April 8, 1960 meeting, Board of Trustees

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

G. Establishment of Branch Campus at Lima

Under date of May 13, 1957, the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University approved the policy of establishing branch campuses of The Ohio State University in the spirit of helping to find answers to Ohio's growing need for educational opportunities for its intellectually competent young people. Two campuses were established in the cities of Marion and Newark, effective with the opening of the Autumn Quarter, 1957, and the Mansfield campus opened Autumn Quarter, 1958.

The City of Lima, which has been under study as a branch site, has met all major conditions requested by this University and has agreed to (1) provide $20,000.00 to bring the laboratories and library up to our standards, (2) underwrite any loss up to $10,000.00 which may be incurred during the first year of operation, and (3) provide a minimum of thirty scholarships on a continuing basis.

After a careful analysis of the feasibility of establishing a fourth branch of this institution, the Council on Off-Campus Education unanimously approved the following motion:

"It is now recommended that, subject to satisfactory negotiations, a fourth branch campus be established in the City of Lima, Ohio, effective with the opening of the Autumn Quarter, 1960, with a program of instruction consisting primarily of basic courses required for the first two years of standard college work."

It is therefore recommended that the above action of the Council on Off-Campus Education be approved and that the President be authorized to proceed with negotiations for establishing a Lima branch campus.

Upon motion of Mr. Ketner, seconded by Mr. Allyn, the above general recommendation was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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Lima Busts Its Buttons for OSU

The way the people of Lima, Ohio support the local branch of Ohio State, you'd think it was their own child.

This is the way Lima Director J. McLean Reed described the situation.

"Community interest in the students here is fantastic," he said. "We have 25 to 30 local scholarships furnished by PTAs, unions and luncheon clubs. A local estate gave us $20,000. Even the little towns surrounding Lima send in money.

"And when State Issue No. 1 was put to a vote, this county had a 'yes' total of 70 per cent. Only Muskingum of the 88 counties in Ohio had a larger 'yes' vote than we did."

Wants Permanent $100,000 Fund

Mr. Reed, who spent 15 years as head of an Illinois junior college before coming to Lima two years ago, said eventually he would like to have a permanent fund of $100,000 that can be put to work and from which scholarships can be taken every year.

The Lima branch, founded in 1960 and the second largest branch with an Autumn Quarter enrollment of 461, has received a Galvin Foundation grant of $250,000 to be used to develop a new 500-acre site.

In addition, $300,000 from the state's cigarette tax levy is earmarked for Lima by the Board of Regents. Whether that recommendation has been approved by the Ohio Legislature is not as yet known.

New Facilities Are Planned

When the land at the new site is acquired, Mr. Reed said, the first facilities will probably be an administration building with academic and science laboratory wings. There will also be library facilities stocked by Ohio State and a lounge area for students. No dormitories are planned.

"It's not too much to expect that in five years, still on our two-year program, we will have as many as 1,000 students enrolled here," Mr. Reed predicted.

How long Lima will remain on its two year program seems to be in doubt however.

Senator Wants 4-Year School

According to an Associated Press report, State Senator Ross Pepple predicts that freshmen entering the Lima branch of Ohio State next fall may be able to complete their college education

The snack bar set up for branch students in the teachers' lounge at Lima Senior High School never lacks for customers.
right at home.

He said there is a good chance that within three years, the Lima Branch may be expanded to a four-year university. Mr. Reed is inclined to be a little less optimistic.

"Whether this is ever a four-year operation depends on how fast students come, not only here, but to all colleges and universities in Ohio," he said. "If enrollment skyrockets, the State Legislature will have to decide whether students should be taken care of at the parent or at the branch campuses."

Facilities, Courses Would Grow

"If the decision is to enlarge branch campus enrollments, then branch campus facilities and course programs will have to be enlarged and advanced too.

"The money to do that will have to come, in part at least, from the State Legislature."

"There is a lot of clamoring for a graduate center here, too," Mr. Reed said. "But I don't believe that will come until a four-year program is firmly in operation."

"That doesn't preclude the possibility of having a graduate class or two however."

Branch in High School

At present, the Lima branch operates in Lima Senior High School, built in 1965.

The six science labs and the branch office are on the first floor. Second and third floor rooms are used for lecture and recitation classes. The cafeteria is used for a study hall and the city library provides a special section for the Ohio State students.

Forty instructors teach the classes, which are scheduled from 4 to 10 p.m. About half these people fly to Lima from Columbus in a University plane. The rest come from nearby Bluffton College, Ohio Northern University, Findlay College, or are master teachers from area high schools.

"We would like eventually to have heads of departments and all faculty members in residence here," Mr. Reed said. "It's too much of a load for teachers to be in school all day then to come here and teach at night."

Mr. Reed said that, on the whole, the teaching, even under the adverse conditions he outlined, was excellent.

"It's as good as on the Columbus campus," he said. "The instructors have an excellent attitude toward the students—so good it surprises me."

Periodical Check

Student attitude is very wholesome, too. I know because every once in a while I go into the study hall and ask students if they're working and if they're ready for exams. It's probably old-fashioned, but I don't think it hurts any."

He made it clear that in getting its own facilities and faculty, Lima would not be competing with other colleges and universities.

"We are simply adding our resources to the pool that will educate Ohio's students," Mr. Reed said. "Our relations with other colleges in the area are marvelous. There is no feeling that one is trying to beat the others. There is one of complete cooperation and understanding."
Now College Goes to Johnny

This is an architect's conception of what the general academic facility of the Lima branch of Ohio State will look when completed in September, 1966.

Education Edward Moulton all agree that growth of Lima into a four-year branch depends upon enrollment. But Moulton says such growth is in several years away. He and Fawcett say that some three-year courses may be offered next year.

I have shown my good faith in the future of Lima, central Ohio State by appointment as principal of the Lima branch, be Limited to education frim the College of Education and College of Pharmacy.

Current plans call for a live-story classroom building to be erected on a 4.4-acre campus site, two miles east of Lima. The bond issue passed in November, and is scheduled to receive $7.5 million if the next bond issue passes in May.

The city is planning a water line to the campus, currently be sold to the bond issue money, which will cost $135,000 to $235,000.

Rise for the structural steel to be used in the building are already being taken, and the Ohio Board of Control has released $200,000 for the completion of the job.

Watching and Waiting Meanwhile, branch students are watching the dollars and they are waiting—some eagerly, others apprehensively. Mostly, they are waiting to see if the new college will solve their problems.

Carol Mayer was one of those students. She spent more than two years at the Lima branch. Last year she was president of Lima's Student Senate. At the branch she earned 91 credit hours toward a degree in anthropology. Last quarter, unable to take the advanced courses she needed, Miss Mayer came to the Columbus campus.

The Lantern talked to her one night before she transferred. She was sitting in the center of the room, talking, and telling jokes.

Content With Branch Miss Mayer seemed quite content with branch life.

"I would stay if they would establish a four-year program while I am here," she said. "I think it would be exciting to watch a university grow." Lack of social life is a chief complaint of many branch students. They say there's not much to do but study and study.

Miss Mayer disagreed.

"Last year the Senate sponsored a mixer once a month," she said. "We had two formal dances—one in the fall and one in the spring, and we even had a May king and queen.

There is a sorority, Alpha Lambda Chi, sponsored by the Y.W.C.A.," she said. "This year there is also a mixed bowling league, a Lima campus choir with about 40 members and a basketball intramural program.

Poor Library Miss Mayer and another student in the coffee shop, Clifford Rayburn, talked about the Library problem.

"The Library just isn't as good as it should be," Miss Mayer said. "It works like this: A special section of the Lima Public Library is open for Ohio State students only, from 8 to 10 each morning. Ohio State buys books and magazines for the section.

"But it isn't adequate," Rayburn said. "It doesn't meet the need. I think it's going to be improved with the new college.

"Right now if you really need a library, you can go to Ada (Ohio Northern University's library) if you have a friend who'll get you in."

Living On Campus Miss Mayer is now on campus. Living in Norton House, and she completed her final semester in 1965.

Plans for the new building call for a 4,000 square-foot second floor library. There will also be a bookstore, a clinic, an art suite and many labs.

Perhaps new facilities will solve the students' library problem. But will it dissipate the non-intellectual high school atmosphere which instructors find at the current branch?

Can something be imparted as a new building do that? Or, as Miss Mayer suggests, is it up to the students?
Transparencies for "Wonderful World of Ohio."

Cutlines - 2

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY LIMA BRANCH CAMPUS--GENERAL ACADEMIC FACILITY

The Lima Branch Campus Building will provide undergraduate teaching facilities for classes now taught in Lima High School during the evening hours. The four-story building will be 77 by 202 feet in ground area providing 77,800 square feet of space. Facilities will include science laboratories, classrooms, large lecture rooms, book-store, library, language laboratory and faculty offices. Construction will be of steel, brick and precast concrete. Approximate cost will be $2,000,000.
To 1,292 Ohio State students, campus is three modern buildings on 600 acres of land outside Lima, Ohio.

Enrolled in University College, these students are attending class at the Lima branch of the University.

With the oldest of the buildings finished in 1966, the Lima campus is new and the facilities up-to-date. A beautiful natural area surrounds the campus, making it perfect for biology classes and ecology buffs.

Enrolled for different reasons

Many of the students will come to the Columbus campus in a year or two to complete their work. Still others plan to transfer to a small college similar to the Lima branch. A few students are enrolled in the four-year, degree-granting elementary education program.

Most of the students attend the branch for financial reasons. As almost all of the students live at home their fees for the year are only a little more than $500.

Student views on campus life at the branch college vary.

Bob Adams, a sophomore who spent two quarters on the Columbus campus last year, said he liked the branch better because it offered more of an opportunity to get to know people. He said he found the main campus too big and impersonal.

Adams did complain, however, that at the branch students take no action on matters of importance. During Spring Quarter campus unrest, classes and May Week activities were held as usual, he said.

It's only way for some

A senior in the elementary education program, Mrs. Joyce Sellati said that the branch was the only way for people like her to get an education. Mrs. Sellati pointed out that it would be impossible for her to attend classes on the main campus because of responsibilities to her husband and children.

Lisa Fritz, a first quarter freshman, said at first she was disappointed at not being able to go to the main campus, but after three weeks of classes she no longer felt that way.

Miss Fritz said attending classes at the Lima branch was similar to attending high school in that students still lived at home. But at the branch campus students are not nearly so restricted as in high school, she said.

Apathy is common

A sophomore transfer student, Harriet Pughsley, said the problems of the University were not really well-known by the students and that there was a good deal of student apathy.

Miss Pughsley pointed out, however, that many students hold full or part-time jobs off campus which leaves little time for involvement in campus affairs.

Lee Collar, a transfer student from Oberlin College, said part of the problems of the branch stem from the fact that it is governed by the same rules as the Columbus campus, though the two campuses are not at all alike.

Mount wants advisory board

John T. Moult, vice president for regional campuses and dean of University College, hopes to bring students at the regional campuses into closer contact with students from the main campus.

He hopes to do this by setting up a student advisory board with students from the four branch campuses as well as the main campus. The board would meet on different campuses so as to bring students from the different campuses into contact with each other.
LIMA, O., Oct. 11. -- -- The second building on the Lima Campus of Ohio State University will be dedicated in ceremonies beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday (10/13).

Scheduled to speak are Ohio State President Novice G. Fawcett, Gov. James A. Rhodes, Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor John D. Millett and Lima Campus Director J. McLean Reed.

The new $1 million structure is just south of the campus’ main building, John E. Galvin Hall. Exterior of the new building is granite stone, brick and concrete.

Inside are an auditorium lecture hall, 15 faculty offices and facilities, student work room and office, and cafeteria which will accommodate 364 persons. Parking is available near Galvin Hall and the new building.

Both buildings were designed to blend into the oak and hickory wooded surroundings of the campus.

Lima campus tells regents 'no' on OSU spinoff

8 Dec 70
By VICKI SCHMITZH
Lantern Contributing Editor

Supporters of Ohio State's Lima campus voiced opposition Monday to a Board of Regents' proposal to turn the Lima campus, and the regional campuses of eight other state-assisted universities, into two-year technical and community colleges.

The proposal, which would sever relations between Ohio State and its branches in Lima, Mansfield, Marion and Newark, received little support from James A. Robinson, vice president for academic affairs, who represented the University in the first of a series of Regents' hearings to be held on the proposal.

Robinson told the regents in a prepared statement that Ohio State supports the regents' master plan.

He said Ohio State would assist in the conversion of its branches to community colleges if they are considered best "in the board's considered judgement."

Testifying before the regents, former Lima State Senator Ross Pepple called the plan "unfair and unjust to the people in Lima."

Pepple, who was instrumental in establishing an Ohio State branch in Lima, told the regents his city was "incensed" over the proposal.

Richard Meredith, representing the Lima Campus Advisory Committee, presented the regents with four demands to keep the Lima campus an Ohio State branch.

Meredith also gave the regents petitions signed by Lima campus students who opposed the community college plan. Pepple said Lima students would attend the next regents' hearing, scheduled for Dec. 18.

The regents' recommendations are contained in a 108-page proposal which will be presented to the new state legislature when it convenes in January.

Kent State University President Robert I. White said the community college plan "disregards powerful considerations."

Both Pepple and members of a Kent State branch campus delegation noted their communities had made the decision several years ago to support a branch campus instead of a community college.

Support for the community college plan came from Youngstown State University and the Zanesville Technical Institute.

Spokesmen for Akron University, the University of Dayton and Jefferson County Technical Institute objected to the community college plan because they said it would duplicate the work of existing institutions or make the branches, "second class institutions."

In a recent statement sent to Ohio State regional campus directors, President Fawcett said Ohio State "questions the need for redirecting the educational program of these branches."

But if the local communities wish to change the branch from a baccalaureate-directed program to a two-year community college program, the University will assist the branch campuses in making the change, Fawcett said.

Also in his statement to the regents, Robinson said Ohio State "welcomes" the limiting of main campus enrollment to 45,000, but asked the regents to give the University "flexibility" in implementing the limiting process.

Robinson said the University agreed with the regents' recommendation to increase medical education facilities.
Bill OKs expansion at Lima

By David Harding
30 July 73

After having fought and overcome a possible $1.45 million appropriations cutback, University officials can proceed with Phase IV expansion plans at the Ohio State Lima Campus as originally scheduled.

Before heading home for a one-month recess Saturday, Ohio House members passed, 86 to 0, the $350 million capital improvements budget (Substitute House Bill 985).

The bill, now ready for Gov. John J. Gilligan’s signature, provides for $3.73 million in appropriations to the Lima Campus.

The funds are to be used for a library expansion project, a student commons, associate degree programs in dental hygiene technology, industrial technology and real estate technology, and additional classroom and office space.

A House amendment, which would have reduced the Lima Campus appropriations to $2.28 million, was taken out of the bill by the Senate last week.

Several University officials, the chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents and two Lima legislators had earlier testified before the Senate Finance Committee on the absolute necessity of appropriating the full $3.73 million to the Lima Campus.

The Geauga County branch of Kent State University, to which the $1.45 million portion of Lima Campus appropriations would have transferred under the House amendment, will still receive that amount as the result of a last minute $22 million increase in the total budget.

Before sending the bill to the House for approval, the Senate also restored $145,000 previously cut by amendment from the $3.55 million Ohio State Mansfield Campus appropriations.

According to the bill, the Ohio State Marion Campus will receive $2.44 million and the Ohio State Newark Campus $2.35 million.

Funds for the two-year campuses are to be administered by the Univer-
sity in cooperation with technical colleges at each location.

