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# The Sentinel

FOUNDED BY STUDENTS AT SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY IN FEBRUARY 1995

## NOT GUILTY

By Austin Leedom, Shawnee Sentinel Reporter

Former Shawnee State Bursar John Welton was found not guilty of two charges of perjury by a Scioto County jury after a four day trial which ended Friday October 17, 1997 at 10:41 p.m.

Mr. Welton was indicted in November, 1996; he was charged with giving false information in a civil suit that had been filed against him by Niagara Fire Insurance Company of New Jersey. The insurance company was seeking reimbursement for \$436,671.31 that the company had paid to Shawnee State University in 1994 to settle a claim against Mr. Welton for allegedly

taking funds from SSU over a period of 44 months, from Jan. 1, 1990 through Aug. 31, 1993.

For the state, Prosecuting Attorney Lynn Grimshaw called several of the witnesses from the original trial, including three highway patrol officers, to testify. The attorney for the insurance company, and the court reporter that recorded a deposition in the civil case, were also called to testify.

Dr. David Creamer, who filed the claim with Niagara Insurance Company, was not called. (Dr. Creamer relocated to take a position with the University of Alaska at Fairbanks in December, 1995.)

Joe Hale was the attorney for the defense. He called many witnesses including Dr. Stephen Midkiff, registrar at Shawnee State University, Mr. Mark Moore, SSU deputy registrar, Mr. Charles Walker, senior computer programmer/analyst of the University Information Services, Joanne Charles, C.P.A., SSU controller and Elsie Shabazz, SSU account clerk. The defendant, John Welton also testified.

The jury was charged by Judge Walter Lytten at 9:31 p.m. and returned with the verdicts at 10:41 p.m. Judge Lytten read the decisions, dismissed the defendant and thanked the jury. ♦ ♦ ♦

## SSU FALL QUARTER ENROLLMENT DOWN EIGHT PERCENT FROM 1996

By Austin Leedom, Shawnee Sentinel Reporter

Enrollment at Shawnee State University (SSU) is down again after a slight increase was indicated in figures released last fall by SSU administrators.

Dr. Stephen Midkiff, SSU Registrar, said that the total enrollment for the fall quarter of 1997 is 3,223 students.

Dr. Midkiff said this was a decrease of slightly over eight percent from the previous year (1996) enrollment. He attributed part of the decrease to more employment in the nation; with more jobs available many people choose to work rather than attend school. He also noted that a special free "anniversary class" last fall inflated enrollment numbers for the fall quarter.

SSU Deputy Registrar Mark Moore said the high point in enrollment at Shawnee State was five years ago when 3,636 students were matriculated in the fall quarter of 1992. As a result of the ill-treatment of many enrollees at the financial aid office this fall severe decreases in enrollment are expected for the winter quarter at SSU, according to complaining students. ♦ ♦ ♦

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The *Shawnee Sentinel* newspaper is written and published by students, former students, alumni, and others with an interest in the university. The newspaper was founded in February, 1995 by journalism students at SSU.

With much hard work and commitment the members of the *Shawnee Sentinel* began to publish; the first issue appeared in April 1995. There were 23 students on the staff at this time; no one was paid, and no public funds were used.

The *Shawnee Sentinel* quickly became the "students' favorite newspaper" and the residents of the campus community also became readers and fans of the *Shawnee Sentinel*. It is known at SSU as the "only source of real news on campus."

At the time the *Sentinel* began there was an alleged 'student newspaper' on campus named, "*University Chronicle*," but student membership on the staff was very restricted then, as it still is. This newspaper was funded by the University and the staff members were paid. The editor received \$1000.00 per quarter and other members were also paid. SSU paid all expenses; and corruption and wrongdoing by administrators was (and still is) ignored by the student newspaper.

However, the *Shawnee Sentinel* was different; the fourth issue carried a report of an alleged fraudulent insurance claim of nearly a half million dollars that was collected by SSU. The story was dynamite. A man had been sent to prison for theft so the insurance money could be collected and the *Shawnee Sentinel* revealed the money was not even missing from SSU. The administrator who was alleged to have perpetrated the fraud quickly quit his job at SSU and went to Alaska in December 1995.

Although the *Shawnee Sentinel* was forced off-campus, it has continued to print the truth; official whiskey parties, rapes, thefts, assaults, drunkenness, corruption in security contracts, and unfair treatment of students and faculty have all been articles of interest.

