OSU Buckeye Village Is Successful Community

by Wal Adams

Sprawling Buckeye Village is a successful venture in community living.

The drab, crowded dormitories of Ohio State University now make room for 520 married couples and 100 children in the charming village near Old Olentangy River.

Ursula San Souci must of the担, but the philosophy of community living is the work of the villagers.

THE SPIRIT OF Buckeye Village was embodied by Mrs. Thomas Stauffer, president of the village, and that of the weekly newspaper is given by the vice president, who is a student at Ohio State University.

"If the idea that each family spends in the village is not to be void—a period simply blanked out by the pressures—is speed getting his degree—then there must be some active planning of the village, husband's as well as wives. Each family must participate actively in the way it is to reap any of the benefits of a fruitful community life.

HUSBANDS may be at their work, but the fruits of community living are the wives' work.

The village directory lists the wife's names first. The Village is published by the district side, and the wives take care of the index.

The Village is a 10-page monthly magazine, concern for serious and whimsical, practical and ideological.

The free ads offer for sale washing machines, baby carriages, vacuum cleaners, roller skates, elderly and travel guides. It suggests that women create their own village gift shop to "make our extra spending money without having to leave home."

An annual ball for villagers to become familiar with the exuberance of a woman power. The ladies wear black dresses, but the sight of a fire engine on the way village streets stations the regulars.

AND THE VILLAGERS have constant copies.

A housewife passed on "The Eight in the Village" which ran like this:

My washer is at home
I have no waste paper
The rag on which my baby's cup
Has grown many useless favors.

"I have no deep-freeze glimmering,
No drawers in my way,
I have no Lulavalam or Dendex.
And not one single, tiny match.

The walls are thin as an eggshell,
But that really works out swell,
For our early-rising bell
Wakes the dozy, or as well."

Those thin, pressed wallboards between apartments offer material advantage. The Jinx can visit the next-door neighbor in the monastery, knowing they'll hear someone's cries if he is aware.

VILLAGERS AWAKE early in the morning to the rattle of babies as the mansions make their daily delivery. He is followed by the breakfast, the dry cleaner, the laundry, bread and the postman.

A bulky vegetable truck—displaying everything from pop corn to potatoes—rumbles through the settlement on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Deliveries begin at opposite ends of the village each week at every corner, as a man has a chance to buy the freshest vegetables in stock.

Sheets and pulley collections are made once a week. And the university men in 110 main students do not burdened with household tasks.

Seven women do the laundry and a half at a time, and the village women do the dishes repaired by a staff of five maintenance men and 11 jacks.

THE CARPET-LIKE atmosphere of Buckeye Village appeals to many mothers, mindful of their children's health.

Villagers recently opened a daily nursery school in the new recreation building. For 80 a quarter, students can send their children to five-hour-olds in the nursery and younger ones attend two days a week for $4 a quarter.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Betty Leman, and an experienced teacher, Mrs. Ethel Stafford, direct the school with the assistance of the women.

On the second of the month, the school is a special. Mrs. Betty Grenfell, who took the first village census, 800.

"We never discuss politics. The men are never willing. The community doesn't want to be partisan."

ACTIVE JEANNE McCOY'S life is an example of the program of many village wives. She is public relations director of the Buckeye Village Women's Club, tea and dancing in a downtown hotel and interested in organizing several hobby groups.

No problem is presented by her 8-year-old daughter, Jeanne Ann. Jeanne Ann is one of her pupils—one of the better ones."

The women formed the club last November when a group of women assembled in the commerce, urging passage of a bill to increase the GI allowance. Monthly meetings—attending informal talks and lectures with study and hobby groups—are now important events in the village.

On meeting nights the fathers must stay home with the brats. BUCKEYE VILLAGE occupies 65 acres and represents a $4 million investment. It consists of 77 ex-OSU housewives converted into family apartments and nearly 50 additional rooms for single students.

I was placed in operation in 1946—and it represents the housing shortage, it needs no apology today.

CITIZEN MAGAZINE
Buckeye Village

Student-veterans and their wives at OSU co-operate on a formula for living.

A good half of these students are post-graduates or students of professional schools such as law, dentistry or medicine. Many have nearly completed their schooling; others are coming back after taking time out to work and refinance themselves and their families for another session. The other half, the undergraduates, worked at various jobs before deciding to enter college ahead of the July 21, 1951, deadline for veterans to begin training under the GI Bill.

When their wives planned the international dinner, their only problem was whether or not real Italian spaghetti is served with the meatballs in the sauce. Rita Macaroni, of Rome, Italy, said no. But Marina Pinter, also of Rome, said Rita was not from Italy if she didn't know that real Italian spaghetti was served with meat in the sauce. The argument was settled satisfactorily by serving spaghetti both ways.

Not all the villagers’ problems are solved with such ease, but these people have a tendency to take care of themselves.

The Wives’ Club is chiefly interested in providing entertainment and worthwhile services for the entire village. It meets twice a month to plan dances, bazaars and carnivals, and to bring speakers to entertain or advise. The last visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile yielded 111 blood donors, solicited by wives who also worked with the unit on the day of donation.

In addition, many wives gave blood themselves.

Members compete in intramural sports, and last season the Wives’ Club basketball team won three of the five games played with university women.

“The Villager,” Wives’ Club-sponsored newspaper, is printed each month and gives names of new residents, announcements of activities in the village, and—its biggest attraction—the Shop and Swap page. At students come and go, furniture is bought to supplement the essentials of table and chairs, chest and beds provided by the Manager’s office, and then sold to new families moving in.

The children like painting best—and make up in quantity what they lack in quality.

The Village Council, the men’s organization, consists of one elected member for each of the 11 districts, and works also for entertainment and betterment of village life. Once a quarter, each family pays one dollar, which is used by the Council to buy sandbox, swings and merry-go-rounds for village children (who number almost 660), to sponsor dances free to villagers, and other entertainment. Council also has
The Jaycees did their part in encouraging Columbus eligible voters to exercise their privilege by making up a "pledge to vote" scroll.

A striking reminder about fire prevention, "Graveyard of Carelessness," was erected in the State House yard by another Jaycee committee.

These youngsters are winners in holler farming competition—a recent project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee.

The Public Affairs Committee regularly offers to drive handicapped people to the polls. The Safety Committee recently had safety slogans for TV presentation. The Fire Prevention Committee put up a special display on the State House lawn to impress people with the seriousness of being careless with matches, cigarettes and so on.

Even Jaycee wives are interested. Only a few weeks ago the wives' club promoted a successful benefit card party and donated several hundred dollars to the Franklin County Council for Retarded Children. The latter was one of the Public Health Committee's projects during the past year.

Jaycees like new ideas. And the office at 30 East Broad Street is always ready to receive them.

All-Ohio Senior Football Team. Those selected are brought to Columbus, along with their dads and coaches. All meet the Governor and are encouraged to continue their college studies in Ohio, selecting that school which will give them the best education for the work they want to pursue.

"I Speak for Democracy" was the name of the contest appeared in 1951 by the Americanism Committee. Some 400 students from 14 Columbus public high schools participated in the speech contest. The winner was sent to the state competition at Ashland, to compete for a Washington trip and a $500 scholarship.

An annual Jaycee Caddy Scholarship program has been developed. Funds are raised through a Golf Clinic sponsored by the Sports Committee. Instead of having the usual single instructor doing the teaching and going through the actions to illustrate good golf technique, the clinic has six or eight pros scattered through the crowd so everyone can see them. This "obese acton" with a centrally-located instructor providing the over-all lesson is popular with both golfers and those who would like to be.

The Radio and TV Committee last November sponsored a TV program entitled "Youth Has Its Day." It has been nominated for one of the top awards of the year by the Freedom Foundation "for contributing to the advancement of democracy and the American way of life."

So well has the TV program been received that it has been accorded recognition by the sixteenth annual American Exhibition of Educational Television Programs sponsored by the Institute for Education by Radio-Television.

Each year, 2000 Jaycee chapters across the nation select what one program they should push more than any other as a national project. Last year it was decided that "Leadership Training" should be it. To do their part, Columbus Jaycees formed a Jaycee Toastmasters' Club and affiliated with Toastmasters International.

Now, each week, 20 chapter members meet and discuss the finer points of being able to stand on their feet, think and address a group. This, they feel, covers many of the important elements required in turning out better leaders.

Recently the Agriculture Committee established two projects that won national recognition. One was the presentation of snowmen calves to youngsters in farming competition. And each year the offering of the cattle are, in turn, given away. The other is known as a "Brailer Project." From 20 to 25 sponsors buy 100 chicks to be given to high school students interested in raising poultry.
The author and her family, typical residents of the village. Mr. Boush is a graduate student in entomology at Ohio State; 3-year-old Carol attends nursery school.

gardens plowed and fertilized and rests them for two dollars per 25x20 foot plot.

Any problems not handled by village organizations are reported through Council to Milton Overstreet, manager of the village, or his assistant, William Durang. These men cooperate with the various projects, keeping the Recreation Hall reservations straight and providing equipment such as ladders for decorating the hall.

They are also busy assigning apartments to as many as possible of these 45 families always on the waiting list. It takes about six months to a year, depending on turnover, to get off the list and into a unit. The low rent of $50 per month for efficiency apartments (for children complete.), to $60 for the two-bedroom units, is attractive, even essential, to students on a limited budget.

The office provides watchmen to patrol the village from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Maintenance and control of insects and rodents. Many motorists this summer mistook the insecticide vapor for smoke and stopped to see if the village were burning.

Fire calls and emergency runs are served by the City of Columbus. Electrical units are wired to ceilings in each room to detect fire outbreaks.

The Village Nursery School is under the auspices of, and rated highly by, the University Nursery School. Its teachers are trained, and are paid from the $16 quarterly fee charged for each child and money made from bake sales, bazaars, and tax stamps collected and turned in by the Nursery School Mothers’ Club. The children paint, play on indoor gym equipment or special outdoor equipment when weather permits, are read to, served cookies and a beverage, allowed to rest on mats, and assemble blocks and puzzles. All equipment is bought by the Village Nursery School or donated by village families. A special nursery is held on football-game afternoons.

All the work necessary for the success of these projects is done by residents. Committees are formed and work moves swiftly. In addition to community work, many wives hold secretarial jobs or take care of children for mothers who work. Some, who are trained nurses, work at night.

The money thus made supplements the allotment or scholarship allowance of the students. Wives also go to school on a full or part-time basis, in preparation for a career or to gain practical knowledge.

Since the first family moved in, on August 18, 1949, the village has developed into a separate community. Both Catholic Mass and Protestant services are given each Sunday in the Recreation Hall. Church funds also help Council pay for the Well-Child Clinic, which provides for periodic examinations and shots for village children. As a result of this sponsorship, the charge is only 15 cents per visit.

In every way, these students and their wives regard college as a serious business, a preparation for "getting out into the world." Their responsibilities to each other, their children, and community projects undertaken for the good of all, are just as important in Buckeye Village as in any other truly-American community.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MALLORY BOUSH

At the international smorgasbord given by the Wives’ Club, Flo Carpenter (center), born in France, helps herself to veal pate (veal in pastry) she prepared.

THE COLUMBUS SUNDAY DISPATCH MAGAZINE—JANUARY 13, 1960
Buckeye Villagers Protest Proposed 21 Pct. Rent Hike
By Jim Duffy

Editor's Note: Jim Duffy, last summer's Lantern editor, is a resident of Buckeye Village at present. Watch for a picture page about Buckeye Village in next week's Lantern.

A proposed yearly rent raise of 21 per cent in the University's Buckeye Veterans Village is being protested by the 364 families residing there. The village is a barracks community west of Olentangy River Road.

As of Oct. 1, monthly rents will be raised six to seven dollars a month, depending on the size of the apartment. Currently, an efficiency apartment costs $35 a month; a one-bedroom flat, $45; two-bedroom places rent for $65. After Oct. 1, the first two rents will be raised six and the latter seven dollars a month.

The residents feel that their subdivided war surplus dwellings aren't worth the raise. They cite the "temporary" status given by University officials to the 15-year-old wooden structures.

The village council, made up of elected students and wives, announced their protest to President Pawlett by a letter early this spring. Controller Charles F. Miller answered:

"President Pawlett has requested me to reply to your letter of May 8, 1957, in regard to increases in apartment rentals in River Road Housing, effective next year."

THE RIVER ROAD Housing project was erected from funds furnished jointly by the federal government and the University, and was turned over to the University for complete operation on Aug. 31, 1948.

"As you know, the University Board of Trustees has authorized plans for a greatly expanded program of housing for both married and single students. Since no state funds are provided for apartments or dormitories, it is necessary that the University provide the funds from private or public borrowing. Therefore, it has been necessary to pool all of the resources of the University to make the necessary improvements, which have increased the cost of operation.

"The increases proposed for next year are necessary to keep pace with the rising costs of maintenance and operation of the facilities. The University has a strong policy of making every effort to provide quality housing for its students, and the increases proposed are intended to do just that.

"Finally, the residents of Buckeye Village should be aware that the University is committed to maintaining a fair and balanced rent structure for all its housing options. The increases proposed for next year are in line with the market conditions and the University's commitment to providing adequate housing for its students.

Residents Fight Rent Increase

Residents of River Road Housing have expressed concern about the proposed increases. The residents argue that the increases are unfair and the new rents exceed the ability of the current residents to pay.

The residents have organized and are planning to meet with University officials to discuss their concerns and negotiate a solution. They believe that the proposed increases are excessive and unreasonable.

VILLAGE COUNCIL members are monitoring the situation and will take action if necessary. They are committed to ensuring that the interests of the residents are protected.

IN THE LETTER, the students cite recent raises in tuition and living costs as contributing factors to their opposition. They believe that the University should be more transparent about its financial decisions and the impact they have on the students.

The residents are encouraged to continue their efforts to seek a fair and reasonable solution to the proposed rental increases. They are confident that the University will listen to their concerns and work with them to find a satisfactory resolution.
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

FAMILY HOUSING

AVAILABLE JUNE 1, 1960
The Ohio State University announces the completion of its first two hundred modern apartments of

FAMILY HOUSING

By Spring of 1962, an additional two hundred apartments are expected to be ready for occupancy

Location
On University lands one mile from the center of the campus. Near several suburban shopping centers, as well as High Street and Lane Avenue businesses.

Schools
School-age children attend Columbus public schools and are transported by bus to all schools.

Furnishings
New electric refrigerators and ranges in every kitchen. Electric disposal in each kitchen. Baths have tubs and showers. Venetian blinds.

Rents
Rents of $79.50 for one bedroom apartments and $89.50 for two bedroom apartments include:
- Heat
- Water
- Trash collection

Other Features
Better than average room sizes. See floor plans of both type units. Two bedroom apartments have special space for electric washer and drier. Also, there is centrally located a fully equipped laundry building. Basement storage areas for each apartment in strategically located areas. Ample parking adjacent to all buildings. New modern streets. Large recreation area is planned with completion of the second two hundred unit phase.

How to Apply: Write to Family Housing, Office of the Dean of Men, 1760 Neil Avenue, Columbus 10, Ohio.
An additional 200 units immediately south of this area will be ready for occupancy in 1962.
Release on Receipt

COLUMBUS, O., July 8.-- Ohio State University's Board of Trustees Friday (7/8) approved plans and specifications for two new campus buildings and received reports on contract recommendations for the other major construction and remodeling projects.

