10/21/76: Former President Novice Fawcett returned to Ohio State to dedicate University Hall, a replica of Ohio State’s first academic building in 1874. First known as College Building, it became Main Building before being named University Hall in 1892. Having survived a minor earthquake and lightning strikes that caused the clock tower to be lowered twice, the building was closed in 1969 and torn down in 1971 before its rebirth.

3/18/10: Ohio State’s campus community lined the street in front of Fisher College of Business as the funeral procession of Larry Wallington drove through campus. Wallington had been shot and killed by one of his employees while on the job in the Maintenance Building.

5/10/79: Patricia James of Cleveland became the second woman to serve as board chair when she was chosen on May 4, 1979. A 1957 graduate of Ohio State’s College of Dentistry who also earned her undergraduate degree in education from Ohio State, James had been serving on the board since 1972 — only the third woman to do so. M. Edith Campbell of Cincinnati was the first woman to serve as chair from 1939 to 1940.

8/11/77: We wouldn’t blink twice today as laptops are common planning and execution tools for major conferences. But using a computer at the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics in 1977 was front-page news. The 3,000 attendees could punch a key in a computer terminal at the Ohio Union and look up any of the 665 abstracts being presented. In what may be a first for such a convention, visitors will also be able to find out by computer the names of registrants, their arrival and departure dates and location, student registration and whether they have any messages,” the story noted.

2/28/72: When you’re trying to listen to the professor or take an exam, clouds of smoke wafting through the classroom might be a tad distracting. Smoking at the time was prohibited in lecture rooms and libraries, but enforcement was lackadaisical. Still, just 44 percent of students surveyed noted they were both annoyed and distracted by cigarette smoke, and 28.5 percent didn’t care if enforcement improved or not. “I don’t think professors are aware that smoking is bothersome,” nursing student Petty Hutchinson was quoted as saying. Anecdotally, custodians said they cleaned up the most butts from the engineering classrooms.

3/15/07: When the state changed its law to ban smoking within 25 feet of doors, windows and air intakes, the university considered its first steps toward turning the entire campus tobacco-free. The previous July, the medical center had elected to go tobacco-free. Among Big Ten schools at the time, only Iowa and Indiana were considering outright bans.

5/3/71: Just before onCampus began publishing, Kent State University was rocked when members of the Ohio Army National Guard killed four unarmed college students and wounded nine during a Vietnam War protest on May 4, 1970. The one-year memorial service had a page 2 mention in the paper, noting a new Center for Peaceful Change was to be dedicated. Kent State Associate Provost John Flower said the university would not shut down just to avoid trouble: “If we were to leave a vacuum, deleterious forces would emerge to slip into it,” he said.

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4/9/15: After taking time to understand the breadth and depth of Ohio State, new President Dr. Michael V. Drake laid out his five-year plan for the university during his investiture speech at Mershon Auditorium. It included access, affordability and teaching excellence; community engagement; and diversity and inclusion.

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