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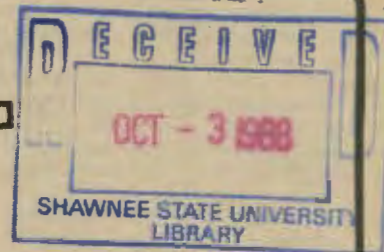
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October 3, 1988 Vol. 3 Issue 2

Portsmouth, Ohio

BASF releases test results

By Jeff Horton

OA Editor

Merchants and private citizens throughout the Portsmouth area have signs displayed in support of a proposed BASF automotive paint plant at Haverhill in eastern Scioto County.

But a new area industry may be just wishful thinking, if preliminary plant site tests prove to be correct.

BASF released geotechnical test results on Sept. 8 that said acceptable plant conditions exist at the Terre Haute, Ind. site, but additional drillings and analysis will have to be conducted at the Haverhill site.

BASF representatives discussed the proposed paint plant Sept. 22 in a public meeting in Green Township.

At that meeting, Jerry Buchanan, executive assistant to the president and director of communications of BASF, said, "BASF has been studying your communities from the kindergarten through the university."

When BASF held a meeting in Portsmouth on Aug. 11, Jack Wehman, project director for BASF's midwest venture, stressed the company's commitment to SSU. "We have told you that we want to be a responsible industrial neighbor," Wehman said.

"That implies a responsibility and action," Wehman said. "We will be involved in the university process through graduate school, co-op programs, seminar series, cash advances and through the technology sharing that my technology driven company can provide to any university," he said.

Wehman said SSU will set the pace for BASF's educational involvement. "We will probably be as involved (with SSU) as you will let us be," Wehman said.

During the meeting at Green Township, a major concern voiced by the audience was the effect the new plant will have on the environment. BASF has said major parts of the

facility will be a massive incinerator designed to dispose of solid waste and a landfill to dispose of toxic chemical waste.

According to Wehman, not only will the new plant have an on-site landfill, it will also dispose of waste from other BASF facilities. If BASF locates in Haverhill, there will be chemical hauling trucks travelling US 52 and other local highways.

Dr. Keith Gaspich, Scioto County Health Commissioner, wrote a letter that appeared in area newspapers (Community Common, Sept. 15), expressing his concern that BASF may build a huge hazardous waste dump at the site rather than a paint factory.

"What guarantee do we have that a manufacturing plant, employing

hundreds of workers, will be built and in what time frame will it be operational?" Gaspich asked.

These sentiments were echoed by several members of the audience at the Green Township meeting.

"One of the main concerns was environment," Buchanan said following the meeting. "We are just as concerned about the environment as anybody else. We all have children and we want them totally protected."

A member of the audience at Green, who didn't give his name, said he believes the public will be protected. "I work for a chemical company here in the area. I find it hard to believe that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency would allow BASF to build here

if it posed a serious threat."

Wehman said this would not be the first plant of its type in the world. BASF is operating nine such plants already in Europe. However, this will be the first of its kind in the United States, as all other BASF plants in this country were set up in older, existing plants, he said.

If the plant is located in the area, it could mean as many as 500 new jobs, BASF officials have said. However, in spite of needed jobs being created, some area residents have doubts about the desirability of the plant locating here.

A woman asked as the meeting was concluding, "But, if one person loses their life, will it be worth the jobs?"



For some students, the first week of classes was spent waiting in line at the new bookstore. Photo by Steve Skaggs, OA Staff Photographer.

The orange badge of discourtesy

Commentary by
Jeff Horton OA Editor

Someone has called it the Shawnee Experience. You know what I mean, that painful interlude we all must experience in trying to get from point A to point B with a situation on campus.

I'm not complaining about the schedule. I got the classes I needed. I wasn't even upset by the long lines in the bookstore. The computer didn't break down so it was worth the wait.

All I wanted was to park my car and leave it unmolested in the parking lot.

Such a simple request. Yet, when class was over and I went to get in my car to go home, what do you think was stuck on the windshield? One of those orange warning stickers telling if you park here again your car will be towed away.

