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University Memories
from The Ohio State University
Archives




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Question No. 1:

Why was Justin Morrill significant to OSU?
He was a ...

1. Member of the first Board of Trustees
2. Member of Congress
3. Ohio Governor



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In the beginning..

- Senator Justin Morrill envisioned a system of land grant colleges
- The Morrill Act of 1862
- Abraham Lincoln

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How we got here: Founding the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College

Morrill Act 1862
Cannon Act 1870
Rutherford B. Hayes
Board of Trustees




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Cannon Act of 1870

Reuben Cannon
Board of Trustees
Location
Curriculum
Cannon Drive




R. P. Cannon

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Why Columbus?





Financial Support
Central Location
Railroad connections
Proximity to State Legislature

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What kind of education ?

Joseph Sullivant
Prominent citizen of Columbus
Known for broad views
Raised money from Franklin County
"...Teach all that is worth knowing"



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Question No. 2:

When did the University officially open?

1. August 23, 1871
2. September 17, 1873
3. September 1, 1878

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University opened Sept. 17, 1873

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Question No. 3:


How many students enrolled on the first day of classes on Sept. 17, 1873?

1. 7
2. 24
3. 217

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Two dozen students came to learn



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Question No. 4:

How many faculty taught the first year?

1. 7
2. 24
3. 217

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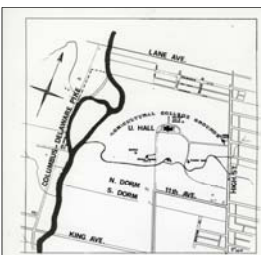


First faculty, 1873

- Not one Ph.D. had been earned
- Orton served as College President ... and geology professor
- Single professors lived in University Hall

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**CAMPUS OF THE OHIO
A and M COLLEGE
1876**

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University Hall library

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First dorm on campus: North Dorm



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Question No. 5:

How big was the first graduating class?

1. 6
2. 8
3. 10

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First graduating class, 1878

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Question No. 6:

When was the Oval officially dedicated?

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Oval through time



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Question No. 7:

When did students start jumping into Mirror Lake?

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Mirror Lake Islands, 1875

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Mirror Lake through time



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Question No. 8:

When did the first women attend?

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Townshend family

Mary Morrison

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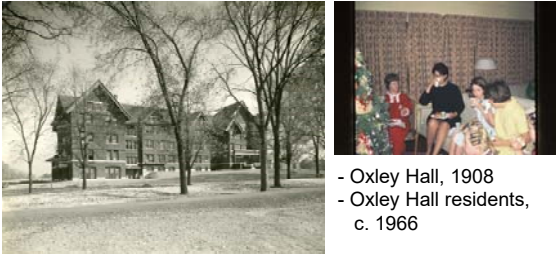
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Gab room
Orton Hall basement
- Dean of Women
offices

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- Oxley Hall, 1908
- Oxley Hall residents,
c. 1966

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Pomerene exterior, 1927

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Pomerene tennis class, 1932

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Question No. 9:

What was the very first sport?
What was the first women's varsity sport?

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Baseball drew the crowds



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Women's Basketball Team, 1916



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Question No. 10:

Where did OSU's early football teams play home games?

1. Ohio Stadium
2. Ohio Field
3. Brown Stadium

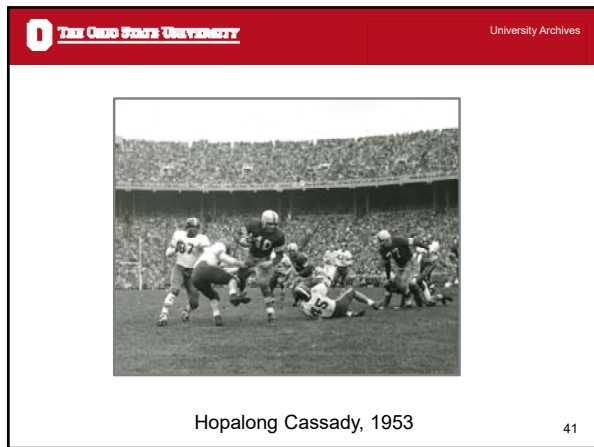
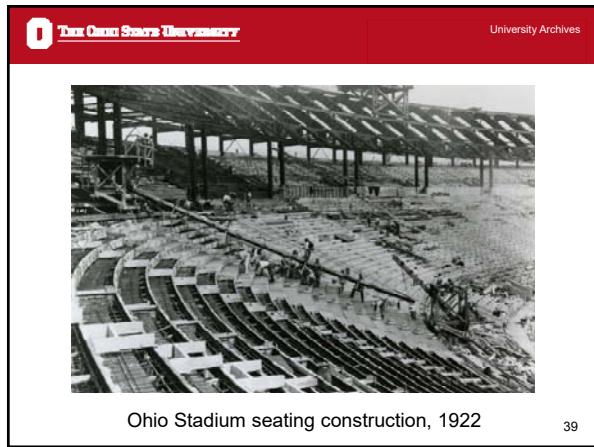
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Ohio Field, c. 1910s

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Question No. 11:

What else do students do for fun?

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Student Fun



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Student Fun



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And still more photos



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