COPS AND STUDENTS INJURED IN "RIOT"

Battle During Michigan Game Rally At Columbus

Columbus, Nov. 21—At least three Ohio State university students and two patrolmen were nursing injuries today as an aftermath to a "riot" in which 1000 Ohio State students rushed a theater, smashing glass doors, and covering the building with bottles of rotten eggs, fruit, and vegetables.

Most of the crowd went directly to the theater from the stadium where a rally for the Ohio State Homecoming game was being held.

Within a few minutes after the attack started, 60 or 70 police arrived at the scene and threw three tear gas bombs into the crowd.

In the hand to hand fighting that followed, traffic was tied up, several students suffered bloody noses and bruises and one student—James Carlton Jenkins, 20, McConnelsville—was charged with disorderly conduct.

Patrolman James M. King, 22, suffered a deep gash in the back of his head and a possible brain concussion when struck by a brick.

The condition was critical today.

Two students—Charles Haggarty, 24, and Joseph Libby, 19—were treated at a hospital for cuts and bruises, while Joseph Sterling, 20, said he cut his eye when he fell against a fire escape back of the theatre.

Traffic was confused for more than two hours when students "pulled" street car trolleys and tried to overturn automobiles.

Two police cruises, en route to the scene, collided, slightly injuring one patrolman.

While the rioting was taking place, several hundred other students attending the homecoming dance in the Ohio State University auditorium were virtually untouched.

At the hospital:

Nurse Mary Blum, 24, of Columbus, was injured by a rock thrown through a window. She received a cut on the head and a gash on the forehead.

At the jail:

Police arrested several students who were idled around and around.

Order For Besiegers To Leave Expected Next Week

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 21—Hopes for peace and order were raised today on a single issue that bailed negotiators in the unique "sit-down siege" at the Bendix Products corporation.

Labor and management representatives met again today with little prospect of settling the issue, it was understood. Neither faction would name the issue.

The siege of 800 men and 300 women workers who refused to leave the Bendix factories when their machines were turned off after 10 hours ago apparently seemed to emanate in the next 72 hours, either with resumption of work or election from the company premises.

The management did not discuss possibility of an agreement, but rather stressed the company's policy of permitting work to go on as long as there was no trouble.

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What we think...

After the big game, celebrate responsibly on 12th Avenue

The phenomenon of the violence on 12th Avenue is upon our campus again for the first time this school year. Unfortunately, it will probably not be the last incident with the upcoming match against No. 4 ranked Penn State this Saturday and the battle with Michigan later on this season.

It is expected and anticipated for the receiver to celebrate after the touchdown, but why do people need to celebrate by throwing couches, beds, and beer bottles into the streets of 12th Avenue?

What will it take to get the message across to not just the students of Ohio State, but also to the other patrons who are not students that give 12th Avenue a bad name. We know that all of the problems are not caused solely by Ohio State students, but the blame goes right to us.

With every bottle thrown, car turned over and fire set, the students of Ohio State are getting a bad reputation. Yes you, you who were partying responsibly last Saturday while a select few decided to burn various furniture and throw bottles.

The victory over Notre Dame has been overshadowed by what happened Saturday evening and early Sunday morning. People celebrating over a victory and causing trouble only mars the victory, taking away the glory from the team who deserves it.

We can chalk it up to school spirit, but rather we would say it is just plain stupidity. School spirit would lead one to welcome the team back from South Bend, not set your mattress on fire.

Let’s get it together. Take responsibility for what is happening on your street, for this is where you are living for at least the next 10 months. This is also your community whether you believe it or not. Have some pride in where you live and the reputation associated with it.

Something must happen dramatically to stop these occurrences before something happens that no one can take back.

Times Square on New Year’s Eve is a tourist attraction, not 12th Avenue. We know that somewhere deep embedded in the brain is this urge to rush to crime scenes and stare at accidents, but really, do we all need to rush to 12th Avenue in case that something cool might happen? Extra people on the street is just going to encourage the temptation to start something, giving you gawkers a good show.

Let’s not be stupid. Property destruction is minor when considering what could happen. People can be seriously hurt, not just tear gas or a bruise from the knee knockers—something serious beyond the superficial happenings that we rush to gawk over and are quick to laugh at.

We are all adults — let’s act like it. Just because we have left the security and discipline of living with our parents doesn’t mean that we have to revert to our childhood when we didn’t know better. We should be more responsible and more respectful, even when we decide to celebrate a victory over any school.

Obviously, we can not solve the problems that other organizations have tried for some time to do. We commend Campus Partners and associates for their efforts. But a select few individuals dealing with a large campus can not solve this problem alone.

What do you think? What can the patrons (students, faculty, staff and anyone associated with the university) do to prevent anything further from happening?

The Lantern welcomes submissions in response to this problem from you. Responses will be printed on the Reader’s Forum page on Wednesday and Friday. Submit responses to: Attn. Editorial Editor at lantern@osu.edu or Journalism Building Room 271.
Officials seek 12th Avenue solution

A safer 12th Avenue depends on residents

By Gretchen Sutton
Lantern staff writer

Three days after another 12th Avenue riot, officials are trying to identify and solve the problems that continue to cause violence in the South Campus area.

Campus Partners will address the incident at a safety council meeting with police today, said Steve Sterrett, spokesman for Campus Partners.

"I feel that one of the things we need to do is get some of the residents on East 12th to step forward and work with us to find a solution," Sterrett said.

David Williams, vice president for student affairs, said he is in the process of determining what role Ohio State will play in combating violence on 12th Avenue.

Representatives from the office of student affairs and University Police will attend the Campus Partners safety council meeting, Williams said.

Charged with disorderly conduct were William M. Garfield, 20, of 55 81st Ave.; Matthew Harding, 19, of 1089 Covington Rd.; Christopher M. Galhoney, 22, of 59 E. 12th Ave.; and Lake Thompson, 19, of Delaware, Ohio.

Jeffrey C. Truesdale, 19, of Huber Heights, Ohio and Christopher A. Pearson, 19, of Kettering, Ohio were charged with misconduct during an emergency meeting.

"Our safety coordinating committee has been working with the police by organizing community meetings where the police can talk face to face with local store owners and managers," Sterrett said.

However, United Dairy Farmers has not been contacted, said Dick Gray, area manager for United Dairy Farmers.

Gray said he had not heard anything from the police or Campus Partners about selling cans instead of cots.

"If I was contacted, I would turn that matter over to the owners of the company and let them make that decision," Gray said.

One student expressed doubts about the impact that selling only cans of beer would have on 12th Avenue violence.

"I used to live on 12th and I never saw anyone fighting in front of my house," said Andy Kelly, a senior majoring in rhetoric.

The ultimate responsibility for what happens on 12th Avenue lies with the residents, Sterrett said.

"If you're not a part of the problem, then you're helping the solution," Sterrett said.

Head football coach John Cooper said he was disappointed that fans celebrated Buckeye victories violently.

"Why is 12th Avenue being targeted as the bad area?{" Cooper said. "Would you want to send your kids to Ohio State and put them on 12th Avenue?"

"We appreciate all the support the fans give us but that was totally uncalled for," Cooper said. "Let's hope we have a lot of great victories, but let's hope that doesn't happen again."

Steffanie Fulcomer, a junior majoring in business, said she is afraid that there will be more violence and uncertainty.

"We are the victims of Notre Dame and Notre Dame sucks," Fulcomer said. "We're at Ohio State and then they started chanting 'Penn State sucks!'"

"Go Buckeyes! They're going to beat Penn State.," Fulkomer said. "We'll see next weekend."
Football-weekend charges reach season high

By Kristen Ward
Lantern staff writer

After the Ohio State football game Saturday, there were more arrests or charges made this weekend than any other.

Out of the 114 people that were arrested or charged by the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, 46 were Ohio State students.

On previous weekends, five students were arrested after the Notre Dame game and 37 were arrested after the Penn State game. The arrests vary from underage drinking and possession of alcohol, disorderly conduct and furnishing to a minor. "I bought beer when I was under the age of 21 and I falsely identified myself to liquor control agents," said Holly Richardson, a freshman majoring in criminology. "I have to go in court on Tuesday and I have to go in front of Judicial Affairs.

Because the arrests and charges occurred in the aftermath of the football game, a university event, all of the students will be contacted by Judicial Affairs and the situation will be evaluated, said Stephanie LaDuff, director of Judicial Affairs. If the student is found in violation, there will be sanctions made against them, she said.

Students will also have to attend a hearing in Franklin County Court, said Steve Haaseman, agent in charge at the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. The maximum penalty for the charges could be $1000 fine and six months in jail. The minimum penalty is $100 fine, he said.

Along with the students who were arrested or charged, six area establishments were cited for furnishing to minors or allowing underage persons to consume beer on the premises.

The establishments include Ohligen's, Old Co., owner of BP, 2187 Nell Ave., Notale's Inn of 1533 N. High St., Burdette Market of 219 W. 8th Ave., Buckeye Alley Cafe of 2301 Nell Ave. "Buds, Inc. of 1870 N. High St. and South Heidelberg, 1832 N. High St."

Representatives from the bars will have to attend a hearing in court. They could face the denial of their liquor licenses, Haaseman said.

Attempts to reach "representatives" from the establishments were unsuccessful.

There were 425 personnel from the Columbus Police on duty this weekend. Twenty undercover liquor agents were also on hand to go into parties and make arrests.

"I think the police presence was necessary," Richardson said.

For a complete list of students charged or arrested, see page 2.
Party-goers were looking for trouble

I was in my room listening to a Will Smith CD when I heard all the commotion on 13th Avenue Saturday.

You folks have to be kidding with these articles about how the poor partiers where knocked around by the big bad pigs. Many of the kids at the party were raging drunk and looking for trouble. Bottle throwing is never an acceptable way to have a good time.

I think many of the Ohio State newbies are upset the football team sucks so bad that there’s no excuse to light Dumpsters on fire in the fall anymore. When the first good weather day of the spring came, they made up for it by acting as out-of-control as possible. I hope the police gas 13th Avenue every weekend from now on.

Columbus what? OSU students are on the bottom of the food chain.

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**Officers arrest minors after 42-keg bash**

By Connie A. Higgins
Dispatch Staff Reporter

Most arrests in the university area after the Ohio State-Penn State football game Saturday were for underage drinking.

About 45 people charged were under 21, said Steven R. Hasseman, an agent in the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s investigative unit. Other arrests were for possession of false identification, drug offenses and illegal sale of alcohol.

Liquor agents arrested 60 people and seized 42, 15.5-gallon kegs of beer and a U-Haul truck between late Saturday and early Sunday.

Hasseman said 39 of the kegs were seized out of a U-Haul at a party held at an apartment complex at 70 E. 12th Ave.

He said those at the site paid an advance admission to attend the party. The U-Haul was set up next to a table with a tap system, said Hasseman.

Liquor officials said the remaining kegs were seized at another gathering.

Hasseman said those arrested were taken to a command post in the parking lot of United Dairy Farmers at the corner of N. High Street and 12th Avenue, where most of them were released and issued a summons to appear in court Oct. 15. About three people were taken to jail for other reasons such as providing fictitious information and one woman was jailed after she escaped from custody, Hasseman said.

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**Columbus police lucky during riot**

I just wanted to say that I hope the Lantern makes sure it doesn’t happen again. The riot was just a fluke. The local news stations didn’t do a bad job reporting, but I think the Lantern can do better.

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**Mitchell Beast**
Senior
Communications

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**Aviation systems engineering**

Brent Hammond
Sophomore
Distributor cited for sales of kegs to busted party

By Christy Butler
Lantern staff writer

After arresting 60 partiers, state liquor agents are now going after the distributor that sold 42 kegs to a party held after Saturday's football game against Penn State.

The Columbus Distributing Co. may face charges from the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for selling the kegs to a buyer without a permit.

Under the Ohio Revised Code, kegs purchased from wholesale companies must be for home use. Otherwise, a permit must be obtained from the Division of Liquor Control.

"It is the company's responsibility to ascertain this information from the buyer," said Patty Haskins, a spokeswoman with the Division of Liquor Control. "They should have questioned the buyer to protect their own privileges."

The Columbus Distributing Co. did not return calls made to it Wednesday.

Liquor agents confiscated a U-Haul truck full of kegs and arrested 60 people Saturday night at 70 E. 12th Ave. because of underage drinking and other charges.

If the Ohio Liquor Control Commission finds that the distributor violated the law, it could have its license revoked or suspended and the company could also be fined. The other possibility is the charges could be dismissed.

Haskins said she expects the distributor to appear before the commission sometime after Jan. 1.

Haskins and Haseman, agent in charge of the Columbus District Liquor Enforcement, said the decision will depend on the understanding of the term "home use."

"There is no definition of what constitutes home use," Haskins said.

Haskins said that common sense should indicate 42 kegs are not going to be used for home use.

If a gathering has a guest list and the host is providing the alcohol, this is considered home use, Haskins said. Gatherings that would not qualify would be those of non-profit organizations or parties where the beer is being sold and there is no guest list, she said.

If the kegs are not for home use, then a permit must be obtained, Haseman said.

Haskins said in the past that Liquor Control has tried to discourage distributors from selling large quantities of kegs.

"We have sent letters asking them not to sell more than two kegs per address," Haskins said. "But this is voluntary."

Such a letter was not sent out this particular weekend, she said.

In addition to the citation against Columbus Distributing Co., 60 people were arrested.

"Most of the charges were underage drinking," said Steve McIntosh, city attorney.

Other charges included resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, illegal selling of alcohol and possession of false identification.

The arraignment will be held Oct. 15 in Franklin County Municipal Court. Those charged will face either a fine, probation or mandatory attendance in an alcohol education class, McIntosh said.

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— Patty Haskins,
Division of Liquor Control
Sloopy's bar faces possible shutdown

Chris Newmarker  
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio Liquor Control Commission is closing Sloopy's down.

The Commission has revoked the County Mayo Corp.'s license to sell and distribute alcohol at Sloopy's Buckeye Club, 1584 N. High St., effective Oct. 13. In the wake of the Sept. 21 decision of the commission, questions arise as to the role Campus Partners plays in the South Campus area.

An Ohio appeals court must decide whether to issue a staying order that would keep Sloopy’s open for another six months. The commission must first decide whether to reconsider its decision before an appeal can be made.

The commission heard three violations complaints against Sloopy’s. One complaint, underage drinking, was tossed out, but Wallace E. “Eddie” Edwards, chairman of the commission, said that the seriousness of the other two complaints led to the strong response.

On Nov. 6, 1998, Jerome Frantz, a senior engineering major and an employee at the bar, warned students that there was an undercover cop present and they needed to hide their drinks.

Amelia Yeater, a sophomore architecture major, ordered and paid for a drink at Sloopy's on June 3. She was only 18 at the time. She later pleaded guilty to underage drinking and paid a $180 fine.

“A lot of underage possession and consumption was going on,” Edwards said. “The place is a magnet for students under 21, and then employees are helping them get away.”

Edwards said that Yeater’s statement especially influenced him because, when he asked her why she thought she could buy a drink at the bar, Yeater said that everyone who was underage went to Sloopy’s to get drinks.
Yeater said that after being arrested, fined and embarrassed in front of her
parents, she had just wanted to tell the truth and get everything over with. She
said that it had been wrong for the commission to force her to testify and single
her out in such a way.

"I was the 'lucky' one," Yeater said.

Edwards said that the commission has closed down a higher-than-usual amount
of campus bars around the state because underage drinking on campuses has
been so prevalent. He mentioned closings of bars in Akron and Dayton, and he
said that no single college campus has been targeted.

"No one from Ohio State University has ever come and testified in the eight
years I have been here," Edwards said.

However, he later reconsidered.

"People from Campus Partners may have testified at some point," Edwards said.

Twenty-four agents of the Ohio Highway Patrol investigate complaints of liquor
violations in a 29-county district, including Columbus. Questions were raised
when A. Ronald Lewis, assistant agent for the district, mentioned that part of the
community service of the agent-in-charge above him was serving on a Campus
Partners' committee.

Steven Hasseman, the agent-in-charge, said that his involvement in the Campus
Partners' Safety Committee stems purely from his desire protect student's
safety.

"Typically, at the meetings I attend, they're always talking about graffiti and
they're always talking about burglaries," Hasseman said. "When they talk about
alcohol, it always reverts back to 12th Avenue, and not even the bars.
Uniformed officers, that's where I get my complaints."

He said that, in Franklin County alone, his investigators can handle up to 150
cases on any given day, but he said that he has a right to be on the committee
since he is in charge of a safety issue such as alcohol.

"That's my job, the welfare of that area as well as the welfare of the state of
Ohio," Hasseman said.

James J. Andrioff, lawyer for Ed Gaughan, president of the County Mayo
Corp., claims conspiracy, however.

"If they say they never discussed alcohol in any of their Campus Partners'
meetings, it makes me laugh," Andrioff said. "Campus Partners has testified in
some of our hearings (in the past)."

Andrioff said that he hopes the commission decides to reconsider so that
Gaughan, who wasn't able to attend the original hearing, can defend himself.
However, Andrioff also said the high number of South Campus bars closed
suggests a pattern.

"There's something in common about all of these bars," he said.

Andrioff said that the outcome of the case is unpredictable, but if the staying
order is denied, another small South Campus bar will be unable to survive a long
staying order without the income from alcohol sales.

"You don't have the money to fight such a big establishment," Andrioff said.

William J. Courson, director of community development for Campus Partners,
DRUNKS TARGETED FOR RASH OF FIRES
CAMPUS-AREA CRACKDOWN CREATES BUSY COURT DOCKET

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Byline: By Kevin Mayhood
Dispatch Staff Reporter

After a bumper crop of Dumpster fires over three weekends, Columbus police have gone after their No. 1 suspect: the drunk.

In bars and alleys, on sidewalks and streets, all around the Ohio State University campus area, officers charged more than 150 people with underage drinking, carrying open containers and other alcohol-related offenses in the past two weekends.

The accused are expected in court today, where they will face a judge whose intolerance for alcohol-related crimes has grown during eight years on the bench.

Judge Richard C. Pfeiffer Jr., of the Franklin County Municipal Court, may be forced to hand out assembly-line justice to keep the system moving.

Because there are so many alcohol-related arrests, Pfeiffer will be presiding over what may be a record: more than 400 defendants on the docket in Courtroom 4-C.

The number of drinking arrests is, "I believe, a response to the increase in arson fires and keg parties," said Sgt. Earl Smith, spokesman for the Columbus Police Division. "When you have 80 arson fires in three weekends, that's pretty problematic.

"And they are usually fueled, if you'll pardon the pun, by drunken parties."

Smith figures that a few hundred students and nonstudents in the campus area are responsible for the problems.

"Others, if they are partying, are apparently doing it somewhat responsibly."

The defendants will face Pfeiffer, who drives and walks much of the city in his role as environmental judge in charge of hearing cases over neglected buildings, crack houses and health-code violations.

In interviews, he has said that drunkenness, like graffiti and neglect, can ruin a neighborhood.

Officials in the Municipal Court Clerk's office said it is rare to have so many charged with drinking offenses coming to court on the same day. As it worked out, Columbus police gave out some of the citations the first weekend in October and those cases were placed on the docket for today. And many of the others were charged and summoned Friday and Saturday for court today.

Add that to other cases generated over the three-day Columbus Day weekend and the total is expected to exceed 400.

"That's the highest number I've seen on the docket," said Joe Roush, a legal investigator from City Attorney Janet Jackson's office, who works in the arraignment courtroom.

"In eight years, the highest number I've seen is a little over 200."
DRINKING DEFENDANTS OPT FOR EASIER JUDGE

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By the time the wooden benches had emptied yesterday in Franklin County Municipal Court, many of the cases had been postponed until a judge with a reputation for being easier on drinking crimes would be presiding.

Of more than 150 people charged with underage drinking, having open containers or other alcohol-related offenses, nearly half asked to have their cases postponed for two weeks.

