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HIGHLIGHTS PARTY
AT SSU STUDENT CENTER

Student Activities Director Dave Edwards denied any knowledge of party; but said he had discussed the alcoholic beverages with "Pat", President Veri's secretary.



Half-gallon bottles of Bacardi Rum, Gordon's Gin, Scoresby's Scotch and Green Label Jack Daniels whiskey and other hard liquors graced the table on the second floor of the Student University Center at Shawnee State University at 5:44 p.m. on Thursday the 9th of May, 1996. The bartender is pictured bending over to lift another case of whisky from the floor to the table. The *Sentinel* was unable to get any official comment on the whiskey and some SSU officials interviewed refused to tell reporters what kind of party was being held. A reporter was refused admittance to the second floor at 6:40 p.m. and was told by a SSU employee, "All I know is we were told not to allow anyone to go upstairs." The employee said he was given his orders by Dave Edwards, SSU student activities director. At 3:10 p.m. on Friday May 24, 1996, when interviewed by the *Sentinel*, Dave Edwards said he was not at the party -- didn't know what was going on. When asked about ordering employees to keep people from going upstairs, Edwards said, "The order may have come from President Veri." Attempts to interview Dr. Larry Mangus, who is Mr. Edwards' supervisor, were unsuccessful. Dr. Mangus did not return a phone call, and twice, in face to face encounters, Dr. Mangus refused to even speak to the reporter. On Saturday May 25, at about 6:24 p.m., after re-affirming from the SSU employee that Dave Edwards had issued the orders that had caused the *Sentinel* reporter to be barred from the second floor on the 9th, Mr. Edwards was again interviewed by the *Sentinel*. He again said he had no knowledge of what had occurred in the building on the evening of the 9th of May, and again denied issuing the order. When Mr. Edwards was informed by the *Sentinel* that they had knowledge that whiskey and other alcohol had been served there at that time, he said, "I don't know anything about that, you will have to talk with President Veri." Mr. Edwards said he had talked about the party with Mrs. Pat Moore, Executive Secretary to President Veri. In a telephone interview with Mrs. Moore on June 4, at 11:03 a.m. the *Sentinel* was told that the party was hosted by Clive Veri for the Branch Rickey family, that she (Mrs. Moore) arrived late at the party, saw no mixed drinks, but that table wine was served with the meal. ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

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The tyrant is a child of Pride
Who drinks from his great sickening cup
Recklessness and vanity,
Until from his high crest headlong
He plummets to the dust of hope.
—Sophocles

The Shawnee Sentinel was founded in early 1995 by a group of journalism students at Shawnee State University who sought equal opportunity and freedom of speech.

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He has arms that are gentle,
yet strong, embrace me,
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He has a way that is like an
aphrodisiac, envelope me,
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Viola Lynne Mangus

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02. All kinds of musical festivals: bluegrass, Edgefest, Junebug, etc.
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Love Is Here

By Wally Leedom

James Ferguson, SSU student, has recently completed the writing of his twenty seventh opera.

James, known popularly as "Fergie", can often be found in the University Center enjoying his natural talent while sitting at the beautiful big white YAMAHA player piano in the lobby.

Fergie, age 21, also writes concertos and symphonies. He has been writing operas since the age of 12.

At age seventeen he toured Carnegie Hall, and was even allowed to tour the stage. The tour guide told him at the time, "Now that you have been on stage, we expect you back."

Fergie explained that this opera, titled *LOVE*, is a musical production for thirty instruments and five voices. The music for each instrument must be written, plus the vocals.

LOVE took two weeks to write. Two weeks of seclusion, concentration, and dedication. As Fergie said, he is "driven and at times consumed" with this art form.

The opera is approximately 3 hours and forty five minutes in length.

Fergies' proliferation can be put into perspective with the seven operas that Chopin wrote in his entire lifetime.

When asked when his operas will be produced, Fergie said, "When I produce them."