Appropriations for the Ohio State main campus totals $27.68 million and includes $9.75 million for a clinical medical sciences education facility, $5 million for physical education facilities, $4.13 million for utilities and renovations, $4 million for a main library addition and $2.29 million for the undergraduate library.

Higher education’s share of the total budget came to $180.87 million.
Subject: 1) Christmas breakfast  
        2) Archives Meeting

Date: December 8, 1982

From: James S. Biddle

To: Virginia Neth
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    Charles Hanson
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On Tuesday, December 14, you are cordially invited to a breakfast of pancakes and sausage at the Susie Q Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. If necessary, an alternate menu will be available. We hope that you will come and share a few moments of your holiday season with us. Will you please respond to Janet Warner on your plans to attend.

The second purpose of this memo is to invite you to a meeting on December 21, at 10:30 a.m. with Ray Goerler, OSU Archivist. Dr. Goerler will explain the nature of an archives and the responsibilities of individual offices in preparing materials for the archives, and, somewhat more importantly, indicating to you what must be kept and what can be discarded after a certain time period. I realize that this is a busy day for admissions people, both OSU and LTC, but on the whole, the meeting should be well scheduled for most campus personnel. The meeting will be in Galvin 246. It is expected to last about an hour.

JSB:jw
In the case of OSU's Lima campus, about 100 miles away from Columbus, distance lends not only enchantment but a fierce loyalty.

Farther from the main campus than OSU's other regional campuses, Lima faculty and students still feel a strong sense of community with Columbus, said James Biddle, dean of the Lima campus.

"There's a strong sense of belonging to Ohio State," he said. "As much as we would like to strive for uniqueness as a campus, we don't want uniqueness to take us away from OSU because we are a part of OSU."

That tie to the main campus is strengthened by some faculty members who commute from Columbus to Lima, by air, Biddle said.

Those professors teach agriculture courses for students who want to go into the College of Agriculture, he added. James Bode, who is in his 11th year at Lima as an associate professor of philosophy, said there are advantages and disadvantages to teaching on a regional campus.

"The disadvantage is that I don't have members of my own discipline to work with," he said.

"The advantage is I have a lot more opportunity for interaction with members of other disciplines."

Bode said he has not spent any time teaching in Columbus because his department has not had an exchange of faculty between the regional campuses and the main campus.

"One of the reasons is because of the kind of budget restraints the university has been under in recent years," he said.

"I can understand that. It's one of the problems we have to live with."

But, Bode said, teaching at Lima is challenging.

"You get a mix of students," he said. "You get a few outstanding ones and some who could care less. It varies from class to class."

Bode said one major drawback for students at the regional campuses is that they don't have any dormitories.

"A lot of education that goes on in college comes from the opportunity to just sit around and talk about things," he said. "That's one of the things missing on a regional campus because it is a commuter campus and has no dorms."

Debra VanDyne has been a lecturer of economics at Lima for three years.

"I like the fact that the classes are small," she said. "I like that because it gives me the opportunity to get to know the students."

VanDyne said a lot of students not only come to school full time but also hold down full- or part-time jobs. She said that helps them to be more responsible students and people.

Biddle, who held a post as a math professor at OSU before coming to the Lima campus as dean in 1970, is also president of Lima Technical College.

The technical college shares space with OSU on the 965-acre campus, which is on the east side of Lima.

The campus has six buildings with 985 students attending OSU and 2,165 going to the technical college. There are about 40 full-time OSU faculty members.
COLUMBUS, Ohio -- The nature trails at Ohio State University's Lima campus have been named to honor the late Roy E. Snyder, a professor of botany who was instrumental in establishing the natural area that surrounds the regional campus.

Ohio State's Board of Trustees approved the honor at its meeting Friday (9/6).

Snyder taught botany at the regional campus from 1966 until his death in 1984. Snyder concentrated his research on horticulture varieties that adapted well to the Lima area.

During 18 years at the Lima campus, he was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the 150-acre Tecumseh Natural Area and the six miles of trails that wind through the wooded tract. A 90-acre arboretum at the entrance to the campus features almost 100 different trees and identifying signs.

Ohio State's Lima campus was founded in 1960 and currently has about 950 students. The campus celebrated its 25th anniversary in January.

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Lima campus to award degrees at convocation

Ohio State's Lima campus will award 24 Associate of Arts degrees and honor 16 students for academic achievement at its Spring Convocation Sunday.

The two-year degree, offered only at regional campuses, consists of 50 hours of liberal arts requirements and 40 hours of specialized classes.

Two hundred and eighteen students have received associate degrees, offered since 1980, at the Lima campus.

Some students who cannot transfer to the Columbus campus decide to complete a two-year degree, said Leslie Rigali-Rankin, coordinator of communications services at the Lima campus.

Others get an associate degree and a bachelor's degree.

Students who are given awards for outstanding academic achievement are selected by professors in each field of study at the campus.
Branch campus lacks funding

By R. Thomas Abraham
Latern staff writer

The OSU-Lima branch doesn't have a 9,000 seat arena for basketball, nor do they have a football stadium that can seat 80,000 people.

What they do have are seven athletic teams, Cook Hall Gymnasium, which seats 1,270, and an athletic department financed on a small budget and fundraisers.

Even though they wear the scarlet and gray of the Buckeyes, they are called the "OSU-Lima Barons."

John Stroia, coordinator of athletics and recreational activity at Lima said, OSU-Lima has seven sports funded by the school: women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, baseball and men's golf. In addition, they have a cheerleading squad.

Stroia said the programs are set up as clubs instead of varsity sports because the Lima branch is geared toward a two-year degree instead of a bachelor's or master's degree.

"We receive no financial support from the main campus and often times we must hold fundraisers to generate revenue for the (athletic) department," Stroia said.

Fred Hattery, head baseball coach at OSU-Lima said, "We had a marathon baseball game against Urbana University which lasted 10 hours and 42 minutes. The game generated about $1,000 for the baseball program."

The Barons' money also comes from the OSU-Lima Barons Varsity Club which consists of alumni and students working together to finance the program.

I would love to see our program get some financial support from main campus. It would also help us get higher-quality players," Stroia said.

"The format of this branch is along the lines of a junior college," Stroia said. "We have no athletic scholarships involved."

Randy M. Shockey, the OSU-Lima men's and women's tennis coach said, "I look at it (no financial support from main campus) as an administrative decision."

"I will use what I have to work with. We just received our first ball machine and I can tell it is helping our players already," he added.

"Society sees it as the athlete needing a scholarship in order to play college athletics," Stroia said, "Athletes around here want to have the respect that a four-year college athlete would get."

OSU-Lima is in the Ohio Regional Campus Conference (ORCC) consisting of seven branch campuses: Ohio State Lima and Newark, Ohio University at Chillicothe, Lancaster and Zanesville, Miami University at Middletown and Hamilton.

The Barons are defending conference champions in women's tennis and volleyball and the men's basketball team has won the title three of the past four years with more than 20 victories.

Stroia said this was the first year baseball was considered a conference sport. However OSU-Lima has had a program since 1970.

Hattery said Lima has one of the best baseball facilities in the state and constantly donates his paycheck to the team.

"I rely a lot on fundraisers," Hattery said, "I do not get an adequate budget from the branch."

Currently the baseball team has 13 players and Hattery said on average, four players return each season.

"For the most part it is hard to get people to play since most of the players and students work away from the university," Hattery said.

Shockey, who is a full-time probation officer for the city of Lima, said, "Main (OSU) campus players are superior to our players."

Stroia said, "I do not think athletes on main campus look down on us in any way but they respect us for playing at the level we do."

"Some people do not realize the quality of athletes we have at a campus of this size and they do not understand the competition level."

"We do play teams the main campus plays throughout the season in baseball," Stroia said.

Shockey, who was the player-coach of the OSU-Lima Men's Tennis Team in 1972 said, "One of my greatest thrills in 1972 was when we played the junior varsity team on main campus."

Stroia said the NCAA forbids any of the branch campuses from playing the main campus in a scrimmage or a regular season game.

Hattery said the baseball team was scheduled to play the main campus baseball team but, one week before the game was to happen it got cancelled because of the NCAA regulations.

The students at OSU-Lima are admitted to all of the sporting events free, even the students at Lima Technical College are admitted free.

"We are basically selling a college and a university, and the athletic programs are unattractive because we cannot give the students a full ride scholarship," Stroia said.

1986 proved to be the best season in the history of the women's basketball program. They had their first winning season in Joyce Barkers' second year at the helm.

OSU-Lima could be the first branch campus in the history of the division to win the conference All-Sports Award three years in a row.

The men's tennis team is currently 9-7 and the women's team is 9-8 and finished third in the ORCC championships this past weekend at Miami University-Middletown.

Stroia said the main campus does not recruit at Lima. "If we had a player of that caliber they would not be here for long."

Pat Thompson, Ohio State's first baseman on main campus and a senior from Lima, played at OSU-Lima for a summer before playing on the main campus.

"There were some really good players on the team," Thompson said, "It is much more serious here (main campus) but I got a lot of practice there."

"I am very proud of the athletes in our program," Stroia said.
Lima campus comes alive for May Week

At least once a year OSU’s Lima campus is full of fun, frolic and festivities. May 4-9, the Student Activities Board sponsored the campus’ annual May Week.

During May Week, activities are planned around campus to encourage students to come together and have fun, said Carole Enneking, coordinator of social and cultural programs at the Lima campus.

Activities include both the traditional and the non-traditional. “It’s probably comparable to Greek Week,” Enneking said.

Photos and story by M. Heather Conway

David Adams, an associate professor of sociology, leads a group of runners in the May Week Fun Run. Greg Aebker, a freshman from Lima, and Denis Baker, a freshman from Convoy, follow. Adams placed ninth in the race, while Aebker and Baker placed 11th and 12th respectfully.

James Davis, a freshman from Lima, is put into protective custody by Alaina Miller, a freshman from Lima. The handcuffs were a prop used in the “Campus Jail” during May Week.

Steve Waters, a freshman from Springfield, and his partner Janine Jakine, a sophomore from Lima, pause to laugh during the banana-eating contest. Laura Reaman, a junior at Lima Technical College feeds a banana to Mike Baxter, a sophomore from Paulding.
Sculptors to compete in contest

Ohio State's Lima campus and Lima Technical College in conjunction with the Lima Art Association are sponsoring a statewide outdoor sculpture competition.

Eight artists will be commissioned to install their works on the Lima campus. The completed works will be on display during September and October.

The first place sculptor will be awarded with $1,000. A People's Choice Award of $250 also will be presented.

To enter, artists must complete an entry form and send it with a resume, slides of three different art works, a two-dimensional graphic representation of the proposed sculpture and a statement of the artist's concept (not to exceed one typewritten page). These materials should be sent to the Lima Art Association, P.O. Box 1948, Lima, Ohio, 45802.

For more information, call (419) 222-1721.
OSU president urges support for Lima campus

By JENNIFER FEEHAN
News Staff Writer

Even though he earned a doctorate in finance from the University of Michigan, the president of Ohio State University encouraged Lima area residents to support the Lima Campus to keep good students and promising graduates in the Lima area.

Edward H. Jennings, president of OSU since 1981, spoke Wednesday at a dinner recognizing those who have established endowments at OSU Lima and Lima Technical College.

Jennings joked with the crowd about the Ohio State-Michigan trade-offs before expressing his appreciation to the campus’ supporters.

“There are 20 endowed funds at OSU Lima and Lima Technical College that help us achieve many important goals,” he said. “The first way is helping us promote a broad accessibility of education to students.”

The regional campus itself “gives students access to the wide diversity of resources at Ohio’s largest land grant college,” he said. The Lima Campus is one of four OSU regional campuses.

Jennings said the university hopes that students who start college at one of the regional campuses will continue their education at the main campus in Columbus — “just as you hope they will return to the community as contributors.”

He said land-grant colleges like OSU have educated half of the members of Congress, half of the country’s governors and half of the Fortune 500 executives.

Speaking before Jennings’ presentation, Dr. James S. Biddle, director of OSU Lima and president of LTC, pointed to the campus production of “West Side Story,” which was being rehearsed in the auditorium across the hall from the recognition dinner.

“That is an example of the things that could not be done without private contributions. It could not be self-supporting,” he said.

The Martha W. Farmer Theater Scholarship Fund, one of 18 funds at OSU Lima, supports such projects and provides scholarships to students who plan to major in theater.

All of the endowments at the campus are self-perpetuating. Only the interest earned from the funds are used to award scholarships each year.
Lima campus boasts outdoor art

Eight Ohio sculptors are currently installing large, outdoor works at the OSU-Lima campus.

The exhibit, co-sponsored by the university and the Lima Art Association, includes works by two Columbus artists, James Arter and Jonathan Gilbert.

All the pieces in this show are site-specific, which means they are related to the physical environment of one particular place.

Ellen Nelson, executive director of the association, said the natural beauty of the campus made it an ideal location for the show.

Arter, 39, selected a sloping section of the campus to install his piece, entitled "Red Buttons."

This sculpture portrays a six-foot high chrome sewing needle stitching five giant red buttons to the ground. The buttons are made from aluminum forms and are three feet in diameter. A 50-foot long coiled hose depicts the thread.

Arter worked with Jack Freeman, an engineer who helped him with the design and physical construction of the sculpture. Several parts of the work were designed by Columbus Steel Drum.

"I came up with the idea, but I needed someone with the technical knowledge to pull it off," Arter said.

Martha Farmer, retired associate professor of theater at OSU-Lima campus, donated $1,000 for a Best of Show award. A People’s Choice award of $250 will be determined by the public.

The pieces will be available for public viewing September 7 through November 1 and will be part of Lima’s annual arts fair, held September 27.
Dean wants strong bond

By Eileen Malone
Lantern staff writer

Strengthening the relationship between OSU's Lima Campus and Main Campus through faculty research is one of the goals of newly-appointed Lima Campus Associate Dean, Phillip A. Heath.

The Board of Trustees approved Heath's appointment at its September meeting. Heath has been at the Lima Campus for 11 years and has served as acting associate dean since December. He was also education coordinator for the College of Education at Lima for three years and has taught numerous undergraduate and graduate-level courses.

"One of the problems we have (at the Lima Campus) is the distance from the resources at the Columbus Campus," Heath said. "We're always trying to create ways, such as research, to connect ourselves with the Columbus Campus and other regional campuses."

James S. Biddle, dean of the Lima Campus, said Heath was the overwhelming choice of the top four candidates in a national search for a person to fill the position.

Associate Provost for Administration Charles E. Corbato said he interviewed the top four candidates and said Heath was a very favorable candidate.

"He has a familiarity with the Ohio State system and an appreciation for faculty concerns," Corbato said.

Biddle agreed. "He has a great deal of respect for Ohio State and he understands the regional campus concept very well," he said.

The regional campus concept is to offer the same classes as Ohio State, at OSU quality, to regional campuses, Biddle said.

According to Biddle, the Lima Campus offers classes of Ohio State caliber by continually attracting a superior faculty, 90 percent or more of whom have doctorate degrees.

Heath said another goal of his is to continue to provide stronger links between business and industry and the Lima Campus. The Lima Campus is already taking steps toward this goal by beginning to offer classes in conjunction with auto workers at Ford Motors, he said.

Another goal is to strengthen the program of night classes offered to non-traditional students, Heath said.

"We're also anxiously awaiting the results of the study of the undergraduate curriculum at Ohio State, because we'll obviously have to make adjustments accordingly," Biddle said.

"I have a real commitment to the program here. I think we have real strength and I'm proud of this campus," Heath said.
Lima broadcasts Constitution course

By BARBARA OLIVER
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The Ohio State University at Lima will be joining other regional campuses in celebrating the United States Constitution with the presentation of a special tele-course, "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance."