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## INTERACTIVE TOP TEN

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1. This SSU administrator plead guilty to charges stemming from mis-use of (stealing?) university funds.

- A) John Welton B) Gordon Gee  
 C) Frank Taylor D) George Clayton

2. This person resigned their Portsmouth City Council Seat after being arrested for crack cocaine.

- A) Greg Bauer B) Marion Barry  
 C) Orin Campbell D) Ann Sydnor

3. This SSU vice president resigned in mid-contract and moved to Alaska in December, amid allegations of financial wrong doing.

- A) Paul Crabtree B) David Creamer  
 C) Dan Quayle D) Bert Lance

4. This Ex-Sheriff left office amid allegations of financial wrong doing. He even had to pay some money back to the department.

- A) Marty Donini B) John Knauff  
 C) Jim Sutterfield D) John Hull

5. These community leaders have overseen the spending of millions of tax dollars, yet they refuse to let us know how the money was spent. (Of course they are a rich group, refer to the above.)

- A) Andy Glockner B) Ron Burke  
 C) Kerry Keating D) Ron Fischer

6. This SSU professor was found in violation of SSU's sexual harrassment policy.

- A) Jerry Walke B) Ken Parsons  
 C) Roger Scherer D) The New Natural  
 Science Instructor

7. Which of these past and present law enforcement officers were not arrested in Scenic Scioto County?

- A) Begged us not to say. B) Paul Christian  
 C) Mark Darby D) Harry Callihan

8. Who is the biggest party animal on campus?

- A) Clive Veri B) Jerry Walke  
 C) Carl Daehler D) Phil Thieken

9. Which of these men were not injured or beaten while in the care of our Scioto County Jail?

- A) Matt Tindall B) Rodney King  
 C) Billy Webb D) Wesley Shope

10. The last one is a didjaknow?, cause they don't tell this alot. What prominent downtown groups are subsidiaries of the taxpayer funded group SOGP?

- A) Chamber of Commerce B) Jaycees  
 C) City Soliciters Office D) Rotary Club  
 E) Retail Merchants Association

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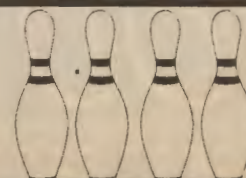
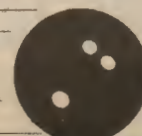
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# TOP TEN

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1. (A) If you guessed Welton you're wrong. Welton's conviction over money was done by a jury.

(B) OSU President Gordon Gee is not now nor has he ever been a SSU administrator.

(C) Bingo. When Frank Taylor was SSU President, he illegally funnelled SSU funds to a political organization. Frank plead guilty to related charges. 1C is the correct answer.

(D) SSU Board Member George Clayton is not an SSU administrator.

2. (A) Bauer resigned during the recall debacle, and announced as a candidate for Mayor. If you chose Bauer, you're wrong.

(B) Marion Barry got busted smoking crack in a hotel, in the company of an attractive lady. He resigned as Mayor of Washington D.C. and has since been elected Mayor again.

(C) Crack cocaine, city council, and Orin Campbell just don't mix. 2C is correct.

(D) Enough voters in Ann Sydnor's ward put their signatures on a petition for recall, Ann worked to have the signatures taken off. The Supreme Court said that the signatures would stand good. Ann Sydnor resigned under threat of recall by the voters of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward.

3. (A) If your answer was Paul Crabtree, you are clueless. SSU Vice President Crabtree was the best friend the students ever had at the school. After retirement, Crabtree was replaced by Larry Mangus. Where are you when we need you Paul?

(B) If you guessed Dave Creamer, good for you. You have kept up with what goes down at SSU. 3B is the correct answer.

(C) Okay, did anybody really guess this? Dan Quayle was VP to U.S. President Bush. Different campus.

(D) If you guessed Bert Lance, you were close. Bert was not Vice President, but he did work for U.S. President Jimmy Carter, and like Dave Creamer, left early amid allegations of financial wrong doing.

4. (A) Marty Donini is Sheriff now. Anyone guessing 4A needs to come in out of the dark.

(B) Current County Commissioner John Knauff ran a Sheriffs Office so sparse that at times they couldn't afford gasoline for the cruisers. The continuous upgrading of our Sheriff's department is due in a large part to Commissioner Knauff's longstanding support. 4B wrong answer.