Married Housing Project No. 2, including 16 two-story apartment buildings for 200 student families, with a contract total of $2,072,940, and the rehabilitation and expansion of the refectory kitchen in Pomerene Hall, $287,163.50.

The new Married Housing Project will bring to 400 the total of apartment units under way for Ohio State students in the area west of the Olentangy River and south of Ackerman Rd. Site of the second project will be directly south of the first group of apartment buildings, soon to be completed. Project No. 2 will be finished in 1962.

Low bidders on the Married Housing construction were: general contract, Baber & Coombs, Inc., Columbus, $1,500,500; heating and ventilating, J. A. Guy Co., Dublin, $122,400; plumbing, Gesling Company, Lancaster, $178,240; electrical, Gustav Hirsch Organization, Inc., Columbus, $127,800; outside services, Huffman-Wolfe Company, Columbus, $144,000.
The Ohio State University maintains 400 apartments in Buckeye Village available to married students — 232 one-bedroom apartments and 168 two-bedroom apartments.

Buckeye Village, located on beautifully landscaped grounds along the west side of Olentangy River Road immediately south of the University Shopping Center, is about a mile from the center of the campus.

Furnishings

The one-bedroom apartments consist of a living room, a bedroom, a kitchenette, a bath, and closets, all located on one floor.

The two-bedroom apartments consist of a living-dining room, a kitchenette, and closet on a lower floor, and two bedrooms, a bath, and closets on an upper floor.

The kitchenette in each apartment is furnished with an electric refrigerator, an electric range, and a disposal. Baths are equipped with showers and tubs. Windows are equipped with traverse rods for drapes.

The two-bedroom apartments have space for electric washers and dryers. For two-bedroom tenants without washers and dryers and for one-bedroom tenants, there is a centrally located, fully equipped laundry building in the Village.

A large recreation area is provided for Buckeye Village children. Storage bins (5'x10'), one for each tenant, are located in each court. There is ample parking for automobiles adjacent to all buildings.

Top opposite page: Living and dining areas of a two-bedroom apartment.
Rental Payments
Rental payments by all tenants are due and payable between the first and the tenth of the month. These payments must be made at the Buckeye Village Housing Office, 2661 Defiance Drive. Payments are considered delinquent if not paid by the tenth of the month.

A lease is automatically renewed for successive terms of one month unless terminated by a 15-day prior written notice by the tenant or the University.

Tenants accepting apartments after the first day of a month and those tenants leaving before the last day of a month will have their rent prorated for the number of days the apartment is occupied unless the required notice has not been given prior to vacating.

Deposit
There is a $50 performance deposit payable upon accepting an apartment. The deposit is held without interest during the lease period. The deposit is refundable, less any charges, at the end of the lease period.

Eligibility
A tenant of a married housing unit must be enrolled for a minimum of seven quarter hours or full University fees in at least three academic quarters a year. Prior to any quarter for which a tenant fails to enroll in the University, he must give written notice of such intention to the Director of Buckeye Village for approval. Some exceptions to the required workload are made in the case of graduate students, provided that they obtain prior approval of the Director.

*Top opposite page: Dining and kitchen areas of a one-bedroom apartment. Bottom: Playground facilities alongside apartments attract village children.*
Pets
Dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, chickens, etc., are not allowed in University housing units. Such pets cause inconvenience to neighbors and damage to University property. The keeping of such animals will nullify one's housing eligibility. Canaries, parakeets, goldfish are not prohibited under this regulation.

Responsibilities
General—Tenants of married student housing are required to adhere to the same moral code as are all students of the University.

Parental—The tenants of married student housing, however, have an extended obligation. If they are parents, they will be expected to control and will be held accountable for the actions of their children. Children should not be permitted to play in adjacent ditches or roads. Children must not be allowed to run at random across the balconies or intrude upon the privacy of neighboring tenants. Parents also will be charged for any damage caused by their children.

Social—Tenants also are accountable for the actions of guests. Tenants should see to it that guests adhere to all University standards during the course of visits.

Community—No unseemly noise should prevail within the housing area between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. This area of responsibility deals mainly with infringing upon rights of others. Since married student housing is operated for the benefit of families pursuing academic advancement, all families living there should be able to expect normal quiet during the advanced evening and night-time hours. It is not expected, however, that the normal playing of children during the day need be curbed in order that students may study. Tenant students can make use of the University libraries and other academic facilities during day-time hours.

Transfers
Tenants of a one-bedroom apartment in Buckeye Village who wish to transfer to a two-bedroom apartment may file an application form for such transfer at any time. The applicants, however, must have a child before a transfer will be authorized.

A $10 transfer fee must be paid by a tenant at the time he accepts a transfer to a new apartment. All transfers must be completed within three days after an apartment becomes available to the tenant.

Repairs and Alterations
A tenant should not make any repairs on or alterations to the premises or to the equipment therein or do any painting or make installation or cause the installation of any of the following:

Wall phones.
Nails, tacks, bolts, or screws in the walls, doors, casings, floors, or ceilings.
Scotch tape or other adhesive materials excepting picture hanging tape. These articles leave a mark which can neither be washed off nor covered with paint.
Additional electrical wiring.
Shades, blinds, awnings, windows guards, or curtain rods other than those put up by the University.
Decals or transfer pictures.
Air-conditioning units.
Wallpaper or other stickite material.
Wall can openers.

When repair or maintenance work on University equipment is needed, the Buckeye Housing Office should be called, and a qualified maintenance man will be assigned to the job. Charges will be made for damages caused by negligence.
Rates
The monthly rental rate for each apartment, including heat, water, and trash collection, is as follows:

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Tenants are required to pay for their own electricity (which usually runs approximately $5 a month) and telephone (if such service is desired). The electric company requires a $15 deposit and the telephone company requires a $25 deposit, both deposits being refundable according to company regulations.

Subletting
As a convenience to students who must leave the University during the summer but who wish to retain their apartment in married student housing, a subletting system has been established. Such students may sublet their apartment to other students meeting the same Buckeye Village eligibility requirements. The Buckeye Village Office maintains a list of all persons inquiring about sublet quarters for summer terms. A tenant may make use of this list in finding a sublettee or he may find his own sublettee. The apartment, in any case, is still technically in the name of the original tenant and this original tenant is held responsible for both rent and maintenance. All sublet arrangements must be cleared through the Buckeye Village Housing Office.

*Top opposite page: Bookmobile visits village regularly. Bottom: University shopping center adjoins village.*
Soliciting

In order to protect the privacy of the individual tenant, the University has established a policy prohibiting solicitation by any other than authorized daily delivery people. In keeping with this policy, tenants should respect their neighbors’ rights and not establish businesses wherein they solicit from door to door in University housing.

Mail

Mail should be addressed as indicated to the tenant by the Housing Office. Mail will then be delivered to the tenant’s own apartment. To aid in this delivery, the Post Office insists that boxes be labeled with the tenant’s name in the appropriate slot.

Upon leaving married student housing, a tenant should give his forwarding address to the Housing Office to avoid any confusion if mail should later arrive. Forwarding address forms are available at the Housing Office.

To Apply

To make application for a Buckeye Village apartment, fill out and return both attached application forms.

If you have questions or desire further information regarding married student housing at The Ohio State University, please call at the Buckeye Village Housing Office (which is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday) or write:

Director of Buckeye Village
Buckeye Village Housing Office
2661 Defiance Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43210
Telephone (Area Code 614) CY 3-6561
Complex for married students awaits funding

By ROBERT R. LITTLE

The University plans to build 200 two and three bedroom apartments for married students as soon as funds are available, according to Jean D. Hansford, campus planner.

Hansford said the project, called phase three of the master plan, could begin within a year.

"Married student housing has always been one of our most urgent needs," Hansford said. "From the beginning we've had a waiting list in Buckeye Village."

Buckeye Village is the University's 400-unit married student complex.

David S. Long, director of the complex, said most students wait 12 to 15 months for the one and two bedroom apartments. Presently, 400 are on the waiting list.

Apartments too small

Hansford said the two and three bedroom apartments are being planned because the University has found the present apartments are not large enough to accommodate some families.

Buckeye Village receives no funds from the legislature, and is funded like other self-sustaining projects such as athletic stadiums and parking lots, Hansford said.

Hansford said the construction plans for the new project were completed two years ago, but since then it has been a game of waiting for funds or for construction costs to go down.

Present reserve housing funds for the project are insufficient. But Hansford said, "It is not unreasonable to hope we can get money from another source, possibly from federal money which is now being given to housing projects."

Hansford said the cost of building 200 apartments now would be nearly double the cost of the 200 original apartments. He said at this rate new occupants would be required to pay from $150 to $180 rent for the project to break even.

Hansford said a probable alternative would be to raise all Buckeye Village rents slightly, once the project is completed.

Part of the building site is now on "temporary loan" to the athletic department and is being used as a practice field, Hansford said.

Other improvement programs planned for Buckeye Village include additional laundry facilities, more parking and renovation of the community building.
Buckeye Village hall ruined

Repairman blamed for fire

By Nancy Essex
and Nancy Gardiner

A Buckeye Village repairman was charged by University police Tuesday afternoon in connection with a fire discovered in the Buckeye Village recreation hall Tuesday morning.

Clarence Spradlin, 50, of 605 Reinhard Ave., was arrested by University police officers Charles Muller and Charles Rucker five hours after the fire broke out.

The Department of Public Safety said an investigation revealed that Spradlin had been outside the building watching the fire and inside the building before the fire began.

Spradlin told police that he turned on the eight burners of the two small gas stoves in the kitchen of the building and was using them to dry some clothing. Police said he left the building, planning to return later to get the clothing.

Spradlin's bond has been set at $100.

Walter Hartman, director of the physical plant, estimated the damages to the building at between $30,000 and $70,000.

Lynette Rife, a teacher at the Buckeye Village nursery school held in the building, discovered the fire shortly after the children arrived for school.

The 18 children, all 3-year-olds, who were in the building at the time the fire broke out were taken to nearby apartments by Kathy Hamer, also a teacher at the school, and Pam McGuire, a student's mother, 640 Cuyahoga Ct. None of the children were injured.

Hamer said she and Rife smelled smoke when they entered the building about 9 a.m.

Rife said she went to investigate the smoke and found that it became denser as she moved toward the opposite end of the building.

She entered a hall next to the class-
Village
To Decide
On Center

4-5-73  By Edward Mayer

Lancaster Daily Citizen

Buckeye Village Council will decide
today whether to renovate their
recreation center, which suffered
extensive damage in a Feb. 6 fire, or to
draw up plans for a new building.

Milton Overholt, director of
administration and operations for
dining and residence halls, said the
choice will be presented to members of
the village council at 7:30 p.m.

Cost to renovate the hall would be
$114,000, according to John Nelson,
assistant vice president of university
housing. Costs were estimated by the
Improvements Division of the
University Physical Plant.

Overholt and Nelson both refused to
say how much cost would be to build a
new structure or how much rents
would be increased to finance it. How-
ever, rents will definitely go up in the
village if the decision is made to build a
new structure, Overholt said.

Overholt said he would know by
tonight’s meeting how much of the
$114,000 renovation cost would be cov-
ered by insurance. Overholt said he
will discuss costs for a new building at
the meeting.

John Cantwell, Buckeye Village
director, said the nursery school for-
erly housed in the burned-out struc-
ture has been temporarily moved to
vacant Buckeye Village apartments.
He said the nursery school is at 621
Tuscarawas Court and the library is at
545 Mahoning Court.

Buckeye Village repairman, Clar-
ence Spradlin, 50, of 605 Reinhard
Ave., was charged with the Feb. 6
blaze which severely damaged the
Buckeye Village Recreation Center.
Spradlin has been released on $100
bond on the misdemeanor charge. His
case is pending in Franklin County
Municipal Court.

Villagers
To Decide
Hall Plan

4-9-73  By Edward Mayer

Lancaster Daily Citizen

Buckeye Village residents have
several options for replacing the
village recreation hall which was de-
stroyed by fire February 6, according
to Milton Overholt, assistant director
of student housing.

One of these options, according to
Overholt, is building a new 9,000 sq. ft.
hall costing $300,000. He added that if a
new hall is built, rents would be raised
$7 per month for 10 years to finance the
project.

Overholt said the estimate made by
the Improvements Division of the
Physical Plant to rebuild the old hall is
$114,000. He added that he thinks the
University will recover only $30,000
from insurance on the damaged struc-
ture. The insurance settlement has not
yet been made, Overholt said.

Overholt explained the council can
decide to build the new structure,
rebuild the old one, or "not do any-
thing." He also added that new ways of
financing a new structure may be
devised by residents.

If built, the new hall would have
room for the nursery school and
library (now temporarily housed in
unoccupied village apartments),

kitchen facilities, a meeting room for
Buckeye Village Council, and a multi-
purpose room capable of seating 250
people with alcoves for pool and table
tennis.
Recreation hall revamp underway

By Ellen Schneider

The Buckeye Village Recreation Hall, gutted by fire last winter, has been boarded up for almost eight months while village residents and University officials tried to decide what to do about the building.

Buckeye Village is apartment housing for married students and is located off Fyffe Road north of the University.

Three weeks ago a wrecking crew destroyed the north end of the building and carried the debris away, said Robert Cantwell, a director in Residence and Dining Halls.

A CREW from the Office of Improvements began some preparatory work on the south end of the building this week, according to Keith McClatchie, the office superintendent.

The February 6 fire began after a University employee left a pair of wet pants on a stove in the hall.

More than 600 Buckeye Village residents voted on July 6 to destroy the north end of the building, where the fire did most of its damage, and to rebuild the south end at no extra cost to them.

Controversy began in March because some residents felt the University should pay to rebuild the hall. Cantwell said. Residence and Dining Halls receives no money from the University, but operate only on money from room and board fees and rent, he said.

"IT TOOK two months to explain to them that we have only their rent money to work with," Cantwell said.

Cantwell said Residence and Dining Halls expected to get about $35,000 from the insurance settlement, which would cover the cost of rebuilding the south end and destroying the north end. But he said that would not be enough to rebuild the entire building or build a new building.

Some residents went to the Tenant Union (TU) to see if there were a way to bring legal pressure on the University to force it to provide money to rebuild the hall, he said.

However, Cantwell said the Tenant Union told the residents "they didn't have a legal leg to stand on."

Two or three weeks after the fire, Cantwell and others from Residence and Dining Halls met with about 75 Buckeye Village residents to discuss proposals for the building.

PROPOSALS offered to the residents were to:

- Destroy the north end and renovate the south end at no cost to the tenants.
- Rebuild the hall on the same site with a monthly rent increase of $2.50 for 10 years: or to
- Build a new hall onto the main office building with a monthly rent increase of $7.50 for 10 years.

IN APRIL, Residence and Dining Halls and Buckeye Village Council decided the residents should vote on the options. Cantwell said. The council decided if none of the options received at least 51 percent of the vote, the options receiving the most votes would go into a runoff vote, he said.

With a June 30 deadline from the University, the council had the first vote on June 28. In a runoff vote on July 6 between the proposal to renovate only the south end and the TU proposal, the former won by almost a 3 to 1 margin.
Rec hall may cause conflict

The results of Buckeye Village voting this week on the fate of the recreation hall, gutted in a Feb. 6 fire, may cause a clash between University administrators and Village Council members.

The run-off election is the result of a failure last week of residents to give a majority of votes to any of five proposals on the original ballot.

