Stadium Drive patchwork delayed by contractor law

By Lynne Brungarth

Although university officials planned to complete repairs and resurfacing of Stadium Drive before the beginning of autumn quarter, the work will not be finished until summer 1982.

Construction on the 300-yard stretch of Stadium Drive extending from Olentangy River Road to Tuttle Park Place began last summer.

Thomas Smith, associate vice president for physical facilities, said the university hoped to have repairs completed by Sept. 3, but the contract was not awarded in time to complete the work.

Smith said the delay was caused by an Ohio law passed at the time the contract was awarded. The law requires prime contractors to provide more information about subcontractors than previously was necessary.

The information must be reviewed by the Ohio Division of Public Works before a subcontractor can be hired. Smith said the reviewing process caused the delay.

A Sept. 3 deadline for completion of the work was imperative, he said.

Construction on the heavily used Stadium Drive after that date would have inhibited traffic during football games, summer commencement and the return of students to campus, Smith said.

He said the Columbus-based prime contractor, Gaddis and Son, Inc., will resume construction immediately after spring commencement and is expected to have the project completed by the end of the summer.

Until then, the university will maintain the street by filling in gravel along the curb. The gravel will protect new curbs and provide drainage to prevent ice formation on the street, Smith said.

The decision to repair Stadium Drive was made last spring. Replacing curbs, sidewalks and pavements was necessary because they had "deteriorated considerably," Smith said.

Total cost of the project at the time of the initial agreement was $161,481, a price tag which includes construction costs as well as bid advertising costs. Smith said he does not know if the delay will increase the cost.

He said money to complete the project will come from a contract repair fund, a fund used for all university maintenance work done by outside contractors.
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(MEDIA PLEASE NOTE: In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the French Field House. Parking arrangements have been made in the parking lot south of French Field House.)

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By Leslie Compson
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Woody Hayes Drive honors coach

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Hayes, now head football coach emeritus, led the Buckeyes on the gridiron for 28 seasons from 1951 to 1978.

The resolution on Hayes, passed by the Board of Trustees in April, described him as "one of the truly great college football coaches" and noted his dedication to excellence in the classroom and the well-being of those associated with him.

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Tribute paid to Hayes at street dedication

By Mary Jane Dunn
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Woody Hayes may have left the OSU football coaching staff four years ago but he has not left the Columbus campus.

Stadium Drive was renamed Woody Hayes Drive Thursday, "as a living memorial to recognize Hayes' significant role in OSU's history," according to Chester Devenow, chairman of the OSU board of trustees.

Hayes believed in good hard football and a good sound education, former OSU football player Archie Griffin said.

Hayes stressed education to the point that he would go to the dormitories and wake up his players for their 8 a.m. classes, Griffin recalled.

Reiterating his strong feelings on the subject, Hayes told the crowd on the lawn in front of St. John Arena, "You can't beat a man who gets both sides of his education."

It is great to have a drive named after Hayes, but he deserves much more, Griffin said.

Griffin said Hayes cannot be compared to professional coaches, because "he is in a class of his own."

In addition to playing football with the Cincinnati Bengals, Griffin said he plans to attend law school, something Hayes has tried to talk him in to since Griffin graduated in 1976.

The ceremony was a token of tribute to Hayes, but it also was a time to renew acquaintances.

"Before I even had a chance to step off the curb, I saw a lot of good friends who were important to this football program," Hayes said.

Hayes spends much of his time giving lectures. "I don't teach anymore because it would tie me down," he said.

The former OSU coach also narrates television war movies. His latest work was The Desert Fox. Two others still to be aired are Midway and Patton.

Hayes said coaching a Big Ten school gave him television experience since OSU football games were televised so often during his 26 years as coach. "I had the longest running TV show — even longer than Lawerence Welk," he joked.

Although Hayes is idolized by many, his son, Steve, who attended the ceremony, said he does not think of his father as a celebrity because he has seen his father "shaving in his underwear."

According to Hayes, Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant is the only coach with a longer record than his.

"How could I miss coaching — I got to do it for so long," Hayes said.

"This was the first year since Hayes stopped coaching that he has not helped with Ohio State football recruiting. "I didn't help this year — why do you think they did so well," Hayes said with a laugh.

Hayes left immediately after the ceremony because he had another speaking engagement.

Also, Hayes said he planned to stop in Mansfield to visit the paralyzed OSU lacrosse player, Brian Hanson.

"Never in 30 years did we have such an injury on our football team," Hayes said. "I pray for him every night."

