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"Houses are built for you to hold councils in. Indians hold theirs in the open air. I am a Shawnee."

—Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, 1810

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The Star fades into the Open Air

Welcome to The Open Air. This is SSU's new student-produced newspaper.

The title comes from a letter Shawnee chief Tecumseh wrote to Gov. W.H. Harrison in 1810. Tecumseh said that white men "hold councils" in houses, while Indians hold theirs "in the open air." Indian councils were meetings to discuss important issues of the day.

We believe The Open Air will be an ideal place for students, faculty, staff and administration to meet each week.

With this issue, we have also ended the Shawnee Star. The Star began publishing in the fall of 1984, and served the student body well during Shawnee State Community College's beginning transition to university status. The student newspaper has grown rapidly during this period. It's hard to believe that three years ago the only regular publication on campus was a newsletter called The Blurb.

Although The Star is gone, its tradition of excellence will continue in

The Open Air. The Star won two national awards during its short life, and some former staffers are now working in local media and graphics design.

Perhaps most important, The Open Air will continue The Star's policy of openness. Openness is vitally important to a university community, because without it creativity, innovativeness and intellectual curiosity cannot flourish. Yes, a spirit of openness is sometimes scary—for those writing as well as those written about. Beginning reporters expose their first efforts to the public and sometimes embarrass themselves and others. But we have all benefited from the process. The philosophy of the Star staffers and advisers has always been that we can't just be people who write about problems. We have to be part of the solution, as well. Our openness has allowed us to do that.

When we discovered, through reporting, that students wanted a more

active student government, some of us ran for those offices. When we learned students wanted more entertainment, we helped create the Battle of the Bands and Special Events Committees. When we found that students wanted more speakers on important issues, we started the Ideas and Issues Committee. The list goes on and on...we're working on a woman's group, serving on important university committees, and keeping our eyes open for other areas in which we're needed.

All this while working, going to class and making good grades. This has been possible in large part because we have worked cooperatively, feeling like a family instead of like an impersonal organization.

But despite our commitment, energy, talent and faculty direction, we couldn't do these things if the University had not given us the empty space—or openness—in which to grow. We especially admire and appreciate Dick Howard, Vice President of Student

Services, who is mostly responsible for our existence. He has been supportive throughout, sometimes offering advice which has helped us clarify our goals and improve our service to the University. But he has never inhibited our growth, as many people in his position at other universities have done. But this isn't just any university—this is Shawnee State. And like the Indians who inhabited this land before us, we flourish in the openness.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. That document's First Amendment protects our freedoms of speech, of the press, of religion, of assembly—all concepts Tecumseh also wrote about.

If we are to ever solve society's problems, an air of openness is necessary. A university is the perfect place for the discussion of all community, state, national and world problems and issues. We look forward to meeting you each week in The Open Air to do just that.



THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT will meet Tuesday, March 31 at 4:00 pm in the Board room to decide on a meeting time for the Winter Quarter. Meetings are open to the public.

photo by Scott Dickison

Battle of the Bands, Free Day both declared successful by Student Gov't

by Barbie Lyons

The final Student Government meeting for the Winter Quarter was held Tuesday, March 17 at 4 p.m. in the board room.

Mike Powell, vice-president of Battle of the Bands Committee, made a proposal to place an advertisement in the student publication stating that applications for Battle of the Bands III are being accepted. Powell said Battle of the Bands II was a major success and there were no problems. Terry Noel, president of Battle of the Bands Committee, said Battle of the Bands II had received a great deal of student support and participation which contributed to its success.

Lisa Copas, SG president, reported about eighty students participated in Free Day at the Student Union. Door prize winners were Bev Taylor, Laura Hinze, Darren White, Micheal Wysodick, Lisa Lambert, and Roger Phillips. Each will receive \$15 gift certificates redeemable at the book store.

The first SG meeting for the Spring Quarter will be held Tuesday, March 31, at 4 p.m. in the board room at which time the SG will decide on the meeting time for the Spring Quarter.

Board of Trustees discuss land acquisition

Funding needed for new library

by Bo Henderson

Monday, March 16, Dr. Robert Ewigleben informed the SSU Board of Trustees that the University is "on target" with development of several new four year programs. The programs include Plastics Technology, Electrical Technology Engineering, Manufacturing Technology and Business Administration.

