Archer House Change Opposed by Assembly

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The Student Assembly Thursday night passed unanimously a resolution which urged the administration "to keep the dormitory integrity of Archer House intact.

The resolution came in response to a proposed move by the administration to convert Archer House from a dormitory to the offices of the Office of Continuing Education as of Autumn Quarter.

Louis M. Heldman, Arts-i, a resident of Archer House and spokesman for the dormitory, said before the assembly, "If they (administration) take our dorm we will take the issue to the students and ask for their support."

Administration Explains Motive

Heldman said he met with three members of the administration this week after Archer residents were notified of their pending eviction March 28.

Heldman said the officials gave him numerous reasons for the selection of Archer. Among them, Heldman said were the closeness of Archer House to both Hitchcock Hall and Woodruff-Neil parking area and the hotel-like appearance of the lobby.

Reginald S. Jackson, vice president of the student body and chairman of the Student Assembly, called the move by the administration "an example of coldness and harshness in a bureaucracy."

"It is essential that the University find another solution to the problem," said Jackson.

In other action, a resolution that the Student Assembly join the National Student Association (NSA) was defeated unanimously after Lloyd Siegel, student body president, spoke against it.
Archer House Is Campus 'Hotel'

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Lantern Special Writer

It looks identical to other buildings in the North Campus dormitory complex yet it houses no students.

It is occupied almost to capacity during the week, with lights glowing behind drawn curtains until early morning hours.

And it was the subject of a great deal of campus controversy last year.

It is Archer House, Ohio State's campus "hotel."

"It's like a University guest house," Richard A. Weaver, associate director of the Department of Continuing Education, the department which runs the building, said.

The department's programs according to Weaver necessitated a place to house those involved with continuing education.

Conferences and short course offerings in marketing and executive management prompted the University to end Archer House's usage as a men's residence hall.

In July, 1968, Weaver's department moved in, occupying all but the top floor. The Office of the University Provost and those of Administrative Research and University Budgets took the top floor.

Much controversy arose at the initial announcement of plans to change Archer.

Residents of the dorm began a campaign to save it and soon gained support of Student Assembly and the North Campus Student Association.

Archer House Offices to Stay

Archer House won't be returning to the University residence hall system for at least a year, according to William Griffiths, director of campus planning.

Griffiths said that although the former North Campus men's dormitory would eventually return to residence hall status, the exact date will depend on the relocation of the budget offices and the Administrative Research offices now in the building.

The Budget Office, the Administrative Research Office, and the Department of Continuing Education have occupied Archer House, completed in 1966, on a temporary basis since 1968, Griffiths said.

Robert McCormick, vice president for Continuing Education, said the Department of Continuing Education will move its administrative offices from Archer House into permanent facilities in the Center for Tomorrow during April.

He said enrollees in the department's short courses will continue to use guest facilities in Archer House until June 30, after which the department's guest rooms will be housed in Center for Tomorrow.

Griffiths said Archer House could not be used as a residence hall until, at least the 1971-72 academic year.

Assistant Dean of Students Judy Russell said Archer House may be used for a proposed 'upper-class men's dormitory when it is again designated for student housing.'
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Thursday, September 28, 2006
3:00PM
Archer House Courtyard
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A Brief History of Archer House

Beginning Autumn Quarter, 2006, Archer House once again opened as a residence hall for upperclass students. After years of being an administrative building housing Personnel Services which later became the Office of Human Resources, we would like to rededicate this building back to its original intention; to serve as an undergraduate residence hall.

Named in honor of John F. Archer, Archer House provided space to Personnel Services and the Office of Continuing Education for many years before its most recent renovation. John Archer was the first Ohio State student to die in action during the Korean War. Lt. Archer entered The Ohio State University on September 25, 1941 from North High School in Columbus, Ohio. In 1942 he transferred from the College of Arts to the College of Commerce. On March 8, 1943, Lt. Archer left The Ohio State University to assist with the war effort in WWII. Although Lt. Archer eventually graduated from the University of Dayton in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, he was a popular student leader at Ohio State. He was involved in Ohio Stater’s Incorporated, Romophos Honorary and Student Senate. He was well-decorated, being awarded the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and five battle stars during World War II.

The University Board of Trustees first approved all plans and related documents to begin the planning and construction of Archer House on November 6, 1964. The building was completed and ready for occupancy on July 21, 1966 at the total cost of $806,278.02. Initially, this building was a men’s residence hall and in 1968, the conversion to administrative offices began.

Program Order of the Day

Welcoming Remarks
- Richard Hollingsworth
- Interim Vice-President
- Office of Student Affairs

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- Larry Lewellen
- Associate Vice-President

Office of University Housing
- Steve Kremer
- Assistant Vice-President

Key Ceremony
- Mariissa Koby
- Resident Advisor
- Archer House

Time Capsule
- Tricia Zelaya
- Hall Director
- Archer House

Building Tours
- Archer House Staff