Public defenders informed many that, if they pleaded guilty yesterday, Judge Richard C. Pfeiffer Jr. likely would order a $100 fine, a year's probation, eight hours of community service and attendance at a course on the evils of underage drinking.

If they asked for a two-week continuance, they were told, they would face Judge Bruce Jenkins, who almost never orders probation or community service and often imposes lower fines.

"If you were in their shoes, wouldn't you want to have that information before you decide to plead or not to plead?" asked Judith M. Stevenson, director of the Franklin County Public Defender's Office.

Pfeiffer even stood and told the assembled multitude that people who only wanted to get their cases over with yesterday might regret their choice later.

Jenkins had left the courthouse by 4 p.m. yesterday and did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Most of the accused were charged the past two weekends, when Columbus police cracked down on parties near Ohio State University.

Despite the warning, 33 people pleaded guilty or no contest yesterday, according to notes court workers had jotted on docket sheets. The majority got what the public defenders said Pfeiffer would give them.

Standing in lines that seemed to defy movement, 70 of the accused eventually signed forms bumping their cases two weeks.

The deputy clerks handling the paperwork spread the cases over the week of Oct. 25 so Jenkins will not be hit with a huge docket like yesterday's.
Big beer bashes brew trouble, officials say

By Doug Caruso and Brian Williams
Dispatch Staff Reporters

What do you call 35 kegs of beer with a tear gas chaser? The dawn of spring, just east of Ohio State University.

Inside 100 E. 13th Ave., Apt. E, seven students gathered around a wide-screen television yesterday to watch a homemade videotape of the events of early Sunday, when police fired tear gas to end what was, by all accounts, one raging party.

Nearby, in the N. High Street offices of Campus Partners, the perennial question bloomed anew: Given that students, since the time of Socrates, have enjoyed a beer blast now and then, how do you get them to do their drinking more responsibly?

"Every time we take two steps forward, we take one step back," said Steve Sterrett, spokesman for the OSU-sponsored redevelopment company.

"One of the ongoing challenges"

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Rudy Comer, Ryan Gulling and Kate Koster, from left, watch a homemade videotape of police response during a weekend party on E. 13th Avenue.
Signs were posted at the 13th Avenue party, and Ryan Gulling, one of the organizers, said he asked a group of 20-30 high schoolers to leave. Gulling is 19.

Party organizers also had a plastic fence around the six front yards in the party area.

"They did have the orange fence there, so they tried," Graver said.

Chuck SanFilippo, Ohio Liquor Control Commission executive director, said there are no laws restricting the amount of beer distributors can sell per customer.

The commission is considering new rules that would require notarized affidavits for the purchase of five or more 15.5-gallon kegs.

"As of right now, you buy any amount you want to as long as you are 21 years of age" and are not reselling the beer, he said.

"We're going to try to set down criteria at the request of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Many distributors already have self-imposed limits," he said.

"The maximum number of half-barrels we will sell to one individual is five," said Kim Carmine, marketing director for Columbus Distributing. She said people who buy three or more kegs must complete a purchasing agreement with their Social Security and driver's license numbers. The form also asks the type of function for which the beer is being purchased.

"We put forth a very strong effort to promote responsible drinking," Carmine said.
Riots break out off campus again

By Brian Clark
Lantern editor

The four-week-old extension of Ohio State's Code of Conduct off campus and OSU's two-week-old Party Patrol did not prevent a riot from occurring early Saturday morning when a group of between 1,500 and 3,000 students and area residents rioted on Chittenden Avenue.

Columbus Division of Police estimated the event escalated around 1:30 a.m., when the parties changed from an almost Mardi Gras feel to the fourth riot in just over a year in the off-campus area.

James Brown, a local Columbus resident, said he saw the beginning of the disturbance earlier in the evening.

"About 10 p.m. I drove through on my way to a movie with my girlfriend, and it was starting up. I think it really started up after midnight," Brown said.

The riot also took a more violent trend than the previous disturbances with a motorist being beaten outside his vehicle and reports of a person driving a car into a line of police.

"That person could very well be facing felony charges," said Sgt. Earl Smith, spokesman for the Columbus Division of Police, about the man who was accused of driving into the police. That man and one other person were the only two arrests reported during the weekend.

Around 2:15 a.m. between Indianola Avenue and High Street, the area just east of campus was filled with people encircling a car. A group of four or five people stood on the front hood before one man began jumping on the back of the car, eventually smashing the back window. With the rear dent and broken, two people then began kicking the side windows, and the car appeared totally trashed when students returned to setting off fireworks in the street.

Shortly afterward, at about 2:30 a.m., police began to advance eastward on Chittenden, firing tear gas at least twice to try to disperse the crowd.

Party-goers appeared to escape between houses, running both north and south into the alleys behind Chittenden. Many students also fled east on Chittenden toward campus, crossing High Street and stopping to stand on the lawn in front of Drinko Hall.

"My opinion is they don't take enough preventive measures to keep stuff like this from happening," said Brad Bethel, a junior in communications. "When it gets big like this, what can they do but shoot the rubber bullets and tear gas?"

Columbus police reached High Street, but began to pull back after bottles were thrown at them from behind. At that point, a group of about 200 rioters tried to charge back down Chittenden but were turned away by a second round of blasts of tear gas, said students standing on High Street.

"About 200 people crossed High Street to go back again," said Tim Schmidt, a sophomore in political science. "The cops chased them back across, though."

The students stayed on the Drinko lawn before venturing into High Street a couple people at a time, slowing down traffic. One middle-aged man dragged a tree into the middle of High Street, stopping traffic while students on Drinko lawn cheered his car-stopping antics. Meanwhile, a group of students began to cluster on the east side of High Street facing Drinko.

This new group threw a trash can into the street, with the contents...
spewing across the northbound lanes. Cars driving by began to honk at the growing crowds which only egged the masses further.

The students clustered around a southbound vehicle, encircling it and rocking it for more than 30 seconds, before clearing from the street again. When the light turned red again, another vehicle stopped, this one facing north, and one man from the crowd stepped in front. It appeared as if he hit the hood of the car.

The driver, agitated, opened his door and went to the front of his car to confront the individual. A short melee ensued, with the driver being assaulted by several people from the crowd before he was able to get inside his vehicle again and take off, speeding north and away from the yelling crowd cheering for either side.

Three police cars quickly arrived at the scene, with officers chasing the students who were standing on campus toward the west and the far side of Drinko Hall. Another group of students moved back eastward onto Chittenden Avenue about 3:15 a.m.

“We can’t afford to baby-sit the irresponsible behavior that appears here. That’s a problem,” Smith said.

The group of people returning to Chittenden were greeted with a fire burning in the middle of the street, near where the original car was smashed at the start of the riot. With fireworks being shot off and bottles being thrown from the houses again, the crowd advanced toward the fire until Columbus police came westward down the street once again shooting knee-knocker wooden bullets into the ground and driving everyone into the houses on Chittenden Avenue.

“The officers used tear gas knee knucklers — virtually anything and everything,” Smith said.

About 20 minutes later, seven or eight police officers stood on Chittenden at Pearl Alley while a fire truck showed up to put out a Dumpster fire that had started in an alley parallel to Chittenden.

“This is very typical for this area — it’s quite a problem,” Smith said.

Shortly after 4 a.m. trickles of people began to leave various houses and apartments to return to their actual residences.

Police had two cars towed from Chittenden and sent water trucks down the street in the early morning trying to clear the street of broken bottle glass and other debris that followed the unrest.

The violence occurred on one of the first warm weekends of the year and followed two riots last fall and one riot almost a year ago to the day — April 17, 2000. To combat the repeated problem OSU had launched a party patrol this month.

This is the fourth incident of off-campus rioting since last April, but the first under the university’s newly revised Code of Student Conduct, expanded to encompass the entire University District. Since the implementation of the new code on March 26, no jurisdiction has been extended to students who violate the code while off campus. Students involved in the riots may face university punishment as well as other charges.

The code was revised in the wake of riots following the football team’s loss to Michigan in November, in which 11 students were among the 34 arrested. Similar off-campus disturbances also occurred in April and October of last year.
Disturbances shame a great university

For the second week in a row now, I've turned on the local news to hear that the best and brightest of our current generation have taken to the streets adjacent to Ohio State University in a bacchanalian riot.

The police marched in clad in riot gear. Tear gas and rubber bullets were used apparently indiscriminately to disperse the crowd. Property was damaged, and people were injured. The greatest tragedy of this episode, however, was that the whole world witnessed an institution that should be an example of what is best in our nature sink into barbarism and mindless debauchery.

It will be a long time before I sing Carmen Ohio again.

Scott Hawkins
Dublin

Off-campus problems

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Columbus police officers assemble at the intersection of Norwich Avenue and Indianaol Avenue as they prepare to clear the street early April 29.

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A car damaged by rioters sits on Chittenden Avenue as police attempt to secure the block early April 21.

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Students gather around a car parked on Norwich Avenue early April 29 before the Columbus Division of Police dispersed them. The Norwich incident was the first of two off-campus disturbances April 29.
A Saturday night riot resulted in the injuring of three Columbus police officers, the damage of two police cruisers and the overturning of a 1992 Saturn, according to a police report. Three individuals were arrested, but Columbus police have yet to disclose the names.

A party at 171 E. 13th Ave. turned ugly when bike police showed up at the house, according to Jessica Adams, an undecided Ohio State student. She said police were already in the area because of an unrelated fight down the street, but when bike police showed up a the party, some of the members of the party began throwing bottles at them.

Three police officers were injured by the glass bottles. One was cut by the glass.

Christi Hawk, an undecided student, said bottles weren't the only things being thrown at the party.

“People were throwing bottles, and then kegs, and then fence stakes were getting pulled up out of the ground and being thrown. It even got to the point where people were running into the houses and throwing spices,” she said.

For a while, the police backed off, according to Matt Buseard, an undecided student.

“For a while the police went to the corners of the street. I think they were trying to let the situation calm down, but the helicopter that was flying overhead and shining a light on the party, it really seemed to keep people upset,” he said.

By 2 a.m. yesterday, the party was so out of control that cruisers and officers from around Columbus were called in to restore order, according to police. Police supervisors fired wooden projectiles, known as knee-knocks, to disperse the crowd. The situation was not calm enough for the officers to clear the area until 4:30 a.m.

“I talked to them (the police) and I have no complaints about the way they handled the situation, except I would have liked it if they would have been able to intervene even earlier,” said Dave Cooney, a journalism major and resident of the address where the riot occurred.

Bill Hall, interim vice president of Student Affairs, is worried that riots off campus will eventually lead to tragedy.

“It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured,” he said. “Even though this incident may have been caused by a small number of students, they are giving the university a bad reputation.”

Hall said he was unsure of the action that the university will take. Although it appears that those who threw the party did not cause the disturbance, Hall said that they still may be partially responsible.

“When students start to host an event, and they don't stop to do something before things get out of hand, there is an issue of responsibility there,” he said.

Ron Meyers, president of Council of Graduate Students, said he believes that incidents like this one would be less likely to occur if the revised code of student conduct being considered in the University Senate is approved.

“If a police report or a charge is made against a student, if the new code of student conduct is passed, Student Affairs could begin launching an investigation,” Meyers said.
Police end ‘riotous’ OSU party with force

By Eileen Dompey
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Officers used wooden bullets to break up what a police spokesman called a "riotous" party of Ohio State University students early yesterday.

"Drunk party-goers began throwing bottles at police, flipped a 1992 Saturn on its top and attempted to set the car on fire, smashed windows in other cars and set furniture on fire," Columbus Police Sgt. Earl Smith said in a news release.

At least 40 officers responded to the house at 171 E. 13th Ave. about 2 a.m. yesterday.

Three officers were struck by bottles, including one officer who suffered a cut, and two cruisers were damaged, Smith said.

The names of three people who were arrested were not available yesterday.

Officers fired wooden projectiles known as "knee-knockers" to disperse the crowd, which at one point was estimated at 500 people. Police cleared the area by 4:30 a.m., Smith said.

A street-cleaning crew was called in to clear 13th Avenue of debris.

"At this point, it's a matter of trying to determine those individuals who are responsible," said Bill Hall, interim vice president for student affairs at OSU. Hall stopped by the house yesterday and talked to the residents, who said they tried to stop people from throwing bottles at police.

"We intend to follow up and hold those individuals accountable," Hall said.

The five male OSU students who live at 171 E. 13th Ave. said they had four kegs of beer at their party. But they lost control when as many as 500 students showed up, many bringing their own alcohol, said Dave Cooney, 21, a junior from Mentor who lives in the house.

Several neighboring houses also had parties that night, bringing the total number of kegs to about 25, he said.

Harvey Jones, 13, right, and his 9-year-old brother, Evan, clean up the sidewalk in front of the site of a party near Ohio State University that Columbus police broke up early yesterday. The brothers and some of their friends have made a business of cleaning up after parties near the campus.

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Ohio State may call off corporate tailgate party

In light of crackdown, event will be alcohol-free, if it's held at all, school says

By Mike Pramik
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Ohio State University might cancel a corporate tailgate party it had planned to hold adjacent to one of the areas where it's cracking down on fans.
The status of Scarlet & Gray Tailgate, which has sold out its 200 spots for the Aug. 30 game against Washington, is "very uncertain," Athletics Director Andy Geiger said yesterday.

Geiger didn't say why, only that the university was "not sure we're going to do it." The Athletics Department said in July it was organizing the tailgate in a grassy area along Cannon Drive that borders the northwest stadium parking lot. Targeting corporations, it said it would sell 200 spots at $200 per person. The cost would include a game ticket, alcoholic beverages, food and other amenities. The university signed up Buckeye Hall of Fame and Hoggy's to provide the food.

Yesterday, as OSU announced plans to crack down on problem areas near the stadium, Geiger said the Scarlet & Gray Tailgate would be alcohol-free if it went off at all. He said the idea for the tailgate was mainly to limit rowdy partiers.

"We just wanted to get control over that particular area," he said.

OSU traditionally has used a hands-off approach to corporate tailgating. Companies have been free to buy their own tickets, pay for their parking space, open a bar and grill up the food. Paying $200 to do so could be a tough sell in the long run.

"We don't do corporate tailgating very aggressively," Geiger said. "That's part of the issue."

Jon Self, owner of Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe, said he was pushing ahead with plans for the prime-rib buffet, which he said will draw fans from as far away as North Carolina.

Self also said the per-person price had been lowered to $125 because alcohol had been eliminated.

"Of all the people we called back, only one out of 20 tables said no because of no alcohol," he said.

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Students question police riot tactics

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Students and onlookers who were present during the disturbances yesterday morning on East 13th and Chittenden avenues were concerned with some of the police actions toward students.

Jenny Journy, a senior in journalism and her roommate, Diana Cely were present when their friend Brian McGrew was stabbed at about 2:15 a.m. at his home, 99 E. 13th Ave.

"I was trying to calm my roommate down because she was upset about being stabbed, so she was screaming at the officers," Journy said. "I kept apologizing to the officers for Diana, and I incidentally bumped into an officer because there was tight space. I said I was sorry, and he said, 'If you ever touch me again, I'll show your teeth down your throat.'"

Journy also said the officers yelled several obscenities at her and her roommates.

The riot broke out after students at a large party on East 13th Avenue refused to disperse despite several requests by police. Some students then threw rocks and bottles at officers, according to Sgt. Dave Davidson of the Columbus Division of Police. Some students then flipped over two vehicles and did serious damage to others, witnesses said. As the riot continued, students were running and hiding in alleys.

"Basically by the end of it, they were shooting at anyone outside," said Mike Eather, a junior in landscape architecture. He said the police appeared to be shooting wooden bullets toward students after a party of about 300 people got out of hand. Davidson said police also used mace and tear gas on students who were outside.

Nick Bain, an undecided junior, was extremely disturbed by the bullets. "I had to be in work at 8 a.m., so I tried to go to sleep at 1:15. I was woken up at about 2:30 or 2:45 a.m. because of the gunsheets," said Bain, a resident of 50 E. 13th Ave. "People were ducking in the alleyway right beside our house. One kid got hit in the stomach with a wooden bullet, and there was the gunshot smell in our house... It looked like Bosnia."

Bain's apartment is located directly next to the site of yesterday's riot. He described the site as a very popular party place. According to Bain, the apartment hosted parties "almost every weekend."

Kurt Fortman, a sophomore in wild life management, was also hit with the wooden bullets.

"I was standing in my front yard watching what was going on. The police were walking from Indiana towards High, with an armed following behind them," Fortman said. "The police started shooting these canisters filled with something. The canister exploded up from the ground. It exploded right in front of both my calves. It was a real sharp pain. It didn't rip through my jeans, but I came in and put on my pants and I noticed scrapes and blood."

The wooden bullets the police used were 1.5 inches in diameter and made of carved wood. A canister of the Lantern reporters picked up at the scene was probably one of the canisters used to disperse the students had the following warnings:

- Do not fire directly at persons, as serious injury or death could occur.
- Do not use in any manner if this device has been subjected to poor storage conditions or stored for longer than four years from the date of manufacture.

The manufacturing date on the canister was 1995.

Columbus Division of Police spokesman Earl Smith said that the wooden bullets are specifically designed to be shot below the waist; however, the trajectory can change because of the bounce from the surface that the bullets hit. He was unsure about the speed at which the bullets are fired.

Police later arrived at Chittenden Avenue at about 4 a.m. because of some reports of destruction of property, Smith said.

A resident of Chittenden Avenue, Megan Crosby, told reporters that she was unsure what had provoked the police to respond. She said that there had not been any destruction of property that she had witnessed and that the response that ensued seemed a little extreme. The street appeared relatively calm and there was one police cruiser and one fire truck on Chittenden Avenue when reporters began speaking with Crosby, who is a junior in graphic design. About 10 minutes later, a bus arrived with about 60 officers dressed in riot gear.

The officers moved up the street from High Street toward Indiana Avenue, telling students on a megaphone to get into their houses. The officers arrested at Crosby's house and she and her roommates were still standing on the porch, they were sprayed with mace. When Crosby's friend, a student at the Columbus College of Art and Design, asked the officers why they were not allowed to stand on the porch, she was arrested. Crosby told reporters later that her friend had been charged with disorderly conduct and that the citation read that she was "excessively intoxicated," even though she had not been given a breathalyzer test.

Crosby felt the situation was unacceptable. "Nothing was going on, on Chittenden. Why is it (the police) right to make us for standing on our own porch?"

Crosby's friend, Chris Bradley, who was visiting Columbus from Seattle, compared the riots to the World Trade Organization riots that occurred there in 1999. He said that he felt the atmosphere created on Chittenden Avenue yesterday morning was worse than the riots he saw in Seattle.

"We weren't even antagonizing them," Bradley said. "I think this was pretty stupid. It's an unnecessary show of force."

Smith does not agree. He feels that the force that was used was completely warranted. "When you've done this for 20 years, it gets old," Smith said.

He also said that the amount of force that was used was based on the number of calls they were getting extending as far south as Eighth Street and as far north as Lane Avenue. The amount of destruction that had occurred on East 13th Avenue only hours earlier was also a contributing factor.

Security had been intensified in the area because of the number of people in town for the highly anticipated football game against Michigan. Hundreds of police officers patrolled the off-campus neighborhoods on foot, on horses and bikes, in patrol cruisers and vans, and in a school bus.

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All Because of a Game

By Tasha Thomas and Sarah Eash
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Saturday night started off relatively quiet. At 11 o'clock, the Columbus Division of Police had made less than a dozen arrests, issued numerous citations, and had engaged in no major conflicts with students. Firefighters had contended with about 60 fires since Friday night.

"Essentially, we had fires starting Friday, but there was nothing horrendous. As soon as the game was over, things started up. There were minor incidents like loitering or property damage. Some people were just there to have a good time," said Smith, spokesman for the Columbus Police.

Overall, it looked like a surprisingly calm post-Ohio State-Michigan game weekend. The game had ended in the second half with the Buckeyes losing to the Wolverines, 26-23. Smith credited the cold weather and overall police presence with helping deter students from becoming overly aggressive during the night.