I took a few minutes and looked. All four tires were well inside those yellow lines they paint on

the asphalt to make sure your car doesn't infringe on another car's space. I looked for a handicapped parking sign ... those were on the other parking lot. I'm still trying to figure out why they put one of those stickers on my car.

You have heard the adage that absolute power corrupts absolutely? Well, give one of those people with the blue shirts an orange sticker, and you'll begin seeing them everywhere. They just can't resist the temptation to use them.

Sooner or later they do ... and someone gets hurt. (I guess we're all lucky the security guards don't carry guns, huh?)

Even the Portsmouth city meter maid knows not to use some adhesive backed ticket to warn someone they are parked illegally. This is college after all, use some sense!

I doubt very seriously if I will see one of those blue shirted folks out there scraping that orange badge of discourtesy off my car window.

However, I hope they begin to exercise some

common sense the next time they are trying to decide where to stick it -- I have some suggestions.



Jeff Horton, The Open Air Editor, is an SSU Fine Arts major. He has a Master's Degree in Bible Theology from Indiana Bible College and a Bible Teacher's Certificate from International Bible Institute and Seminary. He is the news director for a local radio station.

What does the mirror show you?

Commentary by

Tim Parsley OA Staff Writer

Change. It can be a frightening thing.

A person's life is basically a continuous search for happiness. There is partial success; then we become comfortable. Unfortunately, comfort sometimes leads to stagnation.

We become trapped because, after a while, our present situation seems to be all that we can imagine. It isn't fulfilling, but it's safe.

There is risk in change. The chance of losing what you know you can survive keeps some people from trying for something better. Sooner or later we come face to face with reality. But reality has many faces.

One of the greatest fears associated with change is the fear of confronting your own limitations.

Realizing that you can't be the person you've wanted to be can be a chilling experience. The problem could be a mistaken idea of what your true talent is.

The "could have been" concept can be a two-edged sword. If you don't try to reach what you consider your potential, then you're haunted by that. If you try, but fail, it damages your sense of self-worth. Everyone likes to feel they know themselves completely. But, sometimes life can be a mirror that shows oneself a stranger.

College was a challenge I presented myself. I had been out of high school for quite a while and wasn't confident at all that I could succeed. There have been some little failures, but I've been happy with the experience so far.

The same mirror that shows you a stranger can also show you someone you had no idea you could be.



Tim Parsley, is an The Open Air Staff Writer. He is a SSU Social Science major with an emphasis in psychology. He hopes for a career in counseling. Whereas most people are on the right or the left, he is slightly off center.

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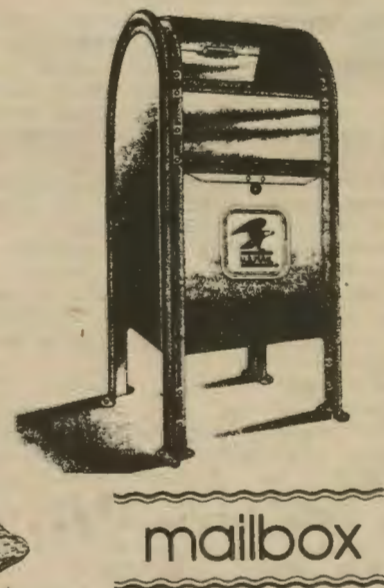
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All letters must be signed and contain the address and phone number of the writer for verification. Writers should print or type their names beneath their signatures.

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POINT

Oprah Winfrey: The male bashers ball

Commentary by

Charles Murray OA Staff Writer

What will their subject be this week? Abusive husbands? The nefarious lusting horde of men? The offensive male ego? All are topics well suited for Oprah Winfrey's shows. She is America's leading male basher.

Women talk show hosts are part of the female gender that doesn't understand the opposite sex. Instead of being curious and making a game of sex, they condemn it.

It's all the men's fault, so they say. The talk show hosts belong to the sad lot of neurotic vixen who would love to see people break up with their spouses because they can't make it work themselves. The old misery loves company story.

