Air Force Two:
First Lady Barbara Bush arrives at KOSU on Air Force Two. President George H.W. Bush lands later after his term ends.

"The airport is city within a city. We have our own police and fire department. There is a city-type atmosphere with tenants and users."
Airport Director Kenneth Newstrom, 1990

In 1992 the Columbus Zoo brings two giant pandas from China through KOSU.

Holding pattern: In the 1990s, Ohio State President Gordon Gee considers selling the airport to solve the university's budget problems, a controversial idea among stakeholders.

Midwest Air Traffic Control Services replace FAA controllers as a cost-cutting move for the FAA.

Doug Hammon: College of Engineering graduate Doug Hammon is hired as director, a position he holds to this day.

1999s: The controversy continues for 20 years, with letters to the editor and political cartoons expressing concerns of both sides.