The 10-week political science course, offered this quarter on OSU's Main Campus, will be televised winter quarter at OSU-Lima on Saturdays at 8 a.m. on local television station WTLW, Channel 44. William Angel, associate professor of political science, will be teaching the course.

"The class begins by addressing the procedural limitations of the government," Angel said. "It then moves on to discussions concerning constitutional rights — freedom of the press, speech, the rights of the criminal in our society and concludes with the exploration of federalism."

The class, one of several special interest and enrichment courses offered at OSU-Lima, is sponsored by OSU's Department of Political Science and will require assigned readings, two exams, which are mailed to the student's home, and three visits to the Lima Campus for classroom discussion.

"The course is aimed especially at currently enrolled students, graduate students, social studies teachers at both the high school and college level, and high school students wishing to earn undergraduate credit," said Phillip Heath, associate dean at Lima.

Heath said this is the first quarter OSU-Lima has offered the course and he expects an enrollment of 20 to 30 students.

The course is currently being presented to students at OSU in Marion this fall quarter.

The Admissions Office in Galvin Hall 205 will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Dec. 15, for people wanting to register for the class, which begins Jan. 9, 1988.
Lima minority union re-starts

By MARIA AVERION
Lantern staff writer

LIMA - Students attending OSU-Lima and Lima Technical College have been working together to re-activate a minority student union to provide support for minority students.

Lima Technical shares the campus with OSU-Lima.

Lisa Fell, coordinator of communication services for OSU-Lima, said the two schools often work together on important projects.

"The purpose of the group is to represent minority students in all aspects of life," Fell said. "The group should provide educational, moral, cultural and social support to each other while encouraging minority participation and communication with on and off-campus organizations."

Regina Clark, adviser for the minority union, said the group is also trying to work with campus administration in areas that would affect minority students such as goal-setting and policy-making.

"The organization has 26 members, but all minority students on campus are members at large," Clark said.

Fell said there are 136 minority students attending Lima Technical and 20 attending OSU-Lima. OSU-Lima's minority student enrollment was 12 last year.

Autumn Quarter enrollment was 1,178 at OSU-Lima and 1,771 at Lima Technical.

Clark said the students meet every Friday to plan group activities. The union has several projects planned, such as holding workshops, producing publications and hosting social events and field trips.

They raise money for their projects by paying dues of $2 per person each month and having money-making projects such as bake sales.

Fell said the union has a program to get mentors for minority students. Various community groups have volunteered to help the group by sponsoring people to speak and serve as role models for the students. A mentor should be a minority, a college graduate, and a prominent citizen in the community, she said.

Clark said meetings were held to find out if students were interested in reactivating a union. Students were in favor of the idea because of the lack of unity among minority students, she said.

She said before the union formed the students did not know each other well enough to share common problems which intimidated them as much as attending a school where they were a minority.

Javon Upthegrove, president of the union, said his main goal is to increase the visibility of black students on campus. "We want to bring students out from behind the scenes. Not to be considered as black students, but as students," Upthegrove said in an interview with the Lima News.
University prepares for active program year

Lima: Enrollment is expected to remain steady at about 1,200 students. Evening and Saturday classes are being increased to accommodate non-traditional students. The Community Educational Services Office is preparing for an increase in Japanese-owned business in the area. Ground will be broken this year for a new 15,000 square foot classroom building.

Project Opportunity, a Regents-funded program to enhance recruitment and retention of minority and non-traditional students, is under way. An early intervention program for "academically-at-risk" sixth graders is gearing up.
COLUMBUS, Ohio -- James J. Countryman is expected to be named the new dean and director of Ohio State University's campus at Lima when the university's Board of Trustees meets July 8. Countryman will also serve as president of Lima Technical College.

Countryman, 54, has been the vice president for academic and student affairs at the State University of New York College of Technology at Utica-Rome since 1983. His appointment will go into effect Aug. 15, pending approval by the Ohio State and LTC boards. The LTC board also meets July 8.

He will replace James S. Biddle, who was the founding president of LTC and the dean/director of Ohio State's Lima campus for 18 years. Biddle will retire on June 30 to become executive director of the Ohio State Loan Commission.

Ohio State officials are "excited about Dr. Countryman's coming to the Lima campus," said Associate Provost Charles Corbato. "His background makes him particularly qualified to assume the leadership of these two institutions that share the Lima campus."

Countryman has had a distinguished career on regional campuses. Prior to his current duties, he served as the vice
Spill causes evacuation at Lima campus

By Robert Bunge
Lantern staff writer

A 200-gallon spill of hydrochloric acid from the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. plant in Lima forced a two-hour evacuation of the OSU-Lima campus Monday morning.

The spill occurred at 7 a.m. when a storage container overflowed while being filled.

Gary Weaver, director of Buildings and Grounds at the Lima campus, said a Procter & Gamble official called at 7:20 a.m., told him there had been a spill and that the campus needed to be evacuated.

"By approximately 7:50, everyone was off the campus," Weaver said.

He said the process of evacuating the campus, which involved locking all the doors, went smoothly and lasted a short time.

"We had students coming back in at 9 a.m., and classes starting back up at 10 a.m.," he said.

The plant, which manufactures soaps and fabric softeners, is located one-half mile north of the campus.

Denise Andrews, spokeswoman for Procter & Gamble, said "There were no injuries in or outside the plant. Five people were taken to the hospital for observation, but all were released (Tuesday) morning."

Bath Township Fire Department spokesman Steve Hurst said a response team from the plant worked with police and fire officials and the spill was under control in 20 minutes.

"They had an overspill that was confined to their area, we were mainly concerned about the cloud of gas leaving the premise," he said.

Paul Koval, toxicologist for the Ohio EPA Division of Air Pollution Control, said that hydrochloric acid is a respiratory irritant, but is not carcinogenic.

He said it would be irritating when high concentrations are inhaled.

The Lima campus has 3,400 students enrolled, but Weaver said there were only about 500 on campus at the time of the spill.

He said the biggest problem in the evacuation was that the switchboard was closed because the operators were evacuated. As a result, students could not call to find out if the campus had reopened.

"People had no idea when classes would start," Weaver said.

He also said people arrived after the spill and had no idea what had happened.

Hurst said one of the reasons that the spill was handled quickly was good training.

"We just had a training drill last week at the plant for the same acid," he said.

Weaver said he had no prior knowledge of any potential danger from the plant.

"We have never had any problems in 15 years," he said.

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Molecular level

ARTIST JAMES PERNOTTO takes his viewers into “Atoms in Action — Paradiso” at the Lima campus. Ed Parker, left, a sponsor of the Second Annual Lima Sculpture Show; Stephanie Skyler, chairperson of the Lima Art Association; and James J. Countryman, dean and director of Lima campus, gather under the artwork, one of eight by Ohio sculptors, on display until Nov. 1. The event is sponsored by Ohio State, Lima Technical College and the art association.
Lima hall renamed in director's honor

By Gloria Zick Andrews
Lantern staff writer

The Student Activities Building at Ohio State-Lima was renamed J. McLean Reed Hall Thursday in a dedication ceremony honoring the man who helped make the Lima Campus a reality.

J. McLean Reed, 89, the first director of the Lima Campus, said he was "most grateful and thankful."

"Words are feeble vehicles in telling of my feeling today," he said. "I'm overwhelmed by this honor."

Reed was named director of the Lima Campus in 1962 when Ohio State was offering classes at Lima Senior High School. He served as director until 1970.

During his tenure, growth of the campus included the purchase of 565 acres in Bath Township and construction of two of the four buildings on campus.

In remembering the early days of the move from the high school to the present campus, Reed said it was "really quite different" from the way the campus is today.

"We didn't have parking spaces, and many things we have now," he said. "Many days I came early and stayed late."

Reed said students came to the Lima campus from 10 counties and that he spoke at 66 high schools in those counties.

"I remember one school in particular," he said. "I arrived and the principal told me to go on down to the auditorium. When I got there, there was nothing except a basketball court, no chairs."

"I asked the principal how many students they had, and if they were going to have to stand up while I made my speech. He told me to just wait."

"Well, the bell rang and in marched the 100 students, each one carrying a chair."

Reed's other accomplishments include fundraising efforts, establishing scholarships for students and course expansion, said Lisa Fell, communications coordinator at the Lima campus.

The renaming of the building to J. McLean Reed Hall received official approval at the September OSU Board of Trustees meeting, and the dedication took place at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the lobby of Reed Hall.

Before the dedication, Reed was honored at a special luncheon with family and friends at the Milano Club in Lima.
Campus to help firms with training

By PAUL W. SMITH
News Staff Writer

The Lima Campus will become a training broker, helping area employers find educational and technical training for their workers at universities and training schools throughout the country.

Dr. James Countryman, dean of OSU Lima and president of Lima Technical College, said today that the newly formed Lima Campus Regional Training Center will improve the area's workforce, thereby making area companies more competitive in the world market.

The program was announced during a meeting at the campus of approximately 30 training directors from area companies.

Countryman said the training center's purpose will be twofold. The center will initially help business and industry identify their training needs, then follow up by determining where those needs can be met.

Referrals may be made to OSU Lima, the technical college, Apollo Career Center and other local institutions. However, referrals will not only be made locally. The center will act as a "brokerage agent" for training institutions in Ohio and throughout the country.

To help place employees in the proper training program, the center will use a statewide computer database to identify institutions which offer that particular training.

The technical college has been involved with several customized training and retraining efforts for local companies and OSU Lima has offered specific courses on request. However, the regional training center will provide a permanent resource for state and national training institutions, Countryman said.

"This will be a one-stop shop for area industry," he said. "If (companies) have a need, they make one call and we do the rest."

Company employees "will get the kind of training that they need, what they need, when they need it, with a minimum amount of fuss," he added.

Countryman said the center will save area business and industry time and money in training or retraining employees. He said the result will be improved competitiveness - resources will be freed for other projects and improved employee skills will mean better productivity.

In addition to improving area business and industry, Countryman predicted the center will provide a bargaining chip for local economic development officials to use in attracting business and industry.

"Any time you have a better educated workforce ... this is an economic development tool," he said. "It certainly gives (the area) a competitive edge."

The training center will be housed on the campus in Room 205 of Galvin Hall. It will work in conjunction with the technical college's Business and Industry Services Division and the continuing education office for both the college and OSU Lima.
‘May Week’ party begins on Lima regional campus

By Keith D. Ackerman
Lantern staff writer

Alumni and former students of OSU’s regional campus in Lima are invited to attend Alumni Day and the Golden Oldies Block Party on Wednesday, May 10, as part of the campus’ annual “May Week” celebration, May 8-13.

Highlighting Wednesday’s Alumni Day festivities will be a barbecue and an outdoor concert by local ’50s and ’60s band, BMW.

“It (the block party and barbecue) is the biggest event of the whole week,” said Don Harrod, president of the student senate at Lima. “We sponsor the barbecue, and this year we sent out over 6,000 invitations and we’re hoping for a good turnout.”

Lisa Fell, coordinator of communications for OSU Lima and LIma Technical College, said the week-long outdoor festival consists of games and gymnasium activities, including an opening day tricycle race, a pizza eating contest, a Twister contest and a timed fruit juice drinking competition called the Baby Bottle Gobble.

“The focus of ‘May Week’ is not on recognizing the school or its student groups,” said Carole Enneking, coordinator of student activities at OSU Lima. “It’s a way of showing students that there’s more to school than just going to classes.”

Most students at Lima are commuters who just drive to campus, attend classes and leave, Enneking said.

“May Week has been an event ever since the Lima branch started in 1968,” Fell said. “It started out as simple games and dances, but it’s become more sophisticated.”

During the course of the week, approximately five to 10 events will be held each day from 12-3 p.m., she added.

Fell also listed special events like the Battle of the Bands competition on May 13 as the finale of the week.

The event, sponsored by WOSL, the campus radio station, also involves a competition between six local music groups. The bands will be judged by a panel of four local music enthusiasts, with cash prizes of $200, $100 and $50 to be awarded to the top three groups, she said.

The week-long festival gives students a chance to enjoy the warm weather and to meet new friends, staff and faculty, she added.

Enneking said 20 student organizations sponsor portions of “May Week,” including games, concessions and special events. These groups plan, staff and get the equipment needed for their portion of the celebration.

Harrod said many student organizations use “May Week” as a way to make money for their group, but the focus is to have fun.

“We (the student senate) do use the barbecue we sponsor as a money-maker,” he said. “But it’s more to promote ourselves in a fun way to the campus and to the community.”

Tickets for the Alumni Day barbecue are $4.25 for alumni and $4.50 for students. Ticket information is available from the Student Activities Office.
Lima offers manager class

The Office of Continuing Education at the Lima campus is offering a two-phase, four-course program on supervisory skills training.

Each course costs $65.

Phase I comprises two sessions. The first, Fundamental Skills of Managing People, emphasizes how to deal with subordinates while maintaining their self esteem. It is scheduled for March 6, with a registration deadline of Feb. 27.

The second half, Fundamental Skills of Communicating with People, explores communication as a two-way process. The course is offered March 13, with a March 6 registration deadline. Both courses are held from 1-5 p.m.

Phase II also consists of two parts. The first, Assessing Employee Performance, to enable supervisors to base assessments on facts and behavior, will be held March 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The registration deadline is March 3.

The second part, Coaching for Improved Performance, focuses on the special nature of coaching. It will be conducted March 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration deadline is March 10.

For more information, call 292-0251 or 221-1641, ext. 240.
Dulcimer days

Mountain and hammer dulcimers, tin whistles, musical saws, bones, spoons and auto harps will take the spotlight — with banjos and guitars — when folk music lovers gather on the Lima campus for the annual Great Black Swamp Dulcimer Festival April 27-29.

Special guests include Madeline MacNeil and Virginia’s No Strings Attached.

The festival is sponsored by the University and Lima Technical College. The events begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday and will be held all day Saturday and Sunday. There is an admission fee.

For more information, call 221-1641 or 292-0251.
Social 'burnout'

"Stress in the Social Services" and burnout will be the topic of a seminar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21 in 160 Reed Hall, Lima.

Warren Galbreath, instructor of social work, will conduct the session.

The State of Ohio Social Worker Board will award participants six hours of continuing education credit.

The seminar is sponsored by the Lima Office of Continuing Education. The deadline for registration and fees is April 16. Lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register call 292-0251 or 221-1641, extension 406.
OSU campus at Lima holds ‘College Day’ for minorities

By Matt Thompson
Lantern staff writer

Minority high school students will get a chance to learn about college when they visit the OSU campus at Lima and the Lima Technical College Wednesday.

“College Day for Minority Students” is an annual event started in 1987 at the Lima Technical College by Regina Freeman, minority affairs coordinator at the college. She said she started the program in order to better prepare minority students for their future. This year will be the second year Lima branch of OSU has been involved.

“As a recruiter, I was finding many minority students were unfamiliar with college jargon and college demands,” Freeman said. “Or with what the work world expects.”

Minority students from seven Lima-area high schools will be touring the campus and attending sessions that cover everything from career placement to financial aid. Freeman said about 50 students attend each year.

Freeman said Lima Technical College also has an annual career day for all students, white and non-white, but she noticed that minority students rarely attended.

“They weren’t signing up,” Freeman said. “I thought we should have something special, just for them.”

An additional problem has been keeping minority students in college once they get there, Freeman said. She said she has noticed a high drop-out rate among minorities.

“It’s getting better,” Freeman said. “I think this year we’ll be graduating the largest number of minority students.”

The Lima Technical College has about 2,300 students, of which 8 percent are minorities. This has increased from 5 percent, the amount of minorities at Lima Tech when Freeman started working there.

Virginia Midkiff of the University Registrar’s Office said the OSU campus at Lima has 1,178 students, of which 80 are minorities.