The fact is, since people can't understand members of the opposite sex, they should learn to enjoy them. Nietzsche said, "The true man wants two things: play and danger." And women should adopt the same attitude toward men. People have to make their work into play to have a good relationship. People make so much work out of what could be play.

With decadent shows such as Oprah Winfrey's and mindless books such as "The Hite Report," it's no wonder we have such confusion about the sexes. All these women do is point the finger of accusation on that which is not known to them.

Of course, the stench exudes from both sexes and it is so useless. Sex itself is so misunderstood. When more importance is attached to the feelings of the other person the sex comes naturally. If these feelings develop, all the rest will happen.

One of my favorite accusations of the "male bashers" is the idea that men are just sexual animals. Oprah Winfrey once said men just have to realize there is more to sex than just the basic act. Of course when a woman gets excited over a man, it's o.k. and natural.

This sort of rhetoric gets one nowhere. We can only accept one another, not understand one another. It never ceases to amaze me there are still people who follow Middle-Ages Christian ethics that say sex is somehow unnatural and dirty. A true Christian cannot be a sensualist.

What mankind needs, is to learn to ask questions instead of pointing the "moral" finger. Morality is a useless word because it never stops people from doing something they would do anyway. Since we cannot know "why," we must, as Bertrand Russell said, glory in the chase.

This country has had a surge of bad talk show hosts such as Geraldo Rivera, Winfrey, and Sally whatever her name is. They make a circus out of every deviation. Gays, murderers, so called insane men, and reporters who have "different" methods of acquiring information are all performers for these hosts.

Every show is the same, the talk show host (particularly Geraldo) interrupts the guests, shouts at them and tries to rally the mob against them. No attempt is made to perceive the truth. No one dares to consider values. But as I always say, people cannot see the blatantly obvious wheel of history.

Everyone says history repeats itself, but how few understand it. Machiavelli wrote in "The Prince," that a deceiver will never lack victims for his deceptions because men are so simple and inclined to obey immediate desires. He said it in the 1500s and it still rings nakedly true today.



Charles Murray is an The Open Air staff writer. He has traveled in eight countries and is a SSU social sciences major.

COUNTERPOINT

Are talk shows really circuses in disguise?

Commentary by

Charlene Edwards

OA Opinion Editor

Incest does happen in our society today and there is a way to cut down on the majority of incidents of incest. Turn in the culprits, so says Oprah Winfrey.

Oprah does more than just "jump" on the male ego, as some people think she does, on her daily talk show. Women's talk shows such as Oprah's and

Sally Jesse Raphael's, are informative and I'm sure the hosts fully understand the male gender.

As to the so-called surge of bad talk show hosts, most of the talk show hosts we have in America provide information a person would not be able to get from a newspaper or from their own experiences.

Watching talk shows is like walking into a department store. There are different varieties of clothes that come in different colors, sizes and patterns for the person who has a need for variety.

If some people want to call finding out about AIDS, prostitution, and persons who are mentally ill a circus, then maybe the circus should be given another name -- maybe "talk show."



Charlene Edwards, The Open Air Opinion Editor, is a SSU Psychology major. She shares her very opinionated views with her cat Chryside.

AIR YOUR VIEWS

By Sallie Traxler What do you look for in a prospective date?

OA Business Manager

Pat Thomas, business administration major

"Someone who is very congenial and old fashioned."

Steve Bellany, electro-mechanical engineering major

"Someone that is fun to be around, with a sense of humor and has nice legs."

Have a question you want to ask?

The Open Air staff is always looking for suggestions. Please submit any ideas to the Open Air office in Massie room 411.

Amy McQuay, arts major

"Someone who wants to go out and have a good time. I'd rather go out with a crowd of people."

Kevin Day, physical education major

"Someone easy going that wants to have a good time, not a couch potato, not afraid to be romantic. I like to go out to dinner."

Kris Scott, speech therapy major

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Continuing education offers police academy

By Melissa Caraway

OA Staff Writer

For the first time ever, SSU will be offering a 28 week course for persons desiring to become police officers or security guards.