The conflict may occur because John P. Nelson, assistant vice president of University Housing told the Village Council he was accepting the "predominant sentiment" of residents indicated by the original vote. He said in a letter to H. Scott Curfman, president of the Village Council, it was because the University imposed July 1 deadline.

The top vote-getter in the balloting was the plan to renovate the south end, and raze the north end of the hall.

The other proposal supports "actions with or against the University as described by the Tenant Union [TU] in order to get the entire recreation hall reconstructed or replaced."

The first proposal received 38 percent of the votes in the original balloting; the TU plan received almost 20 percent.

Nelson said he has ordered his staff to start planning the renovation of the south end.

Curfman responded to Nelson's action by telling the housing office they "may want to table any action pending the results of our run-off election."

Curfman, in a letter to Milton W. Overholt, director of administration and operation of residence and dining halls, said "an absolute majority is necessary to approve any proposal."

The run-off election results will be known Friday. One of the proposals is a plan for the renovation of the south end, and the razing of the north end of the hall, to be paid for by the $35,000 insurance settlement.

These proposals were determined after two months of surveying and balloting by the Village Council to narrow down the original four.

The proposals were:
- Destroy the building.
- Renovate the south end and destroy the north end, with no rent increase.
- Renovate the entire recreation hall, with rent increases up to $2.50 per month; or,
- Build a new recreation hall, with rent increases up to $7.50 per month.

Overholt estimated the cost of replacing the recreation hall at about $114,000.

A faction of the Buckeye Village Council added the TU proposal.

The original ballot, containing all five plans, was voted on June 26.
Buckeye Village replaced the old GI barracks for married student housing that year and a heavy rain marred the use of the facility by temporarily flooding the ground around. The new apartments were not flooded, however.
‘Village’ spurns hinted rent hike

By Elsie A. Otešen
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Residents of Buckeye Village married student housing are protesting a proposed rent increase before the University Board of Trustees.

An ad hoc committee of residents will petition the board at a meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow.

Jose Salazar, committee member, said a petition approved by residents at an emergency meeting Wednesday night will be read asking the trustees to vote against the rent increase or to delay a decision until residents have time to present their own proposal.

Salazar said residents were not aware of the proposed increase until a few days ago.

He said the committee examined budget figures supplied to residents last summer by the offices of residence and dining hall, and found discrepancies in their reasons for the rent increase and the amount required to cover rising costs.

According to Salazar, the reasons presented to the Buckeye Village Council by John Nelson, assistant vice president for residence and dining halls, were to cover "the rise in utility rates, a modest increase in full time personnel rates, and considerations for increases in student employee rates."

Based on the proposed 15 per cent increase for utilities, Salazar said this would provide $8,000 more in revenue. The four per cent increase in wages for secretaries, maintenance and the manager would total $4,000. He said this would amount to $12,000 needed to cover rising costs.

Inaccurate figures

However, a $5 a month rent increase for one bedroom apartments would come to $24,000 annual revenue from the 400 apartments, he said. He said this included two-bedroom apartments, which will cost $5 more per month.

Monthly rent for one and two-bedroom apartments is currently $94 and $119 respectively.

Salazar said they are not accusing the University of lying. "The only thing we are saying is that the reasons are not sufficient. The figures and reasons don't match," he said.

Nelson said the committee's figures are inaccurate, and said needed allocations for rising costs will be approximately $29,000.

"The rent increase is strictly to combat the cost of inflation," he said. "No new programs are planned."

Nelson said there has been no rent increase in the last two years, and said the increase will not go into effect until July 1.

Maintenance cost

He said the reasons for the increase include raises in utilities, supplies, equipment, and necessary repairs. Also, mandate and civil service increases set by the state legislature are included.

He said the revenue will be used strictly for Buckeye Village costs.

"Buckeye Village is treated as a self-sustaining operation," he explained.

Nelson said the proposal has been reviewed by the University treasurer, the budget office, and members of his staff.

Salazar said Nelson's meeting with the council on February 7 was not known to the residents. As a result, residents could not question him about the proposal, he said.

Scott Cauffman, Buckeye Village Council president, said residents were not told Nelson would attend a council meeting, but said the "people were aware of when the next council meeting was." He refused to comment when asked if he knew Nelson was going to discuss a rent increase proposal.

Cauffman said residents were informed of the rent increase proposal in the Villager, the residents' newsletter, which was published two weeks after the meeting.

Many residents, however, did not receive the Villager until this Wednesday and some have not received it at all.

Cauffman said Nelson presented the reasons for the rent increase and the council discussed it with him, but "made no proposal for action" against it.

Salazar said the committee will ask the Board of Trustees to give residents more of a "say in our own welfare" and to be consulted when such proposals arise in the future.

Car pools are being organized to take as many residents as possible to the meeting, Salazar said.

"At least we will be showing them our concern," he said. "If the Board of Trustees passes the proposal there is nothing we can do."

Salazar said leaflets will be passed throughout the village to inform residents of the outcome.
Trustees postpone vote on village rent increase

3-4-74

By Elsie A. Olesen

The Board of Trustees postponed voting on a proposed rent increase for Buckeye Village married student housing Friday.

A petition, signed by 80 percent of the village residents, was presented to the board asking for a postponement until residents could determine the necessity for a rent increase.

William Goslee, a junior from Columbus and speaker for an ad hoc committee formed by the residents, presented the petition, which also asked that residents be given more say in the future on decisions concerning Buckeye Village.

Goslee told the board "we are here on moral grounds. The rent increase is not justified by current data."

He admitted that the committee's data might not be accurate, but said "authorities have not always been cooperative in giving out economic reports."

Don Hilliker, chairman of the board, pointed out that no depreciation allowance was included in the budget figures presented by the committee.

"An item of depreciation can't be ignored," he said. "There are some dollars that must be spent to maintain property."

In good repair

Goslee said the buildings were in good repair. He said cutbacks in various areas should be made instead of a rent increase.

Goslee agreed with Hilliker that $119 for a two-bedroom apartment was "reasonable." One-bedroom apartments cost $94 a month.

"I think it is probably far below the market," he said. "If you could find other places cheaper to rent you would make this move," Hilliker said.

"We are all fighting inflation. We didn't invent inflation...but nevertheless it exists," he said. He said the resident's rent has not been increased in the last two years.

Goslee said raising the rent on one-bedroom apartments by $5 a month and on two-bedroom apartments by $6 "defeats the purpose of low-income housing."

Richard Armitage, vice president for student services, said the increase was entirely "a function of inflation. No new programs are planned."

He said utilities, supplies, increased wages and other unpredictable expenses are the reasons for the rent increase.

He didn't think the increase was excessive. A survey done by residence and dining halls comparing equivalent facilities in the area found that Buckeye Village was the most economical — about $10 to $12 lower a month, Armitage said.

He invited the residents to examine the books and the survey in his office.

Increase necessary

Armitage said the proposal went on the board's agenda as soon as it was apparent a rent increase was necessary. The increase, if passed, will go into effect July 1. Armitage said he thought four months was "adequate prior notice."

He pointed out that John Nelson, assistant vice president for residence and dining halls, met with the Buckeye Village Council in early February to explain the reasons for the rent increase.

Goslee said residents did not know about the February meeting until a few days before this board meeting.

"Afterwards," Goslee said, "the next step is to get a complete audit from Armitage's office." He said he will look into the depreciation allowance which the board complained was not in the budget.

After the handful of village residents left the board meeting, President Harold Enarson told the trustees "some honest mistakes were made by representatives here today."

"This administration does not take lightly the matter of increased rates," he said. "There is no obscuring the fact that the cost of living is going up. We have worked very hard to hold rates whenever possible."
Trustees to vote
Rent hike likely

By Ed McGranaghan

2—1—74

Buckeye Village residents won't be the only Ohio State tenants affected by today's Board of Trustees meeting.

Although an ad hoc committee of Buckeye Village tenants will petition the trustees in protest of proposed rent increases, the board will also act on similar increase proposals for the Stadium Dormitory and Neilwood Gables Apartments.

Edward Q. Moulton, vice president for business and administration and secretary for the Board of Trustees, said the trustees will vote on a general recommendation to increase rent from $206 to $233 per month for the Stadium Dormitories, and an average of $8 per month for Neilwood Gables Apartments.

He said the Stadium Dormitory hike would go into effect Summer Quarter, while the Neilwood Gables rents would rise beginning July 1.

Moulton said the trustees will also vote on a general recommendation to authorize the University to file an application for federal funds to expand University Hospital teaching facilities.

He said Ohio State could, according to a federal formula, receive a maximum of $17 million if the request is approved.

The total cost of the expansion, according to Moulton, is between $37 and $38 million. The state appropriated $10 million toward that cost in 1969.

Moulton said the trustees "will consider various other ways" to obtain the additional $10 million needed to round out the $38 million total cost.

He said the trustees will also vote on the "ouchy" matter of removing air conditioning units from Derby Hall and Hagerty Hall in accordance with the university's energy conservation program.
Village residents face 30-day delay

By William Rados

Buckeye Village residents will have to wait another month before the Ohio State Board of Trustees acts on a proposed rent increase for the University-owned married student residences.

Edward Q. Moulton, vice president for business and administration and secretary for the board, said board Chairman Don M. Hilliker will ask to defer consideration of the rent increase until the board's May 3 meeting.

The board meets today at the University's Lima Campus, and Moulton said Hilliker believed it was "not appropriate to take action on this while the board is meeting out of town."

Every year the trustees hold one of their monthly meetings at a regional campus instead of Columbus.

Petition presented

A petition signed by 80 per cent of the village residents was presented to the board at its March 1 meeting, asking for postponement of a decision until residents could determine the necessity of a rent increase.

The proposal would increase monthly rent on one-bedroom apartments from $94 to $99 and from $119 to $125 on two-bedroom units.

Moulton said the trustees will consider a proposal to change the application and acceptance fee policy for the Graduate School. Although official policy calls for a $10 application fee and $15 acceptance fee, the school has been charging no application fee and a $25 acceptance fee since last July, Moulton said.

The trustees will decide whether to make the present system official policy. Moulton said some graduate school officials believe an application fee restricts the number of applications. Undergraduate and professional school fees will not be affected.

Buckeye Village: Low cost, high demand

A student planning to marry next year and desires to live in Buckeye Village should apply now, according to John P. Nelson, assistant vice president of student housing.

"A student may wait four to 16 months before getting into the Village," Nelson said. "It depends on the quarter also. We have the most applicants for Autumn Quarter and only about half of the housing units turn over each year.

"Many students, when notified either Winter or Spring Quarter that there is an opening for them, have to turn us down due to leases they are already committed to," Nelson added.

"We only had to wait two weeks since my husband was starting school summer quarter," said Pam Moody, resident of Buckeye Village. "We really lucked out."

The Village is so popular because of its rental fees: $125 for a two bedroom apartment and $100 for a one bedroom apartment. Rent for Buckeye Village will increase one dollar in October along with other student housing fees which will increase $13.

About 1,000 people live in the 400 units. The requirement for eligibility to the village housing is at least one spouse be a full-time student. "Most of the residents live here either all or part of four years. At the end of four years we'll review their academic status to see if the student is making sufficient progress toward a degree," Nelson said.

Residents in Buckeye Village must follow the same rules and regulations set forth in all other residence halls such as having no pets. "If we find out the resident is keeping a pet we tell him he has two weeks to get rid of it, just like in any other residence hall," Nelson said.

"About 200 to 300 children inhabit the complex and there are playground facilities as well as a cooperative nursery. "A good point about the Village is they have get-togethers," Moody said. For instance a few weeks ago there was a picnic for everyone living in Buckeye Village. It's a good way to meet people especially when you're new."
Rate hikes don't cut demand

Buckeye Village booked up

By Michelle Gottlieb

Married students face many hassles at Ohio State, particularly if they want to live in Buckeye Village, a University-owned housing complex.

The village, located along the west side of Olentangy River Road, immediately south of the University Shopping Center, is the only University-owned housing for married students, according to Jack Cantwell, director of apartment housing for the Office of Residence and Dining Halls.

He said since the Village rent hike, effective July 1, 1974, applications for village residence have not declined.

THE MONTHLY village rent jumped from $95 to $100 for a one-bedroom apartment and from $120 to $126 for a two-bedroom apartment. The rent includes air-conditioning and utilities, except electricity and telephone. All of the apartments are unfurnished.

"Buckeye Village consists of 232 one-bedroom apartments and 168 two-bedroom apartments," Cantwell said. "In order to have a two-bedroom apartment, a couple must have children."

IN ORDER to become eligible for village residence, the tenant must be enrolled for at least seven quarter hours or pay full University fees in at least three academic quarters a year.

"To my knowledge, there are no further plans for additional University-owned housing for married students," Cantwell said.

"Future housing plans for married students are impossible right now, due to economic costs," John Nelson, assistant vice president of Residence and Dining Halls, said.

"THE BUCKEYE Village applicant should allow 9 to 16 months from the date of his application is filed as the usual waiting time for an apartment," Cantwell said.

"There's a very long waiting list for residence in the village," he said.

A 1973 regulation states if a village resident has not graduated after four years, his academic progress is reviewed by the Village Manager and the student could be asked to leave the village.

Cantwell said village applicants are notified when and if housing becomes available. The acceptance of a residence application does not mean housing will be provided, he said.
Off-campus complex to receive new look

By Lisa D. Crooks
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Buckeye Village Apartments is home to graduate and professional married students and families at Ohio State University. It is also home to a lot of changes.

“We just started a three-year renovation program of all of the facilities that are here,” said Patty Griffin, Buckeye Village manager. The renovations are the first which have ever been done at the 25-year-old village.

Buckeye Village is part of Residence and Dining Halls and consists of 400 one- and two-bedroom apartments.

“The two-bedroom apartments are reserved for families with children. They essentially just have an additional bedroom,” Griffin said.

About 80 percent of the village is of international population. A high percentage are Korean and Chinese,” Griffin said. She also said many graduate students live in the village.

Part of the renovation is being done while tenants still live there.

“We’re replacing all of the windows and putting in new air conditioners,” Griffin said. The new windows will have a vinyl casing so they will not conduct extreme temperatures, she said. These renovations will be completed by December.

The rest of the renovation can only be done when the apartments are vacant.

“As people move out, we hold that apartment open and have contractors go in and renovate it,” Griffin said. Apartments are totally renovated in 30 days, which entails replacing all of the plumbing, a new plumbing system, as opposed to just replacing the old pipes. And they’ll (the contractors) be replacing a lot of floors, repairing all the woodwork and repainting all the apartments. Once that is completed, we’ll be putting in new stoves and new refrigerators,” she said.

The service building and the community building, which has a library, an area for social activity and a kitchen, will also be renovated.

The current monthly rents at Buckeye Village are $225 for a one-bedroom apartment and $272 for a two-bedroom apartment. Those prices include water but not electricity, which costs between $15 and $30, Griffin said. The renovated one-bedroom apartments will cost $235, and the two-bedroom apartments will cost $285, she said.

Either the husband or the wife needs to take a minimum of seven credit hours for at least three quarters in order to qualify to live there, Griffin said. After that, students can take every third quarter off.

Griffin said there is a six- to eight-month waiting list.

Many students closed out of Buckeye Village turn to the Office of Commuter Student Affairs, which has apartment listings from 500 to 700 local landlords, said Luther Smith, secretary to the coordinator of Commuter Student Affairs.

