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The quarterback said changes to the offensive coaching staff played a role in his decision to return.



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Drake talks college affordability, Donald Trump administration

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In his Spring Semester sit-down with The Lantern, University President Michael Drake talked college affordability and federal government transitions, as well as the personal values by which he operates. Regarding affordability, he said he couldn't commit at this point to a continuation of Ohio State's five-year freeze on in-state, undergraduate tuition, which would most likely be decided in April. As for President Donald Trump, he talked about his admiration for undocumented students covered by the Deferred Action for Child Arrivals policy set in place by former President Barack Obama.

College affordability

Drake spoke on overall college affordability. For the past five years, in-state tuition has been frozen. Drake acknowledged that tuition is not the only factor when it comes to making college affordable, but is a common baseline for determining whether college is possible or not.

"What we want is for our col-



University President Michael Drake sits down for an Editorial Board meeting with the staff of the The Lantern on Jan. 23.

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leges, our university, is to be affordable and what we would like within that is tuition set at an appropriate level," Drake said.

However, he did acknowledge that five years is a long time for tuition not to be adjusted for inflation. Drake could not confirm or deny another freeze, saying that a concrete answer will be available around April. But he did say need-

based aid will be increased by a minimum of \$2 million next year.

"We look at our aid to make sure that our aid grows at a rate that allows us to make sure that we are even more affordable this year than we were last year," Drake said.

One of the factors of college affordability is textbook costs. Drake said that in the course he

teaches, all texts are available online, for free. He said while an overarching policy of textbook affordability doesn't exist, steps have been taken at the individual level by teachers who use cheap or free course materials.

"Where we think is the future is to do things that are more affordable and easy to get," he said.

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American Association of University Women opens OSU chapter

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Over the weekend, nearly 500,000 people marched at the Women's March in Washington D.C. Some of them were members of Ohio State's newly-established chapter of the American Association of University Women.

President Kirsten Sippola, a third-year in international studies and Spanish, was inspired to start the group by Lisa Maatz, the vice president of governmental relations for AAUW, after hearing her speak while Sippola was interning in Washington over the summer.

On Thursday, Maatz, an OSU alumna, is set to return to her alma mater to talk about grassroots legislative action the national organization is planning in light of the new presidential administration.

AAUW is a national organization that was founded in 1881 and now has about a thousand branches across the country, with about 800 at the university level. It advocates for a range of issues, including education, leadership and economic justice for women.

AAUW at OSU began meeting

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ENGAGED SCHOLARS

Professor connects cultures to promote science

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Ohio State professor Sultana Nahar has given more than astrophysics research to the scientific community, as she's worked to bring higher education to women and children in underdeveloped countries.

For the last 20 years, Nahar has worked in developing countries, most notably her home country of Bangladesh. Nahar looked to improve the quality of education at poor schools, to connect researchers in underserved areas with the international community and to provide an open forum for Muslim women in science.

"If we come together, we can make advances faster, much faster, than in isolation," Nahar said.

Nahar started her outreach efforts after she attended numerous

scientific conferences and did not see other Bangladeshi scientists. Recognizing the lack of resources and support for Bangladeshi researchers, Nahar started programs to encourage the international involvement of scientists in developing countries. Since, she has connected people from 22 countries to the American Physical Society who otherwise may not have had access.

In addition, she has created programs to link emerging research professionals in developing countries with universities in the United States, including OSU.

Sabiha Parveen, a graduate student in chemistry is involved in one such program and hopes to eventually become a faculty member at Aligarh Muslim University in India, where she is currently enrolled.

"I am feeling very lucky to be part of this program, and it is all

possible because of (Nahar)," Parveen said. "She has become the role-model lady for me."

While enabling emerging researchers and scientists is an important aspect of Nahar's work, she also focuses on primary education by working to provide textbooks and technology to underserved primary and secondary schools in countries and territories such as Bangladesh, Egypt, India and Palestine.

At the same time, to inspire higher quality teaching, Nahar has created research and teaching awards, so students can nominate their most influential teachers.

"What kind of people can change the whole education system?" Nahar asked. "They are the teachers."

Nahar found this strategy particularly successful in improving school enrollment and graduation

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COURTESY OF SULTANA NAHAR

Ohio State professor Sultana Nahar works to improve the quality of education in developing countries, like her home country of Bangladesh, by connecting researchers with local communities.