The course is called the Peace Officer Training Academy. "It is a

function of the attorney general's office of the state of Ohio," said Gary Gulker, director for the new Center of Business and Industry in the Continuing Education Department.

"The course is held four times a week, Monday through Thursday, 6 to 10 p.m.," Gulker said. The course is open to both men and women.

"There is only one other university

in Ohio offering this program on campus," Gulker said.

The school commander for the course is Gary Stone, New Boston Police Chief. The course constitutes 305 classroom hours of instruction. This includes lectures, out-of-class instruction and lessons on the firing range.

Gulker said this course is

necessary for persons planning to become a bona fide police officer in Ohio.

"All instructors are qualified and certified in law enforcement," Gulker said.

Gulker said the course is successful so far according to the enrollment. A second course will be offered in October.

The night Vegas came to town

By Charlene Edwards

OA Opinion Editor

Vegas came to town in the new student union Sept. 22.

The Vegas Night was for gamblers at

heart. Free popcorn and pop was provided to dozens of student gamblers gathered around Las Vegas style game tables.

School organizations had displays

designed to recruit new members. Included were SERFS, Phi Theta Kappa, and other persons who wanted to start new clubs at SSU.

Prizes given included two racquets

with goggles, a SSU jacket, four hats, a Bears sweatshirt, three SSU sweatshirts and two grab bags.

Phil "Magic" Malone was the disc jockey.

2.0's in the running for student senate

By Charlene Edwards

OA Opinion Editor

Students having at least a 2.0 grade point average and who attend SSU

full-time, may consider running for SSU's student senate this year, said Dave Nelson, student senate vice president.

Nelson said he will be running for

a senate position this year and he also plans to serve on the activities committee.

"The process that interested and qualified students will go through is

to fill out a petition and go through a light screening," Nelson said.

"Pollticking will be held in designated areas with a meet the candidate day in late October for candidates to do some more pollticking," Nelson said.

The president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and corresponding secretary will be elected by the new senate members, he said.

"The student senate committee will be working closely with the Ohio Student Association to keep student up-to-date on political matters happening in the university," Nelson said.

"There will also be several OSA conventions which the president and vice president should attend," he said.



Jack Hanna, director of the Columbus Zoo, will be on the SSU campus green at 7 p.m., this evening. The show, presented by the cultural affairs committee, is free and open to the public.

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The SSU Bears are preparing for their upcoming NAIA conference games.

Photo By Marty Cooper, OA Sports Editor.

SSU Bears advance to 4-3

By Marty Cooper
OA Sports Editor

The SSU Bears are off to a 4-3 start in the 1988 NAIA women's volleyball season.

The Bears have 1 freshman on the volleyball team but only 9 are dressing out.

"Even though we have a very young team, we have a mixture of all area

talent and we are a very competitive team against all schools," said Tom Bowman, head volleyball coach.

This is the first year of action for the Bears volleyball team and Bowman's first year coaching a volleyball team. He also is the SSU intramural sports director and formerly was men's basketball coach.

The Bears are members of the NAIA conference but the team is also playing as an independent.

The Bears practice each afternoon throughout the week from 3 until 5. They will go back into action Saturday, Oct. 8, at Ohio State University, Marion campus, at 1 p.m.

They will return home to take on Wilmington at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 12 in the activities center.

The Bears will wrap up the season here with Wright State University-Celina, on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m.

Bowman prepares for intramural 88

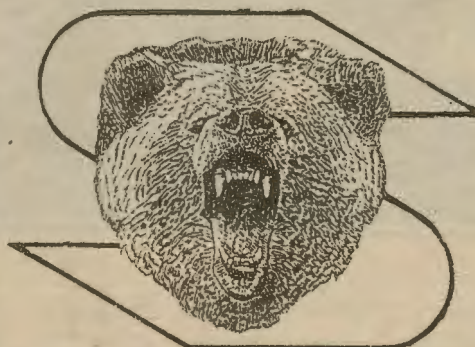
By Marty Cooper
OA Sports Editor

Tom Bowman, intramural sports director, is setting the stage for the 1988 intramural program. According to Bowman, there should be a good turn-out for the intramural events.