(C) Jim Sutterfield was accused of a couple of things, including providing the county with newer and more cruisers than ever before. But he was never accused of being funny with the money.

(D) If you guessed John Hull, good looking out. Our current jail administrator, ex Sheriff John Hull allegedly mis-used Furtherance of Justice funds to send out Christmas cards. 4D is the correct answer.

5. 5 A,B,C,&D are correct. That's right, all four of them, (Glockner, Burke, Keating, Fischer) a few more, and throw in a couple of lawyers to round it out. These are the men of SOGP who have taken our tax dollars for years under the guise of getting us industry and jobs. There are very few new jobs and they won't tell us what they did with the money. The whole country booms while we get hustled by these guys. Kinda makes you sick, huh?

6. (A) No, they never proved anything on the Walkman. SSU fired him anyway. He walked.

(B) Nope, not Ken Parsons, although he was found to be an excellent journalism instructor. Ken left SSU to teach English to oil executives in China. Way to go Ken.

(C) Surprise, surprise, surprise. You long time loyal readers may remember the front page article, by Mack Shelton, featuring Roger Scherer for sexual harrassment. 6C is correct.

(D) Wrong answer, he's not going to be with us long enough to learn his name.

7. (A) 7A, wrong answer. He begged us not to say his name, OK by me for now. Besides, I hate to see a grown cop cry. But, we will be watching him to see if he cleans up his act in the future.

(B) Paul Christian is the correct answer. They proved a bunch of stuff on Christian, fired him anyway. He was not arrested. 7B is a correct answer

(C) Mark Darby is the wrong answer. He was arrested for incidents which occurred at his place of work, the Scioto County Court House. He lost his badge, Sheriff Donini gave it back.

(D) Harry Callihan has never been arrested in Scioto County. Also known as Inspector Callihan and Dirty Harry, he is a fictional character portrayed by actor Clint Eastwood.

8. (A) Right answer. Clive's drive to party at SSU lacks only one element, a big new state of the art, taxpayer bought riverboat gamblers saloon for the rich and elite. Then Clive's campus will be complete. 8A is correct.

(B) Professor Jerry Walke could give Clive a run for the money, but he is no longer on campus.

(C) Carl Daehler may have been hired in part due to his hard partying ways, but he can't keep up with Clive.

(D) Yes, Phil is still on campus, and yes, Phil can put on a great party. That is different from being the biggest party animal on campus.

9. (A) Matt Tindall was in the jail, he blacked out, fell down, busted his head open, lay in a pool of his own blood for more than 15 minutes. A jail worker finally found time to answer the calls of fellow inmates, Matt was carried down to an ambulance by inmates. No cat scan, no X-ray, just sewed him up and left him shackled on a gurney for 5 hours. No bathroom break. This could happen to you if you fail to show up for court. 9A is a correct answer.

(B) If you guessed Rodney King, you have the general idea, but Rodney was beaten by the L.A. County Sheriff's department while citizens were videotaping them. Maybe that is why the local police have become so adamant about people not standing around and watching them while they work. No witness, no beating. 9B is correct.

(C) Billy Webb was not beaten in the County Jail, he was beaten in a Portsmouth City Police car. The witnesses were arrested. Officer Christian was fired by Chief Ratcliff and Mayor Gerlach. 9C is correct.

(D) Wesley Shope was beaten in the County Jail by fellow inmates. The inmates were charged with assault. 9D, wrong answer.

10. (A) Chamber of Commerce is one of the correct answers. This elite group of tax eaters would have you believe that they are doing good things for the city. Reality shows that they are doing good things for themselves, at the expense of taxpayers.

(B) The Jaycees are not owned or funded by the SOGP. They raise money the old fashioned way, they work for it. Everyone is encouraged to visit the Jaycee's Haunted House, thereby supporting the good works that they do in our community.

(C) The City Solicitors Office is a good guess, but they are owned by City Council, no, that's not right either. The City Solicitor is an elected office and could be held responsible to the people of Portsmouth.

(D) The Rotary Club does not appear to owned by the SOGP. They don't appear to be owned by SSU either, although they do hold whiskey parties at the college.

(E) The Retail Merchants Association is a subsidiary of the tax eating SOGP. This select group of downtown merchants receives federal and state money to further their own agendas. Very few other business owners in Scioto County have been given money from SSU, or been subsidized by the secretive men of SOGP, with our tax dollars. This is welfare for the rich. Think about it next time you want to shop on Chillicothe Street. ☒☒☒

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# The Man Who Wants To Be MAYOR

AN OPINION. Being new to opinion pieces, I must apologize to the creative writing fans. This opinion is based on serious facts. I have editorialized somewhat, so it is called opinion.

