Golden Anniversary of 4-H
Marked Nov. 10 on Campus

The University 4-H Club is calling upon its alumni to come back and help celebrate its 50th Anniversary on campus.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, following the Michigan State game, the 150 members of University 4-H will sponsor a cook-out and square dance at the Agricultural Administration Building, 2120 Fyffe Road, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.

All alumni members of 4-H are cordially invited to join in the 50th Anniversary celebration. Reservations may be made by writing: 4-H Alumni, c/o Betty Wingerter, 18 Indianola Ct., Columbus, 43201.

It was an Ohio State alumnus, Albert B. Graham, w'90, LLD (Hon)'53, who established the 4-H Club movement when he was a young school teacher in Clark County in 1902. His Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Club had 85 members at the time, later grew into the national organization with more than two million members.

Then in 1922, after Graham had been named first director of the Agricultural Extension Service, the first Ohio State chapter of 4-H was started on campus. During the past 50 years, student members of University 4-H have continued the aims set down for the original group: developing interest in community welfare and leadership; and promoting stronger fellowship among members.

By last year, University 4-H was one of the largest student organizations on campus. Among its many activities: square dances for blind students each quarter; a party and dance presented for patients at Columbus State Hospital; a Welcome Back party presented autumn quarter for returning students; a Farewell party held in the spring for graduating seniors; A 4-H block party at home football games; camp clean-ups conducted during spring quarter. Through fund-raising activities at the State Fair and the Farm Science Review, the organization has been able to contribute to the International Farm Youth Exchange program and provide support for this year's 50th Anniversary celebration.

Club officials are hopeful that alumni of the club will send not only their own names and addresses but also the names and addresses of other 4-H Club members they may recall, so that the 50th Anniversary celebration will have as many Alumni participants as possible.
The 4-H Emblem

The 4-H Clover emblem is a symbol of growth for 5.6 million members and more than 36 million 4-H alumni in the U.S.A. The emblem has become a familiar symbol to Americans over the past 75 years. Last year the Gallup Poll showed that 77 per cent of those interviewed were aware of 4-H.

During the early 1900's, what is now 4-H was given various names — boys' and girls' clubs, agricultural clubs, home economics clubs, corn clubs, tomato clubs, cotton clubs, canning clubs, etc.

The first emblem design used for boys' and girls' clubs was a three-leaf clover, introduced in 1907 by O.H. Benson of Iowa. The emblem was being used at that time on placards, posters, badges, canning labels, etc. In 1909, this emblem was used on pins and the three H's stood for Head, Heart and Hands.

Around 1908, Benson and others began using a four-leaf clover design. Benson said that the H's should stand for "head, heart, hands, and hustle...head trained to think, plan and reason; heart trained to be true, kind and sympathetic; hands trained to be useful, helpful and skillful; and the hustle to render ready service, to develop health and vitality..."

At a meeting in Washington, D. C. in 1911, club leaders adopted the present 4-H design, a green four-leaf clover with a white H on each leaf. O.B. Martin, South Carolina, suggested that the 4-H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health to represent the equal training of the head, heart, hands and health of every child.

The term 4-H was first used in a federal publication written in 1918 by Gertrude Warren. In the early 1920's a group at a conference in Washington, D.C. discussed the need to give the boys' and girls' club work a distinctive name that could be used nationally. Several people including Miss Warren favored 4-H as the name for the organization. In 1924, boys' and girls' club work became known as 4-H.

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Also, in 1924, the 4-H clover emblem was patented. At the end of the fourteen year patent term in 1939, Congress passed a law to protect the use of the 4-H name and emblem. The law was slightly revised in 1948.

The 4-H emblem is still protected by Congress from commercial or unauthorized use. The four-leaf clover circles the globe and represents 4-H and similar youth organizations in more than 80 countries. More than 218,465 boys and girls in Ohio wear the 4-H emblem.
I Pledge . . .