Bowman also said the events will change each quarter, and will include a bowling night.

Volleyball is the first scheduled event. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 3, Bowman said.

There will be awards given in each event.



1988 INTRAMURAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Event	Sign-up Deadline	Starting Date
Volleyball	Oct. 3	Oct. 5
Football	Oct. 6	Oct. 9
Wallyball	Oct. 20	Oct. 24
Student Olympics	Nov. 2	Nov. 4
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Strolling guitarist at a semi-Italian restaurant?

By Jeff Horton

OA Editor

Who ever heard of a strolling guitarist at a semi-Italian restaurant?

Well, visitors to what was the Serving Spoon at Second and Court Streets in Historic Boneyfiddle will get exactly that.

Jerry Howard, the new owner of the restaurant, is making a few changes at the after-hours stomping grounds.

The first change is the name, which will soon be "Ye Olde Lantern."

"I want to make Ye Olde Lantern, a place that people can come to, after classes, to drink a beer or have dinner," Howard said.

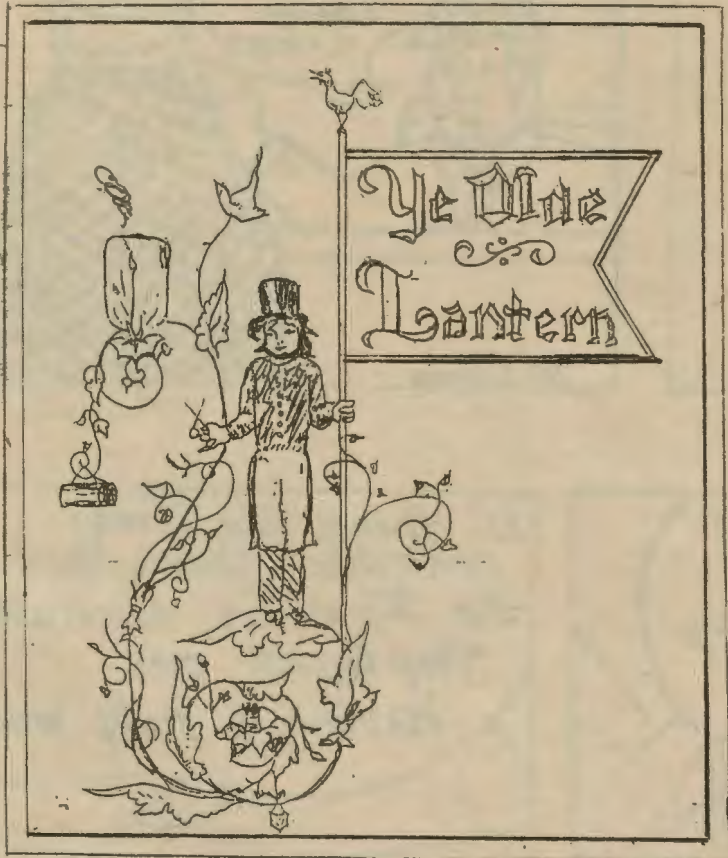
Along with the name change and internal improvements, the menu will be changed. "We will still offer the standards and local favorites," Howard said, "but we will be offering dinners comparable to other restaurants in the area."

Howard plans to feature strolling guitarist Greg Romanello on Friday and Saturday nights. Romanello plays acoustic guitar and has an extensive repertoire of country and contemporary music, Howard said.

Howard intends to encourage Monday-night football parties where students can watch the game on big-screen TV.

Howard has plans for other business in Portsmouth. "I will open another restaurant in five weeks," he said. He plans to open three more restaurants within a year and a half.

One of those three will be an all Italian restaurant, Howard said.