The OSU main campus held its fourth-annual “High School Visitation Day” for minority students last April.

Linda Jackson, director of administration in the office of minority affairs, said nearly 300 students attended the two day OSU program, which included college tours and lectures on honors programs and the admission policy.

Jackson said the program has been very productive.

“It’s very effective in, first of all, making them think of attending college, and secondly, making them look very favorably at Ohio State,” Jackson said.
OSU Lima faculty takes initial steps toward forming union

By LYNN GAGEL
News Staff Writer

A union authorization petition, the first step in forming a collective-bargaining unit, has been filed by the 53-member faculty of OSU Lima.

But whether that petition will be recognized by the State Employee Relations Board is yet to be seen, according to William Angel, a political science professor at Ohio State-Lima and faculty leader of the unionization effort.

The next step in the unionization process would be for SERB to issue a "voluntary recognition" order to the campus administration to recognize the faculty as a union, after which negotiations on a collective bargaining agreement would begin, said Mel Driban, the Cleveland-based national representative for the American Federation of Teachers.

Without such an order, it would take a simple majority during a vote by campus faculty for union authorization, which would eventually lead to formation of a collective bargaining unit, Driban said.

The question, however, is not whether the faculty wants to unionize. For the petition to be filed, only 30 percent of the faculty need to sign authorization cards distributed in May. But according to Angel, more than half of the faculty signed the cards.

The question is whether unionization at a regional campus is legally permissible.

"There is a situation that has to be resolved (before unionization can occur) — whether or not we can do it as a campus or whether we are a part of the entire university system," Angel said.

"The only way to find out was to take the step we took," he added.

The main reason for the unionization drive is a dissatisfaction with campus administration, Angel said.

"Ohio State has had a longstanding tradition of faculty governance of the university," he said, explaining that the faculty has, under previous administrations, been a part of this tradition and played at least an advisory role in the making of major decisions.

However, he said, that is no longer the case.

"Since Dr. Biddle left as dean, we feel we've been denied our advisory role and been denied our part in the governance of the Ohio State University Lima Campus," Angel said.

Dr. James Biddle retired in 1988 after 18 years as dean of OSU Lima.

The unionization effort, Angel said, "is not a question as much of dollars and benefits as it is a question of democracy."

"We basically want to be consulted on important decisions that the administration makes," Angel said.

Both OSU Lima and Lima Technical College are directed by the same administration. Current OSU Lima Dean James Countryman also is president of LTC. The unionization effort affects only the faculty of OSU Lima, not Lima Technical College.

Because it serves both OSU Lima and LTC, the administration has "two and oftentimes conflicting roles to play," Angel said.

"Dr. Biddle was always careful and capable of balancing those two roles," Angel said. "Dr. Countryman hasn't learned how to do it yet."

According to Countryman, the faculty's role in decision-making has not been denied.

"Obviously I have a different point of view, but I really don't think (it has been)," he said today.

The petition is being studied by the campus administration, he said, and a decision is pending.

"We'll be filing some sort of reaction with the SERB but at this point I don't know what kind of position we'll be taking," Countryman said.

He estimated that the reaction would be filed within 10 days.

Angel said he had no idea how — or when — SERB will rule on the petition.

If SERB rules that the faculty is a part of the Ohio State University system and not an independent unit, there are some legal appeals that could be filed through the Ohio Teachers Federation, Angel said, but such a ruling would certainly be a "temporary setback."

But Angel is optimistic that SERB will rule in favor of the OSU Lima faculty, because the campus represents a separate line item in the state's budget and because decisions regarding issues such as salaries are made locally.

"It's an ambiguous situation, but we think there's enough evidence ... to warrant our forming a collective bargaining unit."
This is the first effort to unionize faculty members at a regional campus in Ohio, Driban said. “I've had numbers of inquiries from the other (Ohio State) branch campuses and they are probably watching the Lima campus very carefully,” he said.

Driban said he also is currently working on a separate effort to unionize the faculty of Lima Technical College.
Administration objects to OSU Lima faculty union

By LYNN GAGEL
News Staff Writer

Ohio State University officials have formally objected to a bid for union representation by faculty members at OSU Lima, according to Phillip Moots, a Columbus attorney representing the campus administration.

Collective bargaining authorization cards, signed by more than half of the 53 faculty members, were filed with the State Employees Relations Board in June, according to William Angel, leader of the unionization effort.

One of the two reasons the administration objects to unionization stems from a problem with those cards.

By filing a union authorization petition with SERB, Moots said, the faculty would simply have been requesting a union authorization election.

However, Moots said, no petition was filed. By filing the cards, he said, faculty members bypassed a representational election. The lack of an election is something to which the university objects, Moots said.

He said local representatives of the American Federation of Teachers indicated that when faculty members signed the union recognition cards, they were simply asking for an election. But, Moots maintained, after some cards had been signed and gathered, federation representatives changed the reason for signing.

“It’s the university’s position that those cards were gathered under misrepresentation,” Moots said.

University officials, according to Moots, think an actual election should take place to gauge how much support the unionization effort has among faculty members.

Angel called the misrepresentation claim “simply poppycock,” and said he, too, would like to see an election.

The campus dean, Dr. James Countryan, was present at the faculty meeting where Angel presented the unionization authorization cards, according to Angel, and the purpose of the cards was made clear at that meeting.

“He heard what I said. ... I am frankly shocked that they would say we misrepresented,” Angel said. “... We have the votes right now — if they have a vote, they’d lose.”

While both sides are in favor of a vote, Angel said whether one will be taken is an issue that will ultimately be ruled on by SERB.

A second point stated by university administration in its objection to the formation of a collective bargaining unit concerns who that unit would represent.

The university’s position, Moots said, is that “tenure track faculty should be in the bargaining unit and only tenure track faculty.

“The petition calls for (representation of) all faculty, (but) faculty who are on tenure track have substantially different responsibilities and substantially different job responsibilities than those who don’t,” he said.

But by allowing only tenure track faculty to join a bargaining unit, according to Angel, the administration would undermine the power of the union.

“I can understand why they would like to see only tenure track be represented,” he said. “They would like to have their freedom to bring in a temporary faculty and move out that temporary faculty at their will.”

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Such action would not only undermine the power of the union, he said, it would adversely affect the quality of education.

"It is imperative that non-tenured faculty be included in the union simply to provide a better education for the students," said Angel, who is associate professor of political science at the campus.

One initial question raised by leaders of the unionization drive — whether a regional campus of Ohio State would even be considered independently from the main campus system for the formation of a union — was not listed among the administration's objections.

"We think that tentatively the Lima regional campus will be recognized as a separate bargaining unit," Moots said.
Lima prepares to vote on faculty union

By David Tull

A vote by 40 Lima campus faculty on Oct. 23 will decide whether the regional campus will have a faculty union.

The election will be from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in 316 Galvin Hall. It will be by secret ballot, supervised by the State Employment Relations Board.

Tenured and tenure-track faculty will have only two choices: to form a bargaining unit under the American Federation of Teachers and its subsidiary Ohio Federation of Teachers, or to form no bargaining unit.

This much, everyone seems to agree on.

There is considerable difference of viewpoint over other aspects of the process that has absorbed the regional campus for the better part of six months.

"There's been a lot of tension," says William Angel, associate professor of political science, Lima. Angel, a leader of the unionization effort, stresses that his comments to onCampus represent views "for myself, as an individual who supports the union."

Angel believes the process itself has positive value. "I think it's healthy for us to look carefully at this decision. It's a big decision. The vote probably will be very close." But there are issues such as teaching load and salaries that a union could influence, Angel believes.

However, "we try to stress collegiality and I think that is one of the things that gets lost when (faculty go) to a union situation," says Charles Corbato, associate provost responsible for liaison with the regional campuses. Issues such as teaching load and salaries have heretofore been handled on an individualized basis, he says.

Since the issues were raised earlier this year, Corbato and Frederick E. Hutchinson, vice president for academic affairs and provost, have visited Lima several times. "We've spent more time on the Lima campus than we normally would, and probably will continue to do so," Corbato says.

In addition, the provost's office has appointed Julian Markels, professor of English and former department chairperson, as special assistant to the provost. He spends three days a week on the Lima campus to explore the kind of role faculty can play in campus governance at Lima, Corbato says. The Lima Faculty Assembly has assured the provost's office that it wishes to have that kind of individual contact, he adds.

Would establishment of a faculty federation bring major changes? Perhaps not, says Philip Moots, Columbus attorney representing the University. A majority vote would only create an organized unit to negotiate with the University.

"The University would find it very hard to reach an agreement that is much different than at other campuses...It probably would look pretty much like it looks now," Moots says. The bargaining unit would involve only Lima campus faculty.

By law, a negotiated agreement would supplant other employment agreements, including tenure agreements, Moots says.

Meanwhile, the business of education goes on. "The campus is doing extremely well...any way you want to measure it," says James Cuntryman, dean of the Lima campus. "We've got great people here."

The request for a union vote stems from some "bread and butter issues," says Angel. "We want parity in teaching load with our colleagues on other campuses, and parity in salaries."

Angel says that his fellow faculty members on the Columbus campus "teach five courses a year, while I teach seven courses a year." Salaries are considerably higher on the Columbus campus, he claims.

There also are issues of academic freedom and governance, Angel says. "The administration (at Lima) makes decisions without consulting us. It's like a benign dictatorship. We would like to exert a little more control."

Angel is a member of the Lima Faculty Assembly and also a campus representative on University Senate. However, he says that regional campus needs often are subordinated to Columbus campus issues. "We're neglected and forgotten about."

Corbato disagrees with many of these conclusions. "I don't think you can generalize that work loads are heavier. Research expectations are considerably different and teaching loads range tremendously from individual to individual and department to department. The total work loads, we think, are comparable."

Faculty responsibilities cover a range of teaching, research and service demands, he says. "We don't think everybody should be treated as if they're identical."

Lima faculty who wish to verify whether they are eligible to vote or need additional information on the Oct. 23 vote may call the Office of Academic Affairs at 292-5881.
Support for union not solid

Lima faculty effort seen as attempt to oust OSU dean

By DAVE SCHWEINGRUBER
News Staff Writer

There wasn’t enough faculty support to guarantee a solid victory in the OSU-Lima collective bargaining election, so there was no point in holding one, says Mel Driban, the American Federation of Teachers’ representative involved in the unionization effort.

Driban, in conjunction with the OSU-Lima union committee, decided earlier this week to withdraw their union authorization petition from the State Employee Relations Board and cancel an election on the creation of a collective bargaining unit scheduled for Oct. 22.

Local union committee members cited a large number of undecided professors as the reason for the decision.

Driban says that two-thirds of OSU-Lima faculty members signed collective bargaining authorization cards before a petition was filed with SERB in July. He says signing a card indicates an intent to authorize the AFT to represent the signer.

"Many professors, knowingly or otherwise, signed a card to focus the attention of Columbus on the branch campus in an attempt to dispose of the administrator," Driban said.

It wasn’t clear that the attempt at establishing collective bargaining would fail in election, Driban said, but it was a "horse race. ... The best we could have done would have been a close win and I’m not sure that’s best for the faculty."

Corbato says the regional campuses are important parts of the OSU system but Lima’s 30-mile distance from Columbus "is not conducive to communication."

According to Dr. William Angel, an associate professor of political science and member of the union committee, "the rub of the problem is that decisions are being made without consultation of the faculty which are damaging the academic credibility of the campus."

Philosophers who have quality advisors and administrators, hiring of additional administrators and budget priorities as examples of those decisions.

"The idea behind faculty governance is that the administration is a part of the faculty," said Angel. "That there is a certain equality between faculty and administrators."

Angel says the principles of shared governance are explained very loosely in the Patterns of Administration, which acts as a constitution for the campus. One of the reasons he supports a union is because faculty rights and responsibilities in the governance of the campus could be incorporated in a negotiated contract.

Angel also says there is a concern that "the Columbus campus doesn’t really care what happens on the regional campuses."

Faculty members who spoke to The Lima News had differing opinions about the union but supported the decision to cancel the vote.

Dr. Charles Moseley, an associate professor of chemistry, says he assumes the reason for dropping the election was a lack of votes needed to approve a union. Moseley says he has opposed the union.

"In general there are better ways to solve problems," he said. "Especially in the university setting where we have a tradition of collegiality."

Starting a union "changes the relationship completely" because it creates a "built in adversarial relationship."

He says he thinks another effort at unionization may not occur "if we work on our problems with the central and local administration, especially within the traditional shared-governance att-
Dr. Eric Juterbock, an associate professor of zoology and a member of the union committee, says that college faculty are "notoriously hard to figure out." He thinks many professors want to deal with the rewriting of the Patterns of Administration before deciding the union question.

He says the major issue is the faculty's sharing of governance with the administration.

"The historic tradition of the university is that the faculty is the university," he said.

Dr. David Adams, an associate professor of sociology, said it's a "rather good idea to postpone the union decision. ... I think it's probably because of a fair number of professors who couldn't make up their minds."
Observer from main campus watching OSU Lima situation

Union organizers at OSU-Lima cite Dr. Julian Markels as one of the reasons why faculty aren’t ready to vote on the fate of collective bargaining at the campus.

Markels, a professor of English at OSU’s Columbus campus, has been assigned by Dr. Frederick Hutchinson, Ohio State University’s provost, to observe the situation at OSU-Lima and help the regional campus update its Patterns of Administration. Every unit in the Ohio State University system has one of these documents, which acts as a constitution.

Markels says he will spend three or four days a week on the Lima campus this quarter and prepare a report, which should be ready soon after the new year.

Markels says he is talking to as many people on the campus as possible about their concerns. He is to study how the present Patterns of Administration is working and what changes can be made in it to address current concerns.

He says two major issues for the faculty are the shared governance of the campus between the administrators and faculty, and OSU-Lima’s relationship with the main campus.

The union committee’s letter to the faculty announcing the decision to withdraw the petition said some professors “feel that the visit of Julian Markels raises too many uncertainties about our present and future relationship to the Columbus Campus to permit a confident vote at this time.”

Markels says he was assigned to Lima in May, before the unionization effort was known to him or the provost and that he has purposely avoided participating in or investigating the union question.

Dr. James Countryman, dean of OSU-Lima, says he requested the provost assign someone from outside the campus to help with the process of updating the Patterns of Administration.

Dr. William Angel, an associate professor of political science and a member of the union committee, says that isn’t true. He says the idea to send Markels originated in the provost’s office because of conflict arising from the Lima faculty’s “problem with Dean Countryman.”

Dr. Charles Carlsbeto, OSU’s associate provost, says he doesn’t know where the idea originated.
Lima faculty reconsider union election

By David Tull

Lima faculty organizers have withdrawn a petition to unionize through the American Federation of Teachers. The decision came less than two weeks before an election had been scheduled to determine if the Lima faculty would form a bargaining unit.

"The main reason is that faculty (say they) need more time," says William Angel, associate professor of political science, Lima. "Everyone we talk to feels that the decision is being rushed and wants to defer it."

Faculty also expressed concern about their relationship with main campus and their respective departments, and about the status of tenure, Angel says.

Angel is a member of the Lima Faculty Federation Committee. The three others are James Bode, associate professor of philosophy; Eric Juterbock, associate professor of zoology; and W. Wayne Reinhardt, assistant professor of history. The committee will continue to meet, Angel says. "I believe the union issue is still very much alive."

Another factor is that "Columbus (the University administration) is trying to work with us on issues," Angel adds. Julian Markels, professor of English, is a new special assistant to the provost and spends three days each week at Lima. One issue Markels is exploring is the role of faculty in governance, says Angel.

In addition, both Frederick E. Hutchison, vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Charles Corbato, associate provost responsible for extended or regional campus liaison, have visited Lima regularly in recent months.