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SSU student Mack Shelton has been elected editor of the **UNIVERSITY CHRONICLE**, his term begins in the fall quarter.

Mr. Shelton was a founding student member of the **SHAWNEE SENTINEL**, and his latest accomplishment is the literary magazine, **PLANES OF REALITY**, which he founded and publishes.

Mr. Shelton has taken Journalism classes, and has learned desktop publishing at SSU. He was one of the founders of the Applied Journalism Society at SSU. (The society was abolished by decree of VP Larry Mangus in 1995.)

The SSU student body is fortunate to have Shelton as editor of their newspaper. His training, and experience in campus publications is an asset to the position.

All hands at the **SENTINEL** congratulate Mack and hope the best for him and the **CHRONICLE**.

God's Country

SHAME, SHAME, SHAME

The following prayer opened the Kansas state legislative session in January 1996, several legislatures felt it necessary to walk out. When read in Colorado this past May, legislators again stalked out. When the prayer was delivered in the Utah and Nebraska legislative bodies, no one felt obligated to leave.

Rev. Joe Wright's opening prayer at Kansas; "Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that's exactly what we've done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values."

"We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute value of Your word and called it moral pluralism. We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression."

(Editors note: The prayer may be longer, this is all we could locate.)



Party!

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Playing on the Edge

July 5 through 7, EdgeFest '96 invades the edge of the county and is shaping up to be the biggest festival ever in Southern Ohio
by Don Willis

This year will mark the 3rd anniversary of Scioto County's premier rock festival EdgeFest. With over six months of preparation and advertising across much of the United States, this year's festival is shaping up to be one of the biggest events to ever hit Scioto County. Unchained (a clothing company from San Diego, Ca.) will be filming the festival and plans to air a portion of it on an MTV ad. Festival organizer Chris Wright has been with the event since its start at Branch Rickey Park in 1994. "It started as a benefit for the (Branch Rickey) park and has drastically increased in popularity since then," says Chris. "Last year's turnout was much greater compared to the first year. The festival had to be moved out of Portsmouth, however, due to some local politics." It looks like the festival will stay out of the city limits in the future as well. The location this year will be in Minford, Ohio at the site of the old Teays Valley tractor pulls.

The entertainers this year are from all over the eastern third of the United States as well as a few local acts. Among some of the traveling bands in the festival are Chum, a Huntington W.Va. grunge style band that has recently signed with a major label; NU Deep, hip-hop metal rockers from Wilmington, NC; The Lincolns, another Raleigh band that brings their punk-pop style to Appalachia; Regatta 69, a Chapel Hill, NC band playing Ska (rock-reggae) music at its best; and Dayroom, groovy alternative rock from out of Athens, Ga.

A little closer to home, Ishkabibble will bring their chicken-bakin' and shakin' funk from Columbus down to entertain us. Dayton's Laszlo (a return-performer) will play their progressive mind-bending music to kick-off the event at 4:00 p.m. on Friday,

and Lem Darro, a progressive power rock trio from Columbus will start things up Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The newcomer spot at 2:00 p.m. Saturday will go to local hook metal rockers The Big Scary from South Webster, Ohio.

The local acts this year include Spagetty (a band featuring Chris Wright on drums); Pour The Coal, Scioto County's bad boys of metal; Notion sack, blues-jazz fusion (including former members of bump); and The Boogie Men, an old school power blues trio. There is also a scheduled performance by 11:00 Daddy, (including former Plaid Bone members) and Kenny Wayne, a tribute to Hank Williams Sr. from Nashville, Tennessee.

Besides the live music, vendors will set up to sell food, clothes, curios, and do-dads, there will be merchandise available by most of the bands (including CD's, T-shirts, etc.), and plenty of room for campers. Chris is encouraging everyone to bring a tent and camp out if anyone plans on drinking. There will be drunk driving literature placed around the festival area to discourage drinking and driving. This year's proceeds will be going to benefit the Salvation Army food pantry of Portsmouth. EdgeFest may not be the panacea for Scioto County's economic woes, but it's definitely a step in the right direction.