Each month the _______ (Number) _______ members of the _______ (Name) _______ 4-H Club repeat these words at the beginning of their meeting.

I pledge

my head to clearer thinking
my heart to greater loyalty
my hands to larger service and
my health to better living

for my club, my community, my country and my world.

This 4-H pledge is used at the activities of 9,334 4-H clubs in Ohio.

The pledge was officially adopted in 1927 by the 4-H members and leaders attending the first National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C. Otis Hall, State 4-H Leader from Kansas, wrote the pledge. When the Executive Committee of the Land-Grant College Association asked Dr. R.A. Pearson, President of Iowa State College and Dr. A.C. True of the Federal Extension Service to write a pledge for 4-H, they submitted the one written by Hall.

The 4-H pledge has been changed only once since 1927. At the request of several states and on the recommendation of 4-H members attending National 4-H Conference (formerly National 4-H Club Camp), the pledge was changed in 1973 to include "my world."

The 4-H members and leaders attending National 4-H Camp in 1927, also adopted the 4-H motto: "To Make the Best Better." The motto was proposed by Miss Carrie Harrison, a botanist in the Bureau of Plant Industry. Like the 4-H pledge, the motto has remained the same through the years. Both carry a great deal of meaning for the 5.6 million 4-H members in the United States.
4-H Today

1977 marks the 75th Anniversary of 4-H in Ohio. 4-H is the youth education program of the Cooperative Extension Service which is conducted jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the state land-grant university (The Ohio State University) and your county government.

The Extension Service was established to educate – to interpret and encourage the practical use of the knowledge that comes from scientific research. The name, Extension, comes from the mission of the agency, to "extend" knowledge to the public.

When the Extension Service was set up by the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, it served mostly farm families. But, Extension's assignment then, as now, was to disseminate useful information to all people. Today the Cooperative Extension Service and its 4-H programs serve people in towns, cities and rural areas with information on agriculture, home economics, community development, and related subjects.

4-H Extension work is conducted in all 88 counties in Ohio by "county agricultural agents," "county home economics agents," and "county 4-H agents." Ohio has 256 "county agents". They plan youth programs with county advisory committees comprised of local community leaders. Programs are based on local needs. Since needs vary 4-H programs differ from county to county and from state to state.

Volunteer advisors are the backbone of the 4-H program. In Ohio 21,395 adults advise 4-H group activities. Extension agents and 4-H advisors work together to target problems they want to work on. The agents train the adult volunteers, and they in turn, teach youth groups. This way, the 4-H advisor extends and multiplies the teaching skill and knowledge of the limited number of professional Extension workers.
The 4-H program is for all youth—rural and urban—from all racial, cultural, economic and social backgrounds. Ohio girls and boys are involved in 4-H in a variety of ways: as members of organized 4-H clubs (there are 9,334 clubs), as participants in special interest groups and as enrollees in short-term projects. 4-H reaches youth through television (3,860 are TV members), camping (24,264 participated in camps last year), and other educational methods; and in programs planned to meet specific needs of youth and the communities where they live.

Girls and boys "learn by doing" in 4-H. Today 4-H'ers take an active part in learning. Members participate in projects that give them knowledge of science, agriculture, home economics, personal development, community service, leadership and citizenship. Often the knowledge they gain leads to a career. They also learn to define and solve some of the problems facing them and their communities. These include problems of environment, health and drug use. The main purpose of 4-H is to build boys and girls into successful adults.

The project has always been a unique and vital part of the 4-H program. Flexibility is the key to today's 4-H projects -- flexibility in the kinds of learning offered and in the variety and size of projects. Some of the most popular projects are food-nutrition, clothing, home improvement, health, safety and leadership. New projects range from snowmobiling and bicycles to aerospace.

In rural areas, many 4-H'ers work with livestock, crops, poultry, forestry, marketing and farm machinery. Both girls and boys learn new farming methods, do experimental research and have fun in the process.

