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## DAVID GLEASON NEW ASSISTANT VP OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS

By Austin Leedom, *Shawnee Sentinel* Reporter

Dr. David Gleason, known as "the man who built Shawnee State University," will begin a new assignment as Special Assistant to the Vice President for Business Affairs on May 2 according to Roger Murphy, SSU Business Affairs vice president.

For the past 15 years Dr. Gleason has been the planner and builder of the SSU campus. Under his able direction most of the buildings and facilities now on campus were planned, funded and built. His work began in 1983 when the university was only a community college. He designed the master plan for the expansion and oversaw the planning and building of each unit that has been constructed. Throughout his years at SSU he has been repeatedly applauded for his outstanding work, and also he has been a mentor to many facility planners from other institutions in Ohio and other states. In addition to outstanding efforts in physical planning and building, he created the "Partnering Parties" which featured dinners on the grounds for construction



Dr. Gleason

men who were building Shawnee State University. Contractors furnished the food (no cost to SSU) and David Gleason cooked and served the workers at lunch twice a year. His friendly, goodwill efforts were enthusiastically appreciated by the workers who responded to the recognition and kindness with outstanding job performances.

The "Partnering Parties" were so successful that they have been copied by many other organizations, both public and private, across the country.

Construction of new buildings at SSU has been a \$50 million job. The most recent building, The Vern Riffe Center for the Performing Arts was a \$17 million project. Last year, a \$3 million dollar renewal of Massie Hall was completed under his direction and he has produced a five year plan for continued rehabilitation and renovation of campus facilities and buildings.

Despite ill health during the past year, brought about by an over-load of work for many years, David Gleason has been active in community work and outside speaking engagements, including his sixth annual talk to the Christian Men's Fellowship.

In 1996 he, along with SSU Attorney Stephen Donohue, received a letter of appreciation from President Clive Veri praising them for saving SSU \$385,000 in a contested contract agreement concerning the electrical contracting in the Vern Riffe Arts Center building.

David Gleason has received many letters and comments on the beauty of the SSU structures, the attention to maintenance of the grounds and buildings which create an ideal atmosphere, and makes the SSU campus an image booster for our Southeastern Ohio area.

In his new position Dr. Gleason will no longer be required to supervise and will be able to devote more time and effort to planning. Mr. Murphy would not discuss Dr. Gleason's new salary with the *Shawnee Sentinel*. ☐☐

## CITIZENS: Don't Lose Your Right to Petition Vote Against Charter Amendment

Portsmouth City Council members have proposed amendments to the City Charter, which if passed, will in effect, keep citizens of Portsmouth from obtaining and filing petitions.

Eleven past and present members of the council have taken \$300,304.25 from the city funds and used the money to pay their medical bills. This money was not to pay insurance premiums. There was no insurance policy. They simply paid medical bills for themselves and their family members from the city treasury.

In a class-action lawsuit for citizens of Portsmouth, filed by Ray Thompson, who is represented by Attorney J. B. Marshall, Jr., it was ruled by visiting Judge William Stapleton that the council payments were not authorized.

In protest against these medical payments the Concerned Citizens, a local group of taxpayers, sought a recall election against Solicitor David Kuhn and council members in 1997. Petitions presented to the City Clerk were altered and mutilated by council members and names were removed or stricken from the petitions. The City Clerk then declared that there were not enough signatures on the petitions.

The illegal actions by the City Clerk and the council cost the citizens of Portsmouth over \$7,000 in legal fees as The Concerned Citizens appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court which ruled 7-0 in favor of the Concerned Citizens.