According to Smith, several hundred officers were on and off throughout the night, including cruisers, mounted police, bike police, foot patrol, and 150 officers.

One of the police department's helicopters was in the air relaying infra-red video to the main police command center. Officers Jay Evans and Smith were among four dozen officers monitoring the situation from the heaved open windows of the state-of-the-art command center. Columbus police helicopters are equipped with forward-looking infrared (FLIR) cameras, designed to detect heat emissions. Human bodies are displayed as infrared rays on the night-vision equipment.

They flipped a car at 10:30 a.m. when police were waiting until they got the man on the roof and then all the sudden, like 100 people came down from the parking garage, said Smith, Senior Matt Lemke.

Evans said that several officers were injured during the incident. "Police were injured by thrown objects, and there were many fights that went on," said Lemke.

"People all come out of their houses when the police come. Some were the most dead shots until the police came," said Timberlake. "It was a Saturday night, and the largest gathering appeared to be fewer than 100 people at a house on NASA Drive. The general consensus among the inside the command van was that people were just there to have a good time. It was a great night, things had been uncharacteristically quiet.

Smith was present on his 16th hour of police patrol and hoping to make contact with his bed sometime that night. The helicopter circled repeatedly over the campus area, returning to High Street to find heavy pedestrian traffic but little else.

At about 1:30 a.m., Evans decided there was no reason for more than a heavy buildup of officers to remain on the scene with all the criminal activity. The officers in the van began to pack up and prepare to leave, assuming that the situation was under control.

"Around 1:30 a.m. we were considering going home, but at 2 a.m. everything went downhill," said Smith.

The weekend then took a drastic turn for the worse when a party got out of hand.

There was a large party on 12th Avenue that was still going strong. Officers asked people repeatedly to disperse. Some people began throwing rocks and bottles at police officers, and the officers then decided to go in with tear gas. The officers said it was a situation that caused people to scatter.

The officers used "knee-knockers," which are wooden batons that are 1.5 inches in diameter. Several people flipped over a vehicle on 13th Avenue, then moved to 12th Avenue and flipped another vehicle. One arrest was made immediately following this riot. A 21-year-old man was arrested on charges of aggravated assault.

A group of people attempted to overturn a parked car at approximately 2:15 a.m. Sunday on E. 13th Avenue between Indiana Avenue and N. High Street as part of a post-game party spilled into the streets. A Columbus police officer said he had been relatively calm until about 3 a.m. "I have been here since 6 p.m. and the main thing we've had to deal with is one stranger and a few bottles. The first arrest I made was one stranger that I couldn't identify," said Smith, Senior Matt Lemke.

Smith said that the officers continued to monitor the situation. "It will take days before we get the report on who was arrested, and who was involved," said Smith.

By 3 a.m., many of the disturbances were over. Some officers left the area. Smith said that the situation was under control.

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Policy to enforce alcohol laws on game days

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In an effort to improve the safety and enjoyment of all who attend Buckeye football games, police will be enforcing state laws related to open containers of alcohol, underage drinking and public decency both on and off campus.

The move is the result of discussions between Ohio State and City of Columbus officials about the need to reduce the problems associated with the behavior of those who become publicly intoxicated before, during and after football games. In addition, the Task Force on Celebratory Riots, which President Karen Holbrook and Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman established late last year, identified alcohol as one of the largest contributors to celebratory riots.

Vern Baisden, assistant vice president for public safety, said that, in recent years, the excessive consumption of alcohol on football Saturdays has contributed to an unsafe and sometimes threatening environment for fans and visitors to Columbus.

"While the majority of the over 100,000 people who come to home games conduct themselves with dignity and class, a smaller group consumes excessive amounts of alcohol," he said. "These individuals then exhibit unruly and potentially dangerous behavior, and become a safety hazard to themselves and to others."

Baisden said teams of officers will focus on seven problem areas where problems have occurred over the last several years: The Northwest/Tuttle Parking Garage, the Northwest Stadium Parking Lot and the South Field House Parking Lot. Excessive alcohol consumption in those areas has fueled lewd behavior, public indecency and verbal abuse to others, among other actions, he said.

"Our fans ought to be able to park in those areas without being subjected to this kind of behavior," Baisden said.

Officers also will monitor the actions of people who are heading toward the stadium from Lane Avenue, where Columbus Police have jurisdiction.

Bill Hall, vice president for student affairs, said enforcing laws will help contribute to an environment that sets a better example for Ohio State students.

"This is one positive step that we can take to change the culture for our students over the long term," Hall said. "This environment was created over many years, and we expect that it will take several years to change it.

"At the same time, most of our fans are responsible and good sports — as our students are. It is the behavior of the few who are not responsible that we are seeking to change," he said.
Hearing to begin for accused rapist

By Michelle Payne
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A hearing for the man accused of raping a 20-year-old Ohio State student is scheduled to begin today.

Kennedy Wheeler, 41, has been awaiting a trial since January 2003 when he was arrested in Dublin after undercover officers caught him using a credit card he allegedly stole from a victim.

Today's hearing will be heard by Common Pleas Judge John A. Connor, who will determine the date of Wheeler's trial.

Wheeler faces a 15-count indictment. The charges against him include rape, sexual imposition, theft, burglary, attempted burglary, robbery, attempted robbery, receiving stolen property, kidnapping and possessing a weapon after being convicted of a felony.

Wheeler is a suspect in several other sexual assault cases and has been charged with three counts of rape. He is being investigated in 13 other sex crimes that have occurred since May 2002, according to local media.

Wheeler's hearing was scheduled to start yesterday, but was postponed because the district attorney needed more time, said Ron O'Brien, Franklin County Prosecutor.

"The district attorney is not ready to go to trial because he is seeking a different DNA expert. We had provided a DNA expert to him, but he was not satisfied with that, so he is looking for his own," O'Brien said.

"I would expect this whole trial to take another three to four weeks to even be heard. Then there is the trial itself which is also going to take a decent amount of time," O'Brien said.

In 1985, Wheeler was convicted of attempted rape and burglary in Cleveland and served eight years in prison. He was paroled in 1993.

Wheeler was placed in a halfway house called Diversity Community Services after he was paroled. The DCS was so impressed with Wheeler's progress that he was hired as a counselor to help others coming to the house make the transition from prison. He left the house in April 2001, and those who worked with him never expected him to relapse, according to local media.

Wheeler is being held without bond at the Franklin County Jail. 

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OSU to crack down on arrested students

By Tasha Thomas
Lantern campus editor

The future of Ohio State students arrested last weekend rests in the hands of Bill Hall, interim vice president for Students Affairs. Hall plans to meet with the 10 students to discuss their participation in the riots and their appropriate punishment.

Besides the 10 students who were arrested, Hall has also identified another student. “My unofficial count (of students arrested) is now 11 because one of the students in the photo on the front page of the Lantern has also now been identified,” Hall said.

“Ohio State has suspended in abeyance 10 students who a preliminary investigation has shown were among 34 people arrested during off-campus disturbances Saturday night,” according to an OSU media release.

The term ‘abeyance’ means that the students are suspended, but they will be able to continue attending classes and go about their normal routine until they meet with Hall and he makes a recommendation regarding each student’s status, he said.

“They will be suspended until I meet with them on an individual basis. I will then make a determination as to what action should be taken. Whatever we are concerned about is those students that have broken the law or threatened bodily harm as opposed to those that were arrested for open container,” Hall said. He added that the severity of the students’ punishment will be based on the part they played in the riots.

The charges in the 10 confirmed arrests include arson, violation of alcohol open container laws, underage drinking, misconduct at an emergency, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Andrew Bensman, a senior in construction management, was one of the students arrested during this weekend’s melee. Bensman, who was charged with criminal trespass and resisting arrest, said his arrest was the result of a shoving match.

“I got kicked out of a bar and kinda got in a shoving match with a bouncer. There just happened to be a paddy wagon there while we were wrestling around, and I got maced by the police,” Bensman said.

He said his arrest happened at 9 p.m. on Saturday, well before the riots started at about 2 a.m. He added that he has not been contacted by Hall and believes that he should not be suspended.

“I don’t think it’s fair that the police went and picked 10 students out of a group. A lot of those people were just watching,” he said, adding that he held the media partially responsible for the riots. “I think the media had a hand in causing the riots by broadcasting concerns about a week before.”

Matthew Fasshacht, another OSU student arrested this weekend, was charged with littering but insisted that he had nothing to do with the rioting.

“I want to tell you I am not associated with any of these people. I wasn’t even on campus when this happened. I had nothing to do with the rioting, it’s only a littering charge. I dropped a Pepsi can and they arrested me for it,” said Fasshacht, a freshman.

There are a number of actions the university can take towards the students, ranging from a warning to expulsion, Hall said. Possible punishments include probation, suspension, OSU expulsion or even being barred from attending any university in the state of Ohio.

— Shannon Rater and Amy Young contributed to this story.
Police say OSU students keeping parties peaceful

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COLUMBUS - A police spokesman said he hoped increased student concern would help prevent a reoccurrence of disturbances this spring at Ohio State University.

Sgt. Earl Smith said that although there were several street parties near campus Friday night, things were peaceful.

A week earlier, cars were damaged, fires were set and police had to fire tear gas and wooden projectiles to break up the crowd. Two people were arrested. It was the fifth such disturbance since last April.

None of that hostility seemed evident late Friday and early yesterday. Smith said students and police were cooperating in watching for signs of trouble.

"The students deserve a lot of credit for keeping things under control," Smith said early yesterday.

"More so than in the past, many of them have said they're disturbed over what's occurring off campus on weekends. They can do a lot to set the tone as to what's acceptable, and they're making things a lot easier for the law enforcement community.

"I've seen a lot of students walking around tonight and looking like they're having fun, but not at someone else's expense."

Earlier Friday, Ben Casteel and other residents of Norwich Ave., a street near campus, were throwing Frisbees and guessing how big a block party would get last night. "We want to have a party where we grill out and have fun," he said.

Police and university officials had spent this week knocking on doors of student residences near the campus and talking to students after a front-page story in the student newspaper, the
Lantern, described the planned party.

Students said officers told them how to celebrate without getting in trouble.

Ohio State sponsored two alcohol-free barbecues, sent teams of university employees around neighborhoods near campus and passed out "sober host" kits containing two cases of soft drinks, T-shirts, trash bags and signs warning against underage drinking.

"In 20 years of law enforcement, this is probably the strongest, most unified statement of the university's expectations for student behavior I've seen," he said.

"The university has not enjoyed the respect of the [police] division in many cases because of its lack of genuine commitment. But that's changing."

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Campus rumpus: OSU cracks down on keg-party hooligans

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Certain participants in last weekend's drunken bottle-and-windshield-smashing melee near the Ohio State University campus probably are just now waking up from an alcohol-induced fog to find that the university will be holding them accountable for off-campus misconduct.

OSU has toughened the rules. Having fun and making a little noise are a typically harmless part of the college experience. But smashing cars and hurling beer bottles at police officers are not.

Criminal misbehavior arising from or disguised as partying has gone on too long in the university environs. In addition to harming the immediate victims, it damages OSU's reputation and makes life more difficult for the large majority of students who have enrolled in college in an effort to find their way in the adult world and, perhaps, learn something.

Now, vandals and bottle hurlers must learn something: OSU officials will be taking a special interest in those responsible for broken glass and random fires.

Earlier this week, the university offered cash rewards to anyone who can help identify those involved in the massive party on Chittenden Avenue, which went past midnight Friday and attracted about 2,000 revelers. Four students have been named from among the two arrests made and numerous citations issued by police; these four will face university discipline.

Despite widespread publicity, some people no doubt will be surprised to discover that OSU has amended its student code of conduct to broaden its off-campus jurisdiction. Under the changes, which went into effect last month:

- University discipline extends to any activity that causes "substantial destruction" of property belonging to or causes serious harm to the health or safety of members of the university community. Members of the university community is defined as including, but not limited to, students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campus.

- Possible sanctions, while no more severe than before, have been broadened in range to allow a closer match of degree of punishment to severity of the misconduct. As before, sanctions range up to permanent expulsion from the university.
• Voluntary intoxication is more clearly rejected as grounds for escaping the consequences of misconduct. As in the criminal courts, such an excuse -- "I was drunk; I didn't know what I was doing" -- is no defense.

While extending the university's reach, the code adds some due-process protections for students who are accused of misconduct.

For example, the standard of evidence necessary for finding a student guilty of any code violation outside academic misconduct was raised. This requires the university to meet a higher degree of proof before it can mete out punishment, although the change cuts both ways because students are often the victims of misconduct as well as the perpetrators.

Also, a ground for appeal has been added for students who believe a sanction was more severe than the offense merited.

As in the past, the president of the university has final authority over student discipline. OSU President William E. Kirwan used this discretion in November to immediately suspend a number of students who were accused of taking part in the post-Michigan-game rioting. Those students later went through the discipline process, and sanctions were doled out.

The Dispatch applauds OSU's efforts to reach further into the neighborhood to make the area a better place to live, work and study. Rowdies, watch out. The cost of riotous and destructive behavior just went up.
OSU, city in a froth over rowdy off-campus bashes

05/01/01

By JULIE CARR SMYTH

COLUMBUS - City and Ohio State University officials, fed up with huge off-campus parties that spill into the streets, say they're ready to get tough.

Authorities are threatening curfews, a limit on the size of parties and the expulsion of students involved. But OSU spokeswoman Elizabeth Conlisk said yesterday that the university had not decided on a strategy to prevent another confrontation like the one that rocked the neighborhood around E. 13th and E. Norwich avenues early Sunday.

The melee was the second in as many weekends and the sixth in the last year. Police said 10 people were arrested after a crowd of about 2,000 was turned back by officers using pepper spray and firing wooden projectiles. The crowd lighted fires in trash cans and threw bottles at officers.

A weekend earlier, police were called to Chittenden Ave. when a party there poured into the street.

Hoping to prevent a repeat of that April 21 incident, Ohio State staff handed out literature on being a responsible host and working with police. Conlisk said they also distributed "Sober Hosts" kits - which included free cases of Coca-Cola and T-shirts - to those who signed a responsibility pledge. In addition, the university appealed to beer distributors and landlords for help.

An 8-month-old law aimed at curbing excessive beer purchases and discouraging underage drinking apparently had little impact on the off-campus revelry. Ohio Department of Public Safety
spokeswoman Julie Ehrhart said the hosts of Saturday night's beer bash failed to file the required affidavit with the state indicating more than five kegs of beer had been purchased.

A get-tough approach by the city and university is unlikely to work, said Hobart and William Smith Colleges sociology Professor H. Wesley Perkins, an expert in alcohol abuse among college students. According to him, most college students respond best to learning that their peers are not drinking as much as they thought.

Perkins said letting students know that alcohol abusers are in the minority at their school has effectively curbed problem drinking behavior on his campus and around the country.

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A night full of shame at Ohio State

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Plain Dealer Reporters

COLUMBUS — Ohio State University and city officials, saying they were embarrassed and apologetic, vowed yesterday to punish those involved in an off-campus riot that left cars in flames and police firing tear gas.

Fans celebrating the Ohio State football team’s victory over the University of Michigan overturned 20 cars, burning nine of them. They also ambushed firefighters with bottles and rocks and clashed with police in riot gear, who fired back with wooden bullets and tear gas.

"It was a black eye in terms of how we are viewed by the nation," said Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman, who was visibly upset over national media coverage yesterday morning, headlined on one network as “Sore Winners.”

Coleman, during a news conference, said emphatically: “We will be actively pursuing felons against the arsonists — actively pursuing them.”

He appeared with OSU President Karen Holbrook, who called fan behavior “criminal and unacceptable.”

“Unfortunately, most of those responsible appear to be our students,” she said.

Police arrested 54 people early yesterday, and Holbrook said arrested students will be suspended and face expulsion if found guilty of serious crimes.

Coleman and Holbrook asked the media and others with videotapes or photographs of the riot to turn the material over as evidence to police.

As they spoke, residents in a 10-block area east of the OSU football stadium viewed littered streets.

SEE RIOT | A4 Crowds of youths flip cars near the Ohio State University campus.
Ohio State University administrators said any OSU students found guilty of damaging cars or other property as part of the school's victory celebration could face expulsion. Police arrested 54 people for carrying open containers of alcohol, rioting, resisting arrest and open burning.

RIOT
FROM A1
Night of shame at Ohio State

Charred mattresses, tire rims, pieces of furniture, hats, shoes and even a refrigerator cluttered the roads.

Sherry Mercurio, Columbus police spokeswoman, said the city's fire department made 108 runs but had little protection against a barrage of rocks and bottles thrown by rioters.

Shortly after Saturday's game and into the evening, the celebrations remained orderly. But about 12:45 a.m., violence erupted.

Firefighters trying to douse a burning car on Chittenden Avenue were shelled with debris. Mercurio said the SWAT unit was called to protect the firefighters. Just north, on East 13th Avenue, flames erupted from several burning cars.

Lauren Mollette, 20, an OSU sophomore from Canton, screamed at the crowd not to set fire to a car that was rolled into her front yard on East 13th.

"There were people running everywhere, with tear gas all over their faces," she said. "People had shovels and rakes and were bashing in [car] windows and climbing into cars to get souvenirs. They even took our screen door and threw it into the fire."

Colleen Turi, of Delta, just outside Toledo, made the trip to Columbus to see the game and visit her two children, who live on East 13th. She said people in the crowd shouted, "Flip that car!" and ignited cars using cardboard as kindling.

A crowd broke through glass doors at Long's Book Store at East 15th Avenue and North High Street, but they were beaten back by police, Mercurio said.

"Once we'd get one street under control, the crowds would move to one or two others and things would break out again," said Mercurio.

Police finally took control by 4 a.m. Mercurio said she could not believe that there were no major injuries.

"For as violent an act that was taking place, there were surprisingly few injuries, and even those were minor," she said.

The violence was a sharp contrast to the delirious celebration seen on national television following Ohio State's come-from-behind victory over Michigan.

Seconds after Buckeye nickel back Will Allen picked off a desperation pass from Wolverine quarterback John Navarre, a sea of red swept over the playing field. Hordes of fans embraced Buckeye players and tore up sod for souvenirs. Other waves attacked the goal posts, Braves the sting of pepper spray from police.

The crowd then surged to North High Street, where celebrants, fueled by alcohol from bars and off-campus housing, turned a 10-block area into one of the nation's largest sports bars. Though noisy, the celebrants were relatively orderly — until after midnight.

Nicole Cool, a sophomore from Canton, said she could not understand why fans would want to mar the victory with the violence that erupted in the early morning hours.

"It's degrading to the Ohio State University. It really is," she said. "We're supposed to be this prestigious school with smart kids."

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Permits for street may curb riot label

by Jill Tomisaka
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Yet another massive block party, otherwise known as "rambes Fest, is in the works, but this time students are taking it a step further by obtaining a permit in order to shut down the entire street for the day.

"We encourage students to get permits so they can have responsible parties," said Mike Brown, press secretary for Mayor Michael Coleman. "There are legal ways to throw a party, and the university is willing to work with students so they follow those guidelines."

The process for shutting down a street is quite involved. Students must apply for block closure by contacting the Division of Parks and Recreation seven to 10 business days before the event is scheduled. They must go door to door and get approval from 80 percent of the residents involved. With the residents' approval, they have to bring the permit to the Columbus Division of Police, Columbus Division of Fire, Columbus Division of Transportation and Traffic Engineering and the Columbus Division of Refuge Area of Trash and get signatures from each department, Lt. Carl Barth of the Columbus Division of Police said.

The permits cost around $30 but there are additional costs to hire off-duty officers for traffic control and crowd control. The cost to hire officers ranges from $31-36.

The permit allows for the street to be shut down for the day but usually ends around 1 a.m. or 2 a.m.

Once the permit is approved, the police talk to the students hosting the party about alcohol consumption. The hosts are responsible for checking identification to make sure party-goers are of the legal drinking age. They are responsible for controlling underage drinking.