By Wally Leedom

Greg Bauer wants to be Mayor of Portsmouth. That's a nice thought, can any thing be wrong with that? Let's take a look at Mr. Bauer's track record and associates and see if this is the man for the job.

Greg Bauer is a Chillicothe Street business owner, recently resigned City Councilman, member of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Retail Merchants Association, Board Member of the Retail Merchants Association, and past President of the Retail Merchants Association. Pretty impressive resume.

Now let's look at what all that means.

Chillicothe Street business owners have been very successful in preventing people from parking on their street, unless of course their businesses are open to take the people's money. It is almost a private street, solely to benefit the downtown gang. City Council stands behind this abuse, and the City Police rigidly enforce these rules. The City Police take their orders from the Mayor, that is the law. Many people believe that we need a Mayor who is concerned with every street in town, instead of just Chillicothe Street.

Mr. Bauer was a City Councilman. As 2<sup>nd</sup> ward councilman he was faced with the possibility of recall. Enough signatures were obtained from the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward to recall Mr. Bauer. Mr. Bauer went to the homes of the good citizens who had signed for his recall, and caused their names to be removed from the recall petitions, according to witnesses. State law absolutely forbids such election tampering, as done by Greg Bauer. The Ohio Supreme Court had to set them straight. Mr. Bauer resigned his council seat, and still yet might be brought up on charges related to election tampering. As a public official, he didn't appear to have respect for the state election laws, or the good citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward. This is the man who wants to be Mayor. Even though he has shown no respect for the law, he still wants you, the voter, to put him in position to supervise the Chief of police. Pretty scary stuff.

Mr. Bauer admitted to being a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Retail Merchants Association (RMA). He was president of the Retail Merchants, and remains a board member today. The Retail Merchants and the Chamber of Commerce are subsidiaries of the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership (SOGP), popularly known as the Same Old Gang Program. The RMA and Chamber are funded by the taxpayer funded secret society, SOGP. When asked, Mr. Bauer was unable to tell the amount of annual funding for the RMA from the SOGP.

As RMA president, Mr. Bauer was responsible to and reported to Mary Moore of the SOGP. The SOGP is controlled by the following local businessmen: Andy Glockner of Glockner Chevrolet and Andy's Toyota; Ron Burke of OSCO; Mr. Keating of Mitchellace; John Kennard, local president of American Electric Power; and Ron Fischer of Bank One.

Now for a look at Mr. Bauer's associates, the men of SOGP.

President Clinton designated 30 cities throughout America as Empowerment Zone (EZ) cities, Portsmouth was chosen as one. Money was sent to Portsmouth from the federal government in an effort to promote industry and jobs in our rural, economically deprived area. The Same Old Gang (SOGP) managed to get their hands on some of this EZ Money.

The local daily newspaper, the *Daily Times*, ran an article promising to watch over the spending of the EZ Money.

After many months went by, with no substantial reports on the spending appearing in the *Times*, the *Sentinel* began an investigation.

The *Sentinel* discovered several newsworthy items. The first item was that the SOGP has no intention of telling the truth to the public about what they did with the public's money.

Another interesting fact that surfaced is that some of the EZ Money went to pay the salary of Mrs. B.J. Riley, wife of the *Daily Times* publisher. She was employed by the SOGP. When the EZ Money ran out, Mrs. Riley was then hired by Ron Fischer, SOGP Acting Director, to work in Mr. Fischer's bank, as related by other SOGP employees. This leads to speculation as to why the *Times* did not truthfully report the SOGP spending, as they promised they would. Was the newspaper bought off? We can only guess at this point.

Just what did Mr. Bauer's business associates do with the money intended to empower this area. We can't yet say. Mr. Fischer said that some of the money, \$93,000, went to teach youth entrepreneurship in area high schools. A check with local schools shows that this did not happen.

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At the time of the EZ Money, and immediately following, a few significant things did occur.

SOGP's Mr. Keating was able to get a new shoestring factory overseas, in Honduras. Perhaps the EZ Money meant for our economic future has been used to export jobs. Many Mitchellace workers have complained about being fired for joining a union at Mitchellace. Keating does not seem to care about our people making a decent living, and neither does he care to tell us what he did with the EZ Money.