The four year programs will all stand on their own, although some will be two plus two programs. The Electrical Engineering Technology program will most likely be a two plus two built onto the existing associate degree program. Ewigleben says that the Plastics Technology will stand on its own although some students may be able to go from a two year associate program in plastics to the four year program.

There will also be several liberal arts degrees offered. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees offered in the fields of English, Natural

Sciences, and Social Sciences are in the planning stages. "The preliminary proposals will be in by the end of June," says Ewigleben.

Ewigleben also informed the Board that there may be some problems with construction of a new library. SSU had had expected a much larger budget than what the State Executive Department will allow. "We need proper funding. If we don't get proper funding for a library I'll recommend we don't build a library," says Ewigleben.

During the President's report Frank Taylor updated the board on land acquisition. Taylor informed the board that SSU had to go to court over the purchase of a plot of land in front of the university housing. The University originally had the property appraised at \$25,000 and the owner required \$38,000. "Before going to court, the college's attorney recommended a second appraisal," says Taylor. The second appraisal came in at \$28,500. The jury decision on settlement is \$30,000. "Owning the property would make the campus housing more visible," says Taylor. "This is the only property the university has had to go to court over with the two million dollars recently received for land acquisition."

In his report President Taylor also informed the board that 50 of the 70 properties to be acquired in Phase 1 of construction have either been purchased or are under option. He informed them that some planned purchases, which includes the property between

Chillicothe and Gay streets, will not be purchased at this time due to lack of funds.

The board passed a resolution to approve land acquisition to make room for the construction of a library and Math/Science/Business building.

The board also elected Neil Hawk, Vice-President of Finance, as the

secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The board also passed five other resolutions:

—Dr. David Gleason, formerly Director of Special Programs at SSU, was approved to become Facilities Planner/Director of University Services.

—The board voted to accept the Constitution and By-laws of the University Faculty, thus creating a body that will allow for faculty input into matters affecting university instruction such as but not limited to proposed degree programs, allocation of academic resources and academic policy and procedures.

—The board regretfully accepted the retirement of Carl Wolfe, Plant Maintenance Engineer. Wolfe has been employed by the college for more than 25 years. His employment began before the founding of the Scioto Technical College.

—The board voted to create a new position in the business office. This will allow for hiring an accountant—an individual responsible for financial reporting, budget control, and planning accounting procedures.

—The board also approved a handbook to be used by the Medical Laboratory Technology Department.

The SSU Board of Trustees meets every third Monday of every month. The next meeting will be April 20. The meetings are held in the Board room located in the Commons Building. The meetings are open to the public.

Single parents support group to meet

The Single Parents Support Group will meet Wednesday, April 15, at the Campus Ministry House, 911 2nd St., from noon to 1 p.m. Thereafter, the group will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the same time.

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Students are Ferguson's main concern

by Michelle Medlin

Orville Ferguson, the newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has lived in Portsmouth all of his life except for the time he spent in college and the four years he served in the navy. He is the fifth generation of Fergusons and there are two more after him. His family has been in Portsmouth since 1837.

Ferguson is happy to have the opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees. He says, "I am a great believer in education. If there is something that you think ought to be done then you should take a part in trying to get it done. You don't criticize just to be criticizing. At least in a position on the Board of Trustees I can voice my opinion. I am glad I have the privilege of asserting myself when I think something is wrong. I am also glad that I can get it across that there are people who think that there are certain things wrong."

Ferguson's reason for serving is that he feels that someone must do these things. He is happy that people think he has something to lend to the university. It is a people thing, and he does believe in people.

He adds that he will have the answers, first hand, on why certain things don't come to pass at SSU.

As far as what changes he would like to see on the Board of Trustees, Ferguson says, "I think the Board of Trustees and the administration have done a good job. They have operated what I think has been successfully since the start of Scioto Technical College. I've truthfully never thought of any changes, but if there were some things people expressed that needed changed, I'd give them some thought."

The changes that Ferguson would like to see at SSU are the ones that are already scheduled. "Most of us are always in a hurry," he says. "We'd like to see some buildings start. You tell people about what's going to happen, but it is hard for everybody to visualize these things unless they've been working close to the project. We do know that it is going to become a very, very important part of our community and of course we live in hopes of seeing all

these things happen. We just wish that there were not so many things that you have to do before you get certain projects started. I guess there just aren't any shortcuts."