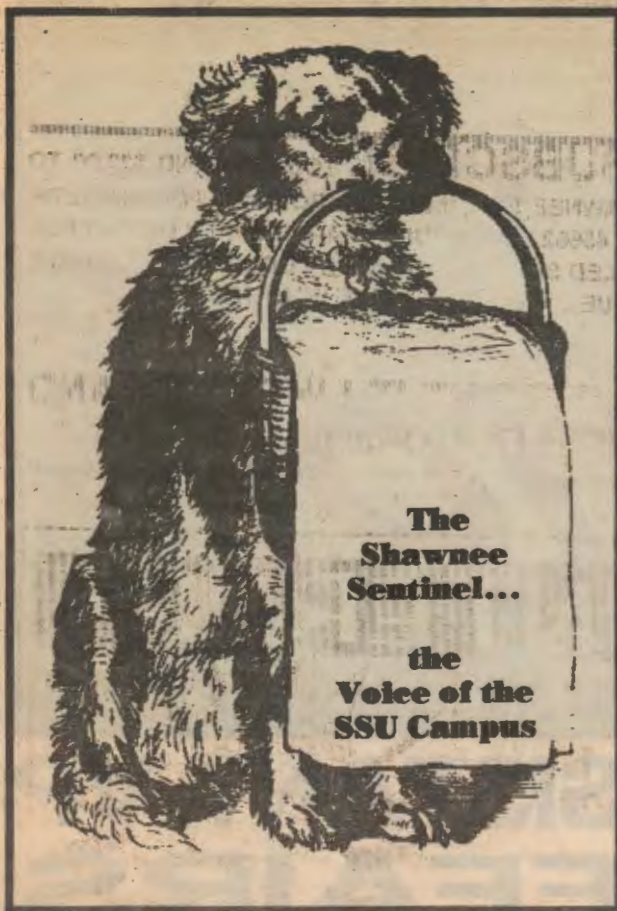
In the Thompson case, another \$16,000 of

of the taxpayers' money was spent by the council members to defend themselves. And, the council members have announced intentions to spend even more of the taxpayers' money to further defend their actions.

Now, the council members, in order to avoid any more attempts by the citizens of Portsmouth to remove them from office, have offered up the proposed amendments. If they are passed, it will be impossible for the citizens to attempt to remove the council members by petition unless the council first gives permission to the petitioners.

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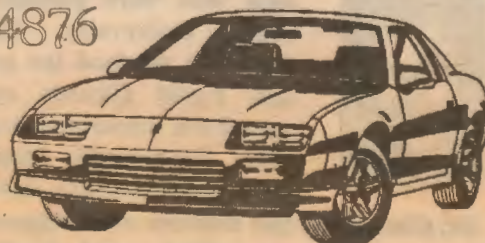
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# CITIZENS: Protect your rights. Vote Against Charter Amendments

## Shawnee Sentinel begins 4th year

In the beginning there was the *University Chronicle*. The *Chronicle* was corrupt. Due to a failure to act against the corruption, by the leaders of the *Chronicle*, and the leaders of SSU, the corruption was made public. The leaders of the *Chronicle* responded by firing the entire staff. Some of the staff members and other students at SSU responded by creating the SSU and Student Senate approved newspaper, the *Shawnee Sentinel*.

We take this space to thank those who have encouraged and helped us and to clearly identify those who have worked against us and against the freedom of speech in our community.

We first thank SSU Legal Counsel Dr. Stephen Donohue, without who's encouragement we may not have had the vision or courage to undertake such a task. Steve, we are publishing our own newspaper, you were right. Thank you.

Then SSU Provost, A. L. Addington stopped by when we were putting the first *Sentinel* together, in a lab, on campus. He could have stopped us then and there. But, in typical A.L. fashion, he gave a big smile and encouraged us to keep up the good work. We always thought A.L. Addington should be SSU's Ambassador of Good Will. Keep up the good work A.L.

SSU Instructor Cathy Chaffin must also be thanked, for she taught us desktop publishing. Not all of us were excellent students, some us were even contrary at times. This never deterred Ms. Chaffin. Thank you Cathy Chaffin.

All of us who have enjoyed the *Sentinel's* style owe a big thank you to SSU Professor Mark Mirabello. Shortly after we began, the *University Chronicle* was still reeling from our investigation and publication. The *Chronicle* faculty advisor, Dr. Mirabello, could not have felt very good about the blows dealt to his beloved newspaper by founders of the *Sentinel*.