Anyone interested in attending EdgeFest '96 may contact Chris Wright at 614-354-7981. ☐☐

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JUDGE LYTTEN REFUSES TO HEAR PETITION FOR INFORMATION IN PCS SCHOOL BOARD SECRET PAY-OFFS IN CHEATING SCANDALS

By Doug Deepe, Special Reporter to the Sentinel

Scioto County Common Pleas Court Judge Walter Lytten ruled on May 7, 1996 to uphold the "secrecy" from public dissemination of public documents.

A writ of mandamus was filed in the Scioto County Common Pleas Court on January 24, 1996 seeking a court order to force the Portsmouth City School District to release all documents concerning payment of taxpayers money in the R. Michael Osborne secret settlement agreement.

In Lytten's ruling he stated that the Plaintiffs did not respond to a motion filed by the attorneys for the Portsmouth City Schools, in which the Portsmouth City Schools demanded that Judge Lytten throw out the case. For that reason, the judge granted the Portsmouth City Schools Boards request and dismissed the case, two days prior to a formal hearing.

The dismissal occurred without any hearing held in open court for the Plaintiff to state his case on behalf of the public.

May 9, 1996, 2:30 pm., was the date and time for the scheduled hearing. Sentinel reporter Austin Leedom was at the courthouse to attend the hearing and was informed that the case had been dismissed.

Mr. Leedom asked the court secretary to check her computer to see if the Plaintiffs had filed the proper responses. Ms. Hancock checked the computer and found that the Plaintiffs had indeed filed a motion in response as required by law.

On May 10, 1996, Austin Leedom met with Judge Walter Lytten, to discuss this with the judge. When asked why he dismissed the case when a contra motion had been timely filed by the plaintiffs the judge said, "I can't comment on a pending case."

Leedom pressed Judge Lytten with the fact that the case was not pending, but finalized on May 7, 1996 with his dismissal of the case, at which time Judge Lytten stated, "the case could be appealed."

The Sentinel has been investigating this case since the discovery of the "secret" settlement agreement in November 1995. In March of 1996 Sentinel Reporter Wally Leedom attended the Portsmouth City School Boards public meeting at McKinley Middle School, at which time he publicly requested, in a prepared document, answers to questions that were asked for under the court requested writ of mandamus.

Board member Rusty Miller ordered Portsmouth City School District Superintendent Garry Osborn to deliver the questions to the Portsmouth City Solicitor's Office for review and answers. As of this date, no answers have been provided to the Sentinel by the Portsmouth City School District or the Portsmouth City Solicitor's Office.

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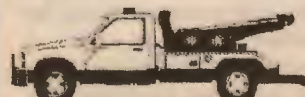
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By Wally Leedom

SSU student retention program, *THE CONNECTION*, has been selected as the USA Group/Noel-Levitz - National 1996 Retention Excellence Award recipient. The award was made on the basis of student retention program design, effectiveness of implementation, utilization of resources, linkages with business, industry, and community service agencies, knowledge and application of student retention methods, ability to identify and address specific student attrition reasons and supportive data of retention rates, institutional commitment, and ability to transfer program design across the campus community (STARS) and/or institution-to-institution. The students in the program should be applauded for their efforts to persist in their education program (87% retained from freshman to sophomore year) and to be successful in their student life activities and classrooms (2.9 average cumulative GPA.) The connection could not have achieved this award without the excellence of student service provided by Tim, Debbie, Sandi, Dale, Nora, Vicci, Brenta, Regina, and their leader Suzanne. We do have some top programs on the SSU campus. President Clive Veri has a "tops in the nation" crew in *THE CONNECTION*, and the students on campus and the area community are rightfully proud of and pleased with *THE CONNECTION*. A tip of the *Sentinel* cap to Suzanne and crew.