Ferguson believes that impatience makes people believe the four year transition is going too slow.

"Because of the type of work we're in, we know that there are things that need to be done prior to actually doing things," Ferguson says he faces the same thing everyday in the construction business especially when working with government contracts, "We know it's going to happen, and yes, it's going too slow but we knew that was the way it would go," says Ferguson.

Ferguson hasn't given much thought to the idea of a student being on the Board of Trustees. "Sometimes," he says, "I think it might work because in the end, the student is the prime concern of the school. The school is established for students. The rest of us are here to try to help them."

He thinks it might help a student grow. "It would be an education in itself when they see the things that have to be done. In fact, we see it happen not only with students, but with young people after they come out of school. Some of the things they think might be rushed into do not work that way," he says.

Ferguson was the same way. He remembers one time, for instance, when he was an assistant supervisor for the Wilberforce work experience center. He had just got out of school and was twenty-two years old. He thought he was the smartest thing in the world. The supervisor was promoted to another job and he thought he should have taken his place, but they told him he was too young. So he quit his job.

"It took him five or six years to find out that he really was too young to be a supervisor," Ferguson says. "No matter how good a job I'd done as an assistant, I didn't have the steady influence that comes with experience."

Ferguson says he learned his lesson early. He thinks because of his experiences that it would be positive, overall, to have a student serve on the Board.

Ferguson was asked if he sees any



ORVILLE FERGUSON, NEWLY elected Chairman of the SSU Board of Trustees, believes that it would be a positive overall learning experience for a student to serve on the Board.

photo by Bo Henderson

problems with upcoming bargaining sessions with Shawnee Education Association (SEA). He says that there normally are problems in SEA sessions. That is why the word bargaining is used. The sessions are used to iron out problems. Ferguson says, "Here again, remember that the school is for the students, not the people who are doing the bargaining. These people must remember that!"

Ferguson is willing to take the time to get things straightened out. He was a boy scout master for several years and he used to tell the boys that nobody has the right to complain unless they are willing to try to correct the things that are wrong. He says, "I have to stick my neck out a little farther. I'm doing that now and have been for a long

time. I don't mind it though. I've been able to jerk it back all these years before I've got my head cut off."

He feels if a person believes in something s/he should take part in trying to get it across to others. Ferguson concluded, "That is why I feel SSU is the greatest thing that has ever happened to Portsmouth."

Salute to Frank Taylor planned

Planning is well underway for "A Salute to Frank Taylor," a testimonial event to honor the long-time educator retiring in June from the presidency of Shawnee State University. Scheduled for May 16th, the dinner dance is expected by its organizers to be the social event of the season and a perfect way to salute Taylor for the tremendous role he has played in the educational realm in Southern Ohio.

Since proceeds will go toward the Frank Taylor Scholarship Fund at Shawnee State, the evening will have long-term effects for the University and its students as well. The event is being hosted jointly by the University Board of Trustees and the Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce who have teamed up to benefit Shawnee State before. In fact, Shawnee's 10th Birthday celebration in June 1985, sponsored by the Chamber, drew more than 4,000 people to the campus and was thus hailed a success by all those involved. According to Chamber President, Sharon Cornwell, the group hopes that its cooperation in the event to honor Taylor will help to make that affair equally successful.

The honorable Vern Riffe, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is honorary chairman for the salute and is being assisted by general co-chairman, Ray Carson and William McKinley. They, along with table sponsor chairman, Gerald Jenkins; individual sponsor

chairman, Walter Brown; university liaison, Harry Weinbrecht; county school liaison, Bill Platzer; city school liaison, Garry Osborn; business liaison, C.B. Hermann; and professional liaison, Bob McCurdy are working now to gather table sponsors—business, industries, and individuals—willing to purchase ten tickets, enough to fill an entire table, at twice the cost of a regular \$50 dollar ticket. These groups will then become patrons of the event and their participation will help to ensure the monetary goal for the salute is reached. Organizers hope to present a \$10,000 check to Taylor on the night of the 16th. That amount, added to the endowment as it stands now, will allow for the first Frank Taylor Scholarship to be awarded in 1988.