SOGP's Mr. Burke has got himself a brand new factory in New Boston, Ohio. The jobs from Portsmouth are transferring to New Boston, there are not going to be very many new jobs. Mr. Burke also refuses to discuss what happened to the EZ Money. Mr. Burke does not make a fine business associate for a man who would like to be Mayor of our town.

Mr. Andrew Glockner has also been able to make substantial improvements to his business, during the time of the EZ Money. A very deep ravine directly south of Andy's Toyota was filled in, smoothed over, and Andy now has a fine new parking lot for his business. Mr. Glockner has been unable or unwilling to tell the public what has happened to the EZ Money.

Mr. Dan DeSantis was director of SOGP during the EZ Money era. Mr. DeSantis also refused to tell what happened to the money. Mr. DeSantis built a mansion on the hill during his stay at SOGP. The EZ Money ran out and so did Mr. DeSantis.

Even SSU ponies up money to these phonies. While student fees increase, SSU pays dues to the RMA. With negligent spending of this type by Clive Veri and company, it is no wonder that enrollment drops. It is opportune to mention here that Mr. Clive Veri Jr. is a Vice President of Bank One, Ron Fischer's bank. How deep does it all go?

Mr. Bauer's close associates get massive welfare, they are on the public dole in a big way. They have all benefitted. They have shown growth at the Southern Ohio Growth Partnership. One partner has a new parking lot, another has a new factory locally, while another has a new factory overseas. They are exporting jobs from the city of Portsmouth, all the while they tell us that they are working on industry and jobs for us. One guy got a new mansion on the hill. As they say in Clive's family, "You guys did good."

The RMA has received our tax dollars, Greg Bauer did not say how much. They continue to operate in secrecy. Bauer is their man. Now they want their man to run the Portsmouth Police Department, by installing him as Mayor.

We finally get a decent Chief of Police, a Supreme Court ruling against a crooked City Council, an opportunity to move forward, and these guys want to return to the days of secret deals with the Same Old Gang.

Is Greg Bauer the man for the job?

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# INJURED MAN AND WIFE WITH INFANT CHILD FILE \$520,000 SUIT AGAINST CITY IN FEDERAL COURT



By Austin Leedom, Shawnee Sentinel reporter

Charles and Annette Coleman (pictured above with infant daughter, Cheyenne) of 3142 Walnut Street, Portsmouth, Ohio have filed suit against the City in United States District Court in Cincinnati stating they suffered extreme hardship and inconvenience in not having water at their home. They are asking compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000 per day for each day (33 days) plus punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000 plus reimbursement of all costs and expenses. The suit was filed in their behalf by Attorney Steven C. Shane, 7420 Jagaer Court, Cincinnati, OH 45230 (Phone 513-232-2850)

Mr. Shane told the *Sentinel* the suit resulted from an unconstitutional ordinance passed by the Portsmouth City Council in defiance of a federal court order.

On Oct. 8, 1997 Charles and Annette Coleman told the *Sentinel* that they had moved to Portsmouth from Nebraska in the final days of August this year. He said he is a roofing contractor; he had fallen from a roof, and fractured his left shoulder. Unable to work he had returned to his home town along with his six week old child and his wife, Annette, a graduate of the University of Colorado with a degree in chemistry. He said he rented a home from Shaoying Hu, applied for water at city hall and tendered a \$100 deposit but was refused water service until the landlord, Shaoying Hu gave him written permission to have water service. The landlord repeatedly refused to sign and three times the \$100 deposit was offered by Charles Coleman to the city water department; each time he was refused and told that before he could have water the landlord would have to sign. There was also a pre-existing bill for \$25.20 for previous water service at the residence and Mr. Coleman was told he could never have water service there until that bill was also paid. He offered to pay this old bill in addition to his \$100 deposit, but was still refused service.

Annette Coleman related that they had finally gotten water on the 1st of October after Channel 3 Television had come to Portsmouth for a TV News Report of their plight. The water was turned on the same day the reporters did the story, which was aired on television news that evening. She said it was very difficult caring for the infant without water to mix formulas, bathe the baby, and sterilize necessary baby items.

Mrs. Coleman said the baby, Cheyenne, became ill for four days with a fever up to 102.9 degrees. The physician advised baths to help with the fever. She said it was difficult living in such conditions as all water had to be carried in. She said her husband became ill at the same time with a reaction to medication and was advised by his doctor to bathe in various types of medical solutions added to his bathwater; he was unable to do this treatment.

