



THE LANTERN

Ohio State's Student-Lead Paper

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Behind the scenes

Ohio State University sits in Columbus, Ohio. Their student-lead newspaper, The Lantern, acts separate from the university. They are independently funded from advertising and endorsements with a small amount from the university for their TV production studio. They have lots of advertisements on their newspaper's website, but that's where they get their funding from, so it makes sense. They have twenty-three editors and forty reporters- every article I read was by a different person; with the major not being very big, almost all of the Journalism majors are apart of the newspaper. It's also consistently updated two to four times a week, and if there's an article missing information they'll update it when they get their missing information, which there's a section on their website that people can submit to.



Setup of Site

The site overall is easily accessible and garners an aesthetically pleasing layout! This is important because it shows a mature formatting and that they take their surrounding town of Columbus, their own university, and themselves seriously! But most important, their site's layout shows the individuals involved with the stories they cover and through that, shows *their* impact.

They also have a “CRIME” menu which I believe to be *very* important because it allows transparency in their community. Their “ARTS & LIFE” menu isn't informal, tone deaf, or uninformative- and underneath that their “MUSIC” tab specifically has some great coverage. Since they are a university with D1 athletics, they have *sooooo* much sport related content, as well.

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BUCKEYE DONUTS AND OHIO STATE COMMUNITY MOURN LOSS OF GENERAL MANAGER ERIC BRETSCHNEIDER

🕒 December 12, 2025 👤 Antonia Campbell



Eric Bretschneider, general manager at Buckeye Donuts, prepares a sandwich in the Buckeye Donuts kitchen. Credit: Nick DeSantis | Former Asst. Arts & Life Editor

Heading shows individual impact- powerful reporting from their “ARTS & LIFE” menu under their “COLUMBUS’ OWN” tab



SNOWMEN INVADE CAMPUS TUESDAY FOLLOWING HEAVY SNOWFALL

🕒 December 3, 2025 👤 Faith Schneider



Three students pose with their newly made snowman in the Oval Tuesday night. Credit: Faith Schneider | Arts & Life Photo Editor

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Catchy title with *lots* of pictures from their “PHOTOS” tab under their “MULTIMEDIA” menu



Themes/Patterns

- Ohio State University is in an unstable position this semester- their student reporters have been reporting about things like misuse of position, ties with Epstein, a local shooting, and an assault charge on campus
- Their reporters write about important things in their surrounding town of Columbus, not just on-campus news
- I've noticed that even when they don't have all of the information updated, they admit to that and still post the article. They still make efforts to update them later.

TWO ARRESTED PROTESTING ISRAELI SOLDIER EVENT

🕒 April 15, 2026 🧑 Davis Beatty



Two people were arrested at the Ohio Union while protesting a pro-Israel event.

Credit: Daniel Bush | Campus Photo Editor



Before and after updating the article- both are still up on their website and updated within ~4 hours

OHIO STATE STUDENT, STAFF MEMBER ARRESTED PROTESTING PRO-ISRAEL EVENT

🕒 April 15, 2026 🧑 Davis Beatty



An Ohio State student and staff member were arrested at the Ohio Union while protesting a pro-Israel event. Credit: Daniel Bush | Campus Photo Editor



Shows connection to the university, current events, student life, politics, and acts as a good source of hard news



Why their reports resonate with me

As an English major seeing such a big paper with its own website and up to date news is important! There are so many different columns that they post under frequently on their website. They have a section for every sport, a section for their fine arts/music, a section for local food/drink reviews and crime.

Having all of these different sections is quite moving, especially in an age where newspaper feels like a lost art. Their overall dedication to keeping the general public informed has been admirable over this past semester.



Quality of Reporting

Though they don't always have all of the facts to update their pieces with, I've noticed how they always go back and add more information within one to three days.

Their "WHAT'S UP" tab under their "ARTS & LIFE" menu is a little lacking but that's because it's more cheesy goings on about the town and university- I'll cut them slack for that...

They have a lot of nut graph in each report but certain reporters have no real hook to pull their audience in- instead, they get to the point right away in every article. They also don't always capitalize some words that should be capitalized...

They have an intriguing angle in every post since Columbus is a pretty busy city and Ohio State is a bigger university- there's a lot to report on and a lot of student reporters who are more than willing to help.

There's no sugar coating in their reporting; even when it makes people look bad they get to the meat of the matter for the public.



One Thing That Surprised Me About The Site

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This menu is a collection of utilities and the like that facilitate their student body!

- It has information and sites relating to where to buy apartments/houses, roommates, storage, and moving information
- Full time/part time jobs that are hiring (and internships or more 'lax' work like babysitting/tutoring/dog-walking)
- General stuff people are selling like CDs/Vinyls, antique furniture, cars, and more
- Information on services like automotive repair, cleaning services, computer and IT help, daycare information, travel guide information
- General events coming up like spring break, auctions, car pool information, clubs
- Information on how the college is rated in different aspects, professor ratings, course ratings, etc...



Reports I found Intriguing

Lex Wexner was a Chairman and founder of the Wexner Medical Board at Ohio State. He is stated to appear “thousands of times” in the Epstein Files because Epstein was his financier in the 80s and 90s. He has buildings named after him in the university like their football complex and their athletic center despite nearly 300 requests and counting for the removal of his name. The university still states that it has no plans to do so despite students, alumni, teachers, and surrounding townsfolk protesting for the removal of his name. But the university keeps their requests processing and won't budge.

There is even a class action lawsuit created by one of their alumni against Ohio State for their ties (through Wexner) to Epstein.

Article One: Les Wexner
Named as Epstein
Co-Conspirator by FBI in
Newly Unredacted Files

Article Two: Will Les
Wexner's Name Be
Removed From Ohio State?
Here is What University
Policy Says





Reports I found Intriguing (cont.)

Professor Luke Perez tackled journalist Michael Newman after Newman approached his guest lecturer, former president E. Gordon Gee. After the lecturer had given a speech, Newman asked for an interview. Perez attacked Newman so hard that he experienced neck and back pain about a month after the incident.

Professor Perez pleaded not guilty to assaulting journalist Newman- *the two didn't actually have anything to do with each other...*

Perez was put on leave but then was taken off and told to stay away from the victim, Newman, who he'd attacked and broke his camera in the process.

Perez was only hired in January, so I find it odd that the university is so insistent on keeping him around after the altercation. He was also a veteran with combat experience- giving the altercation a bit more gravity.

Article One: Temporary
Protection Order Granted
Against Ohio State
Professor Charged With
Assault



Article Two: Professor
Charged With Assault To
Appear in Court