This year's JC's Citizen of the Year, Frank Taylor has played a vital role in education in general, but an even more important role in higher education. He is often cited as one of the men most responsible for the creation of the Scioto County Joint-Vocational School, Scioto Technical College, and Shawnee

State Community College. Further, it was under Taylor that the college gained University status in July 1986. In all, he has served education for nearly fifty years.

Anyone interested in purchasing a dinner ticket or in learning more about the Salute to Frank Taylor is invited to call either one of the chairman or Susan Warsaw at the University—354-3205, extension 257.

Susan Warsaw/Director of Public Relations

Summer Research Fellowship Program offered

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine will host an undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship Program for students interested in careers in medicine or biomedical research. Application deadline is April 1. For more information contact Tom Davidson in Student Services.

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Battle of the Bands continues

by Jackie Kratzenberg

On Friday, March 13, SSU held the Battle of the Bands II in the Activities Center. Participating area bands were Strutter, Nite Wing, Snow White, Shocker, and Rock Brigade. Special guests Hank Waring and the Northern Express excited and pleased the crowd as they performed a set of original songs from their forthcoming album.

Members of Hank Waring and the Northern Express are Hank Waring, lead vocals and acoustic guitar; Bill Shelpman, rhythm guitar and backing vocals; Bob Shelpman, lead guitar; Joe Poole, bass and backing vocals; and Dan Poole, drums and percussion.

During the show, Waring sent out a special dedication to friend and sound man Bill Gemperline entitled "Down on the Farm". Other songs included "Major Trouble", "Holdin' On" and "Down Home Country Music".

Battle of the Bands Committee President Terry Noel says, "We alleviated the minor problems encountered in the first show and had even more student participation at this show. We have a really great committee that works good together and I'm looking forward to having Battle of the Bands III in the near future. I would also like to express my appreciation to everyone who participated and helped make this show a major success."

Bo Henderson, committee member, adds, "Again we hope to improve on sound, but it really depends on funding. To hire a better sound company we will have to spend a little more money. The year is closing to an end and everybody's budget is dwindling down."

Strutter, a band from Morehead State University, whose members include Keith Nance, percussion; Joe Conover, bass; Maurice Dixon, guitar; Phil Osborné, lead guitar; and J.B. Penrose, lead vocals was the first band to compete. The group played songs including "Majestic", "Ain't Talking About Love", and "Yankee Rose". Strutter placed third in the competition and members received Battle of the Bands t-shirts.

Shocker, a four piece group whose members are Brent Knauff, percussion; Ed Mahle, bass; Jeremy Miller, keyboards; and Andy Tackett; guitar and vocals, was

the second band to compete. Shocker was awarded first place and received a cash prize of \$200. The first place spot gives Shocker an automatic spot in the Battle of the Bands playoffs. Tackett was named best lead vocalist, Ed Mahle was named best bassist and Jeremy Miller was named keyboardist. The group performed songs including "Final Countdown", "Alone Again", "Because the Night" and "Runaway".

McDermott band Snow White made a return appearance at the Battle of the Bands. Members include Tim Cyrus, guitar and lead vocals; Chris Gillette, lead guitar; Tim Colley, bass; and Bill Whitaker, percussion. The group performed songs including "Cocaine",



EMCEE MIKE POWELL announces Shocker as the Shocker wins an automatic berth in the winner of the Battle of the Bands II. playoffs to be held later this quarter.



SSU STUDENT JIM HUMPHREY of Nite Wing was named best drummer.



SSU'S JEREMY MILLER was best keyboardist of the evening.



ERIC REEDER OF NITE Wing was best guitarist.

"Balls to the Wall" and an original song entitled "Party Train".

Nite Wing, comprised of Mike Bayless, rhythm guitar and backing vocals; Eric Reeder, lead guitar; Jim Humphrey, percussion and backing vocals; Brett Sharp, bass and backing vocals; and Terry Hall, lead vocals, was the next band to perform. Humphrey and Bayless both are SSU students. Nite Wing performed songs which included "Talk

Dirty to Me" and "Fight for Your Right". The band placed second in the competition. They received a \$100 cash prize for their efforts and the chance to participate in the Battle of the Bands playoffs. Humphrey was named best drummer and Reeder was named best guitarist.