Tom Cousineau, former OSU football player and a recent Cleveland Browns draft pick, said Hayes required the team to do neck exercises twice a day to prevent such injuries.
It’s ‘Woody Hayes Drive’ now

By Cynthia A. Griffin
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Former OSU football coach Woody Hayes was greeted Thursday by friends, fans, former team members and a band shouting, “Hi Woody,” as Stadium Drive was renamed Woody Hayes Drive.

Hayes, who responded to the band’s greeting by shouting, “Hi band,” was described by OSU President Edward H. Jennings as “one of the greatest football coaches in the country, who always had a deep and sincere commitment to the academics of the university.”

“I can’t tell you how appreciative I am to have all these friends here,” Hayes said.

Woody Hayes Drive runs between Ohio Stadium and St. John Arena, from Nell Avenue to Kenny Road.

Hayes said he planned to install toll booths at each end of his new throughway to help pay for the chuck holes.

“Now I see why you gave it to me,” Hayes said with a laugh, “because you thought I could get it fixed.”

The former Ohio State head football coach, who was fired in 1978, said, “That drive should be named Woody Hayes, Team and Helpers Drive.”

Extending a personal thanks to his former coach was Archie Griffin, three-time All-American football player and two-time Heisman Trophy winner.

“Such an honor couldn’t go to a better coach, much less a better man,” said Griffin.

Griffin reflected on his football years with Hayes. “Coach Hayes was worried about me as a person,” he said.

Griffin said Hayes not only stressed football, but also a solid education. He said the first time Hayes talked to him about coming to Ohio State, Hayes never talked about football.

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After Griffin spoke, Hayes turned to face Ohio Stadium as Chester Devenow, chairman of the OSU board of trustees, stood with his arm around the ex-coach to watch the placement of the new sign.

At the end of the ceremony, President Jennings presented Hayes with a picture of Woody Hayes Drive.

At the ceremony were Reps. Dana Deshler, R-Col., Lawrence Hughes, D-Col., and Dean Conley, R-Col. Hayes chided OSU head football coach Earle Bruce for allowing his team to attend the event rather than practice football.

- Devenow said Hayes will be honored later this quarter when he is presented a Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented at the June commencement ceremony.
Woody Hayes Bridge stays one-way

By Bill Boggess
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Construction on the Woody Hayes Bridge and state Route 315 North was scheduled to be completed by about Oct. 31, but neither project is finished.

Work on the Woody Hayes Bridge will not be completed until about Nov. 15, said Rich Roberts, superintendent of construction and renovation.

Until the work is completed, all traffic will remain one way west, except for buses and emergency vehicles.

The original completion date for the construction was Oct. 1, but was later changed to Oct. 31, Roberts said.

He said the delays are due to the discovery of more old, deteriorated concrete than original tests had indicated.

The old concrete has to be removed before forms can be set and new concrete is pumped into the bridge, Roberts said.

Roberts said about $400,000 was added to the cost of the project when about one-third of it was completed, which makes the total cost about $650,000.

Matthew Scott, assistant manager of transportation, said buses can travel both ways over the bridge until 4 p.m. because officers are available to control the traffic flow.

Scott said that even though the buses take an alternate route from West Campus after 4 p.m., they can still travel to Main Campus and back in about 30 minutes because the drivers are spending less time at stops.
Bridge traffic back to normal

By Beth Baldridge
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After seven months of detours and snarled traffic, workmen removed the barriers from the bridge on Woody Hayes Drive Thursday afternoon, restoring two-way traffic between West and Main Campuses.

For seven months, the bridge has been closed to eastbound traffic, except for buses and emergency vehicles.

Although the bridge opened to traffic at 1 p.m. Thursday, OSU buses will continue their detoured route to and from West Campus until Monday so the university will have time to post signs and inform students of the changes, said Percy Parham, bus supervisor of transportation.

The buses will then return to their original route, Parham said.

Bridge renovation began last April. Construction was originally expected to be finished Oct. 1. However, the completion date has been pushed back twice since then.

The delays were caused because the structure was in worse condition than originally thought, said Rich Roberts, superintendent of construction and renovation. Concrete had to be completely removed before new concrete could be poured, he said.

The new concrete was poured last week. After waiting seven days, the workers tested the bridge to make sure it was strong enough to support two-way traffic, Roberts said.

All construction on the bridge that affected traffic has been completed, though some work is still being done underneath it, Roberts said.

The project cost $883,000, about $400,000 more than originally expected, Roberts said.

Deterioration of the bridge was due to age, salt and the continual freezing and thawing of water, Roberts said.

The bridge was built in 1922 and was originally used by railroad cars to transport coal to the university’s power plant. Other cars also used the bridge at that time. Railroad cars stopped using the bridge around 1968, Roberts said.