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‘A position of strength’



Ohio State University President Ted Carter stands inside his campus office Aug. 18 prior to the start of the 2025-26 academic year. ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Ohio State president positive as he talks about AI and free speech ahead of fall semester

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Make no mistake, Ted Carter sees the challenges facing higher education. Carter’s first full academic year as president of Ohio State University was rife with challenging moments. Campuses nationwide were reeling during spring semester as the Trump administration threatened to pull

millions in federal funding from schools that didn’t comply with Education Department mandates and executive orders. Hundreds of international students had their visas and immigration statuses revoked, at least temporarily, including a dozen Ohio State students. Ohio Senate Bill 1, regulating higher education, passed swiftly and was signed into law, Despite the changes across higher education right now, Carter seems steadfast. He said he’s confident about where Ohio State stands amidst it all. “We’re coming into this (academic year) in a position of strength,” Carter said in a recent sit-down interview with The Dispatch before classes resume next week.

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DeWine backs choice to send Ohio Guard to DC

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Gov. Mike DeWine says it’s the “right thing to do” to send 150 Ohio National Guard members to Washington, D.C., as President Donald Trump deploys troops and seizes control of the city’s Metropolitan Police Department. Trump announced on Aug. 11 that he would deploy National Guard troops to Washington to crack down on crime in the nation’s capital. Late Aug. 15, Secretary of the Army Daniel P. Driscoll asked DeWine to send military police to D.C. “The initial decision to deploy D.C. National Guard was not my decision. That was the president of the United States’ decision,” DeWine told the statehouse bureau. “But when the secretary of the Army asks for backup support to our troops that are already deployed, yes, we will back up our troops.”

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Drug poisonings increase in Ohio, especially in kids

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As Ohio adapts to a world with recreational marijuana, health officials noticed a concerning trend: more poisonings among kids. Over 800 children ages 12 and younger were exposed to cannabis in 2024, according to data from Ohio Poison Centers, a 52% increase from the year prior. Nearly all cases involved marijuana edibles, which come in the form of candy, gummies and brownies. Poisonings in Ohio mirror a broader trend spurred by the increased availability of cannabis. Nationwide, there were more than 18,000 cases of pediatric poisoning from marijuana edibles and 3,500 tied to delta-8 THC in the past two years, according to America’s Poison Centers. Ohio voters legalized adult-use cannabis in 2023, and sales began one year ago. Experts say kids 5 and under are most at risk because they tend to explore and eat things they shouldn’t. “If our society has decided that we’re going to make these things legal, that’s fine,” said Shan Yin,

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