Another returning band, Rock Brigade from Lewis County, also participated in the contest. Members of Rock Brigade include Tom Pierce, lead vocals; David Nobel, lead guitar; Steve Cooper, rhythm guitar; Roger Bivins, bass; and Keith Gilbert, percussion and vocals. The group performed songs including "Sweet Home Alabama", "Beth" and "Johnny B. Goode". Rock Brigade put on a spirited performance which even had part of the production crew dancing on the stage.

photos by Breece McClure

Two lip-synch acts were featured as part of the activities with the winner being judged on the basis of crowd response. Participants were Chuck Bell and Robert Fry, who performed Motley Crue's "Smoking in the Boys Room", and Lana Bradford, who lip-synched and danced to Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun". Bradford won the contest and received a Battle of the Bands t-shirt.

The sound system was supplied and run by area musician Bill Gemperline. While judges tallied votes, Gemperline performed a solo act with guitar and harmonica. Gemperline played songs such as "Heart of Gold", "Cigarette Song" and an original he wrote entitled "Lynne".

"I think the Battle of the Bands II was a great success. The Battle of the Bands committee and the Student

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Members of Night Wing celebrate after Battle of the Bands II. Night Wing earned an automatic berth in the playoffs.

J. B. PENROSE of Strutter. Strutter placed third.



SSU'S ANDY TACKETT of Shocker was best vocalist.



ED MAHLE OF SHOCKER was named best bassist.



LANA BRADFORD'S CYNDI Lauper act won the lip-sync contest.

Battle of the Bands photos by Breece McClure

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Government were both pleased with the great turnout and the participation of those involved," says Lisa Copas, Student Government President. "I hope that we can continue to build on the success of the first two Battle of the Bands and pull out an even greater turnout for Battle of the Bands III."

Henderson adds, "Most of the people attending the event were people from the community rather than people from the college. I would hope that we have more students attending future events."

Area bands who wish to participate in Battle of the Bands III should contact

Mike Powell at the student newspaper office or Terry Noel at the Student Government Office for applications and details. All bands receive certificates of participation and the top two winners of every Battle of the Bands has the opportunity to compete in the playoffs which will be held sometime this Spring.

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A true tale from the hills of Kentucky

In 1940 my dad, Clayton, Sr., turned sixteen. He was tired of the old farm where he had spent the majority of his sixteen years. He decided to leave and see what other parts of the world looked like. He didn't realize at the time that he would someday come back with a new partner.

Dad found a way to escape. He joined the 3C's. They told him they could station him in Kentucky where he wouldn't be far from home. That wasn't what he was looking for, so he requested that they send him as far away from Kentucky as possible. They destined him for Idaho. He sold his livestock and caught a train.

Dad said he enjoyed his stay in Idaho. He still talks about the adventures he had there pretty often. Like life's other experiences, this one too soon ended, and he went on to other things. World War II rolled around and he was drafted, but he failed the physical. He moved to Baltimore, and worked in one of the shipyards. He said he worked twelve hours a day seven days a week until the ship was finished, and then they'd be off until another ship was ready for them. After a while, fate moved on the scene and took him to Wyandotte, Michigan. He didn't know it at first, but something would happen to change his life forever.

My Mom was raised on Hurricane Creek, a holler that runs south of Pikeville, Kentucky. Actually, her home was up a side branch which was called Elisha (Lish) Branch.

She was fifteen years old in 1934 when she decided to seek her place in the world. She had a cousin who lived on Route 23 just south of Virgie, Kentucky, who ran a post office and grocery store. Mom moved in with her, and helped her for the next few years. The name of the post office is "Jonancy Kentucky". The building is still there. It sets on the right, right by Route 23, and not too far south of Virgie. The

post office is in one room of Osborne's Grocery.

After a few years there, World War II started and Mom decided to go to work in a war production plant. She moved to Wyandotte, Michigan and went to work at "McCord Gasket." From here, fate somehow moved her to work at Firestone Steel Products.

Although they were both raised in Ky., Clayton and Myrtie never saw one another until they went to work together at Firestone Steel. Mom told of one of the first times Dad spoke to her. "He made me so mad, I could have killed him," she said. It happened like



Commentary
by
Clayton
Madden Jr.

this—Mom has always been cold natured. When the weather gets a little chilly, she puts on a sweater or coat. As it went, Mom and Dad rode the city bus to work. On this occasion, they were experiencing a few chilly mornings in the summer. Mom said she was sitting on the bus in her heavy coat when Dad boarded. He looked at her and asked in front of everyone, "Did you read about someone freezing to death?"