Buckeye Village has a nursery school, although it is not restricted to Buckeye Village children. It takes up to 70 children. The nursery school cost $48 per quarter last year, and the price might go up to $50, Griffin said. “That’s a nice resource for parents who have children,” she said.

Construction will begin this summer on a day-care center, to be built near Buckeye Village, Griffin said.
Face-lift under way in Buckeye Village

By Karen Bockhorst
Lantern staff writer

Buckeye Village Apartments, between Lane Avenue and Ackerman Road, are in the middle of a $7 million face-lift. Some think the improvements, its first in 25 years, could make the married housing complex the best in the Big Ten.

Patty Griffin, manager of the complex, said the renovation began this summer and should be finished in three years.

When it is done, it should be the best housing facility for married, graduate and professional students among the Big Ten Conference universities, Griffin said.

Bill Hall, director of the Office of Residence and Dining Halls, said this year's renovations will total approximately $2.5 million and will include upgrading the electrical and plumbing systems, replacing windows and appliances, and remodeling the interior of 25 percent of the units.

The renovation of Buckeye Village is one part of the "1986-1989 Long-Range Plan of the Office of Residence and Dining Halls," which helps the Residence and Dining Halls prioritize future renovations.

Griffin said the improvement ideas came from past university housing conferences in which Ohio State housing officials traded renovation ideas with other school administrators across the nation.

This year OSU will sponsor the Big Ten Housing Conference held Oct. 26-28.

"These conferences are a great chance for Ohio State and other Big Ten Universities to share resources about their residence halls, dining commons and married graduate housing, which applies in our case," Griffin said.

Griffin said major renovations are being done while the apartments are vacant and then crews from five contractors work on the units.

Prior to renovations, one-bedroom apartments were $225 a month and two-bedrooms were $272 a month. After renovations, rent for each unit will be $235 and $285, respectively.

Griffin said the only complaints received from tenants were about workmen starting too early.
Graduate housing renovation under way

By Peipei Chang
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The Graduate Housing Office is undergoing a $2.4 million renovation program which includes the renewal of Jones Graduate Tower, Morrison Graduate Tower, Neil Hall and Buckeye Village.

Funding for the program comes from the Capital Improvement Funds supported by the Office of Residence and Dining Halls, said Diane Whitebeck, director of the Graduate Housing Office.

Whitebeck said the two major phases of the renovation are to furnish and renew the inside facilities and furniture of individual living spaces and to maintain the general environment of each house.

The office is using $6 million exclusively for the renovation of Buckeye Village, which houses 80 percent graduate students. The construction includes the replacement of the plumbing and air conditioning systems, the renewal of windows, kitchen and bathroom appliances and painting the walls.

The program also includes renovation of Jones Graduate Tower, This project, which included the installation of new shower doors and windows and refurbishing, is two-thirds finished.

Jones Tower is being renovated floor-by-floor, starting with the top floor. When the renovation is finished on one floor, the residents who live downstairs will have to move up one floor.

Vichai Rojanavanich, a resident of Jones Graduate Tower, just moved to a new room one floor above his old one. His carpet has been replaced, his walls have been repainted and his some of his furniture has been replaced, but Rojanavanich said he is not totally pleased.

"The place needs to be renovated, but I don't know about the timing," Rojanavanich said. "I had to move one floor up within two days. Especially toward the end of the quarter, I couldn't study after I finished the moving."

The project is expected to be completed by June, 1987.
GROWING THEIR OWN

OSU students harvest more than veggies from their gardens

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Jei Guk Jeon helps daughter Eun Jin Jeon on bicycle as his family, including wife, Sun Hee Jeon, son Gui Ju Jeon and friend Yun Ju, right, leave garden.
It's only 12 feet wide and 36 feet long, but Jei Guk Jeon's garden at Buckeye Village is his oasis from studies at The Ohio State University.

"I don't know that much about gardening, but recently I've realized how much fun and relaxing it can be," the native Korean said in halting English.

To Al-Nassiru, his tract near a way of bringing back memories of working on a farm in his native Yemen.

And it has provided some surprises.

"It's my first time gardening, and I'm not looking for a great outcome," he said with a laugh. "But it's a lot of fun and things seem to be growing despite themselves. When I planted the watermelon, I forgot they get fairly big, and as soon as they started growing, it's going to be a fight for space!"

Jei and Al-Nassiru are among 92 families planting, weeding and picking the half-acre tract adjacent to Buckeye Village, an OSU apartment complex for students and their families, many of whom are foreign.

"It's a great program and a lot of the most well-received programs have said Rusty Griffin, manager of Buckeye Village.

"It's a nice social outlet where students can spend time with their family and friends, and at the same time save money by growing their own food."

THE PROGRAM, operating since 1961, is available only to village residents and their children.

The 100 parcels, for which students pay $5 per year to use, are plowed and prepared by OSU. And because they are fed by an underground water system, the gardens have escaped the effects of the recent drought.

For Jei, a graduate student studying political science, and his wife, Sun Hee Jeon, the garden is a great place to spend time with their son, Gui Ju Jeon, 6, and daughter, Eun Jin Jeon, 4.

"They like to help pick and water the vegetables," Jei said of his children. "The garden is like a playground for them. It is a nice family time."

Al-Nassiru said he enjoys spending time working in the garden with his wife, Sabih, and their 2-year-old daughter, Lavaa.

"I've enjoyed watching things grow and I've learned a lot," said Al-Nassiru, who is working on his bachelor's degree in computer science.

"This program has given me the opportunity to try something I've always wanted to do."

Recently, Al-Nassiru inherited more space when two families apparently abandoned their plots. He uses the extra space to grow more hot and mild peppers, okra, tomatoes and other vegetables.

"I had fun with just my small plot, and now that I have the two others it has been even more fun. If I have the same amount of space next year, I'll plant more, and I'll remember to space things out."

A city girl, Alicia Morgan, was raised in Columbus, but she always had a yen to garden.

"It really amazes me that you can put a seed in the ground and something will grow. I guess it's the kid in me, but it's really exciting," said Morgan, a graduate student studying consumer economics and Spanish.

"I will never buy a tomato from a store unless I really have to," she said. "There is such a difference in taste in the vegetables when they are grown in your own garden."

But Morgan found there is a price to pay.

"You have to really love it," she said. "I come out here every other day, and at times it is very difficult to find the time, but I know I have to."

Woolding Choy, a business student from Singapore, is Morgan's garden partner.

"I have never had a garden before. Where I come from there are no gardens," Choy said. "When Alicia asked if I would like to work in the garden with her I was thrilled. It's a good pastime away from studying."

Morgan jokes with Choy about giving her a percentage of the produce. "I really don't care about getting anything," Choy said with a laugh. "I just love working out here... that I do plan on getting some of the watermelon."

"Playing farmer has been a pleasant escape for many of the students, but Al-Nassiru said he decided to grow his own, in part, for survival."

WHEN HE moved to Columbus, he knew nothing about American food. "For months I was going to Rax every day," Al-Nassiru said.

"Too much of something gets old very fast and it did with me. I kept trying other things and then I finally found Kentucky Fried Chicken. That lasted for a while, too."

Today, he is cooking more, and he uses the vegetables from his garden. "I'm not a very good cook," he said, "but I'm getting better."

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OSU students on waiting list

Vacancies limited at Buckeye Village; single-parent minorities have priority

By Stephanie Harper
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Many of the 400 students on the waiting list for housing at Buckeye Village might graduate before Ohio State has room to house them.

Buckeye Village is Ohio State’s student family housing unit and is part of OSU’s Residence and Dining Halls. It is located about a mile from campus at Olentangy River and Ackerman roads.

In order to live at Buckeye Village either the husband or the wife must be enrolled as a student at Ohio State and must be taking a minimum of seven credit hours.

Toni Greenslade-Smith, manager of the OSU Office of Contracts and Assignments, said Buckeye Village applications are handled, and the waiting list consists of 100 people for one bedroom apartments and 300 people for two bedroom units.

Patty Griffin, housing manager of Buckeye Village, said the waiting list for the newly renovated apartments ranges from six months to one year for one bedroom units and about an 18-month wait for a two bedroom unit.

Diane S. Whitbeck, manager of graduate, family and conference housing, said some people are discouraged by the waiting list and probably don’t bother to apply.

Griffin said as of Autumn of 1988, 80 percent of Buckeye Village residents were international students.

Whitbeck said this reflects the fact that international students tend to plan ahead more carefully, while American students might not see the need to plan in advance for housing.

Single-parents seem to be increasing in number on campus and are seeking affordable, safe housing close to Ohio State, said Jeanne Likins, director of Commuter Student Affairs.

Griffin said there are currently 15 single-parents living in Buckeye Village.

“The single parent population at Buckeye Village,” said Whitbeck, “is probably as high as it’s ever been.”

She said 10 percent of Buckeye Village is available to any member of ACCESS, a university pilot program.

“The ACCESS program,” said Griffin, “is a program that is designed to specifically assist minority single parents. We work in conjunction with the ACCESS program and have set aside 20 apartments for them as they accept single parents into their program; we provide housing for them.”

Currently, said Griffin, only one member of the ACCESS program resides at Buckeye Village.

An ACCESS member has priority over other applicants on the waiting list, said Griffin. If a member is in need of housing, they are eligible for the next available two bedroom unit.

Elizabeth Gorman, 22, an OSU junior majoring in political science, is a single parent who has been on the Buckeye Village waiting list for one year.

She said she thinks the ACCESS program is a great program, but wants a program to assist all single parents, not just minority single parents.

“You can’t really expect the university to take care of you just because you’re a single parent, but there seems to be groups for everyone else — except for single parents,” she said.

She said she is angry because the waiting list was supposed to be first come-first served, and now she is worried her wait for an apartment will be extended if more ACCESS members need housing.

“I think it’s great to help single moms in general, but I think any single mom is disadvantaged,” Gorman said, “I want to know how long our wait is going to be extended.”

Whitbeck said Buckeye Village has always been in demand by students who have families, but she doesn’t see the ACCESS program posing any particular waiting problems for the others on the waiting list.

“One apartment won’t hold up anyone’s chances,” she said.

Likins suggests students like Gorman seek alternative housing for the short term, because it is unlikely they will live in Buckeye Village soon.

She sees the problem as one between student’s needs and university budgets.

“To make life better for students on this campus, there has to be those (university programs) resources,” she said.
Halloween fun, safe at Buckeye Village

By Lois J. Wong
Lantern staff writer

Buckeye Village was the place to party Thursday, at least for people under the age of 10.

The OSU Police Department and the Office of Residence and Dining Halls joined to co-sponsor a Halloween party for children living at Buckeye Village, the only university housing for students with children.

The party, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Buckeye Village Recreation Center, 2661 Defiance Drive, was attended by 260 of the 300 children who live at Buckeye Village.

OSU police supplied plastic bags, safety coloring books, candy, cookies, and pumpkins, while the Office of Residence and Dining Halls provided doughnuts and cider.

"There really aren’t any residential areas on campus where students can take their children to trick or treat, so we try to provide a safe alternative with an annual party," said Patty Griffin, manager of student family housing.

Several officers joined Buckeye Village employees to distribute the goodies to the costumed children, who participated in a door-to-door trick or treat prior to the party.

"Parents don’t have to worry about tainted candy, and it’s a good way to familiarize children with the police," said Chief Peter Herdt, who attended the party.

The joint effort is a tradition that was started by the OSU Police Department in 1958 to provide children of OSU students with a safe, on-campus means to celebrate Halloween, said Captain John Petry.

Babette Poteet, a senior from Pennsylvania, agreed that the party is a good means for teaching children that police officers are friendly, helpful people. She has lived in Buckeye Village since April with her husband, Jeffrey, a senior from Florida, and their 22-month-old twin sons.

Police support of the party is funded by officer contributions, Herdt said.
Buckeye Village residents leery of compost site

By Todd Harrell
Lantern staff writer

The composting site proposed for construction on OSU land in the fall has some people in Buckeye Village concerned.

The site for the 24-acre facility would be located about 100 yards to the south of the Buckeye Village apartments complex, but must first be approved by the Ohio EPA by December 24 of this year before the Franklin County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority and Ohio State can proceed with the project.

OSU graduate student and four-year tenant Hyun Moon said he is concerned about the impact the facility might have on the community.

He is also upset because residents were not informed of the project by Ohio State; he and other residents had to find out about it in the newspaper.

"We are worried about the potential effects of the odors it will bring to the area, the traffic problem it could cause due to dumpster trucks driving through and we're concerned about what the look of the environmental landscape will become," Moon said.

If approved, the facility would accept leaves, grass and brush and turn it into mulch which could then be added to soil in gardens and flower beds or combined with other materials to make topsoil.

Moon is acting as head chairman of a committee that he formed comprised of himself and several other Buckeye Village residents.

He said the committee is also concerned about the potential health risks to more than 300 children playing at the child health care facility.

John Lawter, OSU director of Roads and Grounds, said the residents of Buckeye Village, Moon in particular, have a misconception of what this composting facility is all about.

"When people hear the word, compost, they think or imagine garbage smell of a land fill dump and it is not going to be that. This is not what this is," Lawter said.

Lawter said if odor from the facility became a problem, it would be closed down.

Lawter also said there will be no traffic problems because they will only allow access from the Lane Avenue entrance, with the possibility of a road extension routed by the health department.

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child care center.

In a meeting between the committee and Lawter, Moon said Lawter stressed how important it was for Ohio State to have this facility and sidestepped the concerns of the residents. Lawter disagreed.

"I answered all their questions, and everyone seemed to be satisfied," Lawter said. "The only thing that they were worried about was not having a say in the matter as far as if this facility becomes a problem, and it should be shut down."

Lawter said the facility will be run by the county for as long as the initial lease, which could be one to three years, is in effect.

In Franklin County, yard wastes such as grass clippings, brush and tree stumps and leaves account for nearly 20 percent of the total waste stream, according to a press release issued by the trash authority.

James M. Mentel, director of operations for the trash authority, states in the release that the trash authority is required by state law to find alternative disposal for yard wastes. Beginning on December 1, 1985, yard waste will no longer be accepted at the county landfill or Franklin County's solid waste facility.

Because of this mandate, the Franklin County Trash Authority had to find a location for a new model compost facility.

Joe Heimlich, extension associate with the OSU development committee, agreed with Lawter that Moon's concern would not be a problem.

"I will push for better fencing and posting around the facility so that their will be no problem with the landscape," Heimlich said. "As far as problems with odors coming from the facility, if it is a well run facility their will be no problems, this facility will have several features designed to ensure no odor problems exist."

Heimlich also said there is no danger of chemical runoff from the facility because the whole process of yard waste management does not involve the use of chemicals.

Heimlich said he thinks the residents should become more knowledgeable about the situations and address their concerns in a more open and concise manner to the county's trash authority.

"With a lack of information, the human mind assumes the worst, and I think that is what is at play here."

Lawter said once the University signs a contract with the county, which they are in the stages of doing now, a public meeting will be held so concerned citizens can ask questions and state their concerns.
OSU students raising a stink about plans for composting site

By Tim Doulin
Dispatch Staff Reporter

Some residents of Buckeye Village at The Ohio State University think putting a yard-waste composting site in their neighborhood stinks or will stink if it is built.