Projects popular with city, suburban and rural young people alike are community development, electricity, environmental protection and conservation, home gardening, photography, woodworking, entomology, small engines and personal development. Older girls and boys find satisfaction and challenge...
in projects in automotive care and safety, career studies, money management, consumer education and leadership. In Ohio there are more than 180 projects to choose from. Members can also do self-determined projects.

To get in touch with the 4-H program in County and in your community call (County) (Number) and talk to (Name), County 4-H Agent, or (Name), 4-H Program Assistant.

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Club Program Is Explained

By Phil Rhonemus

The 75th anniversary of 4-H in Ohio is being celebrated this year throughout our state. Several aspects of the 4-H Club program are explained in the following paragraphs:

The 4-H Clover emblem is a symbol of growth for 3.6 million 4-Hers and more than 36 million 4-H alumni in the U.S. alone. The first emblem design was the three-leaf clover, introduced in 1907 by O.H. Benson of Ioway. The three H's stood for Head, Heart, and Hands.

The four-leaf clover design came into use sometime in 1908. It was officially adopted in 1911 as the 4-H design; a green four-leaf clover with a white H on each leaf — the fourth H added to stand for Health. In 1924, the youth groups began to call themselves 4-H clubs. Congress passed a law to protect the use of the 4-H name and emblem in 1939, and the law was slightly revised in 1948. Today, more than 218,000 youth in Ohio proudly wear this 4-H emblem.

The 4-H pledge was officially adopted in 1927 by 4-H members and leaders attending the first National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C. The pledge was written by Otis Hall, Kansas State 4-H Leader, and has only been changed once since the 1927 date. At the request of several states, the 4-H members; the pledge was changed in 1973 to include “my world.” The pledge is:

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and, my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

The 4-H Motto, “To Make the Best Better,” was also adopted in 1927. The motto was proposed by Miss Carrie Harrison, a botanist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry. A movement to remove the use of the motto arose several years ago, but with much support from advisors and members, the motto was retained.

Today the 4-H program is conducted jointly by the U.S. Department of agriculture, Ohio State University, and county commissioners. 4-H extension work is conducted in all 88 Ohio counties by county extension agents, and programs are based on local interests and needs. Therefore, 4-H programs vary from county to county and from state to state.

Volunteer advisors are the backbone of the 4-H program. In Ohio 21,395 adults supervise 4-H, 170 of these in Logan county. Volunteers are trained by extension staff and they in turn, teach the youth groups.

4-H is for all youth, rural and urban, from all socio-economic backgrounds. Over 218,000 Ohio youth participated in one or more of the 4-H program offered. Over 1950 youth participated in Logan county 4-H, either through organized clubs or in special interest groups. Many of these youth also attend 4-H activities such as camp, workshops and training sessions.

The project has always been a unique and vital part of the 4-H program. Ohio offers more than 180 widely diversified projects to fit the needs and interests of boys and girls. The projects are rural and urban oriented. New projects are added as interest in some areas rise, while others are revised or dropped, depending again upon the continued acceptance of the projects.

So it can be seen 4-H has been and continues to be an exciting program for all youth in the United State. In Logan county, 4-H is now being organized for the coming year. If a parent is interested in becoming a 4-H advisor or a child interested in becoming a member, further help and information may be obtained by contacting Dorothy Snapp or Phil Rhonemus at the Logan County Extension Office, Memorial Hall, Bellefontaine.
OSU to host 4-H convention

By Douglas G. Brandstetter

The Ohio State 4-H Club is doing more than raising rabbits and hybrid corn. The club will host the 1978 national 4-H convention at Ohio State, and is celebrating its 75th year. The world-wide organization was founded in 1902 by an OSU graduate.

Wayne Murphy, assistant state leader for 4-H, said the club won the right to host next year's convention by applying at this year's convention at Penn State last week.

The 180-member club has not yet formulated plans for the national convention, but will elect a steering committee this week, said Murphy.

The purpose of the national convention is to provide agricultural and natural resources education and to make decisions about national service projects.