As time went on, Clayton and Myrtie had a short romance and were married. The calendar now said "1944." Grandad was still back on the family farm. He had been alone for the last four years since Dad had left. He was now 72 years old. Mom and Dad, as newlyweds, decide to quit their jobs and go spend a little time in Ky. They later went to Cleveland where Dad worked in another war production plant, but Mom didn't work anymore. I guess Dad thought she should stay home, and take care of the house after she became a wife; but let's back up to Michigan for a minute. Mom told the story of when they left Michigan for Kentucky. She said that the weather was cold, and Dad's 1935 Ford kept quitting on them. They would have to sit and wait for the coil to cool down before it would start again (anyone who has driven one of the old Fords with the two-volt ignition systems knows what I am talking about). She said the waits got pretty chilly, and it took ages to get here. She was already Dad's wife, and yet she had never met her daddy-in-law. She was on her way to meet him for the first time. I can imagine the anticipation as she wondered what he would be like. "Will I like him? Will he like me? Will we get along?" She must have wondered. When they arrived, she finally stood face-to-face with her new daddy-in-law. They had not yet spoke. "What will I say? What will his first words to me be?" She surely wondered.

"Dad, this is my wife," Clayton said. Mom said her new daddy-in-law looked at her and said, "Well now that you're one of us, get in the kitchen and fix us something to eat."

So long for now.

P.S. I wish to compliment Barbara Edwards for her comment to the "Star wants to know" March 16, 1987. Wonderful answer! I agree completely.

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Younger students seek more activities

To The Open Air:

A reasonable portion of the students attending Shawnee State are eighteen year olds who are just out of high school and this presents a problem.

Ninety percent of the weekend activities in Portsmouth are going to bars and nightclubs. Unless

you are nineteen and older you have to be left out of these activities.

The Monday night football parties were just about the highlight of the week for some people because it was a chance to socialize. We feel that the homecoming dance was great because we had something to look forward to and it broke the monotony of the winter quarter. More weekend dances and other

activities would give us a chance to make new friends and take a break from our studies. We would like more opinions on this.

Dental Hygiene Students—
Tami Hatfield
Beth Bandy
Jeanette Mohr

SG member expresses appreciation

To the Open Air:

I'm writing this letter to express my appreciation to those individuals who helped make the Battle of the Bands II a major success.

Thanks to Fred Chrisman for his input and support, Tom Bowman for taking the time to be there and help, and the entire janitorial staff for everything.

We had no problems thanks to the efforts of our hand-picked security force of Darrell Andronis, Pat Shope, Tom Marsh, Eric Zempter, Howard Gemperline,

Rick Vournazos, Howard Newton, and R.J...and four of Portsmouth Police Department's finest.

Kudos to Breece McClure for photography, Richard Adams on lighting and Marsha Lewis, our expert curtain puller. T-shirt sales were handled by Lisa Copas and Lori Crabtree and refreshments were served by Bonanza.

The bands were extremely cooperative again this time and Hank Waring and Northern Express once again charged up the crowd. Special thanks also to Bill Gemperline for his solo act.

The entire Student Government deserves more credit than I could possibly give them and last, but

surely not least to Mike Powell, Bo Henderson, Michelle Medlin, Scot Mullins, and Mark Powell, the Battle of the Bands Committee. They are a great bunch of folks and I've really enjoyed working (and partying) with each and everyone of them.

Sincerely,
Terry R. Noel
President
Battle of the Bands Committee

Drug abuse, not use is the real problem

To The Open Air:

Recently I attacked drug abusing senior citizens. Some people have actually agreed with my letter. Tobacco and alcohol are no better than marijuana or cocaine and they feel it should all be banned. Others could see I was just returning fire in the war on drugs.

Every nasty line of my letter was a direct quote from recent news articles about pot or cocaine. I merely changed the name of the drug and the group using it. My biggest response was from angry senior citizens. It seems no one likes being the target of an attack like that, but that was the point of my letter. Name calling, mudslinging, and misinformation are the tactics being developed against drug users today, but anyone could be the victim of this type of attack—Jews, Blacks, Druggies, even Senior Citizens.