A petition already signed by more than 400 residents is circulating in the village and opposes OSU’s plans announced this year to lease 24 acres south of Ackerman Road to the Franklin County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

The trash authority would operate a windrow composting operation that would take in up to 15,000 tons of grass, leaves and brush each year.

The proposed site is about 100 yards from Buckeye Village, which houses about 1,000 OSU students and their families and is run by OSU’s Office of Residence and Dining Halls.

“The leaves and trees may not be a problem, but the smell from grass is quite bad,” said Jeong-hee Kim, a resident and doctoral student at OSU.

The village sometimes floods during heavy rains, and some residents are concerned the material will wash into the streets and apartments, Kim said.

“I don’t know what is going to happen; maybe we are going to be swimming in mulch,” Kim said.

Some residents fear that the compost will attract insects, posing a health threat. Residents also believe the site will create traffic problems, with trucks driving into the village to dump their loads.

“I have three children, and I don’t want them playing around that,” said Michelle Cobbs, a village resident and undergraduate student.

The residential area and the composting site are compatible, university officials believe, saying the site was approved by the solid waste management authority.

“They run these things up in Cleveland, and they run well,” said Jim Stevens, assistant vice president for the office of physical facilities at OSU. “There are disasters out there, but that is because they are not run well.”

Piles of grass, leaves and brush are supposed to deteriorate naturally into mulch, and an underground drainage system is supposed to take care of any smelly residue.

“It is not like having a big pile of rotting grass by your house,” Stevens said.

OSU considered establishing a composting site on university property near Don Scott Field on W. Case Road. But the Environmental Protection Agency vetoed the idea, saying the birds attracted to the area could interfere with airplanes taking off and landing, Stevens said.

“I don’t know where else to put it,” he said. “It is a pasture now, and you have cows and all their activity, and that doesn’t seem to hurt the residents.”

OSU and the county still are negotiating a contract. The county wants a long-term lease, and OSU wants a one-year contract with an option to renew, Stevens said.

The university will get rid of the composting project if it creates a problem, Stevens said. But residents are skeptical.

“After it is built, we don’t think it will be stopped. No way,” said Mahn-hee Kang, a Buckeye Village resident and doctoral student.

Kang said he believes that the university is taking advantage of the student residents, who are mostly foreign and transients.

“I think they thought we would not say anything about this,” he said. “I look at this kind of as discrimination. If they want a central location, why don’t they locate it in Upper Arlington?”
Buckeye Village residents able to take to the garden

By Shinja Shin
Lantern staff writer

Students living in Buckeye Village have the opportunity to grow vegetables and plants on garden plots provided by the university.

Students can choose to rent a garden plot from two sizes, either 12 feet by 36 feet or 12 feet by 18 feet with a $10 or $8 fee and a $5 deposit, said Phani Machiraju, a member of the garden committee.

The University will plow the soil for the resident-gardeners before the seeding period begins.

According to apartment policy, residents of Buckeye Village cannot grow edible plants or vegetables at the entrance of their apartments, but residents can use the area located to the west of the apartments to grow vegetables.

“"The garden program not only allows social and recreational activities for residents, but also helps with economic support in terms of providing their own foods," said Stephen Jones, manager of Buckeye Village.

In the 400 units of Buckeye Village, 85 percent of the resident population is international students, 60 percent of whom are Asian students, Jones said.

The gardening in Buckeye Village is representative of the cultures and provides familiarity to the people from their home countries, Jones said.

Different people from different countries grow different vegetables, according to their cultures: Lettuce, radish and oriental cabbage are popular for Korean students; okra and chili pepper for Indian students; onion, cabbage and beans for Chinese students; maize and parsley for Ghanaian students.

Without classification of nationalities, tomatoes, eggplants and peppers are popular for all the gardeners in Buckeye Village.

Kwaku Gyasi, who has experience farming in Ghana, said, "Some part of the reason to grow vegetables is to save money."

Omer Demirkaya, a graduate student majoring in biochemical engineering, said he spends about 30 minutes on his garden after class.

He said he enjoys gardening because working with plants gives him stress relief.
OSU to let gay partners live together on campus

By H.J. Chiu
Lantern staff writer

Ohio State is the latest Big Ten university to allow gay and lesbian domestic partners to live in campus family housing, said Phil Martin, director of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services.

Beginning July 1, domestic partners and their dependent children are qualified to live at Buckeye Village, which until now has been reserved for married OSU students and single parent students.

Applicants were previously required to submit a marriage certificate to live there. Now an affidavit of domestic partnership is accepted, allowing same-sex partners access to Buckeye Village.

The Office of Human Resources and Relations defines domestic partnership as "A committed relationship between two adults, regardless of gender."

Bill Hall, director of Residence and Dining Halls, said the new policy helps people who have lasting relationships with members of the same sex. "We find that same-sex partners have difficulties finding housing and often are discriminated against."

Hall said the policy was needed. "This brings our current family housing policy in line with the university's."

Martin said he is glad to see the policy reformed. "It shows that the university and the administration are dedicated to equal rights for all people," he said.

Valerie Depew, a resident of Buckeye Village and a junior in the College Arts and Science, said that she was brought up in a religious environment. "But right now I don't mind. They are human beings. They are just like me. They just have different ideas," she said.

Dwaine Armentrout, a resident of Buckeye Village and a graduate student in industrial and systems engineering, said he does not agree with the new policy.

Domestic partnership qualifications

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"I think that (with) domestic partners, the name is very misleading. I think they should call the relationship what it really is. It is a homosexual or lesbian relationship," Armentrout said.

Armentrout presented the following argument: Buckeye Village was meant to be family housing for students. The Bible defines 'family' as a man and a woman.

Therefoer, a domestic partnership, as defined by the university, does not constitute a family, and should not be allowed at the village.

"I don't want my children growing up in an environment where homosexuality or lesbianism are viewed as OK and just another form of a 'family,'" he said.

Il Hong Kim, Buckeye Village resident and a Ph.D. student in educational administration, said everyone has an equal right to housing, but he has difficulty explaining the situation to his children.

Application forms for domestic partnership are available in Lincoln Tower 514.
**Correction**

*Contrary to Friday's Lantern, applications for domestic partnerships can be picked up in Lincoln Tower 640.*
OSU will open student family housing to gay couples

By Tim Dullin
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

Ohio State University has adopted a new policy to allow gay and lesbian couples to live in the university's student family housing complex.

Effective July 1, same-sex couples "in a committed relationship" will be eligible to live in the Buckeye Village, a 400-apartment complex off Ackerman and Otterbein River roads.

The housing complex has been open to OSU students who are married or a single parent with custody of at least one child.

Gay couples will have to sign an affidavit of "domestic partnership" and meet other guidelines for eligibility. Married couples are required to produce a marriage certificate, and a single parent must show proof of child custody. Reaction to the policy has been mixed and unmarried heterosexual couples have been the most vocal, said William H. Hall, director of residence halls at OSU.

"They want to know why we would not extend the same benefit to them," Hall said.

"But our priority is to extend housing to a group of people who traditionally have been discriminated against and have trouble finding housing in the community. We believe there are some alternatives available to (unmarried heterosexual couples) that are not available to the same-sex group."

OSU has been studying the possibility of opening up Buckeye Village to families with same-sex partners since 1985, Hall said. The University of Wisconsin, among others, has already taken similar steps, he said.

Buckeye Village already includes a diverse mix of cultures, with international students and their families making up about 75 percent of the residents.

The complex manager has met with residents to discuss the new policy, and Hall characterized them as generally supportive.

"There are people who are opposed to the policy, but I think if there is one thing the residents understand, it is what it is like to be discriminated against," Hall said.

Some residents, however, do have reservations about the policy, saying it raises the issue of family values.

"We don't approve because we are Christians, and we just don't think it is right," said Jane Su, the mother of two whose husband is a doctoral student in engineering.

J.P. Hwang, a doctoral student in engineering and father of two, said young children will be confused by seeing other children being raised by same-sex partners.

"I'm not saying I object to homosexuality, but since this is a community with a lot of young children, we are trying to present a picture of the traditional family, and that is not a traditional family," Hwang said.

Sangsoh, a doctoral student in political science, doesn't object to gay couples living in the village but doesn't think they should publicly display affection for one another.

"But I don't think heterosexuals should, either," Oh said.

Marc Conte, co-president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at OSU, said the new policy is a family values issue "in that it is better for families to stay together rather than be separated, and this allows (same-sex couples) to do that."

Some residents are concerned that opening housing to gay couples will make it tougher for married couples to get into the complex, which has a two-year waiting list.

Hall said he is considering giving priority to gay couples on the list.

"Whatever we can do to expand the diversity of our community, I think strengthens our community. But I would have to weigh that very seriously against jumping them ahead of people who have been waiting for two years," Hall said.

OSU estimates there are 5,400 gay students out of about 52,200 on OSU's main campus, but the university is unsure how many gay couples will apply for housing.

About 10 percent of the OSU students live on campus. Like heterosexual students, the majority of gay and lesbian students live off-campus, Martin said.
HOUSING OPENED TO GAY COUPLES

Lawmaker irate over OSU policy

By Tim Doudin
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

State Rep. Michael A. Fox said he plans to introduce legislation to block Ohio State University from allowing gay and lesbian couples to live in the university's student family housing complex.

Fox, R-Hamilton, called OSU's decision to adopt the housing policy "one of the stupidest things I have seen a state university do."

"I will do whatever it takes to stop that from happening," Fox said. "Amendments. Bills. I already have it being drafted."

OSU recently announced that, effective July 1, same-sex couples "in a committed relationship" will be eligible to live in Buckeye Village, a 400-apartment complex off Ackerman and Olentangy River roads.

The housing complex has been open to OSU students who are married and single parents with custody of at least one child.

Gay couples will have to sign an affidavit of "domestic partnership" and meet other guidelines for eligibility. Married couples are required to produce a marriage certificate, and a single parent must show proof of child custody.

Fox said he has sent a letter to OSU President Gordon Gee, stating his opposition to the policy.

"It is not a question of equal rights," Fox said. "What homosexuals do in the privacy of their own life is their business, but when they want the state or a state university to sanction the choices they have made, that is ridiculous. It is just a stupid decision on the university's part."

Fox said a number of his constituents have voiced displeasure over the policy.

"I heard the rumor about this policy yesterday (Thursday), and I discounted it as a joke," Fox said. "Then this morning (Friday), an article ran in a newspaper in my district, and my office was flooded with calls from OSU alumni in my district who were embarrassed by something so reprehensible."

Fox said he is drafting a bill and a "generic amendment, so the first time I get a chance to attach the amendment to a bill I'm going to do it."

Herb Asher, special assistant for state relations at OSU, said the university stands behind the policy.

"The university believes that couples in committed relationships, whether heterosexual or gay, should be eligible to live in Buckeye Village," Asher said.

About 75 percent of the residents are international students and their families, and many residents are graduate students, the university said. Asher said it is not the first time Buckeye Village has made changes to accommodate nontraditional family units.

"Several years ago, we broadened the policy to allow students who are single parents and have custody of children to live there," Asher said.

"When I was in college the notion of a coed dormitory was seen as wrong, so changes occur."
OSU holding off on housing for gay couples

By Tim Doolin
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

In the face of public pressure, Ohio State University is wavering on its decision to allow gay and lesbian couples to live in the university's student family housing complex.

The policy, which was to have been implemented this summer, is being placed on hold until the OSU Board of Trustees has a chance to study it. A decision from the board isn't likely to come until fall, university officials said yesterday.

"We just want an opportunity to study the policy," said Deborah E. Castro, trustee chairman. "I think we just need to look at this matter as a whole."

The university has received "several" telephone calls from alumni, students, parents of students and at least one state legislator since the policy was announced last week, Castro said.

"I think any time there is that much concern in the community, you take a closer look at the policy," Castro said.

Acting on the recommendation of the Office of Residence and Dining Halls, OSU President Gordon Gee approved allowing same-sex couples in a "committed relationship" to live in "Buckeye Village," a 306-apartment complex located off Adelbert and Olentangy River roads.

Currently, the housing complex is open only to married students and single parents with children.

The university said the average age of students living in the housing complex is 36, with 90 percent of the students attending graduate school and 85 percent of the families from other countries.

Gay couples would have had to sign an affidavit of "domestic partnership" and meet other guidelines to be eligible to live in the complex. Married couples are required to produce a marriage certificate and a single parent must show proof of child custody before being allowed to live in the village.

Saying gays need to be understood and recognized, Gee said he stands by his decision and will push for it to be implemented.

"The truth of the matter is people are very uncomfortable talking about this issue. I'm not," Gee said.

"I believe it was the right decision and I will certainly advocate my position to the trustees or anyone else. At the same time, I am president of the university and president of everyone here and I try to represent those interests in a way that will allow us to move forward."

The policy has been criticized by unmarried heterosexual couples who said they should be included in the new policy. Unmarried heterosexual couples were not included because they have an option not available to gay couples — marriage, Gee said.

Some Buckeye Village residents also have been critical of the policy, saying gay couples could have an adverse psychological impact on children living in the complex.

State Rep. Michael A. Fox, R-Hamilton, who last week threatened to introduce legislation to block the policy, seemed satis-

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Gay housing plan deferred

By Stephanie Warsmith
Lantern staff writer

OSU President E. Gordon Gee announced Tuesday that his decision to allow gay and lesbian couples housing in Buckeye Village is being deferred until the Board of Trustees can review the policy. He said action will not be taken until Autumn Quarter.

Gee, however, stands behind his initial decision. "I believe the decision was the right one. I will certainly advocate my position to the trustees or anyone else and anyone in the legislature," he said.

Gee approved a recommendation from the Office of Residence and Dining Halls last month to allow gay and lesbian domestic partners to live in the university's 396-unit housing complex. He said a number of the trustees requested to review the policy, and because he had made an administrative decision, he felt it was appropriate for them to have an opportunity to discuss it.

Buckeye Village provides housing for married and single-parent students. When Gee approved the recommendation to extend the housing to the gay and lesbian community, questions and controversy arose, which included threats from State Rep. Michael A. Fox (R-Hamilton).

Fox said he was drafting legislation to overturn Ohio State's decision. He said he objected to the idea of elevating gay and lesbian relationships to the same status as marriage. He said the policy was a form of reverse discrimination because heterosexual couples who are not married would not be eligible for housing in Buckeye Village.

"There is a way for heterosexual couples to deal with that issue — they can get married," Gee said. He said that gay and lesbian couples do not have that right at this time.

Gee said his decision was not based on Fox's threats. He said he had received four letters from various community members on the issue and he and William Hall, OSU director of Residence and Dining Halls, had each received about 12 phone calls on the issue.

"We are in the midst of a very serious budget issue. We are going to have to make some very serious budgetary decisions regarding the university. We need to have the support of the state legislature," Gee said.

However, Gee said no legislators had threatened the university's budget.

Gee said the Trustees will not act on the issue until Autumn Quarter because they will be discussing the budget at their June meeting, and not many people will be on campus in July to discuss it. So, it will be acted upon in September or October.

Gee said he feels the gay and lesbian community has been discriminated against and Ohio State has a responsibility to deal with discrimination wherever it is found.

Fox said the policy of extending housing to homosexuals sends "a confusing message to younger and older people that it's OK to be queer."

Fox said he does not think homosexuality is natural. "I think homosexual people have a warped sense of self-worth and self-image," Fox said.

He said homosexuality should be kept "in the closet."