National service projects are socially oriented programs. In past years, the 4-H cooperated with the American Association of Retired Persons to increase youth contact with senior citizens through social functions, and the Bicentennial Trail project, providing free stops for campers touring America.

Despite the stereotyped "cows-in-the-backyard, pigs-on-the-porch" image of 4-H members, the club is a socially active organization.

Locally, the 4-H has organized social events at Buckeye Boy's Ranch in Grove City, the Fairfield School for Boys and the State School for the Blind.
OSU Marching Band selection 4-4 - 75 yrs Nov. 1977
Faculty ''agents'' educate youths in 4-H program  

By Dana Stone  

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Pat Speidel had many rewarding experiences during her nine years as a 4-H member. She thought the organization was so worthwhile that she decided to make it her career.  

Speidel, a home economics-journalism major at Ohio State, wants to become a 4-H agent with the Cooperative Extension Service after graduation. 4-H is the youth education program of the extension service which is conducted jointly by Ohio State, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and county governments in Ohio.  

One of Ohio State's roles as the state land grant university is to disseminate research information through the extension service, according to Cathy Cox, extension specialist for older youth. A total of 99 faculty members are on the extension 4-H staff throughout the state, she said.  

4-H members participate in a wide variety of projects ranging from raising livestock to making movies and writing short stories.  

Speidel said she had a lot of fun while working on her projects.  

''I really enjoyed my international foods project where I learned how to cook dishes from foreign countries,'' she said. ''I also had clothing, gardening, and first-aid projects.''  

Some of the newest projects deal with the home environment, Cox said. Members can learn how to decorate a room, restore antiques, and reupholster furniture.  

Pete Feldkamp, a plant pathology major, had an unusual project.  

''I made a model of a house with solar heating equipment such as solar panels on the roof, a water pump, and a heat exchanger,'' he said. ''I'm now helping my parents install similar equipment on their home.''  

Both Speidel and Feldkamp said they learned many interpersonal skills in 4-H.  

''Being in 4-H taught me how to work towards a common goal with other people,'' Speidel said. ''I became a better communicator as well.''  

Charles W. Lifer, assistant director and state leader of 4-H, feels 4-H provided him with a real growth experience when he was a teenager.  

''I used to compete in livestock shows at county fairs,'' he said. ''When I lost, it taught me how to handle disappointment in life.''  

The organization is for young people ages 9 to 19. Some members going on to Ohio State, like Speidel and Feldkamp, can join the OSU 4-H Club, Cox said.  

''The club co-sponsored a haunted house with the Columbus Jaycees and used most of the money earned to buy a special brace for a handicapped person,'' Cox said.  

The first state 4-H program in the nation was founded in 1902 in Springfield, Ohio, by A.B. Graham who later brought it to Ohio State when he joined the faculty. The organization grew until today when there are over 167,000 members in Ohio.
4-H clubs try variety of activities

By Martha Bartlett
Lantern staff writer

The 4-H Club is more than raising a steer or sewing a dress, said a 4-H adviser.

Evelyn Moenter, of Oregon, Ohio, was among many 4-H advisers honored at a luncheon Wednesday in the Ohio Union Memorial Room.

"I've gained more out of 4-H than I was ever able to pass on," said Moenter, an adviser for 30 years.

She said her Toledo area group broke from the more traditional view of 4-H by tackling projects in photography, wood working, furniture refinishing, animal care, cooking and electrical work.

"There were a few fuses blown and puffs from the basement with the electrical projects, but we made it through," she said.

Moenter said the projects she has worked on are varied because the interests of the seven high school girls she works with is varied.

"Any child could find a place in 4-H," Moenter said.

"I've worked with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. 4-H is one of the best organized groups," Moenter said.

Lucy Roby, another adviser honored at Wednesday's luncheon, said her club is the more traditional sewing group. She agrees with Moenter that there is more to 4-H than sewing.

Their work also involves helping young people with their problems and self-esteem. "I'm always right behind them to give them confidence," Roby said.