"I've talked with 24 faculty members," says Corbato. "Julian (Markels) will continue to talk to faculty about their concerns. "We are clearly very pleased that the (petition) has been withdrawn. We had hoped there would be other solutions to the problems without going to a bargaining unit. We will continue to address problems presented by faculty (in Lima) through normal channels."

Lima faculty requested that the American Federation of Teachers withdraw the unionization petition. AFT would have been the representative agency had faculty voted to form a bargaining unit.

"I have received an official motion to withdraw the petition," Philip Moots said on Oct. 12. Moots is the Columbus attorney representing the University in this process. The State Employee Relations Board still must act on the request before the unionization vote is formally cancelled. SERB is expected to act soon, Moots said.

About 40 faculty at Lima were scheduled to vote in the Oct. 23 balloting. Only tenured and tenure-track faculty were eligible. They could have voted to have no union representation or to be represented by the Ohio Federation of Teachers, a unit of the AFT.
OSU will replace its Lima campus dean

Decision also will affect local technical college

By Tim Doulin
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

The Ohio State University will replace the administrator of its Lima campus and, as a result, may alter a 20-year relationship with Lima Technical College.

James Countryman, dean and director of OSU's Lima campus, will be replaced in June due to "differences over his administrative style," the university said.

Under a cost-sharing agreement between OSU and Lima Technical, Countryman also serves as president of the college. Lima Technical's board of trustees plans to meet today to decide whether to dismiss Countryman, a spokesman for the Lima campus said.

If the trustees decide to keep Countryman, the campus would face the prospect of having two administrators for the first time. Since 1971, OSU and the college have agreed to share some facilities and staff.

David Boyne, an associate provost at OSU, said Countryman, dean since Aug. 15, 1988, failed to meet the university's expectations for deans and has a poor relationship with the Lima faculty.

The provost's office had been assessing Countryman's performance for more than a year, Boyne said. He said the decision to make a change has nothing to do with attempts by OSU instructors on the campus to form a union last year.

Boyne said Countryman's situation is a personnel matter and declined to be more specific about why he is being replaced.

Countryman could not be reached for comment yesterday. Lisa Fell, spokeswoman for the Lima campus, said Countryman and Lima Technical trustees will not comment until after today's meeting.

Boyne said the agreement with the technical college is "under negotiation."

"We are committed to the principle of continuing a joint administration at the Lima campus," Boyne said. "Regardless, OSU Lima will continue as an institution that serves the Lima and greater Lima community as an extended campus."

The Lima campus has about 1,350 students. The technical college has about 2,500.
Lima, Newark make changes

Newark campus administrative offices will take over the management of its student housing through an apartment management agreement.

The agreement was approved July 12 by the Board of Trustees.

The agreement with the apartment owners, Sharon Valley Limited Partnership of Newark, provides for the Newark campus to manage the two three-story brick apartment buildings for five years. The University has the right to terminate the agreement each year.

Julius S. Greenstein, dean and director of the Newark campus, says the owners have managed the apartments since their construction in 1986. Located on Sharon Valley Road, some 300 feet from Adena Hall, they have a capacity of 170 students in 42 efficiency, two- and three-bedroom apartments.

"We have felt for some time that the management of the apartments should be in our hands as part of the academic strategic planning for the further development of the Newark campus," says Greenstein.

"This option will provide for closer contact with our resident students. The availability of the housing is useful in the recruitment of students from well beyond our immediate area."

Greenstein says the Newark campus will manage the apartments and rent them out. The campus also will contract for necessary service and maintain and repair them.

The owner will reimburse the campus for the costs of managing the facility if the rental income is insufficient. The campus expects to break even on the project with projected annual revenues of $457,800 and expenses of $456,300, including an annual equipment and building improvement reserve of $30,000.

The campus will provide a full-time resident hall director and appropriate student residence assistants, as well as programming for the students in conjunction with the Newark campus student life staff.

In other action, trustees voted to:

- Authorize negotiations with the World League of American Football for lease of Ohio Stadium, should Columbus be chosen as the site of a franchise.

The authorization is contingent on receipt of a waiver of the Big Ten conference regulation which forbids members from using their facilities regularly for professional sports.

Chairman Hamilton J. Teaford emphasized that, despite published reports to the contrary, no members of the Board of Trustees are or will be investors in the football franchise.

- Authorize the president and the provost to negotiate and execute a new agreement with Lima Technical College for cooperative and shared use of facilities and programs with the Lima campus.

Under the current agreement, signed in 1971, Lima Tech offers two-year technical programs on the Lima Campus and Ohio State offers some courses for Lima Tech students, all on a shared cost basis. The schools also have shared some personnel.

The trustees of Lima Technical College have notified Ohio State that they wish to negotiate changes in the 20-year-old agreement.
Gee backs Lima Campus program expansion

BY APRIL SYBERT-LONG
The Lima News

A strategic planning process nearing the end of its first phase could mean expansion of academic programs at the Lima Campus in as few as two years, said the president of Ohio State University.

Dr. E. Gordon Gee, who visited Lima Wednesday, said he has "no problem with expanding programs here and at the other (regional campuses)."

Gee also expressed a full commitment to the Lima campus.

"There is a need in the community and there is a need for resources to fund it," he said. "I don't want to create programs that can't produce Ohio State quality."

The planning process, which Gee said will conclude its first phase this month, involves a comprehensive review of university programs, the link between academic and budget planning and a sense of what people want the university to provide.

Gee said the results will be condensed into four to six issues, which will be the focus of the second stage of the process. Phase two, the implementation stage, should begin in July, Gee said.

"Although we are only a few months away, we will have a much clearer focus of how the issues will be carried out," he said. "I think the next 18 months will be difficult for the institution financially. There's a short-term issue -- sustaining quality. I think it's very possible to look for expansion. Not now, but two or three years down the line."

Gee said the university is "in the midst of developing the plan," and therefore be could not elaborate on what the Lima Campus expansion could include. The only degree-granting program currently offered by OSU in Lima is in elementary education.

"I believe, in terms of the strategic planning process, we're focusing on the extended campuses," Gee said. "These campuses are viewed as side doors to the institution. They are not a burden, but an opportunity for us. We need to approach these things as if they were the front doors. All of the Ohio State campus is the state."

The regional campuses, Gee said, offer opportunities in many ways, and he noted for many students the proximity of such a campus means a chance to attend a higher institution.

"There is a squeeze out there. The ability for the opportunity to have higher education as close to home as possible is important," Gee said.

Gee said he intends to be a large part of the future for the regional campuses. For now, that means visiting those campuses as often as possible.

But the squeeze on higher education comes in more forms than one. State funding cuts and maintaining quality education are other concerns for Gee.

"I think the university is where young people can come to be a doctor or where a kid can come from the ghetto to make a life for himself," Gee said. "That's the American dream. A university is essential ... We are the economic engines. We make the difference in the classroom, with jobs and with the quality of life."

"But the fabric of the community is coming apart, and it's an essential to reweave those back together."

Gee said establishing councils around the state is being considered to help connect the regions to Columbus. This struggle for a link and for assuring the availability of educational resources, he said, will also require community support.

"The one thing we do the best (educating) in the world, we're threatening now. That's why (higher education) needs your support," Gee said.

Gee's primary concern with supporting resources is the loss of state funding, which threatens further program cutbacks. Thus far, Gee said three university departments have been eliminated, a $60 million telescope project was scrapped and further program consolidations are being investigated.

"I've certainly expressed my concerns (to Gov. George Voinovich) about the budget cuts," Gee said. "It's a critical time ... Universities should remain high priorities. When parents have to pay the cost twice, once through taxes and again through tuition, that's a problem."

Gee said fewer state dollars means higher tuition costs, something he does not want to go any higher than need be. Despite the threat of higher tuition, he said, Ohio State remains one of the better education buys.

"For every dollar you put into this university, you get that dollar back and maybe another 50 cents," Gee said. "Ohio State is one of the better tuition bargains in the state. But universities have taken 39 percent of the (state) budget cuts. It's time to say we've given our share."

Gee addressed a combined session of the Lima Noon Optimist Club, Lima Lions Club and Allen County chapter of the Ohio State Alumni Association at the Milano Club Wednesday noon.
Community college in Lima future?
Panel may urge merging branches, technical colleges

By CHUCK DELL
The Lima News

COLUMBUS — Ohio’s budget crisis threatened to strike closer to home Thursday when it was learned by The Lima News that a proposal being considered for presentation to the Ohio Board of Regents could end The Ohio State University role at the Lima branch campus.

N. Victor Goodman, chairman of the Board of Regents task force studying cost-cutting proposals, told The News, “we are considering suggesting to the board that branch campuses and technical colleges be merged.”

The task force is scheduled to make its recommendations to the board in July, Goodman said at a briefing Thursday for newspaper editors and publishers at the board’s offices in the Rhodes State Office Tower.

When asked if the merger of OSU-Lima with Lima Technical College was being specifically considered for recommendation, Goodman said, “Yes.”

Asked what that might mean for OSU-Lima, Goodman responded, “something would have to disappear.”

The considered suggestion for the board apparently would merge the two institutions under one administration and faculty as a community college, details of which would have to be negotiated.

Dr. Kenneth Clemens, a Lima dentist and a member of the Board of Regents task force, said this morning that “we have considered many proposals but have approved none.

“We’ve looked at ways to maintain access. And we seek to create an organized system. Each of the campuses and technical institutions has its own mission and we are merely looking to see if some might be combined.”

Clemens emphasized that the Board of Regents alone lacks the authority to implement a change and that even if it is recommended “it would require the support of the governor and Legislature.”

Dr. Clemens is a graduate of Ohio State, chairman of the board of Lima Technical College and a member of the OSU-Lima Citizens Council.

Ohio State University President Dr. E. Gordon Gee appeared to be taken aback when informed by The News of Goodman’s revelation. He vigorously defended OSU’s four branch campuses — at Mansfield, Marion and Newark — in addition to Lima — and vowed to oppose the Mankgng for the Future Task Force’s proposed merger suggestion.

“We’re not going to lose OSU-Lima. First of all, we’d have the issue of authority (under a merger),” Gee said. “We are strongly committed to the Lima campus. I am very high on the regional campuses and I plan to defend them. They have an unusually useful role.”

Gee indicated it is his opinion that the task force is “simply exploring all possible solutions to the fiscal crisis.”

“The list of proposed recommendations is quite lengthy,” said OSU-Lima Associate Dean Dr. Phillip Heath, when asked for a reaction this morning. “And any response would be totally premature.”

Dr. Violet Meek, acting dean at OSU-Lima, was out of town today and unavailable for comment.

But Dr. James Countraman, president of Lima Technical College, indicated he believes a merger would be advisable.

“I guess I would get real excited when I saw it emerge. It’s something that should be considered. But I don’t know how I’d react until I saw the specifics,” said Countraman.

Lima Technical College’s local managing for the Future Task Force...
Computer theft stalls students at OSU’s Lima campus

LIMA, Ohio (AP) — The theft of more than $30,000 in computer equipment and software from Ohio State University’s Lima campus over the weekend has caused problems for students trying to complete assignments.

“There’s been some concern,” said Phillip Heath, an associate dean. “We’re trying to switch assignments to another room.”

Thirteen Apple Macintosh central processing units, seven keyboards with mouse attachments and software packages and memory cards were stolen.

The computers, which were part of a writing laboratory used for English classes, were discovered missing Monday when a professor opened the room for class.

Heath said he received some complaints from students. He said the university is trying to meet those students’ needs. Students have access to a few other computer laboratories on campus.

Allen County sheriff’s deputies are investigating the theft.
Lima students donate to agencies

The Student Senate at Lima has distributed cash gifts to community agencies and a school.

The senate donated $200 each to the AIDS Task Force and to Emerson Elementary School. It also gave $150 each to the Lima Samaritan House, Cross Roads Crisis Center and the Allen County Children's Home.

The student senate supports community programs, investigates student concerns, promotes the Lima campus, and tackles recycling issues.

The 20-member governing body consists of both Ohio State and Lima Technical College students. The group raises funds with activities such as the May Week chicken barbecue dinner.
Meek named chief of OSU-Lima

By APRIL SYBERT-LONG
The Lima News

The Ohio State University at Lima has a new, permanent dean with a familiar face.

"I'm delighted," said Violet L. Meek, who received word of her latest appointment Wednesday. "It is certainly something I'm very pleased about."

Meek, 52, said her appointment is for a five-year term, with a routine review in the fourth year. She came to OSU-Lima May 15, 1991, as acting dean and director, replacing James Countryman, who is now president of Lima Technical College.

An estimated 80 people were considered in a national search to fill the OSU position. Her appointment, Meek said, could be the result of "progress made this (school) year both on campus and with the community and with Lima Tech. We've been active in a number of educational projects. Plus the cooperation I've gotten, and the strength and commitment from the faculty and staff."

"I can't thank them enough," she said.

Ohio State University President Dr. E. Gordon Gee said today that "Violet was the committee's choice, the provost's choice and she was my choice" for the position. Gee added that Meek's performance as acting dean since May 1991 have been "remarkable" in light of what he considered a difficult, transitional situation. He said Meek has brought the campus and community together and shares good views and values.

"I'm just delighted," he said.

As dean, Meek said, she wants to continue the progress that has been made through the regional campuses. Installation of two-way video communication system between the Lima and Columbus campuses is one major project she plans to investigate.

"We could get a number of courses through this type of system that we haven't had before," Meek said. "Our goal is to have it set up within a year."

Acquiring money for the project, she said, is an obstacle. She added that the tough budget year could slow progress on the project.

Meek also expressed her views about OSU Lima's future in regards to an Ohio Board of Regents task force recommendation that to trim costs, branch campuses and technical colleges be merged. The recommendation remains under consideration.

"There are 29 regional campuses through the state and many of them differ greatly," Meek said. "There are solutions that would make good sense for some other regional campuses. Ours are quite different and unique. We have to respect the uniqueness of both OSU Lima and Lima Tech."

"We have a contribution to make. I think it would be something of a pity if another international institution left the city (of Lima). We're here to stay."

Meek joined Ohio State in 1983 as special assistant to the dean of the graduate school. From 1984 to 1986, she was director of annual programs and special projects for the Council of Independent Colleges in Washington, D.C. In 1986 she joined the OSU research foundation, acting in this position as development officer for OSU's four regional campuses.

She previously taught chemistry at Ohio Wesleyan University for 19 years and served four years there as dean of educational services. In 1982, she was visiting dean of student affairs at the University of California-Berkeley and Stanford University.

She also has taught at Mount Holyoke College.

Meek graduated summa cum laude from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and holds master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois.

She is married to Dr. Don M. Dell, associate provost at Ohio State University. She is the widow of Devon W. Meek, former chairman and professor of chemistry at Ohio State. He died in 1988.
OSU at Lima to graduate 1,000th elementary education major

By Tim Doolin
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

When Rose Stechschulte was confronted by Viola Meek, dean of Ohio State University’s Lima campus, following a chemistry final, she expected the worst.

"I thought 'Oh, they are going to tell me I can't graduate,'" said Stechschulte, of Fort Jennings, Ohio.

Meek wanted to talk about graduation, but the news was positive. Stechschulte was informed she will be the 1,000th student to receive a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Lima.

Stechschulte will be among about 1,800 summer quarter graduates at commencement at 9:30 a.m. today in St. John Arena. Frank H.T. Rhodes, president of Cornell University, is the commencement speaker.

The elementary education degree has been offered at Lima since the campus opened in 1966. The program graduated its first student in 1969.

It is the only four-year degree program offered at Lima. Other students at Lima must transfer to the main campus in Columbus or to another university or college by the end of the sophomore year to finish a four-year degree.