Mr. George Howard, water department supervisor said that the procedures described by Mr. Coleman were accurate; he was following the law enacted by city council. He gave the *Sentinel* a copy of the ordinance, Number 1997-14, dated 13th of Jan. 1997. Another copy was obtained from the City Clerk whose records indicate that all six members of the council voted in favor of passing this ordinance. Minutes of the council meeting of Jan. 13, 1997 indicate that Councilman John Thatcher moved to suspend the rule requiring the ordinance be read on three separate dates and in reply to the President's request for comments, Councilman Thatcher acknowledged the original ordinance regarding this matter was repealed due to a possible litigation problem. He noted that the City Solicitor had reviewed the proposed new ordinance and made sure it complies with the law.

Mr. Steven Shane, attorney for the Colemans, provided the *Sentinel* with copies of federal court actions dating back to 1988 concerning this same problem of citizens being denied water in the City of Portsmouth. In the 1988 case the city was ordered to cease and ordered to pay a total of \$1,200 to eight persons who had been denied water, plus the city was ordered to pay \$3,800 in attorney fees, plus all the costs of the action. Richard Schisler was the City Solicitor at that time.

Complaints continued. On Dec. 18, 1992 the federal court again issued orders to the city to stop denying the citizens rights to water and once again the city had to pay off. Richard Schisler was the City Solicitor.

On Mar. 18, 1993 the federal court issued another order against the city and retained jurisdiction in the case for the purpose of enforcing the court's orders. Richard T. Schisler was the City Solicitor.

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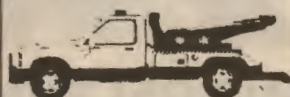
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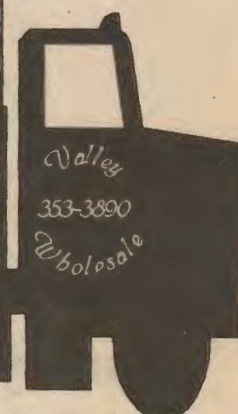


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Mr. David Kuhn, Portsmouth City Solicitor told the *Shawnee Sentinel* that Attorney John Hust of Cincinnati was defending the city in the actions that have been filed concerning water service. Mr. Kuhn said he had researched the law on the ordinance and felt it was proper, but the attorney for the Coleman's had a different opinion on the law and it would be settled in court. He also said that he had been unaware of the federal court orders at the time the ordinance was passed.

Ann Sydnor, former member of council, said she remembered the previous cases in federal court; and remembered voting on the new ordinance and had followed the advice of the solicitor. She said there was no intent to deprive citizens of water service.

Greg Bauer, former member of council, and now a candidate for the mayor's office, said he did not remember the ordinance. (Minutes of the meeting show that all members voted 'aye'.)

Jim Kalb said he had been a member of council for two years, was unaware of previous court orders, was aware of the present federal court action, and remembered voting for the present ordinance. He was of the opinion that the intent of the council was not fully clear in the present ordinance and believes council should take action to amend the present law.

An attempt was made to communicate with Richard T. Schisler concerning the three federal actions and orders against the City of Portsmouth during his term as City Solicitor.

A call to Judge Richard Schisler's office by the *Shawnee Sentinel* was not returned and the reporter was unable to find Mr. Schisler in his office.

Copies of federal court documents indicate that Regina Cooley of 4038 Scioto Trail, Portsmouth, Ohio, has also filed similar suit to the Coleman action in United States District Court.

Attorney Steve Shane told the *Sentinel* that the passage of this action by the city council is a deprivation of the citizens' rights under the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, and a violation of the orders of the federal court.

Mr. Shane invites all and any who have a complaint concerning their deprivation of water rights to call him at (513) 232-2860 ♦ ♦ ♦

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♦ Attorney Jerry L. Buckler is an associate of Attorney Marilee Stephenson. Mr. Buckler was graduated from Valley High School in 1983, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Rio Grande College in 1987, a Master's degree in Education at Ohio University in 1991, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Capital University Law School in 1996 and taught Mathematics at Clay High School for ten years, and has taught as an adjunct Mathematics instructor at Shawnee State University.