"Homosexuals have a warped sense of sexual attitudes. They are no different from child molesters and child abusers," Fox said.

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OSU President E. Gordon Gee announces Tuesday the deferral of the policy that would allow committed gay and lesbian couples to live in Buckeye Village.

Phil Martin, director of the OSU Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services, said he was disappointed about the decision to delay the policy and he hopes the Board of Trustees will follow Gee's recommendation and implement the policy.

"It would be nice if the board could work quicker, but as long as the policy is implemented it will be fine," Martin said.

Martin said the American Psychiatric Association has said that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are perfectly normal. He also said the U.S. Justice Department has said that 92 percent of child molesters are heterosexual men molesting little girls.

Martin said the sense of self-worth of gays and lesbians is fine. "It's people who suffer from homophobia who have a sad sense of self-worth," he said.
Watts tries to ban gay couples in married-student housing

State Sen. Eugene J. Watts, R-Galloway, said yesterday that he has put language into the state budget to declare state universities' married-student housing off-limits to gay or lesbian couples.

Watts is chairman of a Senate finance subcommittee in charge of writing higher education policies and spending amounts into the $30.6 billion state budget. The House has passed a budget. A rewritten Senate Republican version is to be unveiled Monday.

Watts said he has included language limiting the married-student housing at state-assisted four-year colleges and universities to married couples and divorced or single-parent families with children.

Ohio State President Gordon Gee stirred up controversy last week when he announced that gay- and lesbian couples would be allowed to live in the 396-unit Buckeye Village.

That decision was later deferred for review by the OSU Board of Trustees.

"This plan was poorly conceived, discriminatory and could not have enjoyed worse timing, as we are formulating the higher education budget in Ohio," Watts said. "I believe the Board of Trustees at this flagship institution of Ohio will not implement this proposal.

"Nonetheless, it is useful to take this issue off the table so that higher education institutions can focus on the mission of education rather than social engineering."
Watts suggests banning ‘domestic partners’

Trustees to review new policy allowing same-sex couples to rent Village apartments

By David Tull

State Sen. Gene Watts, R-Galloway, announced May 20 he will insert language in Ohio's budget bill that would limit married student housing only to married couples and divorced or single-parent families with children.

The University had already announced that, at the request of the Board of Trustees, it will delay implementation of an administrative decision to allow committed gay and lesbian couples to live in family housing at Buckeye Village. President Gee announced May 18 that "the board has requested the opportunity to review the policy further."

Last month, Gee approved a recommendation from the Office of Residence and Dining Halls to allow gay and lesbian domestic partners to live in the University's 396-unit family housing area.

The policy elicited major reactions. The Office of Residence and Dining Halls received calls both opposing and supporting the move. Rep. Michael Fox, R-Hamilton, also said that he would propose legislation to override the policy. The University once limited Buckeye Village to married couples, but opened it in 1977 to unmarried and divorced single parents with children. The average age of the current student resident is 31 years old; 90 percent are graduate students; and 85 percent of the families are international.

Even if the policy for Buckeye Village were implemented, it could be several years before same-sex couples live there, according to William H. Hall, director of residence and dining halls. "We have no (same-sex) applications at present and the waiting list means a wait of one and one-half to two years."

In 1985, the University added sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy, Hall said. But, so far, when committed same-sex partners have asked for University housing, "we've been saying, 'No, we can't house you.'"

"Because of public concerns that have arisen, the board wishes to review the policy (for same-sex housing at Buckeye Village)," Gee said. "There have been questions about the use of tax dollars for operations and maintenance, even though there are no tax or tuition monies involved. All of our housing facilities are entirely self-supporting."

The Office of Residence and Dining Halls, which manages Buckeye Village, not only is self-supporting but contributes about $3.5 million to the general fund each year, Hall said.

"Another issue that arose was the application of the policy limiting it to same-sex couples only. And while these issues merit further consideration, there are some people who just disagree with the decision, period," Gee said.

Committed heterosexual partners do have other alternatives, say University officials. "One of these is called marriage," said Hall. "And heterosexual couples customarily don't face discrimination when they try to rent an apartment."

Gee said he continues to support the administrative decision to allow committed gay partners to live together in Buckeye Village. "I made the decision. I will advocate for the decision. The University has a very thoughtful Board of Trustees, and I have full confidence in their judgment."

Other schools across the nation have extended family housing to domestic partners, according to Joanne Markiewicz, associate director of residence and dining halls. Among those with such a policy in place are the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Harvard Law School; Stanford University; Teachers College, Columbia University; Columbia University; NYU Law School; the University of Chicago; and the State University of New York, Stony Brook.

Ramifications of the policy will be discussed at a future meeting of the board, Gee said.

Buckeye Village, which is about 35 years old, is the University's only family housing. The rent level is an attraction, said Hall — in 1993-94, rent will be $344 per month for a one-bedroom and $408 for a two-bedroom apartment.

To qualify as domestic partners, a couple would be required to certify that they live together and share necessities of life, that they have been in a relationship for at least six months, that they are not legally married to anyone else and are each other's sole domestic partner, that they are at least 18 and mentally competent, that they are not closely related by blood, and that they are responsible for each other's common welfare.
Gay issue gets quiet Buckeye Village talking

By Tim Doolin
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

"It's easy to overlook Buckeye Village."

Tucked away on the outskirts of the campus off Ackerman and Olentangy River roads, Ohio State University students and their families lead a relatively sleepy existence in the university's family housing complex, far removed from the raucous N. High Street nightlife.

"It is a very comfortable place to live," said Farnia Salhi, an undergraduate student who lives in one of the village's apartments with her husband and 3-year-old son.

"You don't have to worry about loud music and beer parties. It's usually very quiet."

The 286-apartment complex recently found itself in the middle of a controversy when OSU said it planned to allow gay couples in committed relationships to live there.

Up until then, only married couples and single parents with children qualified to live in the complex.

In the face of public pressure, the university trustees said they wanted to review the policy, which had been approved by OSU President Gordon Gee.

Some residents oppose the policy because they believe it will hurt the children who live in the complex. Others cite religious reasons for opposing the policy.

"Most of the people here are from other countries and are conservative," said Salhi, a native of Algeria. "And it is an issue conservatives tend to avoid explaining to children."

About 85 percent of the families in the village are from foreign countries. Most students living in the complex attend graduate school, and the average age of those students is 31.

"It is sometimes difficult because of the cultural differences," said Renee Paoli, an American whose husband is a graduate student in microbiology.

"But everyone is in the same situation. They are going to school and have kids."

Paoli and her husband moved to the village from Grandview Heights about three years ago so their 3-year-old daughter would have a place to play. The complex has several playgrounds with swings, jungle gyms and a basketball court.

The complex also has other conveniences, such as laundry facilities, bus service to and from Main Campus, less than a mile away. OSU police routinely cruise the grounds.

Paoli opposes the proposed housing policy, saying she is concerned that gays will be displaying affection in public.

"If they (homosexual couples) were allowed, I would want them to watch themselves when they are outdoors."

Renee Paoli
Buckeye Village resident

Bryan Williams, who lives in the complex with his wife and 5-year-old son, supports allowing gays to live in the village.

"My son knows people who are gay. I don't have a problem with that," Williams said.

"To not allow people to live here based on sexual orientation is discriminatory."

Williams also objects to state legislators who have pressured the university to abandon the policy by saying they represent the interests of the state's taxpayers.

"You know," Williams said, "there are lots of gay people who pay taxes, too."
Kids share heritage at afterschool program

By H.J. Chiu
Lantern staff writer

Mangaju Nagarajan, 9, speaks perfect Tamil and English, and knows some words in other languages. After school, she likes to attend a special program in Buckeye Village with her friends, who are from America, China, Ghana, India, Japan, Nigeria, Taiwan — all over the world.

The After School Program, designed and sponsored by Buckeye Village, aims at providing kids in the Village with a place to go after school and have a good time with other children, said Stephen Jones, the manager of Buckeye Village.

Amanda Barron, coordinator of the After School Program and a senior in elementary education, said the program tries to help children share each other’s cultures, as well as assist them in adjusting to American life.

“It is great to see them get along like brothers and sisters,” she said. “It is good to see integration like that because in our society, that is what we need.”

Barron said the integration of cultures happens through out the Village.

During the weekday afternoons, children go to recreation centers in the village to do homework, watch videos, paint, listen to stories, join math and spelling bees, and play games that pertain to other cultures.

Barron asks parents to provide ideas of foreign games that children can play during the program. She said kids enjoy playing various games that belong to their friends’ cultures.

Sometimes kids point out the observable differences between America and other countries.

Kofi Gyasi, a first grader from Ghana, said she had never seen roller skates before because everything in her country is made with mud and rock.

This kind of discovery comes up frequently, Barron said. She said that she does not only teach, but also learns from the children.

“We like to teach children what the other culture does, rather than what the culture is,” she said. She thinks children will learn to appreciate the other cultures by performing the other cultures’ activities.

Children get small treats and rewards for their good behavior. A ninth grader, Delanince Cobbs, remembers every prize and award. She said her mom is a single parent, works at two part-time jobs and attends Ohio State. Delanince enjoys the program and likes to make friends there. During the weekend, she occasionally participates in a kids-only party with her little international friends at the playground in Buckeye Village.

Besides playing games and other academic learning, Barron also corrects children’s grammar and manner. In some cases, children just arrived in America and don’t speak English. Barron has to ask for parents’ translation.

Balasubramania Nagarajan, a doctoral student in the department of Geodetic Surveying and Mapping, said both he and his wife are graduate students and do not have much time left for kids. He is satisfied with his daughter enjoying good company and picking up good English in the program.

There are about 40 nations represented in the 400-apartment complex, and 85 percent of them are international students.

Jones said the village administration tries to recognize and celebrate major holidays of different cultures. He said so far, most of them are of American focus, such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
Housing just beginning of equality goals for OSU gays

By Almea Trimarche
Lantern staff writer

Although same-sex domestic partners are still waiting for the OSU Board of Trustees' approval to live in Buckeye Village, many gay and lesbian activists say this debate represents a small step in the continuing process for equal rights.

After receiving a petition signed by more than 400 faculty and staff members requesting domestic partner benefits, OSU President Gordon Gee approved a recommendation for the Office of Residence and Dining Halls to allow gay and lesbian partners to live in Buckeye Village.

Buckeye Village is the university's 398-unit family housing area limited to married couples and unmarried and divorced single parents.

Even though the decision was deferred until Autumn Quarter, many gay and lesbian couples and activists said they think allowing domestic partners to live in Buckeye Village would represent a small step in the right direction for the gay community.

"It's one of the minimum things that OSU can do to recognize the fact that it has gay, lesbian and bisexual faculty here, and that they have specific needs that haven't been met," said Monica Lonigro, an OSU student and gay-rights activist.

Ohio State has services such as the Office for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students, Services and other faculty and staff benefits. But more important benefits such as medical coverage, health insurance and, of course, housing could play a factor for many who plan on teaching or studying at Ohio State, Lonigro said.

Phil Martin, director of OSU Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services, said he also believes the university will be hurt if it fails to extend these and other benefits. Because many gays and lesbians are "coming out" at a younger age, they do not expect special rights, but equal rights, Martin said.

"People are upset because they think it is a special right because it (Buckeye Village) is not for non-

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married heterosexual people," Martin said. "But all these people are crying 'you're getting a special right, but I don't hear them crying that we don't have any right to form legal relationships.'"

OSU Law Professor Douglas Whaley, who has been in a committed gay relationship for eight years, said members of the gay community have been pushing the administration for years to extend benefits to domestic partners. Domestic partners are same-sex couples in a committed relationship.

"If you really believe that gays and straights are the same, then you can't have a rule that only allows straights to get benefits," Whaley said.

Although the university already has a non-discriminatory policy in place, the problem is enforcing it, which the university hasn't done, Whaley said.

Being vocal is also very important to getting things accomplished for the gay community, and although the voice is there, finding an authority to back up that voice is the problem, Lonigro said.

"I think it's crucial. It's not just an issue — it's my life," Lonigro said. "Getting authority behind the voice... that's the problem, and it's not just for gay, lesbian and bisexual communities, but it's for a lot of other student services as well."
Gardens of the world flourish in an OSU field

By Michael Leach
Dispatch Garden Reporter

Gardening is the world's common language, spoken by all its peoples save nomads.

Its various dialects flourish in the community garden on Ackerman Road near Ohio State University's Buckeye Village. The apartment complex is home to many foreign students.

These gardeners are probably the most cosmopolitan and highly educated per square foot in Columbus. Among Buckeye Village residents, 80 percent are graduate students and 85 percent are from foreign countries.

The exchange of plants that has occurred over millennia between peoples and continents happens each season in this multinational garden.

Sweet Hungarian peppers, the sort used to make paprika, are found in American and Chinese gardens. The seeds were first supplied to Hungarian students by Columbus' Hungarian community.

"Soul" food grows in the neatly tended plot of Samson Wasao from Kenya.

"I only plant the things that I like the most," he said.

Collard greens, which produce edible leaves until frost, grow in his father's garden in rural Kenya. The onions and tomatoes in Wasao's OSU garden are among ingredients cooked with the collards in a variety of traditional ways.

"I'm used to doing this kind of thing, so I miss it if I don't do it," he said. There is more. Wasao, studying rural sociology, said, "It's a social atmosphere. You tend to meet a lot of neighbors."

At the university, nationalities and educational specialties tend to congregate, but in the garden there are no walls. Opportunities for comparing plants and making acquaintances flourish.

There are two sizes of plots: 69 are 15-by-30-foot, and 12 are half that size. Students rent large plots for $10 a season, small ones for $8.

A lottery in April was used to distribute the plots. This keeps the same people from getting "waterfront property" near the irrigation faucet every year.

Seed generally comes from nurseries or seed catalogs, not faraway lands.

The language of gardening allows for unique self-expression, but pleasure appears universal.

Engineering student Daryl Kwon said, "After supper I come out. It is amazing to watch things grow." He raises sesame for its leaves (not its seeds) and auk, a leafy vegetable widely employed in the cooking of rural Korea.

In the garden of John Angel, an American student doing doctoral work in French, several types of herbs and French vegetables flourish in short, immaculate rows. There's a bumper crop of basil.

Tastes cultivated during several years of living in France are satisfied from the plantings of this lifelong gardener, who is one of the managers of the community plots.

Jeff Lu, a graduate assistant studying welding engineering, grows peas and other vegetables in his plot, which looks like a small, flooded paddy. This is not the style of his native Taiwan for growing rice, but his own invention. He wanted to see how it would work.

Until coming to America to study, he had not gardened. Like other gardeners, he finds unexpected rewards in this pursuit besides saving money on grocery bills.

"You get exercise. Watching the vegetables grow makes you happy," he said.

Gardeners apparently have a universal desire to share the fruits of their labors. Lu said, "It grows so fast that you can give it to your friends, and other people enjoy your garden."
Legislator wants OSU to scrap gay housing proposal

By Alan D. Miller
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

A state legislator is threatening to take action if Ohio State University trustees don’t shoot down requested policies that would benefit gay and lesbian students and faculty.

"I’m hoping the Board of Trustees this fall will make this a moot issue officially by just saying no and not adopting that policy," said state Rep. Michael A. Fox, R-Hamilton.

"If that doesn’t happen, that legislation is there and is looking for a home," Fox said. He said he will push for committee hearings on the bill he introduced July 15 if trustees approve a proposal to allow gay and lesbian couples to live in OSU’s Buckeye Village.