The permit only allows for students to drink on their property. If students want to be able to drink on the street, they must get permission from the city council. If they do not get permission from the city council and continue to drink on the street, the permit is canceled.

In previous years of NorwichFest, students did not have a permit to block off the street. Someone
Alumni still stand behind OSU

Burning cars, couches not enough to keep faithful donors from giving to alma mater

By Ashley Schramm
Lantern staff writer

While Ohio State alumni are ridden with disappointment over recent weekend riots, they are understanding of the situation, and it is the expectation that their donations will remain steady.

"Typically alumni make the decision to donate money based on the long-term vision and academic promise of the university," said Dan Heinlen, president and CEO of the OSU Alumni Association.

Heinlen said he has thus far received only one e-mail stating that an alumnus would withhold further donations to the university because of the riots.

John Meyer, assistant vice president for university development, doesn't expect a drop in alumni donations either.

"This isn't the first riot, and donations aren't going to be affected because alumni won't let a civil disobedience affect the money given to professors for research," Meyer said.

In fact, contributions have surpassed those counted at this time last year despite the disturbances in spring 2001, he said.

"These riots are sporadic. If these riots were every weekend it might have a more negative effect," Meyer said. "In some respects though, it is impossible to tell how this will affect donations without a survey."

Meyer said he has received about four e-mail complaints from alumni.

"Some say until the university does something more strict with those involved, they won't give any more money," Meyer said. "But in six months, they might get a little more perspective."

Meyer said university development has previously received e-mail about everything under the sun — even people threatening to withhold money until the football team beat Michigan.

"In no way do the riots prevent me from donating to the school," said Geniene Pernotto, a 1989 alumnus from New York City. "I will stand by my school through bad coach choices, riots and anything else I might not 100 percent agree with because I am a Buckeye who won't turn tail during difficult times."

Pernotto also reminded the adults and parents that such occurrences took place in their college years, too. Class of '99 alumn Doug Hirn agreed.

"I certainly understand the concern of my fellow alumni about the way our school is perceived, but it would be ridiculous for me to withhold donations on those grounds for
"Oh, my god, there goes another one."

"Boom, boom, boom."

"Is this really happening?"

"Hey, your car isn't still down there, is it?"

"Boom, boom, boom."

"O-H!"

"I-O!"

"They're actually cheering. Can you believe this? Have you ever seen anything like this?"

"Boom, boom, boom."

"I'm glad my dad isn't here to see this."

Standing atop a roof on the corner of 13th and Indianola avenues, I watched this scene unfolding below. It began with a burning couch in a front yard and ballooned into a car-bashing, fire-burning hysteria, like something out of *Lord of the Flies*. Never have I been around a mob, and it is with great hope that I never am again.

I have heard the explanations given by psychologists and others as to the dynamics of the mob, but not until that night did I truly believe them. I could feel the raw energy surging through the crowd as if their emotions were being bounced up to me with every overturned vehicle.

What I could not comprehend was that this energy seemed to be in no way negative, no feelings of hate or ridicule or persecution. These people were actually happy and enjoying themselves, even taking breaks from their car-tipping to cheer on their beloved Buckeyes with chants of "O-H," "I-O."

The emotions I felt that night are still hard to put into words. I was in a daze, my mouth hanging wide open, and the pit of my stomach felt like it was turning itself inside out. There was utter disdain that I and other observers felt as an overall feeling of helplessness enveloped the rooftop. Or maybe that was just smog from burning tires.

I witnessed the flipping of seven cars, three vehicles set ablaze and one exploding gas tank. I have lived in Columbus for 16 years now, grew up watching and cheering Ohio State football and even played high-school football myself here in town.

It kills me to make the following statements, but they are justified after last Saturday's events. I am proud of the fact that I did not attend Ohio State University. Something is fundamentally wrong with the way we live and die by the accomplishments of our football team.

And though inconceivable only a week ago, I might be cheering against the Buckeyes in the Fiesta Bowl because after this weekend, I don't know if this city could handle a national championship.

Jeremy Shipp
Mayor Michael Coleman, Mitchell Brown, director of the Columbus Department of Public Safety and Commander Steve Gambil of the Columbus Division of Police, speak at a press conference on campus yesterday concerning disturbances in the off-campus area.

Discussions push ahead about riots

Coleman, Kirwan talk about dealing with future out-of-control parties

By Christina Morandini, Lantern staff writer

Mayor Michael Coleman met with President William "Britt" Kirwan to discuss ways to prevent future riots like the kind that erupted last weekend on Chittenden Avenue.

Also in attendance at yesterday's talks were university administrators, Columbus Division of Police, university landlords and area beer vendors.

"Last weekend an extremely small number of our students disgraced themselves with their inexcusable behavior," Kirwan said.

The talks took place in anticipation of this weekend's Norwichfest, which turned into a riot.

"If one breaks the law, you will be arrested, plain and simple."

—Michael Coleman
Mayor

...to act much more quickly this weekend, Hall said. Hall and Coleman encouraged students to only throw or attend small parties.

"We're asking for basic responsibility that anyone would expect in their community," Coleman said. "I'm hoping for a good weekend."

Mitchell Brown, director of the Columbus Department of Public Safety, pledged "early and active police involvement" this weekend, should a similar riot develop. He said there will be a parking ban enforced in the area where the police anticipate there will be problem parties this weekend.

He was unclear as to exactly where the parking ban would be enforced.

The issue that will determine the events this weekend, however, has to do with the conduct of...
Student Riot

Hey students, put down the Natty

Students took to the streets over the weekend in one of the most recent efforts to create a relationship with area police and our off-campus community.

The residents of 13th Avenue spent the early morning hours Sunday turning over a car, throwing bottles at the police and setting fires. Brilliant, People. The police were called at about 2 a.m. to the scene of a keg party that had gotten out of control. The kind with people spilling out into the street, drunken freshmen puking their guts out in the bushes and plenty of cheap, nasty beer.

The officers who responded to the complaint call were greeted by flying bottles.

Students, predictably, blamed the police for escalating the seriousness of the situation — but what are the cops supposed to do when they are facing an angry, unruly mob? Calling for backup is the only thing.

Students apparently responded with a great deal of anger. How dare police try to break up a party where people are inhaling watery brew like it's, well, water? How dare they interrupt a friendly, social gathering of a few hundred close friends that spills out into a public street? How dare they try to do their jobs, responding to a complaint?

If students want to go out and get sloshed on the weekends — as Bobby Brown has said — that is their prerogative. Just don't throw bottles at the police because, believe it or not, in this case the police were right in their action.

Just like they were right in mid-April, when the residents of 13th Avenue celebrated Tax Day by clashing with police, throwing bottles and stampeding through the streets amid plumes of tear gas.

In that case, police responded to a reported rape at a party. The situation quickly became uncomfortable, and then violent. Students, more concerned with keeping their buzz than helping to bring a possible rapist to justice, fired bottles at police cruisers. In the confusion, any chance at finding who reported or committed the alleged rape was lost.

Eventually, more than 100 cruisers responded to the situation, and OSU made the national news for all the wrong reasons.

If there was a legitimate reason for the rioting — and occasionally there is — that would be one thing. Throwing bottles at the police after losing one's access to Natural Light at 2 a.m. however is not exactly on par with Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat.

Rioting for the sake of rioting is stupid and reflects badly on OSU. It's also one of the major reasons why the university now feels compelled to try to control our actions off campus with the new Student Code of Conduct.

If students want to be treated like adults, they should act like adults. Otherwise, they shouldn't complain when OSU tries to exert control over every aspect of their lives.
Hundreds gassed as cops crash party

Lora Smith, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

When the smoke cleared at the Fourth Avenue Rock Party yesterday afternoon, a neat little crowd of onlookers remained to see the results of the police intervention.

"They came out on the roof and turned up the volume and started throwing incendiaries," said one young onlooker. "It was just like a war."
Police must be smarter than drunks

GUEST COLUMNIST

I am writing this to thank the Columbus Division of Police for the festivities Saturday. I have attended several of their riots in my four years at Ohio State, but Saturday they really outdid themselves.

The light show provided by the helicopter was invigorating, the tear gas was strong but refreshing and the false arrests were prevalent and amusing. I sincerely hope this will not be the last riot they throw. I will be graduating in December and encourage them to have at least one more big bash before I leave OSU.

Honestly, I do enjoy a good riot as much as the next guy, but the actions of the police were foolish and counter-productive. I saw the riot from my narrow and restricted point of view, but I thought those that were not able to attend might be interested in what I saw.

At first, it seemed the police showed up to keep the party under control and people out of the street.

Then more officers showed up and the riot gear was passed out. At this point, many partiers decided to leave. Suddenly, without warning, a tear gas grenade was thrown into the party. I decided it was time to leave and began walking home. Several officers I passed told me to go home but didn't give me any trouble.

Myself and several other partiers then passed a cop in a gas mask who proceeded to pepper spray our legs as we walked by. I was upset by this and made a comment along the lines of "Sir, please don't do that. I simply want to go home and study."

For my efforts, the officer followed me and blind-sided me with a blast of pepper spray to the face. I continued to walk home, stopping briefly to watch the chaos on Indianola.

Yes, the partiers are to be partly blamed for the riot. A few of them threw bottles at the cops. Those that did should be punished. The majority of the blame falls squarely on the shoulders of the police. They did not give any order to disperse before using force. They let themselves be provoked by a group of drunks, causing a riot, which seems to be what many of the partiers and police wanted.

Did I deserve to be pepper sprayed? Certainly not, but I did anger a cop who wanted to prove he's got a big gun. There is no room for people like this on the police force. Being a cop is one of the toughest jobs in the world and some simply aren't cut out for it.

The police must be smarter than a drunken mob. When an officer puts on the uniform he is a tool of the law. His emotions cannot interfere with his responsibility.

On Saturday night, if the police had used their frontal lobes instead of their erectile tissue, there would not have been any trouble.

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Columbus police often look for trouble

I'm sure by now everyone knows what went down on East 13th Avenue this past Saturday — hundreds (if not thousands) of elated OSU students crowded together as a single body, enjoying the weather and guzzling some brew. Unfortunately for them, the Columbus Division of Police decided to "check up" on a scene that needed no checking up on.

Seriously now people — what in God's name was that officer thinking when he decided to head down 13th and throw on his lights? What did he expect to happen? From what I've heard, everything was peaceful and calm moment and everyone was just having a good time. What he expected and wanted to happen was exactly what unfolded not too much longer — some stupid, smug (smog) schmuck sees him and throws a beer battle at the car. Now it's plain and simple that you don't do stupid stuff like that, but my questions remain: Why? Why did Columbus police decide to roll down 13th?

Was the party out of hand? Yes entire block full of drinkers spilling into the streets is out of hand. But was it OUT OF CONTROL? No — it wasn't. What was out of control was police showing up in the first place. The presence of the "ghetto bird" was enough for Columbus police to keep an eye on things below to let cruisers in the area know there is a POSSIBLE situation.

So what happens next? Every cop within 50 miles decides to bust a once harmless campus party — in riot gear — there's another smart move. Such a "hostile" situation obviously calls for tear gas and pepper spray. Right. Of course!

Columbus police took it upon themselves to gas the hell out of the party. Totally uncalled for. My sister happened to be down there Saturday night enjoying herself when she noticed a sparking canister land directly at her feet — then explode in her face. Uncalled for. I don't know what the CFD protocol and procedure reads, but I'm sure it doesn't describe what happened that night. For those of you scoring at home, my sister's eyes and nose still hurt.

Two weeks ago, an officer who was obviously bored off of his donut-eating-butt decided to drop by my HUGE two-keg party and ask me to turn down my music. What was his point? I know all of my neighbors, so there couldn't have been a complaint considering they were all there. It wasn't even 11 p.m. yet and my 25 guests were already being forced to suffer over a power-hungry police officer looking for an excuse to hassle some college students having a good time.

The only remnant of trouble beyond 13th Saturday night was at Indianola near Woodruff, where someone decided to light a couch on fire in the middle of the road. As of 3 p.m. on Sunday, the residents near 94 E. 13th had already cleaned up their yards while being interviewed by news reporters.

The bottom line: in my opinion, is that the Columbus police often look for trouble. Look up the word "bully" in any dictionary and you've got that exact description. Incidents aside, I think the Columbus police need to get some "action" if ya know what I mean. They need to learn that, if no one is destroying property or starting fires or dumb stuff like that, they should just go about their business and keep their ears open in case something does get out of hand.

My message to those of you reading this is simple: COPS: leave us alone and there will be no trouble. Respect our privacy and we will respect your authority (where's Cartman when I need him?). STUDENTS: we need to show some respect to the Columbus police even though they do bone-headed things a lot of the time.

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Sunday block party needed intervention

Only two days after this weekend’s block party riot, campus area residents are beginning to question whether Columbus Division of Police acted responsibly or not.

For those of you who don’t already know, hundreds of Ohio State students were sprayed with tear gas early Sunday morning as local police attempted to disperse an unruly crowd of partiers at a 13th Avenue block party.

No officers or students were seriously injured in the incident. Police reports indicate that less than a dozen people were arrested, most for offenses relating to disorderly conduct and vandalism.

It is understandable that students and local residents have questioned the actions taken by the police to disperse the party. After all, the presence of more than 100 police vehicle and countless officers in riot gear seems a little extreme for a college party.

However, we do not feel the police are to blame for the events of early Sunday morning. They acted only in response to a situation that was quickly getting out of control.

First, officers originally came to the scene in response to a rape call from a house on 13th Avenue. They were right to check the scene as quickly as possible in reaction to the call, whether it was real or not.

Upon arrival, the cops had to check out the party, especially considering the fact that the crowd was made up of 500 to 600 people. To do otherwise would have been to neglect their duties as police officers and potentially endanger the lives of everyone at the party.

The first officers there got hit with bottles and rocks from an overall intoxicated and unruly crowd. Who can blame them for calling for back-up and ordering the party dispersed? A party is obviously getting out of hand when people start throwing things at police officers.

The crowd refused to disperse and continued its chaotic behavior. Police announced that they were going to throw tear gas and arrest everyone who did not go home. At this point, the partiers should have been smart enough to call it a night.

Columbus police recognized the block party for exactly what it was: A potentially dangerous situation. Thus, in order to protect students and residents, they ordered the party dispersed. Because the party did not disperse, and the presence of police only seemed to cause more chaos, officers were forced to take excessive action to ensure the safety of the partiers.

We do not feel that police acted wrongly. As spring parties roll around, students at this university must realize that there are laws in this city and all of us are expected to follow them or face the consequences.
Dear Amartano,

What's up man? Not much is going on here. I'll be doing a lot of reading in the next few days. All my midterms are next week and I think I am behind in a couple of my classes. On the whole, though, everything's pretty cool.

I am sorry you didn't like what I had to say last week. I know my views on abortion are not going to make me the most loved man on campus, but I think you know my heart. I don't desire to be the most popular man in town, I just want to be known as a man who is willing to speak the truth without shame. I want to be known as the man who won't let his friends settle for less than what is best.

Hey, I just wanted to ask you something you wrote. You said, "I was so happy to find out that she wasn't pregnant, that I didn't mind it when a few of my friends convinced me to go out drinking with them. I have to admit, I got pretty sloshed; but it was nice just to let loose a little bit, and not worry about anything or anyone for a night."

I don't know, it just seems kind of ironic in my mind. Isn't that how this whole mess with your girlfriend started? If I remember right, you said you and her got drunk one night with a bunch of friends on spring break and had sex; and then all this mad talk of pregnancy came up.

Now you are telling me that, after all that, you didn't think anything of going out and getting blitzed again? I guess I just don't see the logic.

Amartano, here's my question about that statement you made. What's the point of drinking, my friend?

I know it seems like an odd question, but I guarantee you, Amartano, the answer will seem even more ridiculous.

As I walk through this life, I have realized a couple of things about getting drunk.

First, I notice people use it so maybe just for a little while they can escape the things of life that seem to stress them out. How many people do you know that can't seem to get through a hard time without being blitzed. More than we would like to admit. It's kind of sad, isn't it?

Of course, I know you'll never end out that way, but how do you think those people started out?

Secondly, I notice that, more times than not, being drunk is a great way to gain acceptance. I know it sounds crazy, but it's true.

Do you remember the first time you got drunk? I'm sure you do, and I'm willing to bet money it wasn't probably something you desired to do long before you actually did it. If you remember, there was that almost guilty uncertainty that accompanied your first sip. Yet with the coaxing of your buddies you took another sip and with every sip after that the uncertainty seemed to fade.

After a while, that was what the guys did and so that's what you did. Then later on, you learned a lot of girls didn't mind getting a little tanked too, and it made nights a whole lot more entertaining. It's crazy to think about how many people need the feeling of drunkenness to fit in.

Now at this point, you are probably thinking, "Jason, you sound like a self-righteous punk who has never done anything questionable in his life!"

Amartano, I want you to know I am speaking from experience. Throughout my high school and my early college years, I might have been one of the biggest lures you would have ever met. During that time of my life, I found my acceptance and security when I was drunk. During that time of my life, I escaped the things I didn't want to face when I was drunk.

Amartano, that life bit, it only led to more pain and emptiness. I don't want you to be like I was, I want better for you. I hope you see this is my heart for you.

Think about it.
Your Friend.

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The police don't want mass arrests

trash bin: "You know, if you want to have some fun, we should set that one back on fire. They already put it out so it would be kind of funny to set it again."

He got no takers. A blond-haired man with a black handkerchief over his face and a knapsack on his back stopped to offer his veteran assessment: "This is worse than Chittenden because they only tried to clear Chittenden once."

Sure enough, back on Norwich, in front of several large apartment buildings that had served as Norwichfest headquarters, several hundred people had emerged from the buildings while others converged from the alley. A new confrontation was in the works.

As the students edged farther and farther out into the yard on Norwich, a Bob Marley song wafted through the air. "We're going to be burning and looting tonight," sang Marley with the socio-political context melting away into the night air. As the cops in riot gear again slowly advanced in a thin line, one young man swung slowly on a rope swing.

About now, you're thinking: Only 25 arrests? Twenty-five?

"Ninety percent of it is trying to get the crowd to disperse," said Smith. "We are hearing a lot from the politicians that we should just arrest everyone, but the goal isn't to arrest everybody. The goal is to get the crowd to break up."

"For every person that is arrested, it takes an officer away from the scene, and we still have to have enough officers available to help handle the situation. I know if we would have tried to do that Saturday that we wouldn't have had a single officer anywhere else in the city."

The rioting kids know this, too. The realization that despite what the young-ups say, you won't get arrested, hurt or expelled from school unless you're damn unlucky is heady stuff.

As the cat-and-mouse between police and young men continued with packs of hooligans repeatedly dispersing and regrouping in response to the riot cops' exasperation and more cries for crackdowns.

Public Safety Director Mitch Brown hinted that mass arrests could be in the offing: "If we have to make the arrests, we will... There are ways to deal with crowds of this size without resorting to becoming a police state."

But Smith said no one inside the police department is pushing for mass arrests.

"I think it's the last choice," said Smith. "It's not where we want to go from our standpoint. I think we are slower than other folks to jump on that. By definition, everyone from the chief right on down is uncomfortable with the concept of mass arrests."

Ultimately, the chaos for chaos's sake on Norwich, and similar scenes on East 13th Avenue and Chittenden, have managed to accomplish one thing: They have everyone's attention.

City prosecutors are vowing to ask for jail time for those arrested; OSU officials are posting pictures and video of rioters on the Internet—and handing out rewards to the photographers whose pictures result in arrests. And in the last 48 hours, Coleman has met with landlords, area residents, retailers, beer wholesalers and police.

"We are seeing what we can do to reduce the amount of glass bottles in the area," said Coleman's spokesman, Mike Brown.

He added that longtime campus residents (read: middle-aged) are asking the mayor's office to declare a nighttime curfew in the area.

"We can declare a state of emergency within the campus area under the city code," Mike Brown said. "That is being debated over here right now, and we won't take it off the table. It's extreme and would be expensive. We see it as the last step."

