



Dear Students,

November 25, 2015

The Buckeye community has suffered a terrible loss. On Wednesday morning, after several hours of medical care, the young man removed from Mirror Lake early this morning passed away from his injuries. The university has tentatively identified the young man as a student and is in the process of reaching out to his family.

The Ohio State University prides itself on People, Tradition, and Excellence. Tradition is rooted deep into our Buckeye spirit, however, some traditions put our community at risk. As student leaders, our main priority has always been the safety of each and every Buckeye. We cannot support an event that puts lives at risk. We will work with University leadership and put an end to the Mirror Lake annual jump.

There are Buckeye traditions that have been around for decades, while some have only been around for a few short years. With the cancellation of the annual Mirror Lake jump, we are dedicated to working with our student community to create a new tradition to unite all Buckeyes during the Beat Michigan week.

We now ask that everyone come together in support of the family and friends of the young man who died this morning. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them. If you are in need of talking to someone, please contact the Counseling and Consultation Services at 614-292-5766. Again, this is a time that our Buckeye Family should stand together in the loss of one of our own.

Sincerely,

Abby Grossman and Abby Waidelich
USG President and Vice President