Enrollment in the program has steadily grown. It now has about 70 students.

A growing interest among both young and old students in working with children drives the program, said Patricia L. Scharer, assistant professor of education theory and practice at Lima.

"We have our share of the traditional students, the 18- and 19-year olds," Scharer said.

"But in many cases, we are talking about non-traditional students. Men who have worked at jobs and have decided on career changes and women in their 30s and 40s who may already have a degree but want to teach."

Stechschulte, 33, fits that profile. The mother of three, she once drove a school bus.

She wanted to return to school but was undecided on what to study. She decided on education after serving as a teaching assistant at Fort Jennings Elementary School.

"I have been around children, and I like it. I like the diversity. I like the learning process myself, and I like passing that along," Stechschulte said.

She plans to continue working parttime at the Lima campus and serve as a substitute teacher.

Stechschulte also marks the end of an era. The four-year program is being discontinued and replaced with a five-year program at all five of the OSU campuses.

Under the old program, students are certified to teach upon receiving the bachelor's degree. Now, students will be required to earn a five-quarter master's of education degree in addition to the bachelor's degree before being certified.

The change is part of a national movement designed to have students receive more of a liberal arts education as undergraduates, then take courses on teaching techniques at the graduate level, Scharer said.
Graduating from Ohio State tradition in Kuhlman family

By APRIL SYBEET-LONG
The Lima News

When eight of 13 children in one family attend the same university, you probably could call it a tradition.

That's partly true for Carla, Shelly and Tracie Kuhlman, but any one of them might as easily say, "We all just liked Ohio State."

Carla, 27, along with sisters Julie, 29, and Kris, 28, and brothers Steve, 25, and Mark, 24, have received degrees from Ohio State University. Shelly, 20, Tracie, 19, and brother Jim, 21, are currently attending OSU.

Mom Marcia just shakes her head, shrugs her shoulders and wonders if maybe it isn't fate.

"I just know that they need an education and (Ohio State) is the college they like. It's the college they've chosen."

And it's a college, the Ottawa natives contend, that offered the best start to getting a degree because of its regional campus close to home.

Carla said her one year at the Lima campus gave her the opportunity to go to college, make adjustments to university academics, save money and still get a quality education. She earned her bachelor's degree in community health education and hopes to return to the Lima campus soon to pursue a master's degree in social work.

Tracie, who begins her second year at OSU Sept. 23 on the Columbus campus, said taking first-year courses at Lima should help in the transition from smaller classes to potentially "overwhelming" large classes on the main-campus.

"I think it'll be good transition," said Tracie, who is majoring in physical therapy. "Even though I haven't actually been down there for classes yet."

-- For Shelly, OSU was the ticket "for all the (above) reasons" and because trips to Columbus to visit her older siblings were exciting.

"I just loved the campus. It was so big and there were lots of different activities. And Ohio State, I was told, had a good nursing program."

With so many siblings going to Columbus after a year or two, getting homesick isn't a big factor.

Tracie said the family "knows how excited I am about leaving! Jill (still a student at Ottawa-Glandorf High School) is supposed to come visit me. It's nice to have family there, because we do a lot together. I'm used to having everyone around."

But being a close-knit family couldn't draw all of the Kuhlman's to Columbus. Shelly said having a University of Toledo graduate -- Becky -- and a Bowling Green State University graduate -- Joe -- leads to a few spirited jabs.

With two more Kuhlmans coming up -- 16-year-old Jill and 15-year-old Brian, who have already hinted they could be OSU-bound -- it might be more fuel for the Buckeye-fan fire.
Gee speaks to Lima community

Report’s consolidation idea not a ‘done deal’

By Deirdre O’Driscoll

“My support for the regional campuses is clear, unequivocal and well known,” President Gee told several hundred students, faculty and staff who filled Reed Hall Auditorium on the Lima campus Nov. 5. They were seeking reassurance that Ohio State Lima would not be merged with Lima Technical College to form a community college.

LTC officials are in favor of such a proposal.

Gee’s visit was his first to Lima since Gov. George V. Voinovich’s Managing for the Future Task Force issued a report in July.

Among other things, the task force recommended consolidation of the state’s regional campuses into a comprehensive community college system. The campuses at Lima, Marion, Mansfield and Newark would be affected by the proposal.

The report suggested that duplication of programs and administrations was very costly for regional campuses and technical colleges that are located on the same sites.

“The data we have about this campus and our other regional campuses is that they are enormously cost effective. There’s no added administrative burden,” Gee said. Apparently, this data was not available to the task force prior to publication of its report, he said.

He noted that the University has launched a Regional Campus Task Force to look at the relationship between the University and its regional campuses. “This committee was established before the Managing for the Future report was issued,” he added.

Gee told the group that discussions concerning the future of the state’s regional campuses may be one of the best things to come out of the Managing for the Future report. “We must resolve a number of these issues that have been petty impediments to the kind of things we ought to be talking about — the education of all of you.”

Each regional campus is unique, he added. What works for one campus might not be appropriate for the other. Although several key resources are shared, such as a library and physical plant, the technical schools at Lima, Marion and Mansfield are not administered by Ohio State. At Newark, the dean and director administers both the regional campus and the technical college.

Many at the meeting expressed concern that decisions on the proposed merger had already been made by the governor and the regents. “I can assure you there is no done deal,” Gee said.

“Ohio State will remain an even stronger presence in Lima after this whole process is through. I feel...increasingly confident about that because I’m dealing with this at the other three regional campuses and clearly we have a sense of concern and consensus emerging about these issues.”

Duane Roller, associate professor of classics, and former president of the Lima campus faculty assembly, told the president, “Most of us are here because this is Ohio State. I joined Ohio State Lima because of the privilege of being associated with one of the best classics departments in the country and because of the academic and professional benefits that accrue from being part of Ohio State.”

Tariq Rizvi, associate professor of math, expressed concern about tenure. Gee said the future of the more than 200 tenured faculty members at Ohio State regional campuses was secure. “Tenure is with the University. It is not campus specific,” he said.

Later in the meeting Gee admitted, “There is the question of whether we have treated our regional campus faculty as true citizens of the University or, dare I say it, as second class citizens.” He said he was concerned about this perception and indicated that the regional campus task force would be studying this issue.

In response to a question from a student, Gee said that the non-traditional student was fast becoming the traditional student, especially on regional campuses.

“We’ve created this illusion that our students are 18- or 19-year-olds, who go for walks through the leaves and live in dorms. The average age of students on the Lima campus is 27. Almost half (48 percent) are place-bound, tax-paying homeowners with children and full-time jobs.

“It would be a real shame if (a community college) was your only option for education,” Gee said to a student who was pregnant.

“Your story is one of the major reasons I believe that this merger into a community college will never happen.”

The impact on the community of losing Ohio State Lima would be devastating, Gee said. Students served would have to travel 45 miles north to Bowling Green or 75 miles south to Dayton for an alternative state university.

Earlier in the day, Gee met with Lima’s mayor, David Berger, and other civic, and business leaders to discuss community concerns about the proposed merger. Gee described the meeting as a “fair and frank discussion,” adding that he was confident of their support in keeping OSU Lima in the community.

Community leaders want Ohio State to offer more four-year baccalaureate and some additional masters programs on the Lima campus, particularly in the area of business. The Mansfield campus also has made a proposal to Joseph A. Alutto, dean of the College of Business, Gee said.

Deirdre O’Driscoll is assistant editor in communication services at Lima.
Lima students rail at regents in merger outcry

By APRIL SYBERT-LONG
The Lima News

The idea of a community college in Lima received acceptance and rejection Wednesday, but neither side will know an outcome soon.

William F. Boyle and Vice Chancellor William Napier, both representatives of the Ohio Board of Regents, and Dr. Kenneth Clemens, chairman of the Lima Technical College board of trustees and a Managing for the Future Task Force member, heard loud and clear concerns from supporters and opponents of a community college in Lima.

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"I am a past student of LTC and currently a student at OSU-Lima," said Michael Kopyszczak, one of at least 50 speakers.

"I would not meet my responsibility as a citizen, as a father or a student leader if I failed to tell you the truth. The truth is we were never asked. The board of regents is sending out a clear message that their central concern is money not students.

"If students had sat on the task force, the more controversial recommendations would have been challenged at the first draft. We were not invited. Because of this non-inclusion of the student perspective, we consider the task force report biased and incomplete. The report is proof to us that the board is out of touch with students, and this situation is intolerable."

Around 500 students, teachers, business men and community members attended the public hearing held at Reed Hall Auditorium on the Lima Campus. The regents have scheduled eight hearings around the state to hear community concerns about recommendations in a task force report released in July.

A recommendation to merge technical colleges with university regional campuses which share sites raised concerns in Lima, where Ohio State University at Lima and Lima Technical College would be affected.

OSU/LTC bakers have taken to wearing 'Let It Be' buttons.

The recommendation is one of at least 70 presented in a report outlining a year-long study to find ways of making higher education more effective.

Opponents of a community college focused in particular on how the presence of an OSU regional campus makes higher education possible and how it stimulates area economics.

The main concerns for supporters, however, are changes over time and how change in Ohio's higher education system is essential for advanced study to remain an option for many students.

Other supporters said a community college system would be highly accessible and affordable for students in this area.

Some participants, such as Lima resident Rochelle Twining, did not post favoritism for either position.

Instead Twining supported the status quo, reflecting a theme adopted by a campus student group — "OSU/LTC, LET IT BE."

"We've heard said tonight that if it ain't broke, don't fix it," she said. "We need the current diversity of education we already have here."

Boyle occasionally reminded the crowd that the regents have yet to act on the task force report.

"Nothing has been decided," he said. "It is a possibility, but not a reality."
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Campus merger assailed

BY TIMOTHY R. WOLFRUM
The Lima News

The Ohio Board of Regents has yet to act on a new report from Ohio State University blasting the proposed merger of regional campuses and technical colleges.

"If they haven't shown it to us, I guess we can't give it any weight at all," regents Vice Chancellor William Napier said today of a nine-page report from the Ohio State University Task Force on Regional Campuses.

The board will decide the fate of Ohio's regional campuses and technical college counterparts, including Ohio State University at Lima and Lima Technical College, at a 2 p.m. meeting Wednesday. Any recommendations will go to Gov. George Voinovich and the Ohio General Assembly, which must take legislative action to change the status of regional campuses.

They may do so without the OSU report, dated Nov. 23 and released Wednesday.

Dr. Violet Meek, OSU-Lima dean and a co-vice member of the OSU task force, said she doesn't think the task force report will influence the board of regents' decision.

"(Regents) are going to release their report next week," Meek said. "They are probably fairly ready to make a decision."

Also today, the West Central Ohio Regional Development Board submitted a letter to Napier suggesting the retention of both schools and an expansion and strengthening effort at OSU-Lima and LTC.

"The university's report — written by a 12-member team of OSU deans, students and branch representatives — refutes a July 24 study by the Managing for the Future Task Force, which recommended creating community colleges from the state's 23 branch campuses and 10 technical colleges.

"That task force was appointed by the board of regents to look for ways to make higher education in Ohio more efficient."

"It was important that the university look at this within," Meek said.

"We wanted to be very careful and look at the impact on students. If we're going to be spending taxpayers' dollars, we better be sure this is the best way to go."

The report said the Managing for the Future Task Force failed to recognize that campuses such as LTC and OSU-Lima already share 11 services — including food, libraries and bookstores — and get 11 more from the parent university.

"The MTF presented no data in support of its belief that a system of community colleges would save money," the report said.

Napier said similar reports have been submitted by other major universities in Ohio, including Miami University and Kent State University. All public opinion will be taken into account, he said.

"We have spent October and November traveling the state, getting public reaction to the proposals," including a Nov. 18 visit to Lima, Napier said.
OSU, LTC chiefs at odds on campus

Board of regents call for plan that considers merger option

By APRIL STREET-LONG
The Lima News

COLUMBUS — James Countryman's and Violet Meek's institutions share a campus, but the two don't share ideas on its future.

Countryman, president of Lima Technical College, said he would like to see LTC become a community college and Ohio State offer only upper division courses.

Meek, director and dean at OSU-Lima, says four-year programs at OSU-Lima are perhaps the university's only option to stay in Lima.

Countryman said he is not alone in making this proposal. "There are people within the Ohio State system that would agree with me. It turns out that Violet (Meek) doesn't and some other people don't."

The administrators' comments came after the Ohio Board of Regents released a 33-page report Wednesday outlining its recommendations on a Managing for the Future Task Force report. That report was released in July.

Among recommendations made by the board are that trustees and administrators from the two colleges at Ohio's branch campuses jointly prepare and submit a plan to maximize their capacity to serve the community. "The plan should focus on meeting the educational requirements of students and local communities, and should outline the best means for serving them fully, effectively and efficiently," the report said.

While not recommending mergers at branch campuses, the report said, "The option of combining campuses into a single institution should be carefully considered. In the event that campuses are not combined, the plan should describe the local processes that will be followed to eliminate duplication in curriculum and in administration and to resolve disputes that may arise between the parties."

The plan must be submitted to the regents by June 1, 1993. The regents will then report to Gov. George Voinovich and the Ohio General Assembly by August.

"The regents strongly believe that the concept of a two-year college system should be based on a service principle, not an organizational one," said Chancellor Elaine Harrison. "It is not important whether the campuses are administered as university branches or community colleges. The regents' guiding principle is the maximization of service to Ohioans."

Universities' and colleges' successes at accomplishing the recommendations will be determined by nine service expectations. By 1994, they will begin proposing gradual increases in state funding to two-year campuses based on attaining those expectations.

Countryman, who attended Wednesday's meeting, said LTC has already met eight expectations.

"As far as I'm concerned, my proposal that Ohio State become upper division and graduate (level courses) and we become a community college makes even more sense," he said. "I'm really pleased that they've (regents) started to zero in on the real issues — that is accessibility and cost to the student."

Countryman said his proposal would accommodate students forced to enroll at local colleges for extenuating circumstances.

The first two years of a bachelor's degree could be done at the community college and the last years would fall under OSU's course offerings.

But Meek refutes the proposal.

"That option, which has been rejected both by Ohio State and by the community, would result in the loss of Ohio State to the community," Meek said. "I think it would be very difficult for this community if we can't find a way to get to a win-win situation."

Rather than merging the two schools at the Lima Campus, Meek believes there is a need to offer more four-year programs.

The only degree-earning program currently offered at OSU-Lima is in elementary education.

"We as communities ought to put together a report that speaks to what our real needs are," Meek said. "At Ohio State, that clearly means four-year programs for place-bound students."

The differing views could pose problems for the two schools coming to terms on a plan. But Countryman's believes his views will be heard.

"They (Ohio State) may be a lot more cooperative when they see these nine conditions, and the fact that they have to operate on our tuition levels," Countryman said.
Higher education survey expands

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By LORRAINE WHETSTONE
The Lima News

A local group's efforts to find out what the region wants from education has drawn the interest of other communities served by Ohio State University.

The Ad Hoc Higher Education Task Force of Lima/Allen County developed the needs assessment.

LIMA CAMPUS

The idea in response to the Ohio Board of Regents' call for joint studies of the two schools that share campuses throughout Ohio. The regents asked that studies be completed by June 30.

"Wind of this spread to other co-located campuses and generated interest in what Lima was doing," said Dr. Charles Buroker, superintendent of Lima Schools and a member of the task force.

The task force is comprised of city, county, business and labor leaders; and private individuals interested in the fate of Lima Campus.

Tripp Umbach & Associates (TUA) of Pittsburgh will begin surveying the needs of a 23-county region from Van Wert County to Coshocton County served by OSU's four campuses.