A plan of action has been mapped out by Inn-Town Homes, the landlord of the big apartment buildings that served as headquarters for Norwichfest. Some of the student tenants that planned the biggest parties—and whose guests were some of those involved in the running skirmishes with police throughout the night—might be looking for new cribs.

"We thought that might be ground zero for the partying, and it turned out to be ground zero," said Glenn Vanik, property manager for Inn-Town Homes. "We do indeed plan to take action on some residents. Those are people that we warned and have had a few minor problems with in the past."

As Saturday night's activity wound down, after a series of chases through the courtyards between the large apartment buildings, the police finally massed into the alley behind Norwich Avenue. As young people scattered quickly in all directions, the police stood in a now empty parking lot for a few minutes behind the buildings before returning to Norwich.

After the officers left, someone called out in a singsong voice: "Olly, olly oxen free. Come out, wherever you are. They're gone."

Thirty seconds later, a dozen people were back out in the alley. This game is fun, dude.
By Aaron Marshall

As the small knot of college-aged men in the alley behind Norwich Avenue grew larger, insults—not beer bottles—began to rain down on the cops in riot gear gathered at the bottom of the alley’s slope.

"Take off your riot shit and come up here and be a man," shouted one angry hulk of a young man. "One on one, c'mon and bring it."

"My adrenaline is flowing," said another guy to his stumbling-drunk buddy as the group of rioters laughed at the taunts. "I can do this all night."

It was nearing 2 a.m. but it wasn’t even halftime yet for the most enjoyable new game to come along in ages for young, drunk, college-aged males—The Riot Game.

"It’s getting to be a very dangerous game," said Bill Hall, Ohio State University’s interim vice president for student affairs. "The game is you taunt police and run from them, and this is viewed as something that is fun."

In the aftermath of the riotous incidents on Norwich Avenue and East 13th Avenue last weekend, there were 25 people arrested and 29 Dumpster fires set in the campus area.

But as city and OSU officials, police, campus landlords, and students discuss solutions to the drunken antics that are making OSU the poster child for moronic beer riots, they tend to sidestep the primary reason campus is melting down every weekend.

Rioting has become a real hoot. For the drunken packs of college students and other youths, mostly white males, that descend on these massive keg parties, a little mayhem ends the night with the exhilarating bang of rubber bullets.

You get to insult cops and then dodge the non-lethal sting of kneeknocks. And that’s a killer story to brag about to your buddies later. Rioting rocks, man.

"We have folks that are trying to outriot each other now," said Mark Hatch, who runs Community Crime Patrol. "I saw the flyers for Norwichfest and basically what I saw was an invitation to come down and try and outdo what happened on Chittenden last weekend. Who in their right mind wants to do that?"

Police spokesman Earl Smith acknowledged that the whole beer-fueled scene is viewed as a big game by those doing the mischief: "You see the kids showing off to each other where they are bruised up from the rubber bullets."

With visions of Chittenden Avenue’s mayhem dancing in his head, Bill Hall spent his Saturday night trying to keep the party cool on Norwich. Gradually, the mostly friendly crowd blocking the street on Norwich began to grow larger and uglier. The situation began to unravel after 1 a.m.

Hall said he told the police they needed to clear Norwich Avenue after a car trying to come down the street was rocked and almost tipped over by young people.

"When things were flying off the balconies, it was a dangerous situation and it was escalating," he said.

The police moved to clear the street, slowly pushing the throng of people west on Norwich with periodic volleys of tear gas and rubber bullets.

Directly in front of the police line, bottles shattered on the pavement and a solid wall of young men taunted the police.

It was, by far, the most dangerous point of the entire evening.

Eventually, the police did clear out Norwich Avenue and a good chunk of the crowd headed toward South Campus (perhaps in time to join in a similar scene on East 13th). On their way south, several rioters set Dumpster fires that began to smolder in the alley east of High Street.

After firefighters had extinguished several Dumpster fires and left, one guy gestured toward a recently doused

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OSU vows to suspend hosts if parties get too wild

Officials take aim at disturbances of recent weekends

By Bruce Cadwallader
Dispatch Staff Reporter

Student leaders at Ohio State University and even civil-rights lawyers gave support yesterday to a plan to suspend the student hosts of parties that get out of control this weekend.

The get-tough policy, which would discipline students even if they're not arrested, is the university's latest attempt to put the brakes on two consecutive weekends of off-campus disturbances.

Although he has concerns about police behavior during the confrontations, Columbus lawyer Samuel Shamansky said troublemakers shouldn't expect kid-gloves handling. "These kids are like drunk drivers. Nobody has sympathy for them," Shamansky said. "What you have here are some very frustrated administrators because they have anarchy on their hands."

Eddie Pauline, a third-year student and president-elect of Undergraduate Student Government, said the violence appears random. "There is no cause, no war. There's really no issue here. They are just rioting." Pauline said. "We represent a silent majority of students who don't want this."

The university's suspension policy, announced yesterday, coincided with several other developments to deal with any recurrence of disturbances this weekend:

- Big Bear, Kroger and United Dairy Farmers have promised to sell beer only in cans and plastic bottles at their university-area stores until the end of spring quarter, June 8. Glass bottles were tossed at police officers and smashed on streets in the past two disturbances.

- Several beer distributors agreed to Mayor Michael B. Coleman's request to limit sales of kegs to one a person. "It's in the best interest of the community right now," said Larry M. Maher, executive vice president of Hill Distributing.

- Parking will be prohibited this weekend on E. Norwich and E. 13th avenues between Indianola Avenue and N. High Street, the sites of the disturbances last week. Several cars were damaged in the melées.

- Columbus city prosecutors have been told to seek jail time for those accused of the most serious offenses.

- The university will identify students hosting problem parties by the names on leases or by figuring out who appears to have been in control of the parties, said William Hall, OSU's interim vice president of student affairs.

A suspension means the student cannot attend classes or official functions, and could result in expulsion, he said.

OSU officials were disappointed that alternative activities to discourage rowdy behavior apparently had little effect last week.

"Last weekend, we put in place a number of initiatives that we had hoped might prevent such activities from occurring again. We were wrong," Hall said.

The university and the city sent letters to the parents of OSU's 32,000 undergraduate students informing them of the "riotous behavior" and asking for calm. OSU also wrote to area high schools and all other Ohio colleges, asking them to discourage students from going to campus.

Hall said many of those causing problems were not OSU students.

Only two OSU students have been taken into custody since the weekend melées began April 20, but untold others have been cited, Hall said. A Sidney man was sentenced Wednesday to 30 days in jail for his part in last weekend's fracas.

Police officers tried to break up
crowds of more than 2,000 early Sunday at parties on E. Norwich and E. 13th avenues. About the same number of people were at parties on Chittenden Avenue the previous weekend.

Melissa Tyers of Ohio Staters, a campus service organization, said she has help develop a Web site called WhyRiots.com. The site outlines the new rules and offers alternatives.

"The current culture is tolerating this," Tyers said. "Some think this is cool, that there's something to do so let's go watch. We are not happy with what's going on. It's going to take students talking to students."

She said campus representatives will be going into the neighborhoods today and Saturday, urging others not to party out of control.

OSU President William E. Kirwan sent e-mail to all faculty members yesterday, asking that they spend a few minutes in class today discussing the issue.

"This may be one of those teachable moments when you can help your students better understand that there are consequences to such behaviors, including the risk of serious injury to themselves and others," the memo said. Other than saying they'll be ready for the worst, Columbus police were not tipping their hand on what provisions they've made for this weekend.

Deputy Chief Stephen Gammill said the police would examine activities daily to determine how many officers to call out.

Columbus lawyer James McNamara said individuals must comply with police orders to get off the street, even with demands that they inside their homes.

William Hall, interim vice president of student affairs at Ohio State University, says names on leases may be used to identify offending hosts.

"It's easier for them to take away the rights of everybody, even though only a few were committing criminal acts. I have a real problem with that," McNamara said.

"On the other hand, those of us who are civil-rights minded are not here to defend people tipping over cars."

Shanansky said that police are treading on thin constitutional ice whenever they chase people into their homes or start spraying pepper spray and firing rubber bullets.

"Practically speaking, how do they know the people heard the order to disperse?" he asked.

McNamara said police training typically is too militaristic and could lead to tragic results during the disturbances. "There is potential for a huge disaster here. Doing nothing is also an option while still arresting those committing crimes," he said.

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For some reason, they think this is a spectator sport.

Sgt. Jim
Strong action needed before someone killed

At one time, it appeared that the problems of the University District could be addressed by the ordinary machinery of government: the nonenforcement of noise ordinances, code regulations and open-container laws.

There was even a Potemkin village program called Campus Partners, which naively promised to improve life by making High Street prettier.

But that was a long time ago. The illusions have been dispelled. Before, one might have argued that it's just kids having fun. But now, thugs roam the streets, destroying property, setting fires and lately beating up a person.

The university is feckless. The police are paralyzed. Whatever they do will be called provocation. Unless little Johnnie's mother hires a lawyer — then it will be called police brutality.

Swift, strong measures are needed before someone is killed.

Jack H. Rouzer
Columbus

Rioters should grow up, count blessings

Chittenden Avenue seems a long way away from my home in the University District. But, I can see and hear Norwich Avenue from my porch.

As I stood on my porch early Sunday morning, I was disgusted. Not because there were drunken students yelling and running around, but at their total lack of respect for anyone and anything around them.

What's the problem? Did Mom and Dad not give you the SUV that you wanted when they sent you to college? Did tuition rates rise? Are there not enough bars within the University District? Did your beloved Buckeyes lose some game that is meaningless in the general scheme of the world? Is this why you are acting violently and destructively?

My point? Grow up.

We — yes, I'm one of you — are the most privileged generation ever in the most privileged nation in the world. There's no war; there's no gas shortage; there's virtually no unemployment. Many want to go to college and can't afford it. Attending a university is a privilege, no matter what you think.

You have rights, yes. But not the right to act like idiots and bring shame on your university and your city.

Jennifer Werth
Columbus

Weekend Madness
Sanity after the trouble of last week

It's going to be a beautiful weekend here in the land of the Buckeyes. The sun will shine, the temperatures will break the mid 70s and everybody will be outside doing something.

But, given what happened last weekend, you can't blame some people wishing for rain.

Ohio State has taken it upon itself to work toward preventing another party riot. E-mails have been sent, the Party Patrol will be out earlier and in greater strength and alternative activities to the big parties are planned.

Mayor Michael B. Coleman has said that Columbus police will be taking a more active stance in the area.

The Lantern supports all of these actions, and we urge all of the people who will be attending the two large parties planned for this weekend to be safe and sane. You can enjoy yourself while drinking in moderation or better yet not drinking at all. Let's all act like adults out there.

However, OSU has made a mistake with the announcement of monetary rewards for images and videos that can identify participants in riotous or other illegal behaviors. A university press release lists rewards of up to $250 being offered to people who: "Provide videotapes or still photos that help identify persons who committed serious offenses during the disturbances."

"Similar photo identification procedures have been used at Michigan State, Purdue, Penn State and other universities to sort out individuals from the mob and to press charges," Bill Hall, interim vice president for Student Affairs, said in the release.

"Once the word gets out here that individuals cannot count on anonymity for protection, I am hopeful this disgraceful behavior will end," Hall said.

If there is another disturbance this weekend, the Lantern requests that you think twice before attempting to tape or otherwise photograph those events.

It's not difficult to understand why that anyone engaging in illegal activity would not want to be filmed. If a camera is noticed by the perpetrator, a dangerous confrontation may occur — the person demanding the film, the camera or both. There will probably be ample footage shot by police and media sources — don't endanger yourself needlessly.

Ohio State's action also has the uncomfortable feel of the government asking you to spy on your neighbor. Rewards are being offered for offenses that are mostly misdemeanors — they should only be offered for felonies, if at all. OSU should teach good citizenship by example, not by bribing people to be civic minded.

Any problems, of course, can be avoided by the entire university community acting responsibly. If everyone keeps their spirits as good as the weather, we can come through this weekend all right. To everyone who's going to be out there, don't lose your head.
Answers sought for campus chaos

By Alice Thomas
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

City and campus officials are talking about getting tough on campus-area revelers — again — after riots erupted two weekends in a row in neighborhoods around Ohio State University.

Enacting curfews, cracking down on beer sales and targeting the hosts of large parties were among the strategies that surfaced in meetings yesterday on campus and at City Hall.

"This ain't no joke," Mayor Michael B. Coleman said last night at the Columbus City Council meeting. "This is real life."

This past weekend was the second in a row that Columbus police have been called to campus-area neighborhoods in full riot gear to control out-of-hand parties.

Nearly 200 officers tried to break up crowds of more than 2,000 people early Sunday morning at E. Norwich and E. 13th avenues.

About the same number of people were at parties on Chittenden Avenue the previous weekend.

At last night's meeting, Coleman said police officers arrested 25 people in the campus area between Friday night and Sunday morning. Also, 14 court summonses were issued.

Council President Matt Habash said those arrested will be prosecuted to the fullest and that prosecutors will push for jail time for crimes that warrant it.

"If you need tougher laws, you'll get them. If you need more enforcement assistance, we'll find it," Habash said of the council's support.

Coleman said the city is considering checking with party hosts to make sure they have the proper permits. He said the city also could enforce fire and building codes.

Safety Director Mitchell J. Brown said he spoke yesterday with state officials about enforcing liquor laws. Coleman also plans to meet this week with beer distributors and landlords to see what they can do.

William Hall, interim vice president of student affairs at OSU, has a meeting this morning with beer distributors.

"We have way too many kegs and too much beer being consumed," Hall said. "We cannot continue these large keg parties because people wrongly assume they can control it."

Meanwhile, talk among some OSU students yesterday centered on the need for police force to disperse the party goers.

Sgt. Earl Smith, spokesman for the Columbus Division of Police, said there is confusion among students about how to respond to police.

"They think unless they are directly doing something, they don't have to leave," Smith said.

"Well, in reality, you do. You can't even sit there and sightsee at that point — you have to leave."

Karla Baumer, 21, a senior from Minster, Ohio, said she thinks that beefing up the police presence exacerbated the problem.

"If you come out in riot gear, then you're expecting a riot," she said.

Andy Trexler, 21, a sophomore from Pickerington who was shot in the leg with a rubber bullet while running to his apartment Saturday night, said that "more cops is an invitation for idiots to do stuff."

After the party on Chittenden, OSU officials attempted this week to talk with students and offer alternatives to large keg parties.

They passed out "Sober Host" kits and suggested such things as alcohol-free barbecues. But it didn't do much to stop the chaos.

Hall sent letters to other Ohio colleges yesterday, asking that they try to persuade students not to come to the off-campus Ohio State area.

He and others think that, in addition to OSU students, there were many nonstudents that came to 13th Avenue on Saturday night.

Mike Brown, Coleman's spokesman, said curfews are being discussed, but only as a last resort.

Landlords also are being asked to brainstorm.

"We're trying everything," said Wayne Garland, owner of Buckeye Management, which manages 1,100 units in the campus area.

In addition to talking to his renters, Garland has called the parents of renters who have been hosting large parties.

"One mom told me, 'What am I going to do? I live 100 miles away,'" Garland said.

Garland's been working or living in the area for 25 years. He says these problems aren't new, but added that parties seem to be occurring more frequently and that students' attitudes have changed.

"I saw a Dumpster on fire and two girls pass it, walking in their capri pants, talking on a cellphone, like it's a stroll in the park," Garland said. "I mean, how do you deal with that?"

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Disturbances spark questions about police, too

It was 3:45 a.m. on Sunday, and I had just walked back from a friend’s house on 13th Avenue.

During my walk, I had ample time to think about the events I had witnessed that night. For some reason, I felt compelled to write down what I thought about. I normally don’t do things like this. I’m not active in social causes — I don’t even vote.

I didn’t find solutions, causes or excuses. I merely thought about questions, many of them.

Tomorrow and for the rest of the week, people everywhere would be talking about what happened. They will try to blame alcohol/tuition increases, Campus Partners, etc.

But in all the talk and rhetoric thrown around by students, Ohio State University administrators, the police, journalists, the drunk guy outside McDonald’s, they will not ask the important questions.

Answers cannot be found without first asking questions. Since there don’t seem to be any answers to the problems of that night, it is clear that people aren’t asking the right questions:

- Is it necessary to pepper spray someone whose back is turned to you as he walks away?
- Does a lost and confused girl not wearing shoes need to be threatened and chased by police?
- What about spraying the man helping a friend up off the ground?
- What about using force and threats to clear the streets and porches of students, all while civilians with cameras can roam the streets freely?
- Why say, “Get off the streets, and go somewhere else,” and then spray the people who do go somewhere else?
- What is wrong with the training of the police that would cause them to fire “kneeknocker” bullets at a distance of less than 10 feet?

I am by no means an expert, and I’m sure there are things that I missed. But I just want to make sure that in all the hot air resulting from this incident, some of the important things will be asked.

Sam Bass
Columbus
Riots show how OSU community has declined

Broken glass? Random fires? Now Ohio State University officials are taking a special interest?

I could not agree more with the April 26 Dispatch editorial "Campus rumpus." It's about time someone began taking a special interest!

I went to OSU in the early — and mid, as it turned out — '80s. I spent many a Friday and Saturday night in and around the High Street area of our beautiful campus — parties, bar-hopping, tailgating. And yes, I even imbibed from time to time.

When I return to Columbus on business, I try to make a point of driving around my old stomping grounds, my alma mater. What I've seen recently makes me want to vomit.

I may be remembering campus through a form of rose-colored glasses because I certainly do not remember it being in the shape it is in at present.

Testing the independence of being on one's own is a natural step toward maturity and something almost every student experiences.

But out-and-out looting and rioting, deliberate destruction of property and outright disregard for authority have led to the general decomposition of our campus. From what I hear, it's barely even safe to be on a campus side street after dark these days.

Anyone responsible for the degeneration of the campus' standing in our community should be ousted from enrollment, as well as prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

I remember OSU as a great place to work, learn and play. Why should it be any different for students in this new century?

For goodness' sake, this isn't East Lansing, Mich., is it?

Kelly Feasel
Grand Rapids, Mich.

University must come down hard on mayhem

Ohio State University has a responsibility to the local residents, Ohio taxpayers and property owners. The lack of action against the rioters has given them license to do it again and again. What is needed is a policy of zero tolerance!

Any student involved in a riot should be expelled from OSU. There should be no exceptions, as there are no innocent bystanders in a riot. At the first sign of unruliness at a peaceful demonstration, the innocent go home, while those who remain are part of the problem.

No student has the right to riot, destroy public or personal property, put the lives of citizens at risk, disobey laws or put the expense of riot control on the taxpayers. The police, by the same token, should actively arrest and charge all participants with destruction of property, disorderly conduct, rioting and any other charge that fits — even if that means the arrest of thousands.

Total expense for repair of property, replacement of property and the expense for riot-control personnel should be paid for by the arrested participants. The taxpayers owe a rioter nothing except a bed in a state penitentiary. All arrested participants should immediately be expelled from OSU and denied entry at any other state-supported institution. No excuses. No denial of guilt. No public support for any participant.

Students: If you are there, you are a participant. To avoid arrest and the ruination of your careers, get off the street immediately; behave yourselves. Most of you are visitors to the city of Columbus. Respect that you are allowed the use of the city and its resources and facilities, as you do not pay for their establishment, operation or maintenance.

Recognizing that the majority of students abide by the law, we welcome you! You have the opportunity to gain an education at our prestigious university.

If you cannot, do not or will not show the university and Columbus the respect they deserve, please leave us and return to your own town. They probably will not tolerate your disrespect for the law either.

I, for one, will support any action taken against rioters. Please note that a rioter is not a protester. Protesters' actions are taken within the law. Rioters are lawbreakers, bent on destruction, theft and injury.

Larry Shaw
Newark
Weekend Riots
Community needs to find answers

After the fourth riot in a year Ohio State students, administration and the university community in general can only look inward and ask two important questions: Why and how many more?