Nevertheless, when we obtained the first damaging documents concerning the John Welton fiasco, SSU officials wanted to meet with us. Having time prior to the meeting, we sought out Dr. Mirabello. The good professor put aside past differences and advised us that the SSU officials would tell us that we did not understand the documents that we had in our hands. Furthermore, they would say that we did not know the whole story and then they would proceed to tell us their version, which would discredit our documents.

We then asked what we should do?

Dr. Mirabello said that if we had the documents, to go ahead and print the story.

At any rate, everything Dr. Mirabello said came true that very day. We have stayed with his bit of advice ever since. If you have it, print it.

And by the way, until now, I don't believe Dr. Mirabello ever knew which story we were seeking his advice on. Thank you, Dr. Mark, for not being petty and advising us when you probably least felt like it. You are truly a professional.

A thank you goes out to SSU Professor Frank Byrne, who stayed with us as faculty advisor until our first controversial article.

Without a faculty advisor, there was rumor of a move to disqualify the *Sentinel* as a student organization.

World renowned linguist, SSU Professor Joe Dilliard, courageously stepped up as faculty advisor in our moment of peril. We'll not soon forget you Joe, or your lovely wife Mary, who taught us writing at SSU. Thank you both.

SSU Vice President Paul Crabtree authorized the *Sentinel*, as a student organization, office space on campus. Facilities Director David Gleason had a small store-room on the 4th floor of Massie Hall cleared out, and the *Shawnee Sentinel* had it's first office. That was a big day for us. We were right down the hall from our rival, the *Chronicle*. Thank you Dr. Gleason and Dr. Crabtree. SSU made us jump through some hoops to become an approved student organization, we have always been proud of both of you for keeping your word and providing us with an office after we became "approved."

Journalism Instructor Ken Parsons was placed in a tough position in his short time at SSU. He never faltered as a news reporting instructor. He went on to teach English in China, and a much better deal than he had here. Ken, we learned a lot from you. Thank you.

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Then came SSU President Clive Veri's hired gun, Larry Mangus. Larry was hired to replace retired Vice President of Student Affairs Paul Crabtree.

It was a sad day in SSU history when U S Marine Corps veteran Paul Crabtree was replaced with draft dodger Larry Mangus. A man who could not even be loyal to his own country.

VP Mangus was easily persuaded to champion the cause of SSU Vice President of Finance, David Creamer.

Creamer was on his way out. He suddenly decided to move his family to Alaska, following the publication of a nine column audit. The audit was one of the damaging documents we published after that bit of advice from Dr. Mirabello.

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# 4th Year

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David Creamer is the man who engineered the false accusations and wrongful imprisonment of ex SSU Bursar John Welton. Creamer went on to fraudulently collect nearly a half million dollars for SSU, from the company that bonded Mr. Welton.

As Creamer told us shortly before he left, "I've found another way to get you."

We didn't have to wait long to find out what the other way was. VP Larry Mangus visited our news room shortly thereafter. Mangus told us at that time that anything printed about the university would have to be cleared by him. He also stated that when he was at Bluefield State in W. Va. that the only things printed in the paper were news releases approved by him, and that is the way that it would be in this town too.

Mangus further informed us that we must turn over all of our financial records to VP David Creamer, or leave the campus.

Who in their right mind wants to turn over finance records to the guy who framed the bursar and defrauded an insurance company?

We not only left campus, we left the state as well. The new newsroom was in South Shore Ky.

Mangus was not quite satisfied with himself yet. He wrote us a letter informing us that we were no longer part of the university, and he had informed the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association.

Vice President of Student Affairs Larry Mangus then went on a personal campaign, during work hours, to contact each and every one of our advertisers. He forced other workers at SSU to contact our advertisers as well. They made an effort to discourage advertising in the *Shawnee Sentinel*. This is how our tax dollars were spent at SSU, in an attempt to destroy the freedom of the press in Scioto County. It has been amazing to us the number of alleged upstanding local business people who readily sided with that draft dodging opponent of freedom, Larry Mangus.