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- Former Judge, Portsmouth Municipal Court

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SSU DORM EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATED

BY WALLY LEEDOM

Male and female students living in SSU student housing complained to Jacqueline Maillet, resident manager of university housing, concerning university employee Eric DeYoung, during spring quarter 1996. DeYoung was and is university housing resident assistant, a paid employee of SSU.

When questioned by *SENTINEL* reporters on April 4th, 1996, concerning the complaints against DeYoung, Maillet's only response was "I know what you're talking about and I think it's funny."

The complaints that students had voiced to the *SENTINEL* include unauthorized entry into female students apartments, at times while the students were bathing. Also unauthorized entry into male students apartments, at least once while brandishing a handgun.

As RA, DeYoung has a key to every students apartment at housing, several female students expressed concern and fear over the pass key situation.

Female students also complained of the forceful treatment of another female student, by DeYoung, at an off campus party.

SSU STUDENT HANDBOOK 1995-96 states on page 34, "as a condition of admission and continued enrollment, students who are not living within a 50-mile radius of the university with their immediate families, are required to live in university housing, etc."

Maillet's response to the DeYoung complaints sparked a complaint to her supervisors and the university began an investigation of the complaints the following day.

Several students were called into student activities director David Edwards' office and given the opportunity to make statements.

Jacqueline Maillet told *SENTINEL* reporters that DeYoung was neither disciplined or given an oral reprimand as a result of the investigation. Maillet also stated that Mr. DeYoung "did use bad judgement in a couple of areas," but he did not show any "malicious intent."

David Edwards indicated to the *SENTINEL* that RA DeYoung was disciplined, but not dismissed as a result of the investigation.

When given an opportunity by the *SENTINEL*, RA DeYoung declined to comment. ☒☒☒

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WELTON TRIAL

By Doug Deepe, Special Reporter to the Sentinel

A review of the John Welton trial transcript and other documents indicate that Ohio State Auditor Doug Smith may have committed perjury and assisted in withholding evidence favorable to former SSU Bursar John Welton during Welton's criminal trial in early 1994.

The Sentinel has reviewed a transcript of Smith's testimony and compared it with newly discovered documents and found major discrepancies with what Mr. Smith testified to and what really transpired prior to and during the trial of Welton.

These documents also reveal that Scioto County Prosecutor Lynn Grimshaw may have been involved in the withholding of key documents that may have proven Welton's innocence.

During the trial, Mr. Smith testified that he was chosen to do the audit from a list of assistant auditors, and that he was chosen because he had no ties to Shawnee State University. On page 388 of the trial transcript Mr. Grimshaw asks Mr. Smith, "Are you saying that the auditor's office was wanting to find auditors that had nothing at all to do with Shawnee State University?"

Mr. Smith answered "Yes".

Mr. Grimshaw then went on to ask, "As a matter of fact, was there someone else that was assigned to help you for a short period of time that was taken off the audit, and why was that?"

Mr. Smith stated, "Yes there was, it was discovered that they had attended Shawnee State University for one or two classes about ten years ago."

Later in the trial, Mr. Russ Kegley, attorney for Mr. Welton, asked Mr. Smith about prior jobs he had before going to work for the auditor's office. Smith stated that one of his jobs was with a firm called, "Reynolds and Company in Portsmouth".

The Sentinel has uncovered that this firm is owned and operated by Mr. Tom Reynolds, who was at the time of the trial, a member of the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees, and is now president of the board.

The Sentinel has learned that prior to starting the audit, Mr. Smith withheld this fact from the Ohio State Auditor's Office. Smith was required by Audit Bulletin 89-002, Independence of Assigned Staff, to reveal and

"acknowledge that they do not have direct or material indirect professional, personal or business relationships with anyone at the aforementioned auditee."