Four weeks ago the Student Code of Conduct was officially extended to cover off-campus areas. Two weeks ago the new Party Patrol, a cooperative effort between University and Columbus police to increase police presence in off-campus areas on Friday and Saturday nights, made its debut. While the Patrol was credited with giving an earlier warning to police forces, it didn't seem to be able to help defuse the situation.

"Drinking on campus is nothing new," Earl Smith, a Columbus Division of Police spokesman, said. "But we're dealing with a newer phenomenon — this aggressive, destructive behavior."

Why?

The two men arrested in this latest riot were not immediately identifiable as OSU students. One lives on Chittenden, the other in Gahanna. Both are 22 years old, the right age group for being college students, but there is a good chance they are not OSU students. That could be one answer. The campus area attracts a lot of hangers-on and wannabes.

There's no doubt that the majority of the crowd last weekend was OSU students, but the actual agitators — the ones who worked the crowd like the older man who threw a tree into High Street traffic — may not be students.

Could it be the loss of the bars and the decline of campus nightlife in general? With their closings, students had to seek new outlets for their energy on campus. The emphasis for drinking shifted to private property — private parties — with the corresponding lack of official control. The new keg law, which limits the number of containers available to individuals, is a step toward controlling these parties. But there are no controls on hard alcohol, multiple people buying kegs for the same party or provisions for increasing the numbers of undercover liquor control agents.

How many more riots will there be?

Ideally, there won't be any more... but that's not likely. There's a good chance that there will be another such riot this quarter. If it does occur, the violence will escalate. During Saturday morning's riot a driver was assaulted while the crowd cheered. Last fall, a student was stabbed during the Nov. 19 riot. It's only a matter of time before someone gets killed. Then, perhaps, the crowds will stopped being entertained.

"They go out and binge drink and get caught up in the crowd," Columbus Police Sgt. Mark Miesse said. "Even if they don't want to be. People egg them on."

Until the university community can find some answers, there is something that all of the students can do: Calm down, drink only in moderation and learn to give a little ground to the other guy. Tear gaseded, under arrest or in the morgue is not where you want to be.
Policy creates party restrictions

By Kate Moore
Lantern campus editor

A zero-tolerance policy has been instituted to stop out-of-control parties in the off-campus area, and it will result in immediate suspension for party hosts. It is expected to increase police action in the area.

Yesterday, the Council of Student Affairs in a 9-1 decision voted to endorse six strategies outlined by the Office of Student Affairs. The strategies were developed by Bill Hall, interim vice president for Student of Affairs, with input from the Office of Legal Affairs.

The strategy includes suspending hosts of large parties, strongly discouraging any lawn parties and stressing that ignoring a police order to disperse from an area is a violation of Columbus laws and will result in arrests.

A party will be considered out of control if hosts or guests engage in immediately dangerous, destructive riot behavior.

“The behavior has become increasingly worse, and the concern is that, before long, serious injuries will occur,” said Hall, who has spent the last two weekends on campus observing and trying to quell the disturbances.

“The policy is in a Wait and see stage. If over the next few weeks the off-campus area shows that the problems are stopping, we will then see if it is still necessary to have the policy,” Hall said.

Hosts will be defined as those people whose names appear on the lease and who are present on the property during the party.

Hall stressed hosting lawn parties during the upcoming weekends would be foolish and is strongly discouraging students from doing so.

“If you want to kick back and have a barbecue and a few cold ones with friends that’s no problem. A few kegs will be a problem,” he said. “Anyone holding an outdoor party should be aware that they are assuming a high risk, and they will be viewed as adding to an already dangerous situation.”

Area landlords have also been brought into the mix and are being urged by the administration to take an active role in keeping the off-campus situation under control with a letter which states, “In the end, these problems will have negative economic impact on the community since parents and more responsible students will seek housing in what are perceived to be safer, more secure neighborhoods.”

OSU hopes the landlords will take the initiative to evict serious offenders and hire off-duty officers for weekends until the end of the quarter to provide extra security to control dangerous and illegal behavior.

Meetings were also held yesterday with seven beer distributors to discuss the strategies they can implement to keep alcohol consumption under control.

“Beer distributors understand the college culture of drinking like no one else in the United States,” Hall said. “Their education alcohol experts feel that our zero-tolerance policy is the best short-term solution, and we will continue to work together to find a long-term solution.”

‘Et tu, Brutus?’

By Lisa Gillespie
Lantern staff writer

A former Brutus Buckeye was arrested early Sunday morning for failure to disperse during the disturbances on Norwich Avenue. Zachary Blom is also a cadet in Air Force ROTC.

A witness told the Lantern that Blom was instigating others to throw bottles and rocks at the police who were trying to control the crowd.

“He explained to the officers that because he was Brutus the Buckeye for the 2000-2001 football season, it would be in their best interest not to arrest him,” said the witness, who did not want to be identified.

The witness told the Lantern Blom convinced the officers to let him go and then continued to create a disturbance by starting fires.

Blom appeared in court yesterday where his arraignment was scheduled for May 8.

Colonel Ralph Swann, the chair of the Air Force ROTC, said he did not want to comment on the incident regarding Blom. Swann said the Air Force ROTC does not have a policy that requires the cadets to report any confrontations they may have with authorities. The actions taken by the Air Force ROTC depend on the circumstances.

“He is a great cadet and leader,” Swann said.

This is not the first time Blom has been in trouble. He was dismissed from his Brutus Buckeye position in March for inappropriate behavior, said Elizabeth Conklin, university spokeswoman.
Raging partiers to face eviction

OSU landlords collaborate with mayor to end unruly behavior

By Lisa Gillespie
Lantern staff writer

After some damage to rental properties in recent weekend frays, realtors and students are learning to take responsible roles when it comes to having parties.

The university sent a letter to local landlords urging them to take an active role in helping to prevent out-of-control parties and consequent riots. The university is concerned the disruptive behavior is threatening student safety and reflecting poorly on the University District.

Ohio State has asked landlords to share the revised Code of Student Conduct with their tenants. The university has also requested landlords urge their tenants to remove flammable materials, including couches, from porches and to arrange to have Dumpsters emptied on Friday and Saturday of each week.

Wayne Garland, president and broker of Buckeye Real Estate, said he met with Mayor Michael Coleman and said Buckeye Real Estate will cooperate in any way it can.

“We signed a waiver and a release allowing the city of Columbus to enter onto our prop-
Riots damage safety as well as reputation

By Kate Juergens and Lisa Gillespie
Lantern staff writers

Weekend rioting not only puts students' health and safety at risk but is ruining the prestige and reputation of the university and the marketability of its students.

Ohio State took great measures to educate students and party organizers on safe and appropriate party behavior prior to Saturday night's festivities. Educational campaigns were implemented to instill pride in students and the place that they call home, said Undergraduate Student Government President Ryan Robinson.

A collaboration of the Council of Graduate Students, USG, Student Affairs, Columbus Police and University Police ruled out the Party Safe Program. "It is a programming and educational effort to work with party hosts to have them keep their parties under control," said CGS President Ron Meyers.

Members of the program met with party hosts on April 24 from seven houses on 13th Avenue and they signed up nine of the parties. The hosts agreed to fence the parties, have sober hosts and have a doorman.

"To keep the parties under control, the hosts agreed to remove unwanted guests and check IDs. If the hosts would like someone to leave, they could call the police and the police would come and they won't bust the party," Meyers said.

Meyers said the hosts met with the police on Thursday. "The police worked out with students to keep parties under control, cooperate with police and keep the streets clean," Meyers said.

What happened on 13th Avenue was police left to go to Norwich Avenue. "Only two officers remained on 13th Avenue. The others were called to Norwich and student hosts got worried, turned off the taps and threw people out on the streets," Meyers said.

"Students seem to have a mob mentality where one person does something, everyone follows that person and then people think that as a group they become less accountable for their actions," said Melissa Koch, USG vice president-elect.

"We are here for an education and our behavior is a direct indication of the education and degree we as students are receiving," Koch said. "In a dwindling job market students are not going to be very marketable with a poor university reputation."

"I myself am frustrated because I graduate this quarter and my degree and education is being punished by the few who are out there rioting," Robinson said. "These riots are receiving national coverage and the university's reputation is being ruined by idiots breaking bottles and setting fires."

Kris "Krispy" Pierce, former USG presidential candidate, was on East 13th Avenue during the riots and thinks the Columbus Police Division was overzealous in their actions.

"Shutting down the parties on East Norwich Avenue caused the problem on East 13th Avenue," Pierce said. "I think the Columbus police went a bit far. They caused more injury and chaos than the parties did."

"There are some incidents that need to be answered for," Pierce said.

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Drinking stereotype hurts OSU’s image

Michael Bender’s tribute to the South Heidelberg on Friday perpetuates what I believe is the Lantern’s continual and irresponsible promotion of the myth that drinking is the prime reason for attending OSU. Contrary to Mr. Bender’s assumption, Drinking 101 is not a prerequisite for graduation. As a proud Buckeye, I can attest to the fact that I and other students have managed to earn degrees from OSU without frequenting places whose primary redeeming features (according to Bender’s questionable logic) are “ugliness, grittiness and darkness.” As I write this on Friday, next to the hope for a Buckeye victory over Michigan, my most fervent prayer is that I will not have to witness stupidity and destruction on campus streets Saturday night. The latter is a tradition much worse for OSU than any number of losses to the Wolverines and one that we do have some control over. It is also one that wastes vast amounts of tax dollars that could be put to much better use.

We all know that misuse of alcohol contributes to this problem, so let’s please stop encouraging it and/or assume it’s inevitable.

Steve Harsh, Associate Director Interprofessional Commission of Ohio

OSU officials and Columbus police plead for safe and responsible partying

By Monica M. Torline
Lantern staff writer

After a second weekend of rioting in the off-campus area of Ohio State, city and university officials continue to look for ways to prevent it from happening again, but patience is wearing thin.

University and city officials, including President William “Brit” Kirwan and Mayor Michael Coleman, met yesterday evening to discuss the early morning riots.

“The decision we reached was that we’re in agreement to putting an end to this,” said Bill Hall, interim vice president for Student Affairs. “I’m extremely disappointed. We tried very hard to work with folks from an educational approach...I’m doubtful that they (the students) can control their parties after the promises they made this weekend.”

Kirwan echoed Hall’s disappointment, and he expressed great concern for OSU students abusing alcohol.

“There’s no question that people are consuming way too much alcohol, combined with the fact that there is such a large number of people in such a small geographic area,” Kirwan said. “I worry that even worse things can happen.”

He said city ordinances regulating the number of people attending house parties or curfews could be a key part of a solution.

“Right now, anything’s up for grabs,” said Sgt. Earl Smith, spokesman for the Columbus Division of Police. “We’re going to try some things that we’ve never done in the University District before.”

“It’s going to take a combination of education, city ordinances and strong discipline to bring all of this under control,” Kirwan said. He also said expulsion from the university could be an option for dealing with students who start fires, harm individuals or damage property.

“There can be serious consequences to their actions,” he said.

Hall said he would ask Kirwan to enact an emergency plan for dealing
By Joy Haselton
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Banners proclaiming Ohio State's victory over Michigan still hung from houses in the campus area Sunday, overlooking streets littered with beer cans and the charred remains of several couches.

"It was madness," said sophomore business major Carrie Huus, who lives on East 12th Avenue.

Liquor Enforcement made a total of 135 arrests and confiscated 20 kegs from four separate parties in a weekend Steve Haseman, agent in charge of the agency's Columbus District Investigative Unit, called "successful." Most of the arrests were for underage drinking, Haseman said.

"We prevented a lot of problems," he said.

The agency worked in concert with the Columbus Division of Police, which made another 10 arrests on Saturday for violations ranging from disorderly conduct and criminal mischief to arson, said spokesman Sgt. Earl Smith.

"There were an awful lot of arson fires. The Columbus fire department were running around like crazy people," Smith said.

The Franklin County Correction Center processed 20 arrests from the OSU area on Saturday, including seven arrests for underage drinking, said jail supervisor Sgt. Stephanie Theodor. But most of those arrested over the weekend were issued citations and released, Haseman said.

Liquor Enforcement also issued violations to four campus-area bars and carry outs, Haseman said. The Newport Music Hall, Not Al's Too, Shell, and BP will have representatives appear in a hearing before the Ohio Liquor Commission, which could decide to fine the establishments, force them to take "days off" in selling alcohol, or revoke their liquor licenses.

Law enforcement authorities were out in force Friday and Saturday with more personnel than usual, some students said.

"There were four cops every five steps," said freshman business major John Clark, who was visiting from John Carroll University.

"I saw tons of undercover cops down at UDF, just waiting," Huus said.

The weekend was not without its problems. Students on East 12th and 13th avenues reported dumpsters and couches on fire, and overturned cars. Sophomore undecided major Ian Hackett of 13th Avenue said 10 police officers on horses entered his front yard and over 100 people filled the street outside.

"It was one of the craziest nights I've ever seen," Hackett said.

Kelly Slader, a freshman nursing major visiting from University of Akron, received a citation for underage possession when her friend was removing beer from the trunk of her car just minutes after she arrived in Columbus. Liquor Enforcement also issued a citation to Slader's friend, and both must appear in court next month.

Slader said that the citation would not deter her from coming back to campus again.

"I just won't bring alcohol in my car next time," she said.

But some students said they enjoyed good relationships with police over the weekend.

"The cops were pretty cool. They just got frustrated when it was 5 a.m. and there was another fire in the street," said Jason Turner, sophomore journalism major.

"They were trying to let us have a good time," Hackett said.

And from the viewpoint of the police, the weekend was fairly peaceful, Smith said.

"The students did their celebrating in a way that didn't hurt others. They deserve some credit," he said.
1. Students who host "out of control" parties will be immediately suspended from the university, followed promptly by judicial proceedings which could result in permanent dismissal from Ohio State.

2. Lawn parties of any size are strongly discouraged.

3. Students who violate the Code of Student Conduct are subject to judicial proceedings.

4. Students who are arrested are subject to criminal or civil proceedings and may also be subject to university sanctions.

5. The university supports the law enforcements of Columbus.

6. A police order to disperse is not a suggestion; it's the law.
Constant complaining, protest must for freshmen

Last year was marked with loud protests during the Iraqi Town meeting at St. John Arena and the occupation of Brick Hall in protest of Minority Affairs restructuring.

We recommend the incoming freshmen class keep the fire alive and join in that joyous college tradition of complaining about everything. As a public service, here's a cheat sheet on popular topics of complaint:

Start by raising holy hell about not being given season football tickets. Demand a forthright answer from the administration about this gross, unconscionable action, and then demand their tickets because all sport activities on campus are by students, of students, and for students.

Please, don't let such a breach in tradition escape you, and don't readily accept the administration's explanation as to why this transpired. On this campus, it often appears as if "doublespeak" is the only thing forthcoming from administrators, especially as it relates to students.

And freshmen, with the advent of certain powers-that-be trying to ensure that OSU becomes a pedestrian campus within the foreseeable future, become aware of and check out the COTA referendum that will be coming up for renewal next quarter.

Perhaps you don't want to see automobiles on campus for the next four years, and don't want to be one of the many students who are sold an outrageously priced parking decal for a very limited number of parking spaces. Therefore, you may be willing to pay the required $9-a-quarter fee for COTA service, whether or not you ever use this bus service.

For those of you who'll purchase season basketball tickets, attend hockey games and/or attend entertainment events at the new Jerome Schottenstein Center this autumn. Ask questions of everyone as to why only those with seat licensing and suite leases will be afforded the privilege of purchasing alcoholic beverages, and why the general clientele will not be afforded the same.

Also, freshmen, when you find yourselves in a bind with not enough credit hours or low GPAs, don't forget to follow the example of our more famous students and take less academically-challenging classes, such as golf, music appreciation, and AIDS awareness in order to enhance your credit hours and GPAs.

Another thing, with all the continuous construction going on at this university, please be aware and leery of the orange barrels and the construction cranes—accidents do happen, and you don't want to become a statistic. And be especially cautious of the mad car drivers on campus who never adhere to stop signs, and who are forever playing "chicken" with pedestrians.

And freshmen, try not to get caught up in the Saturday afternoon celebratory events of football game wins by "rioting" on 12th Avenue; there are plenty of other alternative streets on which "to bring the house down."

Please, don't try to feed any of the police horses on south campus. Keep an eye out for the masturbators on the 11th floor of the main library: that's not a pencil in their pocket. And all you freshmen who may darken the halls of the new Max Fisher Business college, please don't forget to wear your Abercrombie and Fitch sweaters. You must make a favorable impression.

And learn about the acronyms used on this campus, e.g. ARMS, UNITS, CABS, BRUTUS etc., ASAP. Otherwise, you'll be lost, and that appears to be one of the main goals of this university, to keep students in a constant state of confusion.

And finally, when in doubt blame it on Undergraduate Student Government. Or the Lantern. When you get to that point, you'll know you're really part of OSU.
Responsibility. That frightful word. In an age of million-dollar lawsuits and over-protective baby-boomer parents, where does my responsibility as a student and adult end, and where does the university’s begin?

Last September, Scott Krueger, a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died of alcohol poisoning after a drinking binge in his fraternity house. The members were celebrating the arrival of new pledges. Unfortunate as his death was, he’s the one who made the decision to join the fraternity, and he’s the one who unwisely decided to drink in excess of 10 beers.

But this is America, and when a young person dies, it is never his nor her fault. So of course, Scott’s fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, was indicted on a count of manslaughter and hazing charges last week. The Krueger family is also contemplating suing both the frat and MIT.

I don’t mean to sound callous, but isn’t this vaguely reminiscent of the old lady who spilled hot coffee on herself and sued McDonalds over the burn? The main issue this possible lawsuit raises is how far universities should go in making sure that their students don’t injure themselves. Should they ban alcohol from all fraternities because some students make bad choices? Should they ban sex in the dorms because some kids don’t use condoms? Should they ban No. 2 pencils because some kids like to suck on the lead?

If the Krueger’s have anything to do with it, the university should. “We entrusted MIT with our son and they failed us miserably,” said Mrs. Krueger, according to a recent news article. Sounds to me like their son failed them miserably, and in their grief and anger, are looking for someone to blame. Universities have some responsibilities toward student safety, such as making sure students are safe from violence on campus and that students have resources when they find themselves crime victims. As for what they choose to do in their free time, all the school should do is provide some alternatives to drug use and binge drinking. And my guess is that MIT, like Ohio State, does that.

Don’t get me wrong. There is definitely a problem with binge drinking among college students, and perhaps tragic deaths like Scott’s can be made less likely in the future. The answer the Kruegers’ chose — which is to hold the university and the fraternity responsible for their son’s death — is precisely the wrong one.

A reality check is in order. People who binge drink do so because they choose to. The only way to reduce binge drinking and its often dreadful consequences is to educate students to make different choices. After all, colleges are educational institutions, and certainly do not purport to be surrogate parents. To take the other tactic — to make the university responsible — will surely result in a complete alcohol ban in the Greek system and is useless. Take away a frat’s right to serve alcohol and they’ll just have the same party at a member’s house. Say what you will, but beer is beer, and it’s no harder to drink yourself into unconsciousness at a friend’s house than it is in a frat.

Scott’s death was a tragedy, but it was also a valuable lesson: bad choices lead to bad consequences. Perhaps certain social forces, such as his fraternity membership, made him more likely to binge drink. Perhaps alcohol policy facilitated his drinking at that particular time in that particular place. Ultimately, Scott was the one who held the beer to his mouth. If we are not responsible for ourselves, who is?

Jessica Weeks’ column appears on Mondays in the Lantern.
Staying riot-free

Conference is good first step

In an effort to better understand celebratory riots, Ohio State, the University of Minnesota and the U.S Department of Justice held a two-day conference investigating the causes of riotous behavior among students and prevention methods to stop future outbreaks.

The meeting took place nearly on the anniversary of last year's Michigan weekend riots. Contributing to panel discussions on riots were student affairs experts from various universities, including OSU Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Hall.

According to Kermit Hall, the president of Utah State University, the primary instigator of student rioting is binge drinking.