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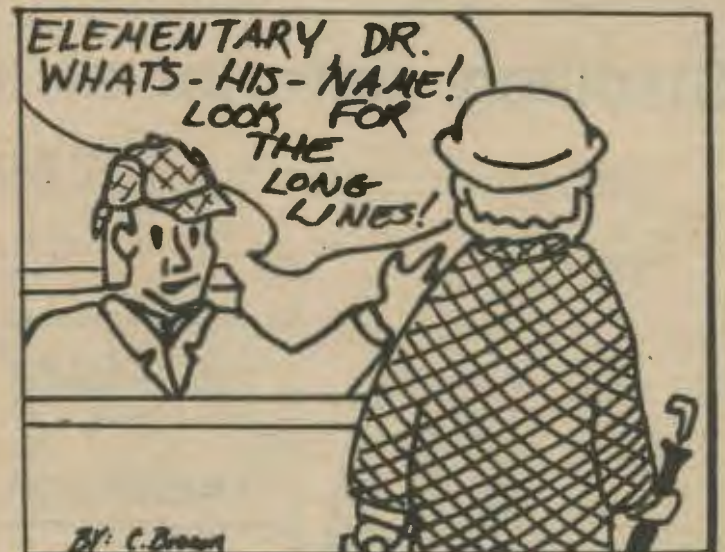
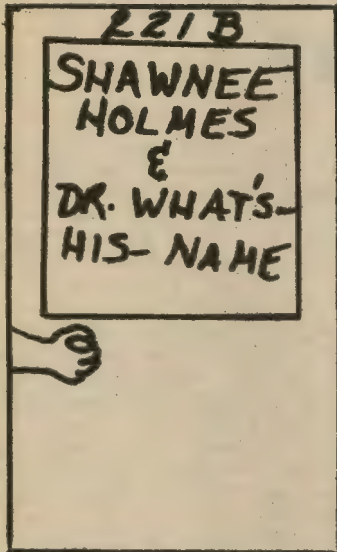
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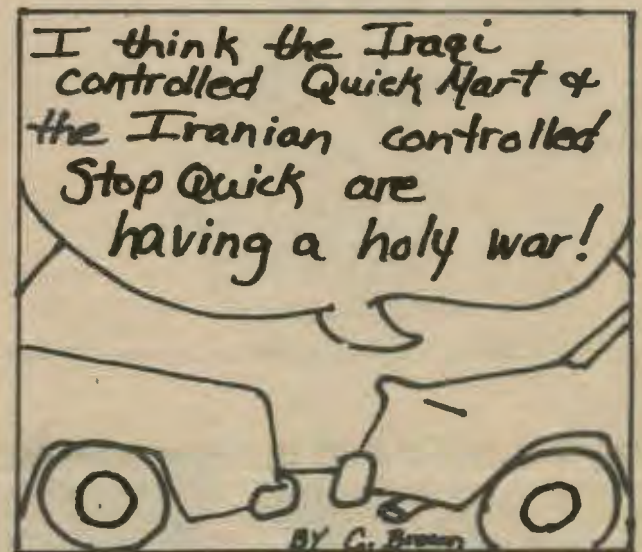
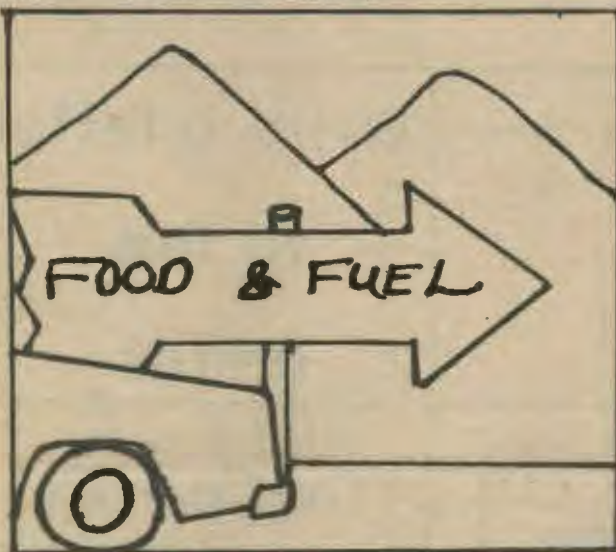
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