House Bill 442 would prohibit any state-assisted university board of trustees from allowing gay and lesbian couples to live in married-student apartments, or to extend insurance benefits to "domestic partners" of faculty.

Thirteen other Republican representatives co-signed the bill.

The Association for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Faculty and Staff has asked the OSU administration to extend insurance benefits to same-sex partners. Administrators have not acted on the request and have not taken it to the trustees.

The trustees are expected to review the housing issue in October or November, said Phil Martin, director of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services at OSU.

OSU board Chairwoman Deborah E. Casto said yesterday she will talk to President Gordon Gee next week about how and when to proceed on the housing issue. The next trustees meeting is Sept. 1 at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, 2400 Olentangy River Rd.

Threatened action by a few legislators is of no concern and will not influence the board, she said. "You have to make the decision you feel is best for the institution."

A discussion of insurance benefits for same-sex partners of faculty and staff members is a logical next step, Casto said, but the housing issue must be resolved first.

 Acting on the recommendation of the Office of Residence and Dining Halls, Gee approved allowing same-sex couples in a "committed relationship" to live in Buckeye Village, a 386-apartment complex off Ackerman and Olentangy River roads. But public pressure prompted trustees in May to put the issue on hold for further study.

Currently, the housing complex is open only to married students and single parents whose children live with them.

The faculty association recently published a handbook asking its members to write letters to legislators and university officials denouncing Fox’s bill.

"I’m hearing that this is discriminatory," said a faculty association member. "They’re just trying to make people feel uncomfortable."

"Gay, lesbian and bisexual persons are not seeking special treatment," the association says. "We are seeking equal treatment."

They are wrong. Fox said.

He said there are "profound legal consequences from elevating homosexual relations to the same level as traditional marriage."

Homosexual relationships should not be on the same level as heterosexual marriage, because homosexual relationships cause decay in the social structure, Fox said.

"Those who say this is discriminatory are wrong. We are discriminating in favor of the traditional family with children. The more we help families and families with children, the better off we are."

Issues of the rights of gays and lesbians should be addressed by the legislature and not by individual state institutions, he said.

Two years ago, OSU made some benefits available to homosexual faculty and staff members. They include sick leave and bereavement leave for loss of a partner, allowing a partner to use athletic and library facilities and allowing the faculty and staff members to buy two OSU football tickets.

Forty-five homosexual couples signed "domestic partnership" affidavits to receive those benefits, the university said.

Besides medical benefits, OSU is being asked for such benefits as tuition reimbursement.

The university estimates there are 770 university employees cohabiting with someone, with about half of those relationships involving homosexuals.
NO CHANGE IN OHIO STATE FAMILY HOUSING POLICY, SAYS GEE

COLUMBUS -- The Ohio State University will not be making a change in its policy that allows only married couples and single parents with children to live in its "family housing" area.

Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee said today that, "After discussions with many people, including individual conversations with members of our Board of Trustees, I have decided to remove from consideration any change in the family housing policy at Ohio State."

Last May, a final decision was deferred on an administrative recommendation that would have allowed gay and lesbian couples who had signed an affidavit of "domestic partnership" to live in the university's 396-unit Buckeye Village.

Gee's announcement maintains the status quo. The average age of students living in Buckeye Village is 31. More than 80 percent are international students and 90 percent are in graduate or professional school.

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Gays out at OSU complex

Gee's proposal for housing dropped

By Alan D. Miller
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

Gay couples will not be allowed to live in Ohio State University housing for married students anytime soon.

OSU President Gordon Gee withdrew his proposal yesterday to allow gay couples to live in university-owned Buckeye Village, a 396-unit apartment complex for married students off Ackerman and Olentangy River roads.

"After deliberate consideration and consultation with a great number of people, including the trustees, I have decided not to put forward the Buckeye Village proposal and (to) withdraw it," Gee said.

"I feel comfortable with the decision," Gee said, adding that it was not forced by pressure from a particular person or group, although he did hear from many people on all sides of the issue.

He will hear more.

"We're definitely disappointed," said Ed Pfeffer, president of the board of Stonewall Union. "It is in opposition to OSU's own anti-discrimination policy, which includes sexual orientation. This treats gay and lesbian couples and families as second-class citizens."

Although he would like to see it discussed again soon, Pfeffer said he realizes the political climate probably will keep the issue from coming up again for two or three years.

"I think there will be a big anti-gay-civil-rights campaign in Ohio soon," he said. "Still, gay and lesbian students, and gay and lesbian staff, will continue pushing for recognition for them and benefits due to them."

“We won’t give up our fight for equal rights.”

Marc Conte, who helped promote the housing policy last year as president of the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance, a student organization, said the university may find itself in violation of a city ordinance that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

If that is the case, Gee said, the university will review its policies. However, Gee said, he believes that the university is not violating the law or its own anti-discrimination policy.

Discussion on the rights of gay people will continue at Ohio State, Gee said, but not within the confines of a housing policy.

“We have a committed group of gay and lesbian faculty, staff and students on this campus; and they need to have equal opportunity and equal access,” Gee said.

He said he personally favors opening Buckeye Village to same-sex couples, but his decision to withdraw the proposal was made in the best interest of the university.

“My personal views are not always in the best interest of the university,” he said.

The Ohio State administration adopted a policy in May to allow gay couples “in a committed relationship” to live in Buckeye Village effective July 1.

After state Rep. Michael A. Fox, R-Hamilton, threatened to “do whatever it takes to stop that from happening,” and others joined in the criticism, OSU trustees put the policy on hold, also in May. They said they would return to it in October or November.

“It is not the table,” Gee said yesterday. Trustees Chairwoman Deborah E. Casto said the trustees agree with that decision.
Gay leaders react to housing decision

By Ginger L. Colbrun
Lantern staff writer

Members of the university's gay community believe the university abandoned its policy to allow same-sex couples to live in Buckeye Village because of the threat of state legislation.

The reality is the statehouse would not allow a change in the policy, said Mark Conte, past OSU president of the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

Buckeye Village currently provides housing for married and single parent students.

State Rep. Michael A. Fox, who is against same-sex couples living in family housing, introduced a bill July 15 to stop the policy. The bill would prohibit state universities from allowing gay couples to live in university housing that is for married couples. But, his bill was pended by the committee.

"If the board approved a pass, the bill would move, and there would be more bills that strip away the basic civil rights of gays throughout the state," Conte said.

OSU President E. Gordon Gee withdrew the proposal after gathering information and having discussions with many people, said Deborah Casto, chairperson of the OSU Board of Trustees.

Conflicting opinions and attitudes, public opinion, timing and the question of the policy's legality all contributed to the withdrawal of the proposal, said Malcolm Baroway, executive director of university communications.

"While Gee personally agrees with the change in policy, he had to differentiate between what his opinion was and what was best for the university," Baroway said.

"Taking it off the table was in the best interest of the university."

There are no plans for future considerations on the policy; the decision has been made, Baroway said.

The policy, which was originally recommended by the Office of Residence and Dining Halls, was reviewed by Gee Spring Quarter, but the final decision was deferred until now on an administrative recommendation.

Phil Martin, director of OSU Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services, agrees that political pressure prompted Gee to withdraw the proposal.

"We are disappointed. Consequently there are other universities in Ohio that have enacted the policy," Martin said.
DATELINE: GAY AMERICA
Ohio State University struggles
to create housing policy for gays

By CINDY BENEDICTO
FOR THE NEW VOICE

COLUMBUS, Ohio. Sunday, Sept. 5
(AP)—Gloria McCauley and Chris
Cozad would like to live at Buckeye Vi-
lage, a family housing complex owned
by Ohio State University. It’s in a clean,
quiet neighborhood, and rent is pretty
good.

Getting one depends on whether
the university will consider them and
their two children a family, or at least Ms.
McCauley and Ms. Cozad as "domestic
partners."

Ms. McCauley and Ms. Cozad are les-
bians, and Buckeye Village is open only
to heterosexual married and single stu-
dents with children.

"To those who say that Buckeye Vi-
lage is for family, well, so are we. What
makes us not a family?" said Ms.
McCauley, 41.

The university is reviewing its tenant
policy at Buckeye Village. In April,
President Gordon Gee announced that
the apartments would accept homose-
exual couples, to conform to OSU’s policy
against discrimination. But opposition
from some tenants and a legislator has
forced the university to rethink the pol-
icy change.

The board of trustees will consider the
issue this fall. It has no deadline for
deciding.

The idea of homosexuals living at
Buckeye Village has divided residents.

Graduate student J.P. Hwang doesn’t
want homosexuals living next-door to
his family.

"We have two young children. We
don’t want to give them wrong ideas. We
want to teach them the right concept of
a family," said Hwang, 36.

But graduate student John Angell
said he would welcome same-sex cou-
ple to Buckeye Village.

"I’m more worried about my 3-year-
old daughter being around intolerant
people than being around people with
different lifestyles," said Angell, 37.

Ms. McCauley and Ms. Cozad have
been together for 11 years and like liv-
ing in Columbus. Despite its image as a
conservative Midwestern city, it has a
well-organized gay community. About
100,000 of the 1.3 million in the metropo-

tau Tomm area are homosexuals, accord-
ing to the homosexual-rights group
Stonewall Union.

There are four monthly newspapers
for homosexuals and at least a dozen
gay bars. It has about 50 political, sup-
port, religious and recreational groups
organized by homosexuals.

Still, Ms. McCauley and Ms. Cozad
say they have been victims of intolerance.
They said neighbors broke win-
dows on their house and car several
times in the neighborhood near campus
where they had lived.

"We went in and out the back door. We
had a porch we couldn’t use," said Ms.
Cozad, 38. "We couldn’t come home from
the grocery store without being yelled
at."

They now rent a three-bedroom house
for $475 a month. They haven’t had any
problems with their new neighbors.

They live with Lea, Ms. McCauley’s 18-
year-old daughter from a previous mar-
rriage, and 1-year-old Caelen, who Ms.
McCauley had by artificial insemina-
tion.
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Early dose of winter gives area ghostly white touch

By Matthew Marx
Dispatch Staff Reporter

The likelihood that central Ohio would see snow in October wasn't exactly great.
But then again, what were the odds John Cooper's Ohio State Buckeyes would remain undefeated after eight games?

A steady mixture of snow and sleeters combined with temperatures about 20 degrees colder than normal to give the region a taste of December weather to go along with early symptoms of the Rose Bowl fever yesterday.

And many of the 94,000 who braved the elements to see the third-ranked Buckeyes beat No. 12 Penn State 24-6 at Ohio Stadium probably are battling colds and flu today.

Even "fair-weather" fans showed up for the game, considered the toughest ticket on this season's home schedule. Scalpers outside the stadium were asking $60-$150 per seat even 20 minutes before kickoff.

Relatively few spectators left midway through the second quarter, after Ohio State led 17-6. Among them was Northwest Side resident Lou Wallott and his 7-year-old daughter Maury, who decided to go home, build a fire and watch the rest of the football game on television.

Stadium usher Linda Studier said she was surprised so many fans turned out at all. But she was more astonished by the sight of morning flurries.

"When I had heard it was going to snow today, I said 'Yeah, Sure.' How often do they predict snow and it never comes? This isn't Christmas," Studier said.

The first snow normally isn't expected for another three weeks, said Stan Czyzyk, AccuWeather meteorologist. Yesterday's high of 37 degrees occurred just after midnight. The normal high and low this time of year is 55 and 39 degrees, he said.

Around the city, traffic slowed at times but few problems were reported.

Columbus Street maintenance crews were waiting to see if an overnight drop in temperature would mean an early appearance by salt trucks.

More snow and sleeters are expected today, clearing partially but bringing colder temperatures at night. The high will be 38 degrees; the low will be 23.
Buckeye Village

You belong in our community.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Student Family Housing

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It's easy to find your special place at Buckeye Village Student Family Housing. We're home to a diverse group of people, from countries all over the world and towns and cities all over the United States. We're home to a variety of languages and customs. You're sure to find what you're looking for here.

Buckeye Village is family housing—with a family atmosphere. The village consists of 224 one-bedroom apartments and 172 two-bedroom apartments, available to married students and students with dependent children in their custody. Buckeye Village is convenient housing, too. Located northwest of campus, the apartments are only about a mile from the heart of The Ohio State University.

You probably have many questions about student family housing at Ohio State. This brochure will try to answer them for you.
Who is eligible to live in Buckeye Village?
Apartments in Buckeye Village are available to married students, their spouses and children, or students with legally dependent children. Two-bedroom apartments are available only to families with children and can house up to two adults and four children. Single parents with at least 51% child custody are also eligible for a two-bedroom apartment. The tenant’s spouse or legally dependent children must be living with the tenant during the time an apartment is occupied.

As well, a tenant of Buckeye Village must be enrolled for a minimum of seven credit hours each quarter and enrolled for three consecutive quarters while living in Buckeye Village. After those first three quarters have elapsed, the tenant must be enrolled for at least three out of every four subsequent quarters. Your eligibility to remain in Buckeye Village will be reviewed quarterly and determined by your active pursuit of a university-approved degree.

Are the apartments accessible to persons with disabilities?
Four of the one-bedroom and four of the two-bedroom apartments are accessible to people with disabilities, as are all common facilities at Buckeye Village (the office, laundry and community building). Please let us know about your particular needs.

What services and furnishings do I receive with my apartment?
At Buckeye Village, we provide water and heat for all apartments at no additional cost. Our cozy one-bedroom apartments consist of a living room, bedroom, kitchen, bath and closets on one floor (see floor plan). Our two-bedroom apartments have two floors, with a living-dining room, kitchen and closet on the lower floor and two

bedrooms, bath and closets on the upper floor (see floor plan). The kitchen in each apartment has a frost-free refrigerator, electric range and garbage disposal. Bathrooms have showers and tubs, and windows are equipped with traverse rods. Plus, an air-conditioning unit is included in each
Can I put a washing machine and dryer in my apartment?

The two-bedroom apartments have space for electric washers and 24" apartment-sized dryers. You will also find a centrally located laundry building in the Buckeye Village. You will have to provide your own furniture and window coverings.

Responsibility for making repairs in my apartment?

You are responsible for making any repairs or alterations to your apartment. You will have to provide your own furniture and window coverings. You will have to provide your own repairs or alterations to the apartment or equipment. If you need repair or maintenance work, call the Buckeye Village office (292-4661).

Can I park my car close to my apartment?

You must park at the community building parking lot, a short distance away. Each vehicle must be registered with the Buckeye Village office. Each family may park no more than two vehicles in the parking lot.
lots at Buckeye Village. Because we have only a limited number of parking spaces, we cannot grant any exceptions.

**Are pets allowed in Buckeye Village?**
All pets (except fish) are prohibited in student family housing.

**How do I apply for student family housing?**
First of all, you need to complete the attached application form. When your completed application is received by the Office of Contracts and Assignments, it is dated to indicate the order in which it was received. Available apartments are offered to applicants in this order.

Because of the large number of applications, we can’t predict or guarantee that we will be able to offer you an apartment for the month in which you wish occupancy. It will depend upon how many apartments are available that month and the number of applications that were received before yours. In the past we have found that two-bedroom apartments are very popular, and applicants may wait 18 to 24 months. Obviously it’s very important for you to return your application as soon as possible. If your address or daytime phone number changes, please contact the Office of Contracts and Assignments.