Roby said she has worked with girls who did not know how to run a sewing machine. But the girls made such progress that Roby entered them into county and state competitions.

"I always ask if they can do a little better, and with a judge they always do better," Roby said.

Moenter said 4-H competition is good because competition is part of life.

The ceremony that honored Moenter, Roby, and approximately 700 other 4-H advisers included presentations of clovers, the 4-H symbol of service, and the induction of four advisers into the 4-H Hall of Fame.

Each of the four advisers has more than 40 years of experience in 4-H.

The 4-H Club began in 1902 in Springfield, Ohio, to help rural youngsters learn new livestock and crop production techniques that were being developed.

4-H has spread nationwide and has 20,593 volunteer advisers working with approximately 5.5 million members in the U.S.

October 2-6 is the Ohio 4-H Week recognizing the service 4-H has given to Ohio.
4-H club to hold seminar

By SUE JENKINS
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Members of the University 4-H Club have more than finals on their minds as they gear-up for their annual Carving New Ideas Workshop.

The workshop will benefit 4-H junior leaders statewide, and takes place Dec. 11-13. OSU student members have taken care of every detail from making brochures to lining up speakers and coordinating the workshop programs, said club adviser Denny Elliott.

The OSU 4-H club is a social and service organization which keeps college-aged 4-H alumni active in the program, said Pam Hunt, a junior from Amelia. 4-H is a national youth organization for people ages 9-19.

"We see OSU 4-H as a good opportunity for young people to get experience in becoming responsible for planning and implementing programs," said Elliott, who works out of Ohio State in 4-H Extension as a camping specialist.

Club members take their responsibility seriously.

"The workshop is one of our major projects during the year, and we're excited about it," said Hunt, an agricultural education major and co-chair of this year's event.

The three-day event focuses on the theme "Making Decisions for You," and strives to direct approximately 80 4-H youth, ages 14 to 19, toward future opportunities through programs such as leadership, communications, decision making, motivation and working with adult leaders.

"It is hoped that through the workshop we can provide experiences that the junior leaders will be able to draw on through the rest of their 4-H years," Hunt said.

In addition to the workshop programs put on by collegiate student members, Dr. Jep Hostetler, an associate professor of preventive medicine from Ohio State, will contribute to the decision making themes by speaking on substance abuse and making choices about drugs.
Samuel C. Cashman, who served Ohio agriculture as a teacher, extension agent, state fair manager, vice president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and as an energetic volunteer, died at Mount Carmel Medical Center Monday. He was 73.

"You never missed Sam Cashman at a meeting," said Dean Simeral, who worked with Cashman at the Farm Bureau for more than 30 years. "He was a great table hopper. He always finished his dinner first and went around to shake everyone's hand. He was just a great guy — a real people person."

As assistant director of agriculture and state fair manager, Cashman first started bringing big-name entertainment to the Ohio State Fair. His choice of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and the Sons of the Pioneers drew record-breaking crowds in 1955 and 1956.

Of the many volunteer positions he held, one of Cashman's favorites was with the Ohio 4-H. He served as president of the 4-H Foundation for 10 years.

In December, Cashman started the Cashman Family 4-H Endowment Fund at The Ohio State University. His donations and family contributions have swelled the fund to more than $20,000, according to Larry L. Rumrell, development officer for the Ohio 4-H Association.

Cashman designated the money to be used for developing innovative ways to expand 4-H membership and find better ways of interesting youth between the ages of 13 and 18 in 4-H. Contributions can be directed to the Cashman Fund at the state 4-H office, 2120 Fyffe Rd., OSU, Columbus 43210.
Building trust

B.J. Rodabaugh from London, OH., gets passed down while Tom Anton and Chris Brown guide him along in a game called the Zipper as part of the 4-H Congress held at Ohio State during summer break.
4-H Club line dances night away at prom

By Kellee Foster
Lantern staff writer

Blue jeans, cowboy hats and boots might seem odd attire for a prom, but if it's the Plowboy Prom, then you are perfectly dressed.