While attending law school Mr. Buckler also worked as Judicial Clerk for Common Pleas Court Judge Everett Burton for one year. Jerry Buckler is a candidate for the Valley School Board of Education in the November election. Mr. Buckler is married, and he and his wife Lisa have two children, Adrienne, age 7 and Adam, age 4. Attorneys Marilee Stephenson and Jerry Buckler have moved to new law offices at 530 Sixth Street. The new offices are less than a block from the County Court House. The phone number is 354-3761. ♦ ♦ ♦

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## TO THE CITIZENS OF SCIOTO COUNTY:

Now on with more of Mr. Callihan's purging of the corrupt individuals of the Scioto County criminal justice system.

Mr. Callihan is no longer easily available for comment as he has been rapidly sent to prison on the charges from Warren County Ohio. The reason he was returned here was to stand trial for organized crime. We'll find out more about that later. I'm just glad he gave up what he did on the first round.

One very interesting thing Mr. Callihan had to say was that New Boston Police Chief Gary Stone had contacted him twice while he was in the Scioto County jail. Mr. Callihan stated the reason for the contacts was that Chief Stone wanted him to stop the Sentinel from printing what he had already told them. Chief Stone did come to the jail and did have Mr. Callihan brought to a room where he could talk privately. This visit can be proven by the jail log. Mr. Callihan was also told by Chief Stone that Mr. Darby would be coming to talk to him about this same subject. Mr. Callihan told Chief Stone he didn't believe him, to which Chief Stone answered, "I'll make him." To my knowledge Mr. Darby never did come to see Mr. Callihan. Mr. Stone did tell Mr. Callihan that Mr. Darby was afraid that the Sentinel would find out if he went there.

Most of us have read or heard of Mr. Orland Leadingham. Following is a very interesting account of a situation that took place involving Mr. Leadingham both inside and outside of prison, according to Mr. Callihan, who was in the same prison. Sometime shortly after Mr. Leadingham went to prison his home was destroyed by fire. The rumors were that Mr. Leadingham hired someone to burn his home. This brought the area Fire Marshall, Ken Crawford into the picture. Mr. Crawford came to the prison where Mr. Leadingham was and persuaded an inmate to wear a body wire, and try to get Mr. Leadingham to talk about the fire. The inmate did get Mr. Leadingham to say that he did hire someone to burn his home. He also gave names which Mr. Callihan said one of the people named was on probation to Mr. Darby at the time of the fire. It has been told to me that the people that burnt the house were allowed to plea to misdemeanors, and that appeared to be the end of it.

Now here is what I find extremely strange. We have Mr. Leadingham, on tape, admitting he had his house burnt. We have two people who plead to burning the house. There had to be a middle man that hired the burners. Mr. Leadingham should have been tried for arson, he wasn't. Common sense tells me something is very wrong here! I'm sure Mr. Grimshaw has a good explanation for this.

Or maybe this is tied to the next situation that Mr. Callihan says he took part in.

According to Mr. Callihan, Mr. Leadingham had a diary he kept. In this diary were accounts of things that had happened on the outside that he had personal knowledge of. According to Mr. Callihan, who read the diary, a lot of it was of a criminal nature on people in Scioto County. Mr. Callihan stole this diary. Why? He needed help himself.

Mr. Callihan stated he gave the diary to Mr. Crawford, the Fire Marshall. He stated he thought it might help him somehow.

I have been informed by law enforcement officials that Mr. Crawford denies this took place.

I have heard nothing of any investigations being conducted from all this information that has surfaced. I'll bet if Mr. Grimshaw were asked if anything was being done he would probably say, "Ed Ciraso has messed up any investigation we could have done by exposing this." That's what he said when I gave him the tapes Mr. Crabtree made.

My answer to that would be, "Mr. Grimshaw, it's time you did something. Not some secret investigation that only you know about. Everything is out in the open. Give Mr. Callihan a polygraph and a voice stress analysis. Find out if he is telling the truth, if he is, offer the same to the people he has named. After they refuse, then take a stand and let the public know who's side you are on

I have heard that Mr. Grimshaw has dreams of becoming a candidate for Judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeals. My feeling on this is, "Mr. Grimshaw if you can't or won't do anything about the corruption in your own county, why in the hell would the people want you sitting in judgment of the lives of people in fourteen counties (which is what the fourth district covers). You better clean up your own back yard first."

Don't miss the up coming issues for more explosive information on "THE POWERS THAT BE" and New Boston Police Chief Gary Stone.

Signed, Ed Ciraso

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