The Chamber and Retail Merchants chose to be enemies of the *Sentinel* and enemies of freedom of the press, without ever knowing who the *Sentinel* was. They became our enemies on Larry Mangus' word alone.

One realtor told us that she could no longer advertise because she had sold her friend Larry a house. Larry had since been to her office on Chillicothe Street to inform her of the evils of the *Sentinel* and to chastise her for advertising with us. It seems she sided against freedom of the press for a mere commission check.

For a long time we wondered why Larry Mangus would come to our town and make an unprovoked attack on a student newspaper. We now know he was following orders from SSU President Clive Veri.

Handwritten performance evaluations by Clive Veri to Larry Mangus praised Larry in all areas and encouraged him to increase his efforts against the *Shawnee Sentinel*. And this after we had already left campus.

We'll soon be finished with Clive's drunken befuddlements.

Larry also caused to be written and presented to SSU Board of Trustees illegal acts against the *Sentinel*.

The Board rubberstamped Larry's new legislation without regard to legality.

The actual amazing thing about all of this is the number of good local people that support the newspaper through both kind words and advertising dollars.

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# On May 5th -Vote Against Charter Amendments

## Letter to Editor

Concerning Pee Wee Football, originally sent to Mr. Smith, League President. Edited for length.

Mr. Smith: I'm writing this letter to inform you and the league of the conduct of Portsmouth Trojan Pee Wee Football President Joseph Young. I was a coach for the reserve team, and observed several occasions where Mr. Young handled situations rudely and unprofessional. The first was handing out the equipment a couple days before previews. When I asked why, Joe replied, "I did the same last year and we won the superbowl."

Tony Reinhardt was head coach when I started coaching. Joe brought a guy to practice one day and said this is Chuck Nelson and he'll be helping us this year. A week later Nelson told me that Joe Young said for him to take control of things and Tony would fade out of the picture. Joe said Tony looked like a grease monkey, and wasn't what he wanted representing our football program. Mr. Reinhardt was a mechanic and worked until 5 o'clock, practice was at five. He came to practice right after work. I feel like that's discrimination and shouldn't be allowed in this league.

Joe never informed parents or coaches of anything last season, unless it was too late. Parents, players, and coaches wanted to be in the River Days parade, but Joe said no way. There was a kid who wanted to play football for me. Joe said he didn't think he had a helmet to fit him, but had one he could trade to the sporting goods store. He said he would let the boy's mother or myself know. Joe never told us anything and let another kid play. I have never noticed Joe showing kindness to a kid, but I have noticed him being rude, yelling, humiliating and demeaning kids. I witnessed Joe telling a coach to tell a kid's parents we had our quota for second graders because he didn't like the boy's attitude, the kid had already practiced with us. Another time Joe told a man, (Chris Bussey) his son could play football in the first grade, after the boy practiced 2 weeks, Joe said he had to be in the second grade for insurance reasons. Joe then said if Mr. Bussey wanted his son to play, he should lie and say his son was going into the second grade.

When we played West, Joe refused to referee because he didn't like West's coaches. Joe has told Trojan players, coaches, and parents that West's players, coaches, and fans call our players 'niggers'. I think that's why there is trouble at West and Trojan games. Joe also tells some 4th grade kids they have to play for the varsity.

I met a kid who was in the 4th grade; he told me that he never played before and really wanted to play for reserve. He joined the reserve team and Joe started picking on him. Joe said he heard the kid was 13 and taking 6th grade classes. This youngster gave us his birth certificate before the season started and his mother said he was 10 year old 4th grader. I've heard Joe call this kid a big bully several times.

During the Green game, this particular youngster jumped offside and knocked another kid down. The whistle wasn't blown and the referee never said a thing. While the kids were in the huddle, Joe ran onto the field, teeth clenched, and jerked this same youngster around and told him he just hits the smaller players because he's a damn bully. He then warned him that if ever hits another kid hard he would rip his pads off and throw him off the field. I have the tape that proves the kid was just playing football. Joe demeaned this kid in front of Trojan and Green players until the kid was in tears.