I picked on senior citizens because I thought it would be obvious my letter was a farce, but I guess I was wrong. I made the elderly the scapegoat to show that we don't need scapegoats, we need solutions. Of course, there's a drug problem, but prohibition works

no better today than in the 1930's. Like the '30's, it actually makes the problem worse. The real question for America concerns liberty.

If an adult wants to risk his life for a thrill, without hurting others, is it his right? I say yes. If you disagree, remember, this not only covers drugs but also water skiing, hang gliding, seat belts, high school sports, etc., even ice cream sodas. Death is death, whether from an accident or a heart attack. We now have accident victims suing bartenders, how long before the dependants of fat people sue waitresses?

The point is that millions of people use recreational drugs without a problem. However, unlike ice cream, when an individual does abuse a drug it's put all over the front page. Politicians grab the issue to use the fear aroused to gain votes, but here is where democracy fails. Organized crime steps in. If legalized, the immense drug profit would be gone, so the mob is willing to invest millions in the campaigns of anti-drug politicians.

The Celebreeze case, here in Ohio, is a well documented example. Usually the politician is unaware of the source of the money. I won't say money buys an

election but it sure helps tip the balance. Once elected, a drug crackdown causes a scarcity of marijuana since it is bulky and hard to hide. The law of supply and demand raises the price so the demand switches to cocaine. The mob loves this. A million dollars in pot would fill a cargo ship but that cocaine fits in a diplomat's suitcase. Now, instead of pot smoking hippies, we have crack-addicted yuppies. The mob makes a bigger profit and the politician gets his picture in the paper with a lot of confiscated drugs. Everyone's happy except the drug user and he can't say anything for fear of losing his job and family. This is the situation society faces.

The older generation refuses to admit that their drugs are drugs, my generation is afraid to admit they use illegal drugs, and the kids are fed a bunch of distorted facts and false conclusions about drugs. Even my grandfather, Doc Bourgholtzer, a 95-year-old retired pharmacist agrees. What's the answer?

Wait for my next letter, maybe by then I can come up with one.

Bill Gemperline

Songs and stories from the warehouse



HUSKER DU

Warehouse: Songs and Stories (Warner Bros.)

Husker Du is a three-piece band out of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who have been slugging it out on the circuit for the past seven years. They have released a number of EP's and albums, mostly on indie labels. Their first major label release was SST's Zen Arcade in 1984 which helped to garner them more than just a regional following. Last year's Candy Apple Gray drew the attention of both critics and record buyers. One reviewer for a major publication said that the Rolling Stones' Dirty Work sounded like a new album by Husker Du. Clearly, the band had made an impact.

Husker Du is guitarist Bob Mould, bassist Greg Norton, and drummer Grant Hart.

Mould and Hart share the songwriting and singing duties. Their latest album, Warehouse: Songs and Stories, is a specially-priced two record set that serves as concise definition of the band's direction: they have created the perfect fusion of punk and heavy metal.

The music on Warehouse... is heavy on the

guitar—mostly uptempo and three chords. Mould and Hart have split the songwriting fairly evenly; which is okay because they sound alike vocally and their lyrics center around the same central themes, which are failed or failing relationships and the confusion of youth.

Mould warns on "These Important Years" that those who are just out of high school should go for what is real and not waste their future on false hopes. Such is the case also with "Friend, You've Got to Fall", a song about a guy whose constant partying is catching up with him: "There's nothing wrong with having aspirations/Nothing wrong with walking tall/But if misfortune deals with consequences/Sooner or later, friend, you've gotta fall."

"Visionary" is a song about a guy who sits around and ponders his time away, while taking no action on his thoughts.

Mould's most notable songs are those which deal with trying to get a relationship back together.

"Ice Cold Ice", a R.E.M. sound-alike, concerns two people staying together because they don't want to be alone. "Bed of Nails" is about a guy whose girlfriend is lying to him, but he loves her so much he makes himself believe the lies.

A hard driving guitar powers "Could You Be the One", in which two broken hearted people meet and try to develop a love affair for themselves.



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Review by

Mike Powell

While Mould serves as the group's front man, it is Hart's tunes that power the album.