Plowboy Prom is an annual tradition among the members of the collegiate 4-H Club at Ohio State. The prom features a “down on the farm” atmosphere with line dancing and country music.

A line dancing instructor was at the dance to help out anyone who does not know how to do country line dances. Patty Anton, co-coordinator of this year's prom, said the event has been around for at least 20 years.

Anton said the dance may actually go back to the 1950's, but because of poor records, no one is sure when the first Plowboy Prom was held.

Anton said about 560 people attended Saturday night's Plowboy Prom at the Ohio Union Main Ballroom.

Most of the people attending the dance were from the 4-H Club at Ohio State, but there were also representatives of 4-H Clubs from other colleges, including Bowling Green State University and Miami University.

Many students and faculty who enjoy line dancing and country music also attended.

Some people who attended the event said they often return to it every year.

"It's a good time because you get to dance and hang out with friends from other 4-H Clubs you may not have seen in awhile," said Eric Coffman, a senior majoring in agricultural business. Coffman said he has attended the Plowboy Prom the past four years.
4-H Celebrates 100th Birthday

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — On Jan. 15, 1902, the superintendent of the Springfield Township schools in Clark County gathered in a courthouse basement meeting room with about 30 children in what he called a “Boys’ and Girls’ Agricultural Experiment Club.” A.B. Graham’s idea, with the help of Ohio State University Extension and the agricultural experiment station, soon spread to counties throughout the state. They joined a movement of youth clubs that became what is now known as 4-H.

Exactly 100 years later, on Jan. 15, 2002, the Ohio 4-H program celebrated the kickoff to its centennial year at a program on the Ohio State campus.

“I consider this to be the most successful youth development program in the world,” said Bobby Moser, vice president and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, which oversees the Ohio 4-H program. “When I was young, I started in 4-H because I wanted to show my pig at the fair. But I learned a lot more than how to show a pig. Four-H is about learning, about self-esteem, about responsibility, about hard work, about getting along with people. It helped me get to where I am today, and I think everyone in this room could say that, too.”

Those attending the celebration included about a dozen descendents of A.B. Graham, who became superintendent of Agriculture Extension at Ohio State University in 1905. There are currently more than 286,000 Ohio youths involved in 4-H programs, with about 25,000 volunteers leading clubs and otherwise assisting in 4-H programs, said Keith Smith, director of Ohio State University Extension. Ohio has one of the strongest 4-H programs nationwide, he said.

“Youth are at the crossroads of tomorrow,” Smith said. “Four-H helps show them which way is the better way, it gently encourages them to go down the positive road that will lead to development, self-esteem and success. Let’s steer them down the right road.”

Jeff King, assistant director of Ohio State University Extension in charge of 4-H Youth Development, said 4-H projects on pigs, sheep, dairy — or rocks and fossils or clowning or weather — are really just the hooks that draw youths into 4-H. “But 4-H is a lot more,” King said. Joining 4-H helps youths develop marketable skills; encourages them to participate in service and citizenship opportunities; helps them appreciate diversity on a local and global level; and allows them to form a relationship with a caring adult. Volunteers working in the 4-H program also build skills and abilities, not only in the subject matter topics but in helping youths live better lives, King said.

The Ohio 4-H Foundation is currently raising funds to build a new 4-H center on the Ohio State campus, which will give the program much more visibility than it currently has in its offices in
the Agricultural Administration Building. But King said the new center will be more than just new offices.

"The center will be one-third office space and two-thirds program space," King said. "It's not a monument building, but a facility — an opportunity — being built because of A.B. Graham and the groundwork he began on Jan. 15, 1902."

Ohio 4-H will be celebrating its 100th birthday throughout the year. A birthday celebration will take place March 9 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds during the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference, and another celebration is scheduled for Sept. 7 on the Columbus campus during an OSU football game.

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