Joe also humiliated me at a game. Joe was referee and I asked him to watch the holding, our kids had been complaining all day. It was 4th quarter and I hadn't said anything all day. Joe told me to shut my mouth and coach and he would ref.

Joe allowed reserve kids to practice with the varsity.

He tells parents that their kids will have to have releases to play for another team next year, since they played for the Trojans before.

Half of our kids equipment hurts them; Joe would get belligerent when they asked him to take a look. Myself and other coaches witnessed the marks on the kids heads. One child's head hurt so bad he quit. Two days later he wanted to comeback, Joe refused him. This child has a brother on the team. Joe refused the brother his trophy, due to the first child not having paid his fees. Joe humiliated this child's mother in front of her family, at a game, over the fee.

My son's ears would bleed so bad that blood would run down his neck. It looked like his ears were coming off. This was caused from taking off his helmet, Joe did nothing to help when told.

Joe young says he is the boss and there is nothing anyone can do about getting rid of him, or the coaches he picks.

He won't let us have a board, or allow us to vote for coaches or president of our choice. Parents want to vote on who coaches their kids. Parents and players want me to coach next season, but Joe says no. When we tried to have a meeting, Joe showed up and took control. He wouldn't let anyone say anything.

Parents observed Joe chase and curse a player, then grab him by the arm and drag him to his car. Joe was seen driving away with the child. Joe took the child home and told his parents not to bring him back to practice or the game.

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Also, Joe and his wife would go on the field and check a player when he was hurt, but when my son or one of the players that didn't play Northwest got hurt, they walk on the field far enough to see who it is, then turn around.

It's all I can do to keep from turning loose on this man. If I didn't love coaching, I would have already took care of the problem, so I am asking the league to react on this matter.

I have coached for 4 years without being kicked out of a stadium, warned about bad language, hitting players, arguing with referees or other coaches. I'm sure Joe has been guilty of all. Once again, parents and players want me back next season.

I think Joe hurts the whole league, let us know how we can start choosing who our coaches are, and most of all our president. Thank you for your time.

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## Murphy cuts six jobs at SSU

By Austin Leedom, Shawnee Sentinel Reporter

Six Shawnee State University employees are being eliminated by Roger T. Murphy, SSU vice president of business affairs as a result of his action in "privatizing" the university bookstore.

In a telephone interview on April 24 1998, Mr. Murphy told the Shawnee Sentinel that he had awarded Wallace Bookstore of Lexington, KY a five year contract to operate book sales in the present SSU bookstore. Mr. Murphy said that a condition of the contract required the Kentucky company to pay SSU a guaranteed \$96,000 per year as long as the SSU enrollment does not fall by five percent.



Roger T. Murphy

Full-time enrollees on SSU campus are now 2,327 according to numbers received from the SSU Registrar's office on April 24th. Exactly 800 part-time students makes a total of 3,127 presently enrolled. This is a decline from the total fall '97 enrollment of 3,223 which was down 8% from the fall of '96. In view of SSU's continuing downward enrollment trend it appears that SSU may receive little or nothing from this 'Murphy' arrangement. Documents from SSU personnel office indicate the bookstore has earned about \$100,000 per year net profit under the direction of Mary Keaton. Ms. Keaton has been terminated by Mr. Murphy. The five union employees, according to Mr. Murphy, will have an "opportunity" to be employed at other positions on campus.

Good jobs are extremely scarce in this economically depressed area; Mr. Murphy has eliminated six more. It is expected that any employees of the Wallace Bookstore will be paid super-low wages on a level with the privatized cafeteria workers and the privatized security force. Rock bottom pay, zero benefits.

We students can expect to pay higher prices for books and supplies at the privatized store, while the profits are shipped out of state.

Mr. Murphy admits the Center for the Performing Arts is a big money loser. Although the director, Carl Daehler, has long been under criticism for poor management and the Arts Center is a perennial big-time money loser, Mr. Murphy decided to destroy the only money-making operation on campus. With Roger T. Murphy as business manager, Shawnee State University can soon go belly-up.