"Charity, Chastity, Prudence, and Hope" is an unintentionally humorous song about two poor people who meet while collecting aluminum cans. They collect

several dollars worth, but in their bliss, spend it on worthless junk and are in worse financial shape then when they started.

"Too Much Spice", another song heavy on the guitars, warns us not to go for material possessions, while "Tell You Why Tomorrow" is about a confused person who puts off making major decisions.

"You're a Soldier" talks of young punks on the street, and one listen immediately suggests A Clockwork Orange.

"Back From Somewhere" is about a guy desperately trying to get back with his former lover: "Still now my eyes are burning/With the sight of your returning/Everywhere I look I'm finding you."

"She Floated Away" is a mid-tempo tune powered by a heavy metal guitar sound. It concerns a good girl going bad because she is both overprotected and ignored by her parents.



Photo by Bo Henderson

Hart's standout cuts are "Actual Condition" and "She's a Woman (And Now He Is A Man)." "Actual Condition" is a rockabilly song in the style of the Stray Cats: "Well the actual condition of my mind/Is as elusive as the answers that I find/I keep going through transition/From doubt to indecision."

"She's a Woman..." sounds like early Elvis Costello. It is about two young people who thought they were in love, got married, and are now driving each other crazy: "With a guilty feeling hanging in their brain/And the two of them are potentially insane."

Husker Du are at the same stage that R.E.M. held after Fables of the Reconstruction. Their sound is refined, yet raw. Their ideas are fresh. Their new album is great.



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Do you favor or oppose abortion?

It depends on the health of the mother. If her life is in danger, she should have an abortion. However, if she does have one, she should have it within six to eight weeks of conception. I feel that it is a life after that.
Debbie Lada
Occupational Therapy
Wheelersburg

Abortion sucks. They should execute women who have abortions.
Billy May
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Lewis County, Ky.

It should be up to the individual. I can't say that I favor it or that I'm against it.
Gisela Gillum
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Abortion kills something that was created by God and was meant to be. However, I feel abortion should not be outlawed because it is an individual's right to choose.
Kim Floyd
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Sciotoville

I oppose it. They are killing a person, a life. Abortion should be used only if the pregnancy will result in the mother's death or the baby's death; use it only as a last resort.
Vickie McClay
Elementary Education
Lucasville

I don't favor it. It's not right to kill any human being, whether a fetus or a fully developed person.
Susan Morrison
Elementary Education
Manchester

I personally am against it. I wouldn't have one myself, but it is not my place to judge anyone else.
Liz Henry
Business Management
Portsmouth

I oppose it because it's murder.
Sandra Smith
Elementary Education
South Webster

I'm against it. If people want to fool around, they should be willing to accept the consequences.

Ryan Dutiel
Education
South Webster

I oppose it. There are too many ways of preventing pregnancy.
Joe Jordan
Data Processing
Lewis County, Ky.

I think it's up to the individual, whether it agrees with anyone else's ethical viewpoints or not.
Lisa Arthur
Social Sciences
South Shore

I oppose abortion. The unborn have a right to life.
Glenn Hill
Plastics
Ironton

I wouldn't have an abortion unless I was raped. However, it is an individual's right to have an abortion. All the religious fanatics should quit trying to have it outlawed because they don't have the right to make the decision for somebody else.
Annette Personett
Nursing
Lucasville

Rangerettes have banner season

The SSU Rangerettes finished the season with a 17-8 record. The squad had the best record in the history of the school. Injuries kept the Rangerettes from finishing even better.

Robin Hagen-Smith's team defeated several good teams including Sinclair, Cuyahoga and Lees Jr. College. All of the players contributed greatly to the season. Tina Black led the team in assists and played excellent defense. Anita Cook used long-range shooting ability to lead the team in scoring. Susie Huff and Angie Spencer averaged in double figures and excelled in all phases of the game. Stephanie Hagen led the team in rebounds and blocked shots while scoring well for the Rangerettes. Susan Conley's hustle gave the SSU women a lift in both the scoring and rebounding departments.

The Rangerettes' bench also proved to be a strong suit. Guards Cindy LeMaster, Jamie Mougey, and Deana Austin all played their roles to perfection off the bench. Centers Kem Colley and Kelly Williams gave the Rangerettes much needed inside depth. The bench helped out greatly in many games this season.

The Rangerettes and Coach Hagen-Smith deserve a lot of credit for their record season.



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