"Alcohol is recognized as the fuel for this behavior; the single biggest drug problem on campuses," Kermit Hall said.

Janet Lillie, assistant dean for undergraduate education in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences at Michigan State, said student boredom is another cause that can lead to problematic spectator crowds.

Nevertheless, most speakers reported riotous behavior has lessened because of increased police presence and improved community involvement. Disciplinary consequences through the judicial process has also affected students' actions, as well as improved identification methods.

The celebratory riot conference is a good first step to shedding light on rioting across the country. Through the conglomeration of different perspectives and educated opinions, good points were made — especially when showcasing factors that lead to improvement in riot control.

Michigan weekend this year has proven some headway has been made. With no riots and only small disturbances reported, students and police did a good job of keeping campus under control. Officers broke up any large groups that formed in the streets, while dealing mostly with incidents involving alcohol.

When the conference ended Friday, a lot of people in decision-making positions walked away with useful ideas and initiatives. But stopping a problem such as rioting goes beyond discussion — by putting policies in place and getting to the hearts of the students themselves.

Lillie reported most of her students feel they have a right to riot. While on the surface, alcohol appears to be the problem's cause, students' mindset cannot be ignored as well.

The celebratory riot conference provided a precedent for more necessary meetings to take place. Through these gatherings, colleges become closer and closer to finding a solution to the rioting problem. But in order for the ideas generated to take life, everyone must participate in keeping his or her campus safe.
OUR VIEW

Riot Control

Kirwan must look for an escape now

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• Working with landlords to institute a limit on the number of kegs allowed on a property in leases would allow for a defined offense to evict students, rather than an arbitrary “illegal activities” and would result in less large parties likely to get out of hand.

• These proposals may slowly make a difference in the Ohio State student body and may slowly change the perception others have of the university — lowering the number who may come for parties ever time. Students’ actions have brought about the need for changes as it appears they are not able to control themselves, however, immediate punishment is not the best action.

• Ohio State has threatened its students with university punishment beyond what fines or possible jail time they face for their charges. An OSU press release stated Ohio State placed its students who were arrested on “suspension in abeyance,” and has ordered those students to meet with Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Hall by Friday. After that meeting, Hall is to make recommendations to Kirwan on the disciplinary action taken on the students.

• Yes, the person who attacked and stabbed Brian McGrew, an OSU student will be tried and punished by state law after that person is caught. Until that time, Ohio State has the names of 11 students arrested in the post-game partying and it will look to punish these 11 to hold them up as an example to the rest of the student population.

• These students were arrested on charges of littering, underage consumption, open container and air pollution charges — basically attempted arson.

• With the exception of the last charge, how does OSU expect to punish the students arrested without becoming a joke? Unless Ohio State plans to suspend every student charged with open container or littering, it is singling out students unfairly; and if Ohio State does suspend every student arrested on those charges, “anal retentive” will be a nice way to talk about the new policy.

• Students who did attempt to set fires and were charged with the air pollution charges should be dealt with more harshly — by the city, county and state. Let’s be honest, if Dumpster arson and couch arson is allowed to continue in the campus area, it is only a matter of time until something gets out of control. For that reason they should be prosecuted to the full extent of the existing law. By allowing OSU to punish these students, it opens up Ohio State to suspend all 11 students — some on nothing more serious than littering.

• As for Kirwan using the riots as a mode to push for a quicker approval of the new student code of conduct, he remains out of line. Any attempt to use the code would be ex post facto and the code still would give too much power to the university on students’ actions off campus.

• The majority of Kirwan’s threats were overzealous and meant to be a show that he was serious. Now he is finding that his statements may be hard to accomplish. None of the students arrested were charged with rioting, and after issuing such strong statements, Kirwan must now look for a way to back down from his promises or must look foolish by delivering punishment that does not fit the crime.
South campus residents recount tales of riots

By Anthony Blevins
Latern staff writer

Two things have happened in south campus since 1995: Bars have closed, and parties have turned into riots. While Campus Partners, Ohio State administration, students and the Columbus Division of Police may point fingers at each other, recent graduates blame a combination of bar closures, policing and a lack of community.

"There were no riots while I was there," Pina said.

Before the campus bars closed, he said, there was always something to do. Parties were usually social affairs that a friend was holding. You knew the host. After the closing of south campus bars, parties became something you heard about and attended without knowing one of the hosts.

As a result, Pina said, the majority of partypoers don't care about what happens to the community.

Pina said he believes this lack of community is also what leads to the animosity between students and police. The police officers who come into the university neighborhood on the weekends to deal with the riots aren't the ones who patrol the area most of the time, according to Pina.

"I think the bar scene was better when I was in high school," Collins said.

Collins, who grew up in Columbus, said he can't believe that a school as big as OSU has such a horrible nightlife. He said that nothing usually ends up happening until the police arrive at a party.

"If you live on campus, cops need to treat you like a homeowner, not just a student," Collins said.

Collins attributes the riots to both the police and the bar closures. He also doubts the problems aren't any worse than a lot of other campuses, they're just bigger at OSU. Joe Hess, a 1995 OSU graduate who has lived in the campus area off and on since 1990, said that it seems like south campus has always been rowdy, but since the mid-1990s there are one or two major incidents each year.
Media involvement caused weekend events

The national media has been harshly criticized for its coverage of the presidential election. The hard-earned Florida battle and the premature announcement that Bush had won are two reasons that a majority of people find the media self-serving and manipulative. But, this isn't a new issue nor is it exclusive to network television and national politics; the abuse of the media is also apparent here in Columbus and even at Ohio State.

Both the Buckeyes' loss on Saturday and the ensuing riots are related to media shortcomings. For the entire year, Buckeye football is synonymous with one word: Michigan. While the rivalry is classic and historic, the attention that the media places on the one game is completely disproportionate and inappropriate.

The players on the OSU football team are kids, and they cannot be expected to perform under such intense pressure. Prior to the game, media outlets spent countless hours discussing the vital importance of a win. The Lantern's coverage of Michigan Week has well extended that time frame and with more news about recent rioting events, Michigan Week could turn into Michigan Month.

After the loss, local sports venues were quick to find fault and place blame.

On 10-TV's "Wall-to-Wall Sports," the co-hosts and OSU Athletic Director Andy Geiger conferred about possible changes to provide solutions not for next year's season, but for next year's game. Geiger even hinted about removing OSU football head coach John Cooper.

Maybe the solution is to treat the game for what it is — an exciting rivalry but still just a game. The attention that it receives, especially the negative attention, is unnecessary and overblown, but most importantly, hurtful to the players.

But the media's flaws in dealing with the contest are minimal compared to its flaws in dealing with what happened after the game. Until two in the morning Saturday night, there were no overturned cars, no street uprisings and surprisingly few fires, which usually occur after all OSU football games. When police, armed with nightsticks and tear gas, and reporters, armed with cameras and notebooks, arrived, the rioting drastically worsened.

But this makes sense. Why riot if you have no one to riot for? Why create chaos if you're not going to get your picture on television or in the paper?

As some local journalists have asserted, blaming the riots solely on the media is preposterous. However, by turning it into a grand spectacle of people filling the streets, students overturning cars and lighting fires, the media has romanticized and authenticated childish, idiotic behavior.

Pictures of students flipping over a Volvo, police on the scene and of stab victim Brian McGrew, as well as many others, have graced the local media constantly throughout the week.

Two full days after the riot, on Monday night, local television stations were on campus to interview students about the recent events. By continuing to ask us what our view of the situation is — as if they can't assume the answer — the media is continuing to hype up these incidents.

Even the "timeline" of events on Saturday night, which was featured in Monday's paper, serves as nothing more than an excuse to dramatize the rioting.

Perhaps by writing this article I am guilty of what I am against. But, the Buckeye football team does not deserve the massive scrutiny it is under. And everyone deserves responsible, thoughtful reporting because journalism is about more than what sells; it's about what happens.

While the media hasn't reported anything false, it has made things worse. It has been irresponsible.

Now, three days after a game that already received too much attention, OSU President William "Brit" Kirwan is holding press conferences and promising to be tough, perhaps even expelling rioters. The police are offering their version of events and the Student Senate is conferring about remedies.

And of course, the media onslaught continues.

Nothing can salvage the problems surrounding this year's OSU-Michigan game, but next year, Michigan Week should be no more than that and cameras should not be waiting on scene for riots to begin. There is no question that the students bear most of the blame for their immature and ridiculous behavior, but responsible journalism will hopefully deter rioters and alleviate some of these annual problems.

Maybe next year, OSU will be successful on, and off, the field.

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ENOUGH SAID!

I BLEED SCARLET AND GRAY, NOT BLUE.
Where have all the true Buckeye fans gone?

It's an honest question we must ask ourselves as Ohio State students after watching the increasingly commercialized football spectacles aired on major TV stations. In between commercial breaks, fans load themselves with alcohol and engage in a barrage of embarrassing and often violent behavior justified by an oblong, pigskin-covered object's process down a lined plot of turf.

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On any football game day at OSU, drunken students, alumni and guests file into the streets and bars to partake in a debauchery of sloshed activities including forehead beer-can crushing and coloring the sides of the stadium with Steak 'n' Shake leftovers.

Once in the stadium, the activities continue as OSU's finest congratulate themselves after each point by toasting their Captain Morgan and hot chocolate to the many misfits and high school delinquents whose actions are justified because of their ability to escort a football across a lined field.

Now, I enjoy football as much as the next Ohio-born and bred OSU student. OSU gods such as Eddie George and Orlando Pace litter my first football memories with elegance and grace. But in the midst of my fellow OSU football enthusiasts, the question creeps into my head and slowly gnaws at my brain.

Where have all the true Buckeye fans gone?
I'll tell you where they are. They line Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on a cold and rainy Sunday afternoon. They scatter the stands at St. John Arena and fill the air with support and encouragement. Although the ticket sales invoke snickers when compared to football, the smaller sports are where the last of the true Buckeye fans are found.

I am not saying football supporters aren't great fans, but the less profitable sports don't require four beers as a toll to enjoy the competition. These sports have a family-fun atmosphere with apple-bobbing contests and remote-control car races. Elementary school students wait with enthusiasm after games to get autographs from their heroes like Stacey Gordon and David Ridenour. Even after a loss, smiles escape from the solemn faces of the defeated athletes as eager fans lingering for their idols' Sharpie to grace their programs bombard the team.

My challenge to people who consider themselves a Buckeye fan is this: Attend an OSU sport that is not mentioned on a regular basis on ESPN, and take a look around at your fellow cohorts. You won't see drunken students stumbling down the steps with a flask in their hand, but rather, 10-year-old children who know every word to the OSU fight song and go to bed every night hoping for the chance to play on the same field as their heroes.

After a loss, there won't be riots or pepper spray flung into a rowdy crowd by police. Instead, friends and family will gather around the locker room to console the broken athlete and discuss improvements for the following match up.

You'll find true athletes who don't play for future endorsement deals or signing bonuses, but just the honor of wearing the Ohio State University logo on their jersey and knowing every time they step onto that field, court, mat, or starting block they are living a dream that only a select few ever get the opportunity to realize.

That's where all the true Buckeye fans have gone.
Alcohol Abuse

Over-drinking has dire consequences

The following is a guest editorial previously published in the Cavalier Daily, the student paper at the University of Virginia.

Byung Soo Kim played the numbers game, and lost.

He played with consecutive numbers: 21 — his age — and 20 — the number of shots of scotch he took in 10 minutes. He died on Monday after celebrating his birthday.

Kim was an engineering student at the University of Michigan. He was not an idiot. And yet, he managed to crank his blood alcohol level up to 0.39 by the time he was admitted to the hospital where he passed away. The legal definition of drunken driving in Michigan is a level of only 0.1.

We here at the university have our own consecutive set of numbers we occasionally like to play with, four and five. Four is the number of years a student has been at the university when they partake in drinking a fifth of hard alcohol before the final home football game.

Much like attempting to drink 21 shots on a 21st birthday, the Fourth-Year Fifth is a tradition. Students have been doing it for ages and no one will stop them if they want to participate.

But before you blindly drive to the ABC Store or crack the seal on 750 mL of some 80-proof beverage, take a moment to think about the possible consequences of consuming the roughly 5,000 calories inside. They easily outweigh the "enjoyment" of putting yourself in grave danger.

In the last four years, a student has died and at least one other has been hospitalized in a coma as a direct result from celebrating too hard before the last home football game of the season.

Along with this, scores of students have been arrested during the last football game of the season over the years. Imagine trying to balance finals with a criminal court trial.

Think beyond the personal consequences. The university’s administration has turned somewhat of a blind eye to alcohol-related offenses, but another incident like the 1997 death of fourth-year student Leslie Baltz might well change that attitude. When alcohol appears to be a lethal problem, universities crack down. Campuses go totally dry. Greek systems find themselves under intense scrutiny. Campus police start pursuing every drunk-in-public offense they see.

A vast majority of fourth-year students won’t be participating in this senseless idiocy. Yet, it only takes one student ending up in the hospital to change everything.

A fifth is more than 25 shots of alcohol. It’s dangerous to drink that much in 24-hours, let alone in the seven-and-a-half-hours between sunrise and the kickoff of the N.C. State game.

Byung Soo Kim was undoubtedly a smart student. Yet smart people sometimes do dumb things when they don’t think about the consequences involved.

Do yourself a favor. Do your family and friends a favor. Do your class and your university a favor. Help ensure no one will attend an early funeral next week.
Riot Control
Situation demands delicate handling

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• Working with landlords to institute a limit of the number of kegs allowed on a premises in leases would allow for a defined offense to evict students, rather than an arbitrary "illegal activities" and would result in less large parties likely to get out of hand.

These proposals may slowly make a difference in the Ohio State student body and may slowly change the perception others have of the university — lowering the number who may come for parties over time. Students' actions have brought about the need for changes as it appears they are not able to control themselves, however, immediate punishment is not the best action.

All three student governments at Ohio State and the University Senate should push for these changes and not the revision to the code of conduct which places students in perilous waters they are protected from by the U.S. Constitution. Kirwan and company should realize and accept they were overzealous on Sunday and allow state law to punish those arrested, not an OSU Judicial Board or emergency powers.
Ten of those arrested found to be students

Kirwan to test emergency powers off campus

By Shannon Ratzer

Bill Hall, interim vice president for Student Affairs, informed members of the media yesterday that of the 34 people arrested in conjunction with the riots following the University of Michigan game, 10 were "likely" students.

While nine of those arrested have been confirmed to be students, one of the 10 was registered as a student but has never attended any classes at the university.

The Columbus Division of Police will be releasing the names of the students to the Lantern today.

Although the university has named and information regarding the 10 students arrested, university spokeswoman Elizabeth Conilak said Ohio State could not release the information because of the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act (FERPA).

According to Mike Hiestand, an attorney for the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va., OSU has a legally sound argument but would probably not get in trouble with the courts for releasing information that is already public record.

"There's a big difference between what's legally reasonable and what's common sense," Hiestand said.

Because of the serious nature of repeated riots, this situation allows President William "Brit" Kirwan to use emergency powers in order to handle the disciplining of students involved in the riots, Hall said.

In 1996, former university President E. Gordon Gee attempted to use these same powers in conjunction with riots that took place at OSU after a Notre Dame game. Since the results of the Student Judiciary Affairs hearing in 1996 cannot be revealed because of FERPA, it is unclear whether the former president's attempt to use emergency powers in this instance was successful.

During the conference, Hall said Kirwan has drafted a letter to send to all parents, and it likely will be sent out today.

Bill Hall, interim vice president for Student Affairs, addresses the media regarding disciplinary action to be taken against students involved in this weekend's riots at a press conference held yesterday afternoon.

Hall listed some of the options that might be exercised in disciplining involved students, including suspensions, probation and expulsion. He also said that students who are put on probation will receive counseling or consultation with OSU until their probationary periods end.

"An even more serious option is barring a student from attending any university in the state of Ohio," Hall said.

Hall said students who were "involved" with an incident will be handled on an individual basis.

"What I want to do is talk to each student to determine to what extent they were involved in the riot," Hall said.

Hall also said OSU will contact officials from other universities to notify them if their students were involved.

When asked whether the university would crack down on students who host parties and break a law that limits them to purchasing five kegs at a time, Hall responded, "That's not our focus right now. Our focus is on the major violence that has occurred."

Students the university plans to deal with will be not only those arrested but also those who are implicated, according to a statement issued by President Kirwan on Sunday.

"In order for a student (who has been implicated) to be dealt with by Student Judicial Affairs, it is not going to be arbitrary. It will be based on the statements of eyewitnesses," Hall said.
Cinco de Mayo
Remember the culture; not booze

Today is Cinco de Mayo, a Mexican holiday that celebrates the victory of Mexico's army over the invading troops of France in 1862 at the Battle of Puebla. Two things that people might not know about Cinco de Mayo is that it is not Mexico's independence day, which actually falls on September 16, and that it is not traditionally a drinking holiday.

Blame Cinco de Mayo's emergence as a day to booze it up on several factors: cultural ignorance, alcohol companies' desire to boost their bottom line and college students' eagerness to find excuses to drink.

Cinco de Mayo's evolution into drunkenness mirrors the same path St. Patrick's Day has taken. Although traditionally a day to celebrate both Irish culture and the man commonly credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has fast become an excuse to drink too much green beer and Guinness. Likewise, Cinco de Mayo has emerged from being a regional holiday in Puebla, Mexico to a popular celebration of Mexican culture — though it is dangerously close to reaching St. Patrick's Day's status of drinking holiday.

However, beer and liquor companies that sell tequila and Mexican beer have seen the emergence of Hispanic culture and spotted a gold mine. Take a serviceable ethnic holiday and make it even more interesting by insinuating the best way to celebrate it is with friends and a suitably ethnic drink. Advertise it a lot and watch the dollars roll in. The companies are not interested in celebrating the things that make different cultures special, but the types of alcohol that come from those cultures and how best to sell them.

Admittedly, many college students have been willingly ignorant of what these holidays entail. Some students will always be looking for a socially acceptable excuse to drink excessively, and beer companies are all too willing to provide them with a distorted view of a holiday to sell their product.

College students and the organizations that sell them alcohol should put themselves in those other countries' shoes. How would they like it if those countries had a major holiday claiming to embody all that is American, but everyone celebrated it by drinking Budweiser, Coors or Miller Lite while lighting off fireworks? These things are only a small part of our culture, much like Irish whiskey and Coronas are a fraction of the Irish and Mexican identity. Efforts should be made to explore the deeper cultural aspects of Mexico and Ireland, and not simply to get drunk on liquor from those countries.

Adviser Rose Hume
Business Manager Ray Catalino
Day of rest about to get wet

Sunday liquor sales pass in state legislature

By Jennifer Brown
Lantern staff writer

Ohioans thirsting for Sunday liquor sales are about to oast their first stein of victory.
The Ohio House of Representatives voted Tuesday in favor of Senate Bill 164, which allows for Sunday liquor sales at state liquor stores in certain cases — precincts that already allow Sunday selling of poured liquor at restaurants, bars and other alcohol-selling vendors.

Under the bill, alcohol may be sold from 1 p.m. until midnight on Sundays.

"Drinking habits across the country have changed," said Rep. James Trakas, R-Independence, a supporter of the bill. "This bill simply removes the state's prohibition against allowing the sale of liquor on Sundays for home consumption."

Gov. Bob Taft is expected to sign the bill, said Sen. Robert Schuler, R-Sycamore Township, who introduced the bill in February.

"This one just allows people to take liquor home instead of buying it in a bar and drinking it there. It'll keep people from crossing the border and buying liquor in neighboring states," Schuler said.

Schuler said the Sunday sales will add about $12 million to the state's budget through sales taxes.

One state liquor agency, Huffman's Market at 2140 Tremont Center in Upper Arlington, has been selling liquor on Sundays since April 18. Under a 1999 provision in the contracts, the stores do not have the ability to amend the contract to allow Sunday sales, said Matt Mullins, spokesman for the division.

