A perfect example of the frivolous use of public funds came with the approval by the state controlling board of spending $50,000 to move a century-old, one-room schoolhouse from a Norwalk area farm to the campus of Bowling Green State University.

This commitment of tax dollars for a venture of dubious worth was the pet project of State Rep. Arthur Wilkowski, a BGSU alumnus, who maneuvered it through the General Assembly last year. It is Mr. Wilkowski's belief that, since BGSU began as a teachers' college, it seems appropriate to me that the schoolhouse be relocated there.

It is true that there are those private citizens and university educators who are aghast over the prospect of having a little red-brick one-roomer transplanted to the campus to be used as a repository for educational memorabilia. And since the university relies on the good will of state lawmakers on occasion, it was naturally in no position to dampen Mr. Wilkowski's enthusiasm once he started to persuade his colleagues to appropriate the $50,000 required to make it all happen.

But there is a question of priorities here, as Rep. Charles Kurfess, another BGSU alumnus, pointed out in explaining why he could not go along with such an unwise expenditure of public funds. "Regrettfully, in light of today's fiscal circumstances generally and in higher education specifically, I cannot in good conscience ask for your support in the project at Bowling Green," he told the House, "and therefore cannot support it myself."

If alumni or other private interests want to make donations to pay for moving this ancient schoolhouse onto the campus, let them do so. But why should Ohio taxpayers foot the bill to the tune of $50,000 for Mr. Wilkowski's grand gesture toward his alma mater? It only reinforces the impression in many minds that there are always some eager politicians who are willing to spend money on any foolish item that comes along, as long as the dollars come out of the pockets of taxpayers.

Aside from the money involved, this project involves a matter of aesthetics. In moving an old building into a new environment, great care is needed in seeing that the right kind of planning is done to provide the proper, harmonizing setting. Otherwise, regardless of how much nostalgia comes out of a one-room schoolhouse, it could look as out of place on a college campus as that rickety log cabin does in the middle of the Toledo Zoo.

That may be no problem, of course, at BGSU. The architectural oddity that has bloomed belatedly there may make it the only campus in the country where a little red schoolhouse would not stick out like a sore thumb.

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MEMBERS of a Morehead State University art class sketch the Moonlight Schoolhouse as workmen add finishing touches to the exterior of the building on the campus of the university.

One-room school restored as museum

Located near Morehead is a two-story frame building with a hip roof, enclosed on all sides by a large, open porch. This is the restored Little Schoolhouse, an educational landmark of Morehead State University. The building is now being used as a committee room and has been restored by Morehead State University and the Morehead State University Student Association. The schoolhouse was originally built in 1838 as a one-room schoolhouse. It was abandoned in 1938 and was purchased by the University in 1948. The building was moved to its present location in 1951 and has been restored to its original condition. It is now used as a committee room and is open to the public for viewing.

The exterior of the schoolhouse has been carefully restored, preserving its historic character. The interior features original woodwork, blackboards, and other period furnishings. The schoolhouse is a valuable educational resource for Morehead State University and the community at large.

The restoration of the Little Schoolhouse is part of a larger effort by Morehead State University to preserve and celebrate its rich history. The University is committed to preserving its buildings and landmarks as a reminder of its past and a foundation for its future.

Morehead State University is located in the heart of Kentucky and is known for its historic buildings and beautiful campus. The University has a long history of providing quality education and has been a beacon of learning for generations. The restoration of the Little Schoolhouse is just one example of the University's commitment to preserving its history and legacy.

The schoolhouse is open to the public and is a popular destination for visitors and students alike. It is a reminder of the past and a symbol of the University's commitment to its history and heritage.