We do require a non-refundable $30.00 filing fee upon acceptance of the apartment. At that time we also require a security deposit equal to one month’s rent. The security deposit can be made by cash, Visa/Mastercard or money order. No personal checks can be accepted. Your deposit is held without interest during your lease period and will be returned to you at the end of the lease.
provided you have incurred no other charges. If you do not move into your leased apartment, you will lose your security deposit. No exceptions can be made.

Is there a lease?
Yes, apartments in student family housing are leased for an original term of one month and automatically renewed for successive terms of one month unless terminated by a 45-day prior written notice by the tenant or the university.

How much does student family housing cost?
The university’s Board of Trustees establishes rental rates for Buckeye Village. A supplemental rate information sheet is enclosed for your use.

How are rent payments handled?
Rent payments are due and payable during the first nine calendar days of each month. You can make your payment through the mail or in person at the Office of Contracts and Assignments, 640 Lincoln Tower, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Payments are considered delinquent — and a late penalty charge assessed to the account — if rent is not paid before 5:00 p.m. on the ninth calendar day of the month.

If you have accepted an apartment after the first day of the month or are leaving before the last day of a month, your rent will be prorated for the number of days the apartment was occupied, unless you have not given the required notice prior to leaving.

Can I transfer from one apartment to another?
You can transfer to another apartment if you have a change in family circumstances. Couples in one-bedroom apartments who are expecting a child may file an application form to transfer to a two-bedroom apartment. The transfer will be authorized as soon as an apartment is available; you must complete your move within three days after the apartment becomes available. Families with children in one-bedroom apartments will be required to move to two-bedroom apartments as soon as an apartment is available.

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Gardening offers a healthy alternative

By Ross Hollingsworth
Lantern staff writer

Students with green thumbs are eating healthier, saving money on groceries and helping to preserve the environment through gardening this summer.

"It (gardening) increases a hundred-fold the quality of what you put on your table," said John H. Angell, chairman of the Buckeye Village garden committee.

"Right now I'm just eating these huge salads with all these herbs and lettuce mixed in," Angell said.

At the Buckeye Village garden plots, which can be seen from Ackerman Road, Angell is growing over 30 different kinds of vegetables and herbs in his garden including Italian tomatoes, arugula, Japanese eggplant, red bell peppers, and six varieties of lettuce.

Most of the graduate students and their families in Buckeye Village are living on tight budgets, so their gardens serve as an important food source, Angell said.

"People aren't just piddling around here, they're really growing groceries," he said.

Gardening has helped to establish a common bond among the culturally diverse Buckeye Village residents, Angell said.

"It is the one time that the whole community coalesces around one common purpose," he said.

One reason international students raise gardens is because "they lack certain ethnic-type foods (here) that they can get in their homelands," said Prof. Richard C. Funt, former director of Ohio State's Consumer Horticulture Center.

At the Buckeye Village gardens, there are many plants and gardening styles that can't be found in typical American gardens, Angell said.

Sarah G. Tennakoon and his wife grow vegetables that are similar to those in Sri Lanka, their home country. They cannot grow actual Sri Lankan plants because they do not have the seeds.

Tennakoon, a doctoral candidate in physics, uses beans and beets from his plot to make curries. He also makes paste from the tomatoes and chili peppers grown in his garden.

Student gardeners seem to be environmentally conscious by composting and avoiding pesticides and herbicides. Compost was provided for the gardeners by the College of Agriculture last spring, Angell said.

The Buckeye Village garden committee has strict rules about pesticide use in the garden plots, although it has not banned pesticides totally, Angell said.

Tennakoon does not use pesticides at all. He surrounded his plants with compost chips when he planted last spring. "It keeps moisture in and it keeps out the weeds," he said.

Gardeners are composting more and adding organic matter to the soil, which helps to make healthier plants that are more resistant to insects and disease, Funt said.

"These gardeners recognize that over the past 40 or 50 years, we have depleted the soil fertility and organic matter," he said.

Now that the planting is done, Angell spends about an hour per day gardening in one of the Buckeye Village plots. "It's my therapy... It's what keeps you from going nuts living in an apartment," he said.

Funt said it is not too late to plant a garden this summer. A second planting season begins around the first of July, he said.

Snap beans, cauliflower, cabbage, turnips, red beets, carrots and broccoli are some of the vegetables that can still be planted, Funt said.

Some herbs, like basil and dill, can be seeded in July and will mature by October, he said.

Ohio State provides considerable information on gardening through the Consumer Horticulture Center, Funt said.
Tenants want OSU to pay for flood losses

By Christy Sanford
Lantern staff writer

Residents say damage to some of the cars was extensive. Many of the cars will not start and by Sunday, some of the interiors were still soaked. In addition, owners of some of the vehicles said mildew had begun to grow in the interiors.

"My insurance company called and said my car is totaled. They will pay my car off but that's it. Now, I don't have a car," said Jonathan Parker, Buckeye Village resident.

The residents say they now know that flooding occurred in the same parking lot in 1990 and 1991 but that they had not been informed of the danger of a possible flood.

University officials say that flooding in the parking lot is not a frequent problem, and did not merit any special warning to the residents.

"It is not an ongoing problem. We don't have flooding in that area every time it rains," said Doug Koyle, assistant director of housing and food services for Buckeye Village.

It is not known exactly what caused the flooding, which followed a series of storms that dumped from one-twentieth of an inch to more than 5 inches of rain across the region. The departments of Residence and Dining Halls and Physical Facilities are working on cleaning up the mess left by the water, Koyle said.

The problem may be that the storm drains had not been cleaned, Koyle said. Residence and Dining Halls is working on setting up regular cleaning schedule for the drains. In the past the drains were cleaned only when they needed to be, Koyle said.

Residents say a lot of cleaning is left to be done.

"I suspect the water in the car is not just rain water but backflow from the drainage system. That is why it smells so bad," said Zhuo Cai, a Ph.D. student in dentistry.

The smell, which lingers in the air and has permeated the vehicles, also may have been caused by garbage that seeped out of a dumpster next to one of the two drains in the parking lot, residents said.

In addition to the flooded parking lot, the storage facility located in the basement of the Ashtabula complex was also flooded. Again, damage has not been estimated, Koyle said.

Some form of compensation probably will be made to owners of the damaged vehicles, Koyle said.

"We will certainly help them out based on individual need. Right now we don't know what the situations are with the residents' individual insurance," Koyle said.

Koyle said he would not know which residents will be compensated until damage assessments have been made.

We want the university to make sure this never happens again.

—Xiaohong Chu, Buckeye Village resident

Dong and Timothy Chen sit on their family car damaged in a flood last week. Without the use of the car, the boys are unable to take their favorite trip to the library.
Global gardens reflect diverse international preferences

By Christy Sanford
Lantern staff writer

Students with green thumbs are cultivating more than just fruits and vegetables in the Buckeye Village garden on Ackerman Road.

"Something about the garden brings everyone together and everyone brings something different to the garden," said Jason Williams, chairman of the Buckeye Village garden committee.

"Buckeye Village is such a diverse community with a lot of international students, the garden is one of the only things that bring the village together," Williams said.

Most of the graduate students and their families in Buckeye Village are living on tight budgets, so their gardens serve as an important food source, Williams said.

The garden also allows residents to grow food native to their home countries, Williams said.

"There are many plants and gardening styles that can't be found in typical gardens. I have learned several methods of gardening from looking at the way others garden," said Sarath Tewakson, a doctoral candidate in physics.

Tennakoon and his wife grow veg-

tables similar to those raised in their home country of Sri Lanka. He makes paste from the tomatoes and chili pepper grown in his garden and uses beans and beets to make curries.

One reason international students raise gardens is that here in the United States "they lack certain ethnic type foods they can get in their home lands," said Professor Richard C. Funk, former director of Ohio State's Consumer Horticulture Center.

Student gardeners are composting and avoiding pesticides in an effort to be environmentally conscious, Williams said.

The Buckeye Village garden committee has strict rules about fertilizer use on garden plots. Plot holders are required to use only natural fertilizer, Williams said.

Residents also are required to perform two hours of maintenance in the garden to keep walkways clear and keep the outlying areas free of weeds and other eyesores, Williams said.

Maintenance is a task residents perform with few complaints, Williams said, and it is another way this global garden strengthens community ties.
Single moms share homes, lives at OSU

Women in the co-housing program rotate baby-sitting duty and offer support.

By Alice Thomas
Dispatch Staff Reporter

Seeking an empathetic ear and a saucepan, Tamika Page knocked on her neighbor's apartment door, her ill 5-year-old daughter in tow.

She greeted Sharyn Perry with "Scarlet fever. Strep throat!" and a roll of the eyes — a gesture as comforting as a hug and a hello to Perry, whose own child stayed home sick this day.


To single-parent students at Ohio State University, empathy is a treat: Not many students there single-handedly brave homework, parenting and career.

Sharing details of their challengingly busy lives — and the occasional piece of cookware — helps the days go smoothly for Perry, Page and five other women taking part in a new program called co-housing.

A little slice of Scandinavian socialism imported to the campus area, co-housing is based on the idea that shared physical spaces and low-cost, conveniently located services such as day care are important social functions. The concept has been in practice for decades in the Scandinavian countries of northern Europe.

"Co-housing is based on an argument that people do dwell collectively," said Kay Bea Jones, an associate professor of architecture at OSU.

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By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — When he was a toddler, Harker was nicknamed "the red tornado" for auburn hair and his penchant for tearing things up and jumping off the furniture. When he was just 5, he was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and given Ritalin.

A study of more than 200,000 preschool children shows this was no isolated case.

The number of 2- to 4-year-olds on psychi drugs including Ritalin and antidepressants has grown as Prozac soared 50 percent between 1991 and 1995, researchers report in today's Journal of American Medical Association.

Experts said they are troubled by the find because the effects of such drugs in children are largely unknown. Some doctors worry that such powerful drugs could be dangerous children's development.

Health's mother has anecdotal evidence gesting — as the researchers do — that the number of youngsters on psychi drugs is still rising. Through her involvement in Internet support groups for parents of children with behavior problems, Michele Barden said she is hearin
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At 11 a.m. on a typical Monday in the Ohio University dormitory in Athens, Ohio, students are busy with their daily routines. Some are studying, while others are heading to their classes. The atmosphere is busy yet orderly, a testament to the structure of college life. However, it is not all work and no play, as many students find time to relax and enjoy their leisure activities.

The findings
The study identified these problems that contributed to high poverty and complication rates:

- Inability to afford medications.
- Lack of insurance coverage for supplies to monitor blood-glucose levels.
- Inability to get proper food.
- Lack of dietary information and instructions.
- Lack of proper exercise.
- Lack of understanding the importance of diabetes control and awareness of community resources.
- Lack of transportation and adequate access to health care for poor and minority populations.

DRUG USE FROM 1A

more and more 3- and 4-year-olds being put on drugs such as Prozac.

It's become a quick fix," said Baker, 20, of Hot Springs, Ark.

Although researchers have known for some time that such drugs are increasingly being prescribed for older children, the study is the first to document an increase among children younger than 3 years.

Previous studies have shown significant increases in the use of stimulants and anti-depressants to treat children aged 6-12. In a smaller study of Medicaid enrollees in Michigan in 1988, researchers found that 223 children younger than 4 identified as having attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, 57 percent received at least one drug to treat the condition.

The latest study did not examine reasons for the increases, but Julie Magno Zito, the lead author and an assistant professor of pharmacy and medicine at the University of Maryland, suggested a couple of possibilities.

With an increasing number of children attending day care, parents might feel pressured to have their children conform in their behavior," Zito said. She also said there is a much greater acceptance of psychoactive drugs in the 1990s.

Recognizing the special needs of minority single-parent students, Ohio State in 1987 started a program called ACCESS, which offers counseling, parenting classes and other services as well as financial help with tutoring and books.

The seven women became involved with co-housing through the ACCESS program, which is part of the Office of Minority Affairs. Tamir Minor, director of retention services in the office, said she hopes that co-housing will be an option for all single parents on campus. "We are hoping that ACCESS will be like an intake unit. It will consist when co-housing is fully functional" Minor said.

Jones, Toomey and Minor are working to expand the program to 60 families in the near future and to get money to build a community center. They have submitted a proposal to OSU officials. Research done in 1997 identified 300 low-income, single-parent students at OSU.

This year, OSU is spending $30,000 on co-housing, which doesn't include the in-kind costs, such as counseling made available by ACCESS at no extra charge.

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Groundbreaking ceremony set for Buckeye Village
New Community Center to be gathering place, offer child care

Ohio State University leaders will break ground on a new community center for Buckeye Village in a ceremony beginning at 12:15 p.m. on Friday (9/19) at the University Child Care Center, 725 Ackerman Road. The event will take place in the children’s sandbox with children’s shovels and buckets.

Buckeye Village, a vibrant family housing community for Ohio State students, promotes the importance of family and collaboration. The addition of a
community center will provide residents with a wonderful place for gatherings and multicultural activities, minority assistance programs and resources, and quality childcare.

Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony include Karen A. Holbrook, president of Ohio State; William H. Hall, vice president for Student Affairs; Kay Bea Jones, associate professor, Knowlton School of Architecture; and Tresalyn Butler, student participant in the Office of Minority Affair’s ACCESS Program.

The Buckeye Village Community Center is a joint initiative of the Office of Human Resources, Office of Minority Affairs, Office of Student Affairs, and the Knowlton School of Architecture.

Thanks to gifts from such families as Herb and Marilyn Minkin and Bob and Tammy Schulze, the new facility will house existing and proposed support services, while offering residents flexible and versatile spaces, a park-like setting, and child care to help students balance academic work with parental responsibilities.

WHAT: University leaders will break ground for the new Buckeye Village Community Center. Several children who attend The Ohio State University Child Care Center will assist with the ceremony.

WHEN: Friday, September 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ceremony begins at 12:15 p.m.

WHERE: The Ohio State University Child Care Center, 725 Ackerman Road.

WHY: Buckeye Village residents will benefit from
a new community center.

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Buckeye Village residents to get break on parking fees

By Collin Binkley
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The new plan limits residents to one parking spot per apartment. In the past, they could have up to two. Leslie Vasquez, a resident who helped lead the push for lower costs, asked Alutto to reconsider the one-permit limit today.
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Ohio State releases details about robbery that prompted Buckeye Alert

By Jim Woods
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Ohio State University has issued more details about a crime on campus this afternoon that caused the university to issue a Buckeye Alert.

The alert was issued about 5:30 p.m. and called off a short time later, after a man said he had a gun robbed a student at Buckeye Village, a student housing complex on the Northwest Side.

Chris Davey, spokesman for the university, said the armed robbery took place in the complex's community center. The apartment and townhouse complex off Ackerman Road houses many graduate students.

According to information released this evening by OSU's Emergency Management, the student was robbed on the second floor of the center by another man who said he had a gun. The robber punched the student in the face and stole his computer and cell phone.

Davey said that, though the robber got away, the alert was called off quickly and the campus declared to be safe because police didn't believe the man was still on campus and didn't show a gun.

The suspect is described as a white male who was about 5 feet, 6 inches tall and 160 pounds, with a black beard and mustache. He was wearing a black sweat shirt with the letters "HBA" printed on it, black pants and a black hat.

Buckeye Alerts, often sent via text message, are issued when it is determined that the campus community needs to take immediate action to remain safe.

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