Where did Mr. Murphy come from? What evil acts have we committed that we should be cursed with such a business manager at SSU?

Employees, make no mistake, Roger Murphy is not your friend. In his job application for

his present position he told of lowering benefits for employees at his former job on the campus of tiny Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. This record must have impressed the elitest Board of Trustees members who have shown no compassion for workers or students, and Dr. Clive Veri who has referred to the workers here as, "common people, very common people."

Mr. Murphy arrived on campus in the summer of 1996 to replace the former manager, David Creamer, who had fled to Alaska the previous winter.

One of Mr. Murphy's first acts was to uphold the cowardly assault (attack from behind) by Carl Daehler on a student newspaper reporter in the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Murphy

has made it clear he is no friend to the students. The "scholarship fee" that has been taxed onto all students is ample evidence of a mentality "to take from the poor and give to the rich."

However, much like President Veri, he has done very well for himself, even though not doing well for SSU. Mr. Murphy's regular annual income from SSU is \$105,195. Not bad for starting pay, but this was not enough; he also signed on as soccer coach for an additional \$3,000 per year. Mr. Murphy admitted the bookstore was a "management problem" for him. Rather than work on that problem, he took time away from his business affairs to earn extra money coaching the soccer team to one of the worst records in Shawnee State's sports history.

While busy destroying jobs for local citizens, Mr. Murphy has taken good care of his own family. He has two sons attending SSU at no charge. Both have been employed as student workers. This is okay. One of the young men even draws pay from two positions, according to SSU payroll records. Many needy students do not get jobs here as there are not enough for all who need them. There are many who might question why these two, who are going to college free of charge, and whose father is receiving \$108,195 a year, need student jobs.

Roger Murphy thinks it is unethical for us to print the bad things he writes about employees.

However, he has, from his beginning here, been in conspiracy with others on campus who would suppress our freedom to print anything at all. Ethics? We studied that in journalism classes. Ethics? You have sold us out, Mr. Murphy; contracts at SSU are notorious as opportunities for corruption. SSU doesn't need more corruption. Our people need jobs. ☹☐●

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# CITIZENS: Protect your rights. Vote Against Charter Amendments Vote NO on state sales tax increase

The City Council is trying to change the law through Amendments to the City Charter because they refuse to read and follow the present Charter. They will not obey the law; now, they want to change it.

When you purchase a new TV set, VCR, washer, dryer, even a new car, they all come with a book of instructions.

The United States of America has a book of instructions; it is called the Constitution. The City of Portsmouth has a book of instructions; it is called the City Charter. As long as you read and follow the instructions, you will have success with any and all of these items.

A person elected to a city office for four years, MUST be held accountable for their actions for the full term of their office. The present action to attempt to amend the City Charter was proposed by the City Council and Solicitor David Kuhn for the sole benefit of the present council members and the solicitor, and for no one else.

First: If their proposed charter revision passes, they can only be subject to recall only once during their term. This is not full term accountability.

Second: To obtain petitions to recall the council "substantial grounds" must be approved by council action before the citizens can begin a recall. If the council members decide they do not want to be recalled, they simply do not give the citizens a right to even obtain petitions.

Third: If citizens are permitted by council action to obtain petitions to seek a recall of said council, the citizens must obtain 35% of the signatures of all the voters who voted in the previous municipal election. This is up from 25% as it now stands.

Solicitor David Kuhn complained when the Ohio Supreme Court ruled 7-0 against him and the city council in the recall petition case in 1997. Before the case was taken to court Mr. Kuhn was contacted by the complainants and had an opportunity to act, but he refused, hence the recall. Now the council is attempting to deny the citizens of this city the right to recall.

All this maneuvering by the present members of the city council is occurring because of the \$300,000 that has been paid out to cover medical expenses of council members.

A recent Scioto County Common Pleas Court decision ruled that the ordinance the council had passed giving themselves free medical care was invalid. Under the direction of Solicitor Kuhn the city council is again on the medical program, having passed an amendment to the ordinance the judge declared invalid.