This information was uncovered in a document titled "Engagement Planning Document," in the possession of the auditors of the state of Ohio.

Mr. Smith withheld the fact that he had been formerly employed by an individual who had involvement in this case.

At the time of the trial, Mr. Smith appeared to deliberately mislead the jury and Mr. Welton's attorney, by claiming that at the time of the trial, only one year of the audit was completed. On pages 389-390 of the transcript Mr. Smith was asked, "Do you recall the initial period you were looking at Shawnee State? I mean, did you go back to 1980 to present?" Mr. Smith answered, "We began with the end of September and went back to August of 91 or 92."

The Sentinel has uncovered a letter written to Continental Guaranty & Credit Corporation, dated February 14, 1994, which is two weeks prior to the start of Mr. Welton's trial which states in part, "We have prepared spreadsheets analyzing the cash and check variances for the period from August 31, 1993 back to August 31, 1990...". This letter goes on to state, "This information is being used by the Scioto County Prosecutor in the prosecution of his case against defendant, Mr. John Welton."

Throughout Mr. Doug Smith's testimony, Attorney Grimshaw and Mr. Smith infer to the jury that during the period of September 1993 back to August of 1992, only 29 days had discrepancies of cash and check with any "substantial amounts". But the Sentinel has now uncovered documents to prove that the 29 days used in the case against Mr. Welton may have been manipulated in a manner to show that only Mr. Welton was the one who could have stolen any missing money.

On page 7 of the Ohio State Auditor's Engagement Planning Document, number 1e states as follows: "We do not believe that Ms. Vickie Grigson, the only other full time employee in the Bursar Office, was involved in

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B-17 Fortress - Origin: Boeing Airplane Company, Seattle, also built by Vega Aircraft at Burbank, Ca. and Douglas Aircraft Company, Tulsa. Type: High altitude bomber, crew of ten. Engines: Four 1,200hp Wright R-1820-97 Cyclone nine-cylinder radials with exhaust driven turbochargers. Dimensions: Span 102 ft 9in, length 74ft 9in. Weights: empty 32,720-35,001b, maximum loaded 65,001b. Performance: Maximum speed 287 mph, cruising speed 210mph, range 1100 miles. Armament: Twin 50 cal Brownings in chin, dorsal, ball and tail turrets, plus two in nose sockets, one in radio compartment, one in each waist position. Normal bomb load 6,000 lb. History: First flight July 1935, first delivery to Army Air Corps 1939, final delivery April 1945. used by UK RAF and U.S. (AAC/AAF, NAVY.) The B-17 bore the brunt of early fighting in the Pacific and was the first weapon of the US 8th Bomber Command in England. On 17 August 1942 began three years of daylight strategic bombing in Europe. A total of 12,731 B-17s were used during World War II.

Information on B-17 by Shawnee Sentinel News Staff

the activities engaged in by Mr. Welton. The university is preparing a listing of the days worked and time taken off for both John Welton and Vicki Grigson to show that on the days off for Ms. Vicki Grigson, monies were taken by John Welton."

This statement draws into question the testimony of Ms. Elinda Boyles, Shawnee State University Personnel Director. Ms. Boyles stated that it was she that was given a list of days to check out by Mr. Doug Smith, but the engagement planning document states the opposite.

The Sentinel reviewed Mr. Welton's personnel file and discovered that there are 100-150 dates on the public audit report in which substantial funds were noted as being missing and Welton was not at work and which is proven by sick leave, vacation and personal leave forms signed by his supervisors. None of these dates were disclosed to the jury by Mr. Smith, Ms. Boyles or Mr. Grimshaw during the first trial. However, based on the audit report, many of these dates were known to Prosecuting Attorney Grimshaw prior to the start of Mr. Welton's trial.

Mr. Smith's testimony is very troubling in that Smith stated he didn't do a "full accounting of the university books". Smith also stated that he was not aware of where the documents he reviewed in his audit were kept prior to his receiving the documents to perform his audit.