Campus that will be surveyed include Allen, Auglaize, Putnam, Hardin, Mercer, Shelby, Logan, Hancock and Van Wert.

The company will distribute two surveys to 5,000 households, 500 companies and 500 students and faculty members at each co-located campus. The study will take three to four months and will cost about $20,000-$27,000 for each co-located campus, according to Lima Mayor David J. Berger, who formed the ad-hoc committee. Funding for the local study will be solicited from local governments, corporations and individuals, Berger said. He also has asked that the Ohio Board of Regents, which has welcomed the study, to share some of the costs.

Lima and Allen County will each contribute $1,000.

"The rationale for it being funded by the community instead of the campuses is that it assures objectivity and independence," said Dr. Dale Kistler, superintendent of Allen County Schools and a member of the task force.

Representatives from each of the co-located campuses met with the task force last Tuesday to finalize plans for hiring the Pittsburgh firm. The institutions have never had a joint project like that before, Buroker said.

"The spirit of cooperation is historic," said Violet Meek, dean and director of Ohio State University at Lima. "We're delighted with this kind of cooperation with local government, local communities and technical colleges.

"We feel in Lima County are certainly leaders in the state," Meek said. "That's something we can be proud of."

The Ohio regents' request for a study resulted from a report last year by the Managing for the Future Task Force. That task force, appointed by Gov. George Voinovich to find ways to make higher education more efficient in Ohio, recommended the board of regents consider merging schools on co-located campuses to become community colleges.

The community study will not be complete by the June 30 deadline. However, internal studies by the schools themselves will be complete.

The board of regents gave no formal extension to co-located campuses for the community study, but understands the delay, said Deirdre O'Driscoll, communications manager for OSU Lima.
Lima joins Northern to offer engineering

The Lima campus and Ohio Northern University are making it possible for students to earn a four-year baccalaureate degree in engineering without leaving the Lima area.

Students can use the transfer agreement offered between Ohio State and Ohio Northern to earn an engineering degree close to home.

Vioet I. Meek, dean of Lima, and DeBow Freed, president of Ohio Northern, signed an agreement April 29.

The program begins in autumn. Students would complete the first two years of course work, then transfer to Ohio Northern, where they would participate in the engineering co-op program and receive a bachelor of science degree in civil, mechanical or electrical engineering.
Visit to Lima like homecoming for OSU provost

By LORRAINE WHETSTONE
The Lima News

An Ohio State University official took a trip home along many roads Wednesday night.

Dr. Richard Sisson, OSU's new provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, was keynote speaker for OSU Lima's second annual homecoming celebration Wednesday night in Reed Hall.

OSU-Lima is the first regional campus he has visited since he was appointed to his position Aug. 1.

"It's very fitting," Sisson said. "I have strong ties here."

Indeed, one might catch him frying hamburgers in the park's same day — Sisson, 56, has family ties to Lima and attends family reunions here.

His sister, Mary Hewener, lives in Lima and is active in a mentor program for women at the Lima Campus. Her husband, the late Dr. John Hewener, was a history professor at OSU-Lima.

Sisson's new jobs represent a homecoming, too, he said. He received his bachelor's degree in international studies and his master's in political science from OSU, at the main campus in Columbus.

He deserted Ohio State for his doctorate, which he received in Asian political science from the University of California at Berkeley. Obviously, OSU has forgiven him.

This farm boy from Porter, Ohio, though, admits he discovered his love of learning at OSU. His love dictates his view of what education should be: "Not just becoming a storage bin of knowledge, but developing an independence of mind and of thought."

He stressed the importance of regional campuses in making that independence accessible to more and more people.

Sisson hit the road back to Columbus right after the homecoming celebration. But he plans to come back, he said. "I enjoy coming up here."
As winter quarter ends, arts opportunities abound

The quarter is ending with several arts events all over Ohio.

_T Bone N Weasel_ will be the first production in the new Black Box Theatre at Newark. The comedy about a couple of youngish male ex-convicts who high-tail their way through Bible Belt Country in pursuit of a hot supper and an easy buck is being offered at 8 p.m. through March 13 in 106 Lefevere Hall. Tickets are $4 at the door.

For more information call 292-4094, ext. 280, or 366-9280.

The Newark Campus Art Gallery is hosting the fourth annual Milliken Photography Exhibition, _Passing Visions_, through March 28. A reception will be held 5:30-8 p.m. March 11 in LeFevere Hall.

Mark Sawrie, master of black and white photography, has succeeded in subtly exploring controversial issues in American society. Also on display is the work of Columbus artist Barbara Vogel. Her complicated color photographs deal with social and personal commentary but in a different manner than Sawrie's.

For more information, call 366-9369 or 292-4094, ext. 369.

Singers will perform in free concerts at two other regional campuses. The Lima Campus University Chorus, directed by Richard Mallonee, will sing at 8 p.m. March 11 in Reed Auditorium. For more information, call 292-0251 or 221-1641, ext. 349. Lynn Corbin will direct the Marion Campus Chorus at 3 p.m. March 13 in Morrill Hall Auditorium. For information, call 292-9133.

The Wexner Center will present an area premiere of _Atlantis_ by Luc Besson March 11 and 12 at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Film and Video Theater. _Atlantis_ is called “the ultimate underwater film experience.” Shot for two years in locations from the South Seas to the North Pole, the film evokes “the dream of a man becoming a fish,” said director Besson. Tickets are $5 and $4 for adults and $2 for children under 12. For information, call 292-0330.

A Melton Center Matinee will be shown at 2 p.m. March 13 in the Film and Video Theater. _One-Way Street_, directed by John Hughes, is an essay on German-Jewish philosopher and writer Walter Benjamin. The film is co-presented by the Melton Center for Jewish Studies. For more information, call 292-0330.

Also at the Wexner, _In The Spirit of Fluxus_ continues until April 10. Walk-in tours of the exhibit will be conducted at 1 p.m. March 12, 19 and 26. They start at the coat check desk. March 31, Carol Gigliotti, assistant professor of art education, will present “Fluxus and Contemporary Technical Art” at 1 p.m. at the coat check desk.
AIDS INSTRUCTION OFFERED

The Lima campus of Ohio State University is offering a three-quarter certificate program in AIDS education beginning this spring.

The program is to provide skills needed to improve AIDS education, awareness and intervention. It is designed for social workers, teachers, pastors, care givers, allied-health professionals and counselors.
THROWING HIS WEIGHT AROUND

In this corner, wearing a foam suit and glasses, the Bow-tied Brawler! Gordon Gee, president of Ohio State University, is helped to his feet by a couple of referees at the start of a sumo wrestling match at the Lima campus on Monday. Gee wrestled students to raise money during the school’s May Week celebration.
The ultimate power suit

THE THEME WAS 'GO LOONEY,' and President Gee joined in the fun of the Lima May Week held by OSU-Lima and the Lima Technical College. May 2, Gee shrugged into an inflated costume and took on Gretchen Molitor of the LTC Radiography Club. The three-minute round of Sumo wrestling raised money for the club. Earlier, Gee had made a speech to the Lima Rotary Club and met with a Peruvian delegation.
New tradition takes hold with OSU-Lima graduates

REWARD: Local ceremony provides recognition for region’s students.

By WYNNE EVERETT
The Lima News

The Ohio State University-Lima graduates started a tradition Sunday.
They’ll get their diplomas along with thousands of other graduates of The Ohio State University in Columbus this week, but for the first time Lima Campus students celebrated graduation day in Lima on Sunday.

OSU-Lima held a graduation and honors celebration to recognize students who began their studies and completed most of their coursework at the Lima Campus.

Soon to be graduates did not wear caps and gowns or receive diplomas. Those will have to wait until Friday’s universitywide graduation in Columbus.

But because some students don’t participate in the Columbus commencement, OSU-Lima officials decided a local celebration was needed.

The local ceremony allows students to celebrate with family, friends and their fellow Lima Campus students, officials said.

About 150 local students scheduled to graduate with associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees received certificates of recognition during the ceremony Sunday.

The campus honored students and alumni with academic awards. The John Mount Award for academic excellence at a regional campus went to Gina Lepinski-Ledford. The dean’s award for academic excellence went to Rouhangiz Rasekhy.

The campus honored Putnam County Superintendent Jan Osburn with its outstanding alumni award. Osburn attended the OSU-Lima from 1969-1971, and has served on the campus’ citizens advisory council.
OHIO STATE LIMA CAMPUS TO GET REGIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

COLUMBUS -- The Ohio State University Board of Trustees Friday (7/8) voted to create boards of trustees for the Lima and Marion regional campuses.

Earlier this year, trustees created similar boards for the Newark and Mansfield regional campuses.

The Lima board will replace the Citizens Advisory Council that has been in place for many years.

The new board will consist of 11 members appointed by the university's trustees: nine west central Ohio residents, a non-voting student enrolled at the Lima campus; and one university trustee. Members generally will serve three-year staggered terms with the student serving a one-year appointment.

A representative of the Ohio State University Alumni Association and a member of the Lima campus faculty assembly will act as liaisons to the board.

"We are delighted at the recognition these boards bring to the regional campuses," said Violet I. Meek, dean and director of The Ohio State University at Lima.

"This new development recognizes the importance of the views and perspectives of the citizens of our region. It is of great significance that the citizens will be able to speak directly to
one of the university trustees as they serve together on the Lima board," she said.

Meek recognized the accomplishments of past members of the Lima Campus Citizens Council. Current members are Verena Brinkman of Fort Jennings; Howard Watkins and Ora Winzenreid of Kenton; Tom Francis, Dan Fuhrman, Donald Knowles, John Leahy, Faith Lee, Jaye E. McCain, Harry Shutt and William Timmermeister, all of Lima; Larry Ward of Pandora; Jay Elshoff, Saint Marys; George Brooks, Van Wert; and Bob Wiesenmayer of Wapakoneta.

Meek said that all previous members of the citizens council and members of the new board will assemble for a gala transition event in early fall.

The Lima Campus serves students from a region of 14 counties in and around west central Ohio, including Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams, and Wyandot.

Powers and duties of the new board will include advising and assisting the dean and director in administering the campus, developing support for the campus, and serving as an advocate for the needs of the campus in local and state government agencies and in the Legislature.

In addition, the board is expected to participate in strategic planning and the operating and capital budgets processes, and coordinate with the board of Lima Technical College in areas of common interest.

Trustees will serve without pay, but may be reimbursed for expenses.

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OHIO STATE BOARD APPOINTS 11 TRUSTEES TO LIMA CAMPUS

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The terms of the initial board vary. Future appointees will be named to complete three-year terms.

Appointed to three-year terms were:

- George Brooks, vice president, Commercial Banking Group, Bank One, Lima. Brooks, who has a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics from Ohio State, became a member of the Citizens Council in 1993. He serves on the Soap Box Derby Board and has served as a board member for various other organizations in his hometown of Van Wert.

- James H. McLemore, senior pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Lima. McLemore has been a leader in the nationally recognized Study Circles program for improving race relations, a joint effort of The Ohio State University at Lima, the City of Lima and Lima clergy. McLemore is widely recognized for his work in church administration and counseling programs. He serves president of the local Interdenominational Black Ministers Association, as a member of the Ohio Council of Churches Task Force on Racism and on the board of directors of Leadership Ohio. McLemore has a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Cleveland State University and graduate degrees from Ashland Theological Seminary.

- Robert C. Wiesenmayer, an attorney in Wapakoneta. Wiesenmayer has served as director and officer of Wapakoneta Industrial Development Inc. He has degrees in business administration and law from Ohio State and is a life member of the Ohio State Alumni Club. He became a member of the Citizens Council in 1994.

Appointed to two-year terms were:

- Jed E. Osborn, plant controller for Ball Metal Container Corp. in Findlay. He is a member of the Putnam County Mental
Health Clinic Board, president of the Leipsic Public School Business Advisory Council, co-chair of the Ohio Department of Education Total Quality Management Resource Group Steering Committee and the chair of that group's Education and Training Committee. Osborn studied at Ohio State and earned degrees from Penta Technical College and Tiffin University. He has a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Dayton. He became a member of the Citizens Council in 1992.

- Larry E. Ward, owner of Polywood Enterprises Inc. of Findlay. The Hancock County resident has bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from Ohio State. A member of the Citizens Council since 1990, Ward was responsible for the efforts that led to the educational needs analysis surveys done for all four regional campuses. He is a past president of the Ohio State Alumni Club of Putnam County.

- Howard N. Watkins Jr., farmer. Watkins served 12 years on the Kenton Board of Education and eight years as a Hardin County commissioner. He is a member of the board of directors of Home Savings and Loan in Kenton and Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance in Upper Sandusky. Watkins is active in the Hardin County Ohio State Alumni Association. He has been a member of the Citizens Council since 1991.

Named to one-year terms were:

- Thomas M. Francis, regional sales manager for WIMA/WIMT Radio in Lima. An active volunteer in the community, Francis is past president of Optimist Club, the YMCA, the Greater Downtown Association, the Lima Ad Club. He has been a member of the Citizens Council since 1983, including a stint as president.

- Daniel E. Fuhrman, president of Dot Lines Inc. and chairman of Top Line Express, both of Lima. Fuhrman is a member of the Governor's Motor Carrier Task Force and a past president of the Ohio Trucking Association. He has been active in urban redevelopment efforts. Fuhrman has served on the board of trustees of the Allen County Veterans' Memorial Civic Center and on the Citizens Council since 1990.

- Jaye E. McCain, investment representative with Edward D. Jones & Co. in Lima. McCain is a member of the boards of Allen County Unit of the American Cancer Society, Helping Hands Home Health Agency, and president of the Citizens Council. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Ohio State.

Also appointed to the board were:

- Keith Borgelt, of Fort Jennings, a pre-med major at The Ohio State University at Lima.

- Theodore S. Celeste, a member of The Ohio State University
Board of Trustees, was named to a three-year term. Celeste, of Columbus, is president of Celeste & Allerdyce Inc., a residential real estate brokerage firm in Grandview Heights. He is active in the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Board of Realtors, the Interactive Multimedia Association, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, and First Community Church. He is a past president of National Housing Corp., New Town Housing, the Columbus Magic, and Italian Village Society.

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Appointed to two-year terms at Lima were: Jed E. Osborn, plant controller for Ball Metal Container Corp. in Findlay; Larry E. Ward, owner of Polywood Enterprises Inc. of Findlay; and Howard N. Watkins Jr., farmer.

Named to one-year terms were: Thomas M. Francis, regional sales manager for WIMA/WIMT Radio in Lima; Daniel E. Fuhrman, president of Dot Lines Inc. and chairman of Top Line Express, both of Lima; and Jaye E. McCa in, investment representative with Edward D. Jones & Co. in Lima.

Also appointed to the board were Keith Borgelt, of Fort Jennings, a pre-med major; and Theodore S. Celeste of Columbus, a member of University Board of Trustees and president of Celeste & Allerdye Inc. in Grandview Heights, for a three-year term.

Marion board

"These individuals have had a lengthy relationship with Ohio State Marion and are leaders in the communities we serve," said F. Dominic Dottavio, dean and director of the Marion campus.

Appointed to three-year terms on the Marion board were: Larry Cline, an agriculturist who farms in northern Delaware County and is a Marlboro Township trustee; Ron Hopwood, regional director of public affairs for the Ohio Region of GTE; and Thomas K. Jenkins, probate and juvenile judge in the Marion County Court of Common Pleas.

Appointed to two-year terms at Marion were: Ron Laipply, owner of Laipply’s Quickprint and Graphics in Marion; James McMagonley, superintendent of the Upper Sandusky Exempted Village School District; and Elaine Merchant, director of human resources for Fulfillment Corporation of America.