"Huffman's Market filed a petition, put it on the ballot and it passed," Mullins said.

"They were still bound by contract, but we did amend it. They used an already existing segment of the law."

The Division of Liquor Control had no input on this bill, Mullins said.

"The legislation still gives us the authority to approve their contracts. We have no decision on how we're going to approach S.B. 164," he said.

So far, Huffman's Market has been the only liquor store to take advantage of the loophole.

"We've had inquiries, but since the next election isn't until November, we don't know if there will be more," Mullins said.

Tim Huffman, manager of Huffman's Market, said he supports Sunday liquor sales because of the flexibility they give to consumers.

"Sunday is the second-biggest shopping day of the week. Sundays are different now than they were 25 years ago. Sundays are the only free days some people have," he said.

Customers' complaints were the driving force behind Huffman's decision to circulate a petition.

"It wasn't hard to get signatures for the petition," Huffman said. "I know of other stores who are thinking of doing the same thing."

The issue was placed on the March 2 ballot in Upper Arlington, where it passed by 85 percent, Huffman said.

Although Huffman's Market made history by making the first legal sale of a bottle of liquor on a Sunday (which happened to be vodka), Huffman does not agree with S.B. 164.

"I think it should be a local decision to sell on Sundays, not a state decision," Huffman said.
"The young man called the public safety department and he informed them. He said, 'Why aren't you enforcing it?' They said that they were going to have to come up and investigate now."

Carano feared this would cause problems for the university, so he decided to take action into his own hands.

"We got together with a lot of the departments down there to find out how to solve it, and what they did was they came up with the idea of an F-7 permit that's permissive," Carano said. "That means that schools can get it if they want to and they don't have to if they don't want to."

Carano said OSU was not pleased when they heard about the proposed bill.

"Ohio State was one of those that came in and testified against the bill," Carano said. "They showed a film of some of the tailgating where there was riotous behavior, and they said that this is what happens at tailgates. Then they went out and said that this bill would encourage teenage drinking and it would not be in control over the consumption of alcohol."

Elizabeth Conlisk, OSU spokesman, said the university supports tailgate parties, but it does not want to promote alcohol consumption.

"Ohio State opposes all legislation because we believe that it sends the wrong message to our students that you need alcohol to enjoy sporting events," Conlisk said. "We also do believe that spending money on building fences to contain tailgaters is the right way to spend our money. Ohio State does not oppose tailgating; we oppose public drunkenness."

Carano said OSU's reaction was not logical.

"(Youngstown has) all these restrictions that Ohio State doesn't, yet they're calling Youngstown State's bill crazy," Carano said. "This bill literally asks to control the tailgating, and them coming around telling us that it would encourage certain things is insane."

The bill will not be voted on before the 2004 football season because Youngstown State is on break until September, but Carano said he feels confident the bill will not fail. He said it might become law by the end of the year.

Some OSU students said they are strongly opposed to the bill.

"I think it's a pointless idea," said Caitlin Smith, a sophomore in women's studies. "Students are going to drink no matter what, so what's the point in paying $50 bucks to be able to have a beer out in the open, as opposed to a closed container?"

Liz Bostoff, a senior in history and political science, also said news of the bill left her angry.

"I have attended tailgates during all five years of my OSU career, and I never seen a riot at a tailgate. The majority of the people that this would be affecting is alumni who are gathering with fellow alums to celebrate their time here at OSU. You will never be able to fully stop tailgating," she said.
New tack may have prevented riot
Some students say warnings about game-day misbehavior were clear

By Kevin Mayhood
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Two years ago, riots after Ohio State's football win over Michigan made for national news, and a national joke of Columbus.

This year, the Buckeyes had another win at home in the big game but the night was quiet.

"There are so many factors involved, you can't say why," Columbus Police spokesman Sherri Mercurio said.

Students said the message was clear: No violence would be tolerated.

They received e-mails reminding them of how they should conduct themselves, said Kelly Curran, a sophomore business major from Dublin. "I also think most people wanted to stick to the rules."

Bevalina Tripplett, 18, was living at home in Cleveland when she saw cars being turned over and set on fire on TV after the 2002 win. She's now a freshman biology major and said her mother told her "You better not be in that mess."

Others said The Lantern student newspaper pointed out that rioters, and riot-watchers, who failed to disperse could be arrested and suspended or expelled.

After the destruction, but no deaths or serious injuries in 2002, "Some of us just kind of learned our lesson," said Carrie Adkins, a senior from Delaware. She's studying criminology and sociology and wants to become a police officer after graduation.

By letting fans onto the field after the game, police avoided angering the crowd, Adkins said. "They were more forceful in keeping people off the field last time," she said.

Ellen Moore is executive director of Community Crime Patrol, a civilian group that walks campus-area neighborhoods. Its members call police when they find trouble. She thinks the enforcement of open-container laws at every home game this year set the tone.

Although Ohio State football fans were allowed on the field after the win over Michigan, police kept them away from the goal posts.

The neighborhoods "didn't have that out-of-control feel" on game days, Moore said. "They've taken away that frenzied start of the whole day."

In the past, a couple of thousand partners who had no tickets to the game would gather along Lane Avenue near

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OSU puts ill-mannered fans on notice

University police take aim at drunkenness and raucous behavior

By Alice Thomas
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Saying it will no longer tolerate raucous behavior on football-game days, Ohio State University plans to apply its riot-busting approach to Buckeye fans.

A stepped-up OSU police presence and enforcement blitz for liquor laws begins opening day, Aug. 30, when the Buckeyes play Washington at Ohio Stadium.

"The concern is the out-of-control behavior," said Bill Hall, vice president of student affairs.

Bottle-throwing, public urination and fights have become too common, officials say.

And those are the minor offenses.

"Some people have had tires cut, beer bottles put behind their tires," Hall said. "Those are the kinds of things we're trying to put a stop to."

The enforcement effort will focus on four areas identified by OSU as trouble spots: The two parking garages near the intersection of Tuttle Park Place and Ives Drive, a parking lot northeast of the stadium and the parking lot south of the French Field House.

More police — officials would not say how many — will be patrolling those areas, which are traditional tailgating spots.

Officers will focus on "the most...
Police to crack down on pregame drinkers

By Ben Nanamaker
Lantern staff writer

Columbus and Ohio State police will be cracking down on alcohol law violators during football games this season.

The decision to enforce state laws on open containers of alcohol, underage drinking and public decency laws came out of discussions between OSU and Columbus officials on ways to deal with the behavior of publicly intoxicated individuals during game day.

Findings by the Task Force on Celebratory Riots have identified alcohol as one of the largest contributors to riots.

The areas being watched are the Northwest/Tuttle parking garage, the Northwest Stadium parking lot and the South Field House parking lot, said Elizabeth Conlisk, spokeswoman for Ohio State. Teams of officers will patrol targeted areas, giving out warnings, citations and arrests to those found breaking the laws.

"This is all about improving the environment and making it friendly for families and fans," Conlisk said. "There are certain areas of the parking areas and parking garages where we have had problems over the last several years with public urination, unruly behavior, individuals throwing objects from parking garage roofs, vandalizing opposing team's fans' cars."

Our fans ought to be able to park in those areas without being subjected to this kind of behavior.

David Andrews, the dean of human ecology and chairman of the Task Force on Celebratory Riots, said some people decide the rules don't apply on game day.

"I think the whole climate certainly around game day is that it's suspended all the rules," he said. "People do stuff that they wouldn't do the Thursday before or the Monday after a game day."

Enforcement hasn't been as strict in the past for numerous reasons.

"The problem and the lack of enforcement has evolved over time," Conlisk said.

Most fans do not misbehave at the games and tailgates, but those who consume excessive amounts of alcohol and act up become a safety hazard to themselves and others, Conlisk said.

"The majority of the more than 100,000 people who attend the games and come to the area conduct themselves with class and dignity and have a good time," she said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Hall said the enforcement policies weren't geared primarily towards students.

"To be honest, most of the folks in those areas that are going to be targeted are not students," he said.

Hall said students who would complain about additional enforcement making things worse should know that OSU has an obligation to keep the game day environment safe.

"We want students to go to the game and enjoy it, but some of the outrageous behavior we've seen, we have an obligation around game day to create a safe environment," he said. "We have a responsibility when we host these events to create a safe environment."

OSU Director of Athletics Andy Geiger said they don't intend to ruin the game day experience, just change it for those who might misbehave.

Geiger would like the OSU football team's dedication to sportsmanship will transfer over to their fans.

"Hopefully, long-term, we can change the culture where some of these things have gotten out of hand," Hall said.

Phil Quirk, a second year graduate student in math, lived on Lane and Tuttle during last football season. He said the activities in the tailgating areas on campus during the games weren't a problem.

"It gets really loud on game days, but I don't think it's a big deal," he said. "I think people are having fun. I mean, people partied but it wasn't a problem. Maybe there's broken glass but no violence or anything; nothing that can't be cleaned up."
Fans are going to have to be careful where they enjoy a pregame refreshment this season. In an attempt to curb rioting, the Columbus and Ohio State police plan on strict enforcement of the state’s open container laws.
Students debate root of rioting on campus

By Laura Borchers
Lantern staff writer

The University District riots have raised not only a commotion among students and authorities, but also questions on preventing future riots.

The most recent riot took place after the Michigan game when the campus area, multiple cars and Ohio State's reputation sustained major damages.

Students took advantage of Undergraduate Student Government's invitation to voice their opinions, focusing on the lack of bars and policing as two of the riots' major contributing factors.

"A lot of bars were closed down, and this equals less space for people to throw their energy into," said Hope Page, a junior in allied medicine. "OSU needs to offer places for people to party responsibly."

Many students maintain a strong opinion that the closing of many bars catalyzes destructive events and unruly parties.

"Losing bars creates a lot of problems. Riots were not such a concern before all of the High Street bars were ripped down," said Jim Weeks, a graduate student in history. "Gateway took away fraternity and sorority parties as well as bars, where drinking is done in controlled settings."

Not all students agree that there is a strong correlation between the riots and the closing of many High Street businesses. Many go on to say they don't believe that students are entirely to blame in the first place.

"Students probably would go to bars if they were still there, but blaming the riots strictly on them is inaccurate," said Scott Ranly, a junior in wildlife management. "One of the biggest problems is that so many people from other colleges, towns and high schools who do not have the same pride for this university that we do come and destroy it."

Other students share this opinion.

"It cannot be just OSU students out there. Students do not have much the way it is. They do not want to destroy the few things they have," said Matt Fenning, a sophomore in English.
Stopping unrest elusive goal

OSU not alone in looking to bring parties under control

By Aleyza DeMartini and Dean Narcisco
Dispatch Staff Reporters

On Fridays and Saturdays for the past two years, Willie Young has cruised the University District looking for college parties.

His quest for keggers is not social, but official. Young logs where they are and reports his results to police and officials with Ohio State University.

Yesterday, Young and other OSU staff members went door to door on E. Norwich Avenue, asking students not to drink or take part in raucous behavior at this weekend’s street party.

Young’s quest to understand why student keggers sometimes turn violent is shared by college administrators across the country. It’s almost becoming a science.

“I think we all would like to know what’s behind it,” said University of Maryland spokesman George Cuthcart.

University administrators nationwide still are experimenting. At some universities, officials can talk more about which measures haven’t worked than which have.

The harshest weapons universities have to deter students is expelling them. Since last May, Ohio State has had the authority to expel or suspend students for off-campus violations. And the major block parties that turned wild, such as Chit Fest and Norwich Fest, were off-campus.

Last spring, OSU suspended five students, and eight have been suspended this year for partying gone wild. No one has been expelled under the year-old rule.

“It’s not an idle threat,” said William H. Hall, vice president for student affairs.

The University of Colorado at Denver has expelled students in recent years who have been prime chaos-makers.

One of them went from party to party with a propane torch and goggles, lighting couches on fire.

The University of Colorado also has sent letters to parents after a student’s second drug or alcohol offense.

“We’re not likely to be able to stop students from drinking, but we try to prevent them from being irresponsible when they do drink,” said University of Colorado spokesman Kevin Lee.

Syracuse University officials searched for answers after the spring of 1998, when an annual block party turned into a confrontation between partiers and police and firefighters. Flames from bonfires rose dangerously close to overhead power lines.

In the aftermath, the university paid for a neighborhood police patrol to work on weekends in the student neighborhood east of campus. The additional policing has helped the most, said Syracuse University spokesman Kevin Morrow.

Teams of neighborhood residents, faculty, staff and students were formed to try to reduce the tension between students and other city residents.

College disturbances often follow major sporting events.

When riots followed basketball and football victories at the University of Maryland, officials suggested that students celebrate after games at school-sanctioned events.

Students balked.

“They didn’t want the administration telling them how to celebrate and what they

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Student knifed for trying to end party

By Tasha Thomas
Lantern campus editor

Brian McGrew, an Ohio State student, will be spending the week at the Ohio State University Medical Center, following his stabbing at 88 E. 12th Ave. at about 2:15 a.m. yesterday, according to a report from the Columbus Division of Police.

McGrew, a junior in business management, is listed in stable condition. He was stabbed with a knife in the abdominal area, according to Mary Van Fleet, hospital administrator manager at OSU Medical Center.

McGrew's father, Steve McGrew, said Brian, had a party Saturday night and was trying to tell people to leave his property when he was stabbed.

"His stabbing was unprovoked. He and a couple of friends told some guys that they better leave because the cops were coming. They didn't want to leave, and one of them stabbed Brian. Three people saw this guy, and he's highly identifiable. It's just a matter of time before they are caught," said Mr. McGrew.

He added that the party was winding down by 2 a.m. and that there were only about 25 people left by the time McGrew started asking people to leave. He said officers from the Columbus Division of Police chased the assailant, but he got away. Mr. McGrew said he only faults the assailant for Brian's attack and does not hold the university or police department responsible for what happened to his son.

Diana Cely, an OSU student who lives on East 13th Avenue, said the Columbus police were too slow in helping McGrew after he was stabbed.

"When I saw that Brian was stabbed I called 911. I asked two cops if they could get 911 here faster. They said they were working on it, but they didn't move. I was really frustrated, and I was crying, screaming and asking them to do something. I probably told the police they were useless and as I got closer to them they threatened to mace me. I think there were 15 to 20 cops in riot gear in my front yard, and they were just standing there while Brian was laying on a car for support," said Cely, a senior in English.

McGrew is expected to make a full recovery and will be in the hospital about a week for observation, according to his father.

"He was stabbed in the stomach, and his liver was scratched. They have a tube outside of his stomach to monitor his liver function," said Earl Smith, spokesman for the Columbus Division of Police, said there are no suspects in the stabbing.

According to McGrew's neighbor, Carrie Velliquette, McGrew had 11 kegs of beer at his party. It is against the law to have five or more kegs of beer on a non-liquor permit property without having registered with the beer distributor, according to the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Velliquette said though McGrew had more than the legal limit of beer kegs, it did not contribute to his stabbing.

"I don't think that the number of kegs had anything to do with the stabbing because most houses on that street had kegs. Regardless of how many kegs there were, there were just too many people to control," she added. She said the Columbus police spent so much time going from house to house that they never made it to McGrew's house to investigate the number of kegs.

Mr. McGrew called his son's stabbing unfair and that Brian was just trying to help people when he was attacked.

"My son was just trying to keep people from getting arrested and he got stabbed," Mr. McGrew said.

-Sarah R futile contributed to this story

In others' words...

"I love such mirth as does not make friends ashamed to look upon one another next morning."

- Isaac Walton
'The Complete Angler'

Riot Coverage
For more coverage of the riots turn to page 3.

Another year, another loss
Ohio State fell to Michigan 38-26 Saturday.
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Tomorrow: Snow
The stupidity of rioting

At 2 a.m. Sunday, the last thing we wanted to do was go out into the cold and look for trouble, particularly after early patrols had shown that the campus area was unusually quiet. Perhaps it was the quiet before the storm. We thought we would do a quick drive around campus and then head home. But that notion was dashed as we were driving down Chittenden Avenue and were prevented from turning onto Indiana Avenue by a riot police officer. We tried to get the officer to let us through by telling him we lived in the area, but his reply to our pleas was "Go to White Castle and wait it out unless you want to be tear gassed."

That was our first introduction to the night Hell opened up and swallowed Ohio State.

Throughout the evening, we witnessed fear and stupidity on the sides of both students and Columbus police. The question has been raised as to why Ohio State students rioted. Is it because of rampant alcoholism? Is it because of the way students are living up to the expectations set by police and OSU administration? When the police arrive in buses ready to rumble and the news media is waiting with television cameras, it turns on the crazy switch in students' heads; all they want to do is perform.

While both the police and administration have taken measures that were designed to decrease student riots, those measures may actually contribute to the rioting.

To all you rioting students out there, don't think that it's the police or administration's fault that you're pyromaniacs and vandals. What we are saying is that perhaps authorities saying "no" is what makes students say "yes." It's like when a parent tells a child not to touch the stove. That child is dying to touch it, and they won't learn until they get burned.

The difference is, when students get burned it will result in more than a blister. Instead it will result in injuries and possibly death.

How far are we going to take this craziness before tragedy happens? We came close this weekend when a student was stabbed.

However, Columbus police officers weren't saints either. While talking to students on the streets, we heard of behavior unbecoming of police officers. We were told that officers were yelling obscenities, ignoring injured students and neglecting civil rights.

We can control what the police do, but we can control what we do. The police have their own issues to handle. As students, we need to take responsibility for our actions and act like adults.

This problem will not be solved overnight, but the next time you're considering inciting a riot, think about the blister it leaves on the university and the permanent scar it will leave behind.

Tasha Thomas and Sarah Estle are Lantern staff members who witnessed most of Sunday morning's mayhem.

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According to Commander Jay Evans, Sgt. Dave Davidson, Sgt. Earl Smith and Lantern reporters

*All times are approximate.*
Administration launches swift investigation

Kirwan to take disciplinary action on students arrested over the weekend

By Chris Newmark
Lantern editor-in-chief

There was little reason for the Ohio State administration to think trouble would erupt Saturday night. The football team had lost to Michigan, the weather was cold, and at 11 p.m., campus was serenely quiet.

"I was planning to wake up early the next morning, drink a cup of coffee and transport a horse today," said Bill Hall, interim vice president for Student Affairs.

Instead, Hall found himself receiving notice yesterday morning that all hell had broken loose. Late yesterday afternoon, he would be in Bricker Hall as President William "Brit" Kirwan announced an action that has not been taken by an OSU president since the Notre Dame game riots of 1996.

"I am directing the interim vice president for student affairs to conduct a swift investigation of the actions of any students arrested, and other students who might be implicated, and to make recommendations to me as to disciplinary action — including the possibility of expulsion," Kirwan said. "I will do this under the broad authority afforded me under existing university rules."

The University Rules state that the president is ultimately responsible for the discipline of all students at the university. According to Section 3335.29-05 of the Student Code of Conduct, a student may be immediately suspended if a "student's presence on campus constitutes a clear danger to the university community or creates a substantial risk of injury to any person on university premises."

Ohio's Campus Disruption Act, passed in the early 1970s and never used on OSU campus, would give an official appointed by the Board of Regents the power to hold hearings to suspend students arrested in the riots. Such an action would have to come in the next five days.

In normal circumstances, the student code does not apply to the actions of students off campus, but a revised code, recently reported out of the Council of Student Affairs after six years of deliberation, would expand university jurisdiction to cover cases of extreme rioting or arson off campus. Kirwan urged the University Senate to pass the new code quickly.

Kirwan announced three other actions yesterday:

- A letter will be sent to the parents of students assuring them that the university will take effective — and public — action "to penalize those who endanger the safety of our community."
- A letter will be sent to all students promising them that the administration will continue to look out for their safety.
- "This is a very complex issue," Hall said after the meeting. "There is no easy answer to it."

Hall seemed frustrated that the irreponsibility of students was forcing him to take such harsh actions on behalf of the university. The time has come, he said, for the community to come together.

"We've got to stop pointing fingers," Hall said. "We've all got to be held accountable."