Upon Mr. Smith's arrival at SSU, he was taken to a "locked filing cabinet" and given records that he was told to audit. Smith testified that these were the only records he audited and that he could not verify their authenticity.

The Sentinel has now uncovered proof that these documents were kept in the possession of Shawnee State University Officials even though the documents were allegedly seized under a court ordered search warrant, a clear violation of the Ohio Revised Code. In the engagement planning document, page 9, #7, reads as follows: "Initial meeting was to brief us on the theft and arrest of Mr. John Welton and to review the documents seized from Mr. Welton's office by the Ohio Highway Patrol." This meeting was attended by Dr. David Creamer, vice president, administration, Mr. Joseph Smith, field audit supervisor, and Mr. Clare Rubadue, district audit manager.

During that meeting as stated on page 8 of the engagement planning document, the auditors asked Dr. Creamer a very critical question. "Should the use of specialists be used?" Dr. Creamer's response was "NO". Why wouldn't Shawnee State University want specialists to do this audit? Mr. Welton's attorney attempted to bring before the jury that Mr. Doug Smith was not an expert, but Judge Walter Lytten overruled him and let Attorney

Lynn Grimshaw portray Doug Smith as an expert, when

Grimshaw had knowledge that Mr. Doug Smith was chosen not for his expertise, but chosen for the lack of his knowledge and ability.

The Sentinel disclosed in an earlier edition the discovery of a nine column spreadsheet that gave figures for the total receipts the Bursar's Office took in, the total cash/checks taken in by the Bursar's Office and the variances with each, and finally a column titled, total variance for the entire audit period which amounted to less than \$850.00.

Mr. Welton's attorney asked Mr. Smith, "So, during the period of your audit, do you have knowledge of how much money Shawnee State was supposed to be taking in and how much they actually deposited." Mr. Smith answered "Yes". Defense Attorney Russ Kegley then asked, "And what are those figures?"

Mr. Smith answered, "During the whole period of our audit?"

Mr. Kegley responded, "Yes". Mr. Smith then stated, "I don't have them with me."

It appears now that had the nine column audit been provided by Mr. Smith, that his testimony could have been proven to be perjured testimony.

The Sentinel will continue to follow this story.

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By Austin Leedom, Sports Editor

Sports have brought honor and fun to SSU this year. BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND GOLF HAVE ALL DONE WELL, and Shawnee Bowlers have had a lot of fun at Rainbow Lanes with the new electronic scoring. The new automatic scoring is really a big help to students with math learning deficiencies.

The soccer program under the direction of Coach Bill Hale is steadily improving and he has signed seven top recruits for the next season. Hale, with the help of the team and other volunteers built the soccer field at no cost to taxpayers.

Baseball with Coach Pat Rigsby finished the season with a record of 15-13 which is the best winning percentage in Shawnee history and only the second time that Shawnee has ever had a winning season. Pat has some good recruits on line and we look for baseball to get better and better

Basketball with Coach Robin Hagen-Smith has been great year after year and the teams have brought national recognition to SSU and the Portsmouth area. Two straight years in the National Tournament and finished only one game away from winning it all. TERRIFIC - a TIP of the Sentinel ball cap to Robin and the team!

Softball by the ladies, like ladies basketball is fabulous. They too, have been to the National Tournament two years in a row, and came within seven innings of being the national champs. A TIP of the Sentinel ball cap to Bill Kamer, Kenny Shupert, Chuck Carpenter, Head Coach Ralph Cole and the Lady Softball Bears.

Sports at SSU has brought desperately needed GOOD attention to the area and the university. The Sentinel is proud of the attitude of the coaches and athletes, particularly in view of the bad news they have absorbed this year from the decision of President Clive Veri to eliminate athletic scholarships for the present programs with an aim of having a football program sometime next century at SSU.

