Representatives from the student governments, Student Affairs, and the Architect’s Office interviewed architecture candidates to lead the Ohio Union building project on September 13, 2004. Three firms were interviewed: Moody Nolan (Columbus, Ohio); The Collaborative (Toledo, Ohio); and Levin Porter (Dayton, Ohio). Moody Nolan was selected from a group of well-qualified candidates. Architects were interviewed based on their experience in working with student unions, strength of project manager, and company’s commitment to diversity. Curt Moody, President and CEO, is a graduate of The Ohio State University. As a student, Curt spent a great amount of time in the Ohio Union. He and his team are excited to begin work on the project.

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As planning begins for the new Ohio Union, the selection process for the Construction Manager, Engineer, and Design Architect is underway. Once hired, these companies will work with Moody Nolan to design and build the new student union. Students have played a key role in the selection process, reviewing applications and interviewing candidates.
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Divine Design

Conceptual Designs Bring Life to New Union

Having a hard time envisioning what a new Ohio Union could look like? You are not alone. Moody Nolan has created three-dimensional conceptual images of five spaces: Ballrooms, Theater, Multicultural Center, Great Hall, and Student Organization area. To view these images, please visit our website at www.ohiounion.com/new. Included in this newsletter are views of the Ballrooms, Theater, and Multicultural Center. The designs were created to give people an idea of what the spaces in a new building could look like, but are not necessarily designs for the actual spaces.

Transition Talk

Team Meets Weekly to discuss Transition

A group of Ohio Union Staff members and Student Affairs Facilities team members began weekly Transition Team meetings in August. The team meets to discuss the issues involved with relocating all of the Ohio Union services, Student Organizations, and Student Affairs Departments to other locations while the current building is being torn down and the new one is built. Presently, it looks like the offices in the building will be moved to two different locations during the construction period. The team is also in charge of planning how to continue programming and services to students while in the temporary space. This team will be communicating information to tenants and vendors of the Ohio Union as well as the OSU community in order to make the transition as smooth as possible.
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Keeping the Union Spirit Alive

Plans are moving right along to build a new union, however, programming, activities and resources for students are still going full speed ahead! In fact, the Student Organization Resource Center (SOURCE) in room 211 was just renovated to give student orgs more space to work on projects and more resources such as button makers, large butcher paper, computers and even a new digital camera! The Ohio Union is dedicated to providing a high level of service throughout the entire transition and construction process. Stop by room 211 to check out the changes!

Rumor Mill

Rumor: “I heard that the Ohio Union will be torn down next summer and there won’t be any activities going on around campus.”

Fact: The Ohio Union is in the process of planning for the new building but it is very unlikely that the current structure will be torn down before the end of the 2006 academic year. Even when the building is in the midst of construction, the Ohio Union and office of Student Activities will strive to meet the needs of students and will continue to plan numerous activities and programs all over campus!

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CRUNCHING NUMBERS!

Nearly 1.5 million people have visited the Ohio Union in 2004!

Over 1,400 students volunteered for Community Commitment on Sept. 21, 2004!

The Ohio Union employs over 60 student staff members!

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A conceptual design for the ballrooms in the new Ohio Union.