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Buckeye Bargains has offered thrifty sales on campus for 43 years, but many students don't know it exists

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high **63**
low **40**

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WE	58/33	partly cloudy
TH	57/33	sunny
FR	59/39	mostly sunny
SA	60/42	mostly cloudy

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Fungus concern prompts move

Floods may have caused university employees to become sick

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Thirty employees who work in a suite of offices in Hitchcock Hall are being moved today because some workers are concerned that their workplace is contaminated with a fungus.

Renovation of the suite was planned prior to the health claims, but now are going to begin immediately, said Amy Murray, assistant director of Media Relations. Meanwhile, employees will be moved to Dreese Lab and then later to Mason Hall. Renovations are expected to last four or five months.

Concerns about employee health began after a water line that was connected to a kitchen coffee-maker broke in the College of Engineering suite in March and sprayed water through the ceiling and flooded the area, Murray said.

A professional restoration company removed the water and later sprayed the suite with anti-microbial to prevent fungal contamination.

In June, Olga Stavridis, associate director of Career Services for engineering, was hospitalized. She worked in office 111A and had been complaining about becoming increasingly ill. She was diagnosed with respiratory issues and ended up in the hospital, where she had part of her lung removed.

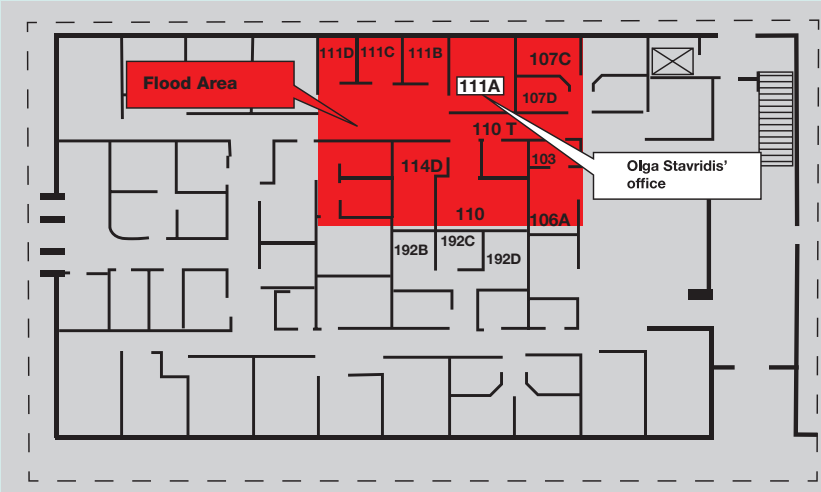
After her illness was reported by her supervisor, OSU hired a consulting firm to evaluate the suite for possible mold.

Room 111A and other offices were evaluated later that month and found to be mold-free.

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OFFICES MOVED AFTER FLOOD

Two employees in the engineering school allege that they may have contracted a fungal disease as a result of flooding that occurred March 12 and 13 in Hitchcock Hall. All offices on the floor will be relocated in the next two weeks while the area is renovated.



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TWENTY YEARS LATER

Ohio State dance instructor Esther Baker-Tarpage walks past the replica Berlin Wall constructed outside Sullivant Hall on Monday. Baker-Tarpage, whose father was on the west side of the wall in Berlin in the 1980s, says the replica wall is a way to remind us of history we sometimes forget. Monday marked the 20th anniversary of the historic fall of the Berlin Wall. View more images of the OSU Berlin Wall at thelantern.com.



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Media: Big Ten press rules too stringent

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Like many professional and collegiate sports organizations, the teams of the Big Ten want more control over how the media uses the material they gather at sporting events. That trend is causing some strained relations.

In September, five news organizations and the Student Press Law Center sent a letter to the Big Ten Conference outlining several objections to recently revised credential rules, which limit how press can use materials such as photos and videos. The letter argues that the rules impose serious limits on ownership and restrict members of the press from doing their jobs.

Media that refuse to abide by the current

credential rules are not given press passes to cover games.

“Our members have deemed the credentials, in their current form, to be so restrictive that they will prevent media from imparting the necessary news and sports coverage their readers and viewers have come to expect,” the letter states.

“This coverage benefits the Big Ten Conference and its member institutions. While we acknowledge that both the media landscape and the manner of presenting and covering sports events change through time, there is no reason to drastically alter a relationship that has proven so mutually beneficial since 1896,” the letter continues.

Among the issues the letter calls into question are rights involving the use of video, audio and photos from games.

In August, Ohio State presented media with credential requirements that were even more

restrictive than the controversial Big Ten rules. OSU’s proposed rules stated that “any account or description of the game ... shall be limited to news coverage.”

These rules prohibited any media source from using any description of the game in “delayed editorial or non-editorial advertising” unless the organization got permission from OSU. Print publications routinely use photographs and content from reporters’ coverage in special editorial or advertising editions or even in editions of the publication that are printed weeks and months after the games are played.

After complaints from media executives, OSU dropped the rules. The Athletic Department now simply requires that media abide by the Big Ten rules.

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Fans engage in Blood Battle as rivalry game approaches

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Some people truly bleed scarlet and gray — at least those who donate blood during the annual Blood Battle between Ohio State and the University of Michigan.

Beginning Nov. 1, this year’s competition marks the 28th time the schools have faced off against each other, with Michigan leading the all-time record with 15 victories.

At the onset of the competition,

each school receives a target number of donations. The school that reaches the highest percentage of that quota is deemed the winner of the competition, said Heather Reichle, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross. The goal this year for OSU is 2,400 donations.

The battle, which will end Nov. 20, consists of a series of blood drives, each with a different goal. The two schools have different ideas about how to collect blood.

“Ohio State has a lot more blood drives scheduled that have lower goals,” Reichle said. “Michigan, on

the other hand, collects much larger amounts of blood at fewer drives.”

Michigan won last year’s competition after OSU had claimed the title for five consecutive years. As of Monday, Michigan leads this year’s battle and has collected 113.6 percent of its goal. OSU is trying to catch up, as it has collected only 94.8 percent.

Every time students donate blood this year, they are entered into a drawing for a pair of tickets to the OSU-Michigan game Nov. 21. Those who want to enter the drawing need to donate by Nov. 15.

“This is the fourth year that I’ve

donated blood as part of the competition,” said Brian Freedman, a fourth-year in history.

Freedman has a rare blood type and says he feels it’s important to donate as often as possible.

“It’s made all the more special when it’s done for the cause of beating Michigan though,” Freedman said.

Anyone who wants to donate blood can attend any of the remaining drives, which are listed online at bloodsaveslives.org. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.