Named to one-year terms were: David Kirkton, superintendent of River Valley Local School District; John Misick of Crawford County, a certified public accountant; and Fred White, division manager for Ohio Edison in Marion.

Also appointed to the Marion board were Dennis Wasson, a senior from Marion majoring in agribusiness and agricultural economics; and David L. Brennan of Akron, a member of the University Board of Trustees and chief executive officer of the Brentin Group, was named to a three-year term.

Newark board

"I am delighted by the appointment of the new board for The Ohio State University at Newark," said Raphael L. Cortada, dean and director of the Newark campus.

Appointed to three-year terms on the Newark board were: Susan Hatcher, of Heath, assistant superintendent of Newark City School District; J. Gilbert Reese, of Newark, partner in the law firm of Reese, Pyle, Drake & Meyer; and Norman R. Sleight, of Newark, a part-time development officer for the Newark campus and retired regional vice president of State Farm Insurance Cos.

Appointed to two-year terms at Newark were: Eugene Branstool, a family farmer from Utica and former assistant secretary of agriculture under President Clinton; Stuan N. Parsons, senior vice president and trust officer of Park National Bank; and Charles F. Sinsabaugh, a retired family physician from Newark.

Named to one-year terms at Newark were: Robert A. Barnes of Newark, president of United Carriers Corp. and president of Freight Service Inc., and the first full-time dean/director of The Ohio State University at Newark; Patsy P. Jones of Newark, chairperson of the Citizens Council and a member of many community committees; Earl Shurtz, of Newark, chairman of the board of Shurtz Companies.

Also appointed to the Newark board were James H. Boggis, a sophomore from Reynoldsburg majoring in English education; and George A. Skestos, a member of the University Board of Trustees and founder of the Homewood Corp., was named to a three-year term.
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By Deirdre O'Driscoll

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Lima to celebrate with the Bard

By Beverly Bletstein

"If music be the food of love, play on..."

This famous Shakespearean phrase from Twelfth Night, borrowed by musicians and often quoted by scholars, has entertained audiences since its inception. It will continue to do so for six performances at the Lima campus May 12-14 and 19-21.

Twelfth Night, which takes place in Illyria, is a story of intrigue, love and mistaken identity. Through the antics of a clever set of characters, ranging from fraternal twins, Viola and Sebastian, who are separated by a mishap at sea, to an unusual mix of comical and devious characters, Twelfth Night presents a light-hearted but complex turn of events.

Co-directed by Joe Brandesky, associate professor of theatre, and Maria Ignatieva, visiting assistant professor, Twelfth Night is part of Shakespeare's Russian Legacy.

The series includes workshops for junior and senior high school students that will bring together the Russian and American perspectives through the common cultural bind provided by the works of William Shakespeare.

"Students will be participating in theatre exercises which require them to act out selected scenes from Shakespeare comedies," Ignatieva said. "Students will learn improvisational skills during the three-hour workshop."

An Elizabethan dinner theatre is planned for opening night May 12 in Reed Hall. The cost is $25 per person.

Twelfth Night's funny, but of-
New laboratory for OSU Lima

The construction of a new Engineering and Technologies Laboratory on Ohio State's Lima campus was approved by the OSU Board of Trustees on Friday.

Janet G. Pichette, vice president of Business and Administration, said the construction of the laboratory is a joint effort between the OSU-Lima campus and the Lima Technical College.

The Board of Trustees report said the project, which was initiated by the Lima Technical College, will require 1.5 acres of land. Of that, half an acre will come from land owned by the OSU-Lima campus. The Lima Technical College will provide the funds to build the laboratory.

According to the report, the new building will displace the OSU-Lima intramural facilities. The Lima Technical College has agreed to replace the facilities within two years of the start of construction on the laboratory. The new facilities will be located at a site of OSU-Lima's choosing.

"The Office of the University Architect and Physical Planning is working closely with the Lima campus to provide the desired planning and architectural reviews of the project," Pichette said.
By David Bhaerman

For the first time in Ohio, the Board of Regents has linked state support of public higher education with performance.

The Regents on April 19 approved the release of $1.5 million in these performance funds to Ohio State’s four regional campuses, and other regional and two-year community and technical colleges.

Regents requested the money two years ago as part of their High Performance Campus Funding Formula proposal to link funds to measurable achievements in providing a range of educational programs and services identified as statewide priorities.

The Legislature granted only part of the funds — to the regionals and two-year campuses — because the institutions had a system of performance measures already in place.

The money is separate from, and won't reduce, funds received from the Regents enrollment subsidy formula.

But the performance funding concept may be expanded in the future.

The Legislature, in its appropriations bill, called for review of higher education funding for public colleges and universities that would “address how the state can provide base funding for its institutions of higher education while allocating a higher share of funding according to measures of performance and quality.”

To that end, the Regents' statewide Higher Education Funding Commission of government, business and university experts, including representatives from Ohio State, began meeting this month.

The commission could make a recommendation for a funding formula that could award the University in a manner similar to the way the regionals were last week.

In its pilot year, the regionals received funds based on a variety of factors, including performance, campus size and weighted expectations of the Regents. The award amounts, therefore, can't be considered as a comparison of quality or performance.

“Campuses are not competing against one another for performance funding dollars; they are competing against themselves in an effort to improve service to their communities,” said Regents Chancellor Elaine H. Hairston.

“Given the number of variables that were factored into each performance award, it would be a mistake to read differences among award amounts as a comparative index of performance or quality. The most important point is that every performance funding dollar awarded to every college campus recognizes qualitative achievement.”

The money released last week recognized achievement in five statewide performance areas. Each regional was paired with the technical college that shares its campus and serves the same community. The two institutions were considered a single entity for assessment purposes.

Lima campus and Lima Technical College received $28,296, which recognizes achievements in technical programming ($3,648), developmental education ($708), business/industry linkages ($4,010), continuing education ($1,304) and affordable access ($18,626).

Mansfield campus and North Central Technical College received $28,179, which recognizes technical programming ($3,541), developmental education ($2,748), business/industry linkages ($2,292), continuing education ($1,265) and affordable access ($18,333).

Marion campus and Marion Technical College received $42,109, which recognizes technical programming ($3,438), developmental education ($4,010), business/industry linkages ($2,292), continuing education ($286) and affordable access ($32,083).

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Lima worked together to get OSU branch

By Adrienne Mcgee
THE LIMA NEWS

LIMA, Ohio — Fifty years — and what a trip. Ohio State University’s Lima campus is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, having grown into a campus from humble beginnings as a night school at Lima Senior High School.

A newspaper story from March 25, 1960, detailed its beginnings.

"A college education in Lima? Realization of a college program in Lima appeared assured Thursday as approximately 50 school heads, Lima board of education members, special committee members and guests heard Dr. Kenneth J. Arisman, director of off-campus education of Ohio State University, describe the activities for a branch of the university." It reported about the meeting, held at Standard Oil Refinery. "Students would be considered the same as if they were in Columbus attending Ohio State University."

Formal approval hadn't yet come, but talk was big. "But the barriers confronting Lima college supporters when the idea originated nearly two years ago have fallen with the results of public support — both for the program and financial backing," the story reported.

Money was needed. The first sum was $20,000 to bring science laboratories to the university level, and $10,000 was needed to underwrite any losses during the first year of operation.

During that first year, classes met at night at Lima Senior High School.

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THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH
"We want every child capable of college study to have an opportunity to attend. College is not just for the child whose parents can afford to send him," said Margaret Ackerman, a school board member, the story reported.

Baby boomers were reaching college age, and the run was on to offer as many classrooms as possible. College courses would be offered from 4 to 10 p.m. at Lima Senior High. Tuition would be $300 a year for full-time students, at a cost of $12 per quarter hour. A poll of students in the area showed more than 300 would be interested in taking courses, which were fully accredited from the start.

"What does Lima need a state university branch? The answer lies in one revealing statistic gleaned from a recent survey of Allen County by the Ohio State University Research Center. That survey showed that only 18.5 percent of the college-age youths in Allen County are attending Ohio colleges or universities," a March 27, 1960, story reported.

Statewide, 27 percent were attending. Barriers were economic hardship and location, so by offering scholarships and a nearby location, officials bargained on good interest.

State Sen. Ross Pepple backed the effort, as did many other local officials, such as Lima schools Superintendent Gordon Humbert.

The branch would open Sept. 26, 1960. It was the fourth OSU branch campus to open, after Mansfield, Marion and Newark.

The first-year courses were offered in agriculture, business administration, dental hygiene, pre-dentistry, elementary and secondary education, engineering, home economics, art, pre-law, medical technology, medical arts, nursing, pre-optometry, pharmacy and pre-veterinarian.

Arthur W. Craft was named director. He was a Lima schools instructor of men's with 21 years experience.

Before a future even was imagined, Robert E. Galvin stepped in and pledged $250,000. The Galvin Foundation had its background in the Ohio Steel Foundry. That money would go toward buying a site.

J. McLean Reed was named campus director, a role he filled from 1962 to 1970.

A former nursery was acquired, and buildings started going up.

"In a sun-baked clearing in a Bath Township wooded area this morning, state, county and city officials turned the first spadeful of dirt for the permanent Lima OSU campus," a July 9, 1965, story reported.

Among those present were Gov. James A. Rhodes, OSU President Novice G. Fawcett, Sen. Pepple and Lima Mayor Homer Cooper. The building, Galvin Hall, was to be ready by 1968. It housed 42 faculty members.

In 1969, the first classes were held for the Lima Technical Center, a division of Fennia Technical College of Perrysburg.

About that same time, a 102-acre natural study area opened near Galvin Hall. Championed by botany instructor Roy Snyder, the area featured 4 miles of trails.

In 1977, Cook Hall was dedicated. It was named after Charles Cook, who helped with the site acquisition.

By the late '60s, enrollment was about 1,800 at Lima Technical College and about 1,100 at OSU Lima.

By the 1990s, there were heated debates about merging the two entities to save on state costs, but they maintained their autonomy and continued progress.

The Life and Physical Sciences Building was dedicated in the late '90s, and LTC became James A. Rhodes State College in 2002.
A Regional Renaissance

New building planning inspires campus living, learning and collaboration.

Ohio State's framework vision (https://news.osu.edu/news/2017/01/19/framework-2-0) is designed to help strengthen the Institution's position as one of the world's most important and effective centers of teaching and research.

But the university’s Columbus campus is not the only one experiencing a renaissance that will benefit students and faculty for generations. Ohio State’s regional campuses all have plans that support a system-wide vision of improving learning environments and access.

Campuses in Lima, Marion, Mansfield, Newark and Wooster continue to serve as important access points for students (https://president.osu.edu/2020-vision/access-affordability-and-excellence.html) throughout the state. These campuses continue to evolve, advance and create new opportunities for their students and communities. Here is a look at some of the new and exciting developments happening on Ohio State campuses throughout the state.

Lima: Improving the student experience

Students at The Ohio State University at Lima (lima.osu.edu) will soon have a new, centralized place on campus to meet, work out, socialize, collaborate and study.

Groundbreaking for the Perry Webb Student Life Building (http://lima.osu.edu/features/student-life-building-forward.html?utm_campaign=LMC%202017%20Features&utm_source=direct&utm_medium=slider&utm_content=perrywebb) will take place this spring with an expected opening in fall 2018. The $5.2 million, 15,000-square-foot building will feature a fitness center, grab-and-go food services, an information commons and collaborative workspaces and several multipurpose lounge spaces.

The new building will form the core of a student life experience for the largely commuter student population. While the majority of Ohio State Lima’s students still come from the school’s traditional 10-county region, 46 Ohio counties are now represented on campus. The building will give them a place to study, eat, relax and work collaboratively when they are not in class.

Perry Webb (https://lima.osu.edu/features/legacy-of-service-philanthropy.html) was one of the early supporters of the effort to bring an Ohio State campus to the Lima community. He was a founding member of the Lima Advisory Board and the vice chair of the Lima Campus/Ohio State Fund Drive Campaign.
The Perry Webb Student Life Building will sit next to the academic center of campus, Galvin Hall (https://lma.osu.edu/aboutus/galvin-hall.html), filling the final spot on the Quad, the central outdoor gathering space at Ohio State Lima.

Mansfield: A plan for campus-community collaboration

The Ohio State University at Mansfield (http://mansfield.osu.edu/) is pursuing campus plans that bring it in closer connection to the Richland County community.

Marion: Strategic Investment in STEM

Built to support the campus’s burgeoning science and engineering programs, The Ohio State University at Marion (marion.osu.edu)/’s 33,300-square-foot science and engineering building is currently under construction (https://osumarion.osu.edu/news/major-construction-step-toward-science-and-engineering-building-begins-oct-5.html) and a key component of the campus strategic plan.

Newark: An improved home on campus

To enhance the role that The Ohio State University at Newark (newark.osu.edu) plays in providing access to the university, the campus is increasing opportunities for students to live on campus and building the infrastructure to support those students.
Kristina Healy named Director of Enrollment Services at Ohio State Lima

Kristina Healy has been named director of enrollment services at The Ohio State University at Lima. She will assume her new duties effective immediately.

Healy has been with Ohio State Lima for seven years. She began her career as an academic advisor and staff assistant. She was then promoted to the assistant director of academic advising. She was asked to serve as the interim director of enrollment services in May 2017.

Healy is now responsible for all areas that directly impact enrollment at Ohio State Lima, including admissions, financial aid, academic advising, first year experience and the registrar. She will help ensure that all areas are working together and collaborating on initiatives that support enrollment and student success.

Healy attended Wright State University where she earned both her bachelor's and master's
"I am excited to bring future and current Buckeyes the opportunities that come with a solid education from the Ohio State University, one that prepares them for their future lives and careers," Healy said.

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FROM THE PROVOST – DECEMBER 7, 2018

Ohio State Lima to welcome Rehner as next dean and director

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to share the news that Timothy A. Rehner, PhD, MSW, ACSW, has accepted my offer to serve as the dean and director of The Ohio State University at Lima. Subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, his appointment is effective April 1, 2019.

Dr. Rehner holds a Distinguished Professorship and is the director of the School of Social Work and director of Caribbean Studies at The University of Southern Mississippi. He also serves as co-founder and director of the Family Network Partnership, a university-affiliated, community-based delinquency prevention agency and counseling center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

He has taught undergraduate, graduate and professional students at all levels, with a focus on diversity, social justice and social welfare. His extensive scholarship includes studies on community resilience in coastal Mississippi, and his work is widely published in peer-reviewed journals and technical reports. His service to the university includes several significant faculty governance leadership positions in the Faculty Senate, Council of Directors, Council of Chairs and the Academic Leadership Council. In addition, his service to the profession includes service on the National Association of Social Work MS Board and editorial board and review of The Social Work Journal of Education.

At The University of Southern Mississippi, he was selected as the distinguished professor Grand Marshal and received the University Research Council's Innovation Award for Academic Partnerships and the College of Health Innovations Award. In addition, he was recognized statewide as the Mississippi Social Work Educator of the Year.
His many honors also include his leadership as an invited co-director to establish a panel of national experts to envision a sustainable Gulf Coast through the integration of natural and human sciences. In addition, he was an invited panelist for the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to discuss the integration of natural, health and social sciences to support the development and health of the Gulf of Mexico.

He earned a BA from Asbury College, an MSW from Indiana University, Indianapolis and a PhD from The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Please join me in our gratitude to Dr. Joe Brandesky for his leadership during the past year and a half. Joe will continue in the interim dean and director role until Dr. Rehner's arrival on the Lima campus in April.

We welcome Tim to The Ohio State University, and I look forward to working with him as the new dean and director of the Lima campus and as a community leader and partner in the Lima community.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. McPheron, PhD
Executive Vice President and Provost

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