In other Council misconduct: On Jan. 15, 1998 the Portsmouth City Council and Solicitor David Kuhn were ordered to appear before Federal Court Judge S. Arthur Spiegel in Cincinnati on March 3, 1998, at 4:00 P.M. in Case No: C-1-88-41 to "show cause why they should not be held in contempt" of federal court orders in relation to the cases in which the council, through unconstitutional ordinance, had prevented citizens from obtaining water service in the city of Portsmouth.

Only a quick compromise (rescission of the illegal water ordinance by council and the payment of monies to the plaintiff's attorney) kept the solicitor and the council from possible federal fines and incarceration. The court has retained jurisdiction to ensure enforcement of its previous decrees that the solicitor and the council had violated. Three new water cases are pending in federal court against city council at this writing.

The rights of the citizens have been abused. The present proposal to amend the city charter is yet another endeavor by the solicitor and the members of the city council to erode our civil rights, hinder our ability to call attention to the misdeeds of our local officials, and bring to pass responsibility in government.

Get the facts, get angry, get involved. Vote on May 5th. Defend your constitutional rights. Vote against the proposed charter amendments.

**OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT**  
**PRIMARY ELECTION - MAY 5, 1998**  
**SCIOTO COUNTY**

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**4 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS**  
**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**  
A Majority Affirmative Vote Is Necessary For Passage.

Shall the Charter of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio be amended as follows:

Shall Sections 28, 150 and 151 of the Charter of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio, be amended to provide that: The question of the recall of any City officeholder can occur only once during any single term of office; That substantial grounds be required to obtain recall petitions; That signatures of 35% of the number of voters who voted in the last municipal election would be necessary to support a recall petition; and That signatories to recall petitions can formally withdraw their names any time before the petitions are certified to the Board of Elections.

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<b>AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS</b>	<b>144</b> →

Fourth: In the very unlikely event citizens could persuade council to allow the citizens to obtain even blank petitions, and the citizens were able to procure signatures of 35% of the voters' signatures, the council could then take the signed petitions and persuade (or intimidate) the signers into removing their signatures at any time before the petitions are certified to the Board of Elections. Of course, the council would decide when it was proper time to certify the petitions.

The action of persuading or intimidating voters to remove their names from a petition is totally unlawful. The council and the solicitor were found guilty of this action by the Ohio Supreme Court last year at a cost to the city of over \$7,000.

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# JERRY WALKE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR SSU PRESIDENCY

Jerry Walke's usual column will not appear in this issue as he prefers that a copy of his application for the SSU Presidency be printed instead.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

I have decided to become a candidate for the presidency of S. S. U. My complete credentials are on file, obviously, at the university since I have taught there for over 20 years. Moreover, I've spent 38 years with a successful record as a teacher, administrator, and coach in Ohio's colleges and universities-- including Ohio University, Capital University, Urbana University, Ashland University, and SSU.

I fully realize that the chances of you folks employing me are about the same as my hitting the lottery-- But that may well be your error because I have all the plans and creative ideas to not only put SSU in its proper place among Ohio's state universities, but to put us on the map nationally and enhance SSU's enrollment, retention rate; student and faculty morale; academic rating, athletic prowess; and RESEARCH capabilities.

It has been said that you are conducting a covert "back-room politics" presidential search. Quite honestly, I do not know whether or not this is true. You see, I really don't care if you employ me or not.

I'm applying in order to bring out the proper issues so that SSU -- a school I love very much -- will become a viable, dynamic institution no matter whom you hire.

In plain words, I'm "putting the heat" on you people because the last two presidents (Ewigleben and Veri) you've lucratively contracted have been complete DUDS -- O/D elephants looking for a place to die.

The only way you have fooled the fine citizens of this area is the false facade of bricks-and-mortar (building and grounds) provided by Vernal Riffe's money! Well, that day is over, and I have fresh ideas to combine necessary state funding with PRIVATE ENTERPRISE monies and the "sky will be the limit."

