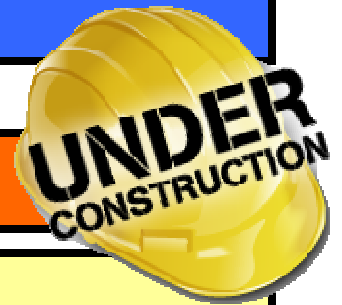


# SGA SUGGESTION BOXES

*You've got  
questions,  
We've got  
answers!!!*

**February 2, 2007**



**Suggestion:** *Nearly 30 suggestions were submitted in anger and confusion over the construction in Schwarm Commons.*

**Answer:** I understand the frustration that many of you expressed over the construction in Schwarm Commons. Firstly, I want everyone to know that the walls that are in place now are only temporary. The bookstore is moving to Schwarm Commons, and the walls will only be in place until the construction is finished. Secondly, in order to make an improvement, there has to be some amount of sacrifice. According to Mr. Chris Connell, the Senior Director of Administration, the construction is progressing and will continue over the summer. However, the newly refurbished Schwarm Commons will offer students and staff here at MUH a much nicer facility than what we're used to. The improvements to Schwarm include a more open central seating area, beautiful aesthetics, and an atmosphere that represents a more adult lifestyle. The administration has apologized for not informing students of the construction before work began, and they're in the process of posting information boards around campus to explain the modifications to the campus. All of the suggestions have been forwarded to Dr. Bob Rusbosin, the Associate Dean and Director of Student Services, for the administration to review and discuss.

Finally, I was a little taken aback when I heard suggestions that the students should have been involved more in the decisions regarding the modifications. As the chairperson for the Schwarm Commons Renovation Committee last year, the SGA worked diligently to gather student opinion. A campus-wide survey was administered to nearly 250 MUH students regarding their attitudes towards the commons, and a focus group study was also enacted. After gathering numerous opinions, our committee completed an extensive report on our findings. This report was submitted to the administration of the campus, and they adhered to the large majority of our recommendations. I ask that every student concerned about the renovations visit our website, [ham.muohio.edu/sga](http://ham.muohio.edu/sga) and print out a copy of *The Schwarm Commons Renovation Committee: The Final Report*. Read over the report and analyze the recommendations, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

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