio Union arcade. One of the units was later found alongside a county road in Fairfield County.

OSU Police Captain John Hartsock said witnesses saw three to four men carrying the "Killer Instinct" unit out of Ohio Union, but there were no witnesses to the incident at Drake Union.

"Hopefully somebody saw someone toting it (the game) out of the union," Hartsock said.

Lt. Dave Hackmann of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office said an on-duty bus driver saw the "Mortal Kombat" unit on the side of the road and then alerted officials.

Hackmann said one of the deputies then went to the scene to investigate.

"Our only interest was, 'Get the machine out of the ditch and find out who it belongs to,'" he said.

Other than missing its locks and tokens, the unit was in good shape, Hackmann said.

He said they contacted the Cleveland Coin Machine Exchange, the game's owner, by tracking the serial number on the back of the unit.

"They did not even know the game was missing," Hackmann said.

Tom Revolinsky, an operations manager for Cleveland Coin, said they were surprised to hear the game had just been located because they thought it was still at Ohio State.

Revolinsky affirmed that the unit was relatively undamaged. "It looks like they (the thieves) didn't throw it out a truck. It looks like they sat it down nicely," he said.

The "Mortal Kombat" unit is now back in the care of Cleveland Coin, Revolinsky said.

Frank Gencur, associate director of Ohio Unions, said the doors to the Ohio Union arcade were broken but have since been repaired.

Gencur said just by having the unions open, there is a risk of someone taking something. He also said both arcade staffs have been alerted to look out for unusual occurrences and people.

"Those machines are good size, you don't just walk out with one," Gencur said.

Union officials and Cleveland Coin both said their relations were not hurt by this incident, and they are looking for new security measures.
Creative sewing

Nell Haton, a senior in Product Development, helps make costumes in a costume department at Drake Union.
Union to celebrate 25th b-day

By Shelly Rashid
Lantern staff writer

The Drake Union won't turn 25 until June but the festivities have already begun.

Last week, about 300 students and staff celebrated the anniversary with a cake and a performance by a jazz trio.

On June 19, 1972, the union, which stands between Morrill and Lincoln Towers on West campus, opened its doors as the first of several buildings built around the Olentangy River to host activities.

"The original plan was to have several buildings built around the Drake to serve students, faculty and staff, especially those living in the stadium and the towers, but that never happened," said Rick Gardner, manager of the Drake Union.

"The Drake became a student union, as well as a classroom and home for the theater department," he said.

Construction on the Drake came after the formation of the Ohio Union.

"The Ohio Union and the Drake Union work together as community centers to serve Ohio State," said Becky Parker, director of the unions.

"Both serve as gathering places and study and recreational centers. The Drake is unique because the theater department is housed there," she said.

The Thurber and Stadium II Theaters, then called the River Union Theaters, were built as temporary homes for the theater department.

"There were some problems with the theaters," said Matthew Vandeneeyden, a sophomore majoring in theater. "There was no direct loading access to the stages and sets had to be dismantled."

Gardner said students overlook the union until they realize the number of recreational activities it offers.

The Drake Union is the only building to have a marina. Thirty canoes are available for students to use for $3 per hour.

It is also home to Archie's Alley, a recreation center named after two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin, and Wendy's.

An eight-lane bowling alley, pool tables and dart boards, and a large study area offering a view of the river are part of the union.

Plans are in the works for a bagel/deli sandwich shop, a pizza parlor and Mail Boxes Etc., Gardner said.

Students can come to Drake to listen to speakers, attend workshops and cultural events, Gardner said.

The union was named after Edward S. "Beanie" Drake, who served as a manager of the Ohio Union for 33 years and remained a member of the Ohio Staters, Inc. until his death in 1967 at age 90.

In 1968, erosion caused the union to begin falling into the Olentangy River. A barricade of large rocks was built to keep it from floating away.
Dukekr Union opens two new food sites

By Shawn Mitchell
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More food choices are available on campus as Steak Escape and Mrs. Field's Cookies opened Wednesday in the Drake Union.

This Steak Escape is only the second one to be opened on a college campus. The other is in the Virginia Institute of Technology student union.

"On the west side of campus there really is nothing else besides Wendy's," said David Smith, Steak Escape managing partner. "Besides traffic in the Drake and from the towers and the stadium, we hope to draw some of the traffic to and from Lennox.

"We are looking forward to building some business," said Smith. "Ours is a very good concept for a student union."

The fast-food place will offer made-to-order grilled sandwiches such as cheesesteaks, ham and turkey, as well as salads and French fries.

Mrs. Field's is housed in the restaurant as well, offering fresh-baked goods.

Currently, the Steak Escape is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. But those hours could change once the operation is completely settled in, Smith said.

The Steak Escape moved in after the Fifth Third Bank branch moved to the Ohio Union last summer. The Drake Union accepted bids from food vendors for the areas occupied by the bank and its former neighbor, Flying Tomato.

Contracts were awarded to the Steak Escape and Sbarro, which will open in January.

"Restaurants are attracted to this space because they want to make a bid on Ohio Union space," said Rick Gardner, director of the Drake Union. "They want to show the Ohio Union how attractive they are. The new restaurants will offer a better alternative to walking to High Street for food."

The Steak Escape will hold their official grand opening celebration Monday at 8:45 a.m. Free samples will be offered, and Brutus Buckeye and OSU cheerleaders will be in attendance.