Little has been done by the administration to support athletics. Both the softball team and the soccer teams have built and maintained their own playing fields, with the support of area residents who have donated time and money generously. The athletes were insulted by the newly arrived VP of Student Affairs Larry Mangus when Dr. Mangus announced that he was lowering the academic requirements for athletes. (Athletes ain't dumb, Larry). Neither are sportswriters. Many of our athletes have already won high academic honors, and our sports editor may attain the 1.8 average now required for sports eligibility next year.

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR SHAWNEE STATE ATHLETICS AND WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH OF YOUR TIME, EFFORT AND HEART TO THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE MADE GREAT!

In the photo to the right are SSU Professor of Spanish Julia Coll, and the Ohio State Governor's Special Assistant in International and Multicultural Affairs, Mr. August Pust.

Dr. Coll was host of the recent Sister Cities International Ohio State Conference at Portsmouth.

Mr. Pust was one of the main speakers at the conference and will be meeting with Dr. Coll and Governor George Voinovich later this year.



SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

The second Ohio State Conference of the Sister Cities International was hosted at Portsmouth on April 26 and 27, by Dr. Julia Coll, SSU professor of Spanish.

Representation from Ohio cities was excellent and enthusiastic and two members of the British embassy were on hand. HM Mr. Lawrence Stephenson of the British Consulate from Cleveland was on hand for the dedication of the mural of Corby, England and attended all the meetings. The Governor of the State of Ohio sent Mr. August Pust, of the State International and Multicultural Affairs, to appear on his behalf. Mr. Pust, noting that the Governor realizes that much can be done through public diplomacy with little cost to the taxpayer, invited Dr. Coll and other leaders to a meeting with Governor Voinovich later this year, in Columbus.

The theme of the conference was "A Forum on Public Diplomacy for Ohio": the two major topics were "Youth and Education" and "Trade and Tourism." The Speaker on Youth and Education was Launa Kowalski, VP of Sister Cities International, who will return to Portsmouth to do a youth leadership workshop with H. S. and S. S.U. students. 20 students have already joined the program and others are invited to take part. Some of the students will represent Portsmouth at the International Convention in Boston July, 22-27. Interested students may call call Dr. Julia Coll at 355-2599 or 858-4566.

The meetings were great fun and were enhanced by activities: Dedication of the Corby, England mural, the music of John Craig and combo, the piano playing of Shirley Stiff at the Mayor's Luncheon, the reception at the Black Box Theatre with Forte (SSU group), the Diplomats Luncheon with music by Steve Free, Forte, Rhythm & Music and Drama; Que Barbaras!, Fashion Show (by Rossanna Riley's Portsmouth West H.S. Spanish Class.)

Prof. Coll is thankful for those who helped make this event possible: Suzanne Shelpman, Mr. Leo Blackburn, Mr. Jerry Bruhn, Mrs. Ann Sydnor, Dr. Stylianos Hadjiyannis, Mr. Carl Daehler, Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs. Gloria Horsley, Dr. Wayne Wheeler, Mr. George Horsley, Dr. Jerry Holt, Dr. Clive Veri, Dr. Robert Lawson and Ms. Elsie Shabazz, and all others who helped in so many ways.

All persons are invited to the Portsmouth Sister City Annual Picnic and Meeting which will be held at the Holy Trinity Hall and Picnic Ground (SR 73 and Pond Creek/Careys Run Rd.) on Thursday, June 6, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. This is a covered dish event and Sister City provides the meat, and beverages. Only three dollars per person. Call 355-2599 or 858-4566. ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Pictured below is Shawnee State's own "song and dance" group, Forte, in a performance of "Rhythm, Music and Drama" at the SSU Center for the Arts during the recent Sister Cities conference. The group includes Garylee Stephenson, Chad Broggon, Tom Jordan, Amy Arnett, Amanda Wright, Tammy Diaz, Rachel Huffman and is directed by Shirley Crothers



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