Development Feasibility Study Presents Positive Results

Results from a development feasibility study performed by Hodge Cramer and Associates were presented to leaders in Student Affairs and University Development in November of 2004. The University commissioned this study after the Board of Trustees voted in support of a new Ohio Union in June. The study included feedback from 41 interview participants in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and California. The purpose of the interviews was to evaluate prospective financial support for the new Ohio Union. Overall, participants were supportive, agreed that a new student union is needed for campus, and were willing to make either a financial contribution or volunteer their time for the project. A fundraising goal of $10 to $15 million was recommended by Hodge Cramer. We are currently awaiting a final recommendation to determine if we will move forward with fundraising in the upcoming months.

Design Architect Selected for Ohio Union Project

Last month, representatives from the Ohio Union Planning Committee* and Moody-Nolan (Architect of Record) traveled to Chicago and Boston to meet with three design architect companies. They met with Perkins & Will in Chicago and Michael Dennis & Associates and William Rawn in Boston. The goal of the trip was to visit and interview the three companies in their own spaces. Michael Dennis & Associates was selected as the design architect. Michael Dennis is actively involved with each project as principal-in-charge and is very excited about working with Ohio State and the new Ohio Union project. *See p. 2 for planning committee members.
Trading Spaces

Bringing you one step closer to your new Ohio Union!

Transition Talk
Ohio Union Planning Committee to Convene in January

After selection of the Architect of Record, Design Architect, and Engineers, final planning for the new Ohio Union is set to begin in January. A committee with representatives from the University Architect’s office, Student Affairs, the Ohio Union, as well as students from Undergraduate Student Government, Council of Graduate Students, Interprofessional Council, Ohio Union Council, Council on Student Affairs, Multicultural Center, and Board of Trustees will convene and begin meeting weekly to tackle the many details of planning for the new building. Led by Moody Nolan, Inc. (Architect of Record), the committee is expected to meet over the course of eighteen months to plan and confirm all of the details needed before demolition of the current building and construction of the new facility begins.

Student Representatives:
Jamie Depelteau  Council of Graduate Students
Chad Endsley  Student Representative, Board of Trustees
Amanda Graf  Interprofessional Council
Kerry Hodak  Council on Student Affairs
David Morgan  Ohio Union Council
Adrienne Sack  Undergraduate Student Government
Selection  Multicultural Center

Rumor Mill
What have you heard?

Rumor: “I heard that the new Ohio Union will not offer any food choices.”

Fact: The new Ohio Union will serve as a dining commons location as well as offer a wide variety of fast and fresh food options.

CRUNCHING NUMBERS!

Nearly 2 million people visited the Ohio Union in 2004!
Over 330 students volunteered at 22 service sites on Jan. 17th, 2005 for the MLK day of Service!
The Ohio Union parking garage has approximately 1000 spaces!
It was a warm day in the spring of 2003. The sun cast a beautiful blanket over the south side of the union as J. Randall was making his way to the south elevator when, as he described it, “out of the corner of my eye a student wearing a tie-dyed shirt was carrying one of our $300-6’ rectangular-‘Mity-Lite’ tables out of the building.” As the student proceeded off of the grounds towards Drinko Hall, J. Randall’s curiosity grew. What could this person be up to? What kind of evil could lurk in the heart of this individual that would possess them to take one of our tables?

“Excuse me!” He cried. “May I ask where you are going with that table?” The student stopped and turned. With a voice sinister enough to give Gargamel goosebumps, the student replied, “I’m with Students for a Clean Environment, and we need a table on The Oval, muaahaaaaa!”

Without so much as a blink, J. Randall gave the student their options. “You may go inside and request the use of an appropriate table for your event. But Mirror Lake will freeze over before I let you pilfer the niceties of our dear Union.”

The deviant stood mystified. As epiphany struck, the thief released his grip of the table, realized his path of thievery had led him astray, and said, “ok.” The table was returned to its rightful location, and the student went on to do something great at Ohio State.

Thank you J. Randall for sharing your story, for positively impacting the life of a would-be thief, and most of all for protecting our Union...Spirit!