



Gems from The Ohio State University Archives



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. Member of the Rolling Stones

In the beginning..

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


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

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




Cannon Act of 1870

Reuben Cannon
Board of Trustees
Location
Curriculum
Cannon Drive



R. P. Cannon

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?

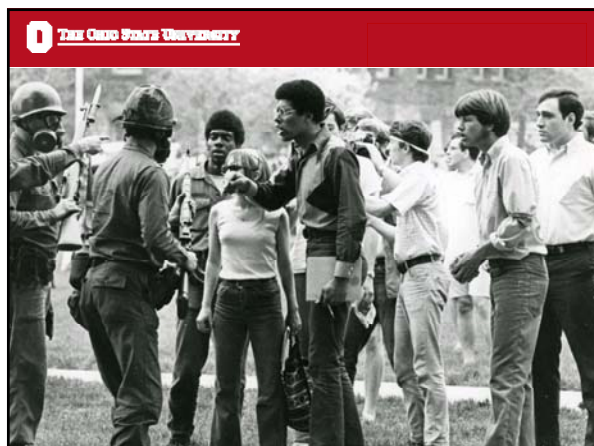
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Oval through time



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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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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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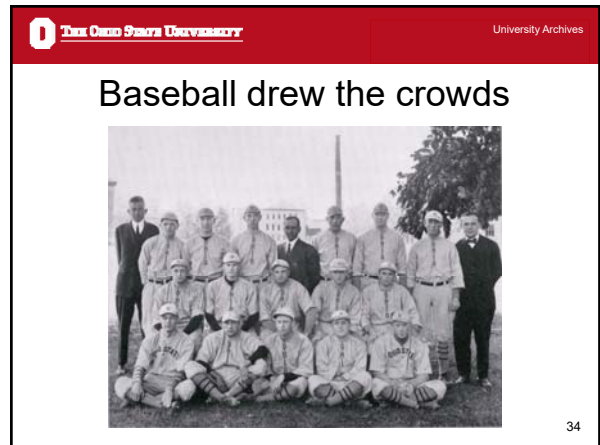


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Question No. 9:

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

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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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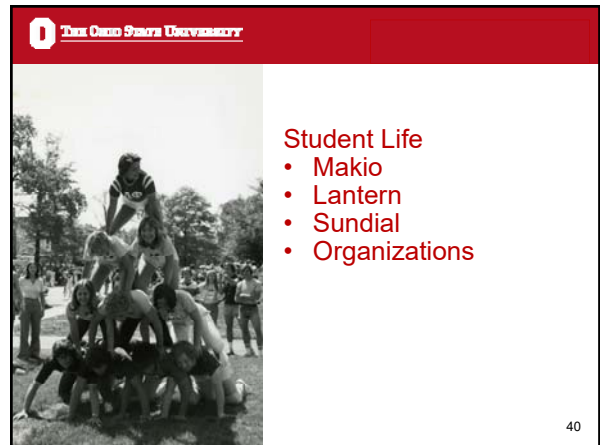
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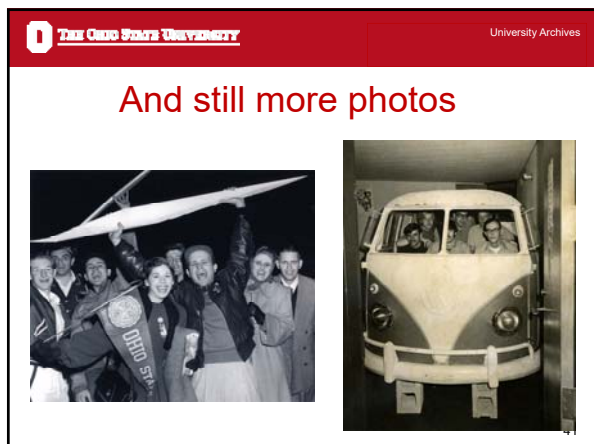
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