- 1.) I only want \$60,000 per year salary with reasonable travelling allowances since I'll be making both national and international contacts. I want no house or any other perks except a modest car.
- 2.) I will teach one class of psychology each quarter in order to maintain rapport with the students.
- 3.) It is past time to offer programs which will be in touch with modern society. I have a long list of them.

4.) Donahue (Ed.note, SSU Attorney S.P. Donohue) must go ASAP. By having him lead the presidential search, you are LEAVING THE DOG IN CHARGE OF THE MEAT MARKET.

He is an autocrat who is drunk with power, and runs rough-shod over people. One might start thinking you-all as ignore-unt as to running a university as were Veri and Donahue, but this I do know: If you are permitting the present powers to select their own president, THEY WILL ONLY PROTECT THE LITTLE PATHETIC EMPIRE THEY'VE BUILT, AND ALL OF YOU WILL PRESIDE AT SSU'S FUNERAL.

5.) We must deal in some manner with Ohio-U-Ironton. They are a major spear in the side of SSU and are sapping our life-blood. I told Vernal Riffe same, and he knew it was so. Governor Voinovich is an O. U. grad, and Vernal could do nothing but hope his "beloved" university would last longer he, which it did.

OU-Ironton is slowly slaying SSU by offering four-year programs which SSU should be offering, but SSU cannot offer said programs since they have not been approved by the Ohio Board of Regents. Yet, OH-I offers these programs under the parent university. This must stop! Vernal knew so.

The solutions to the OU-I invasion?:  
A.) pressures on the legislators and the Board of Regents and/or  
B.) Development of SSU's own uniqueness, which I favor and have the creative ideas to do so.

6.) It has been stated by many philosophers that the true test of any man/woman is to give them a little power and see if they become DRUNK with power and begin thinking they are, "10 foot tall and bulletproof."

**"I demand a \$500,000 settlement plus a public apology"**

If selected as President of SSU, I will wield whatever powers with fairness, justice, truth and gentleness. There are even a few at SSU I would like to "get even" with (legally, of course) for what they did to me-- But I would NEVER use the presidency to do so.

7.) In the same vein, I will put SSU on the map nationally as I did Urbana University. Now, you are probably saying, "Yeh, in a highly negative manner."

Well, SSU is already on the map in a negative way, but I pledge to make our mark in a positive manner since we'll stand for (and conduct research in) TRUTH, in social, governmental, judicial and/or law enforcement issues. WE'LL BUILD A BETTER MOUSETRAP AND THE WORLD WILL BEAT A PATH TO OUR DOOR. This will include many major celebrities-- I'll show you how in a big way.

8.) We must involve immediately the blue collar workers and their leaders (union and non-union) and not just the "uppercrust." Of course, we need them also, but it will not be an either/or situation, but a both/and.

9.) I'll insist upon union representation by the American Association of University Professors and ACLU involvement to prevent the travesties and tragedies purged upon me and others at SSU.

The TOWN-GOWN relationship is essential and must not include just one income class, but all financial levels of all races, religions, and personal creed. That is what a university is all about.

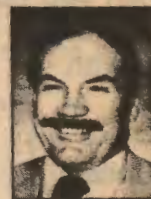
10.) Every program we introduce -- academically or athletically -- will be conducted as first-class as possible within our financial capabilities -- which, could possibly become almost limitless.

11.) Athletics will become a high priority because in many ways sports has become the leading INDUSTRY of our generation -- AND, I'M DEAD SERIOUS. I fully expect to be competing against major universities with five years.

Will the tail wag the dog? DON'T BE SILLY! The University of Notre Dame was only a small town Catholic college until Knute Rockne and his four horsemen came along -- and who among you will now question their academic/scholarly reputation.

12.) Finally, in addition to my \$60,000 salary plus a personal expense account, I demand a \$500,000 settlement plus a public apology for what you and Dr. Veri permitted Todt, Miner, Donahue, et.al. to do to a tenured full professor; highly rated mentor, and a loyal person such as me.

Sincerely, Dr. Jerry L. Walke



Dr. Jerry Walke

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# LYNN GRIMSHAW FOR JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS

## Elite Have Special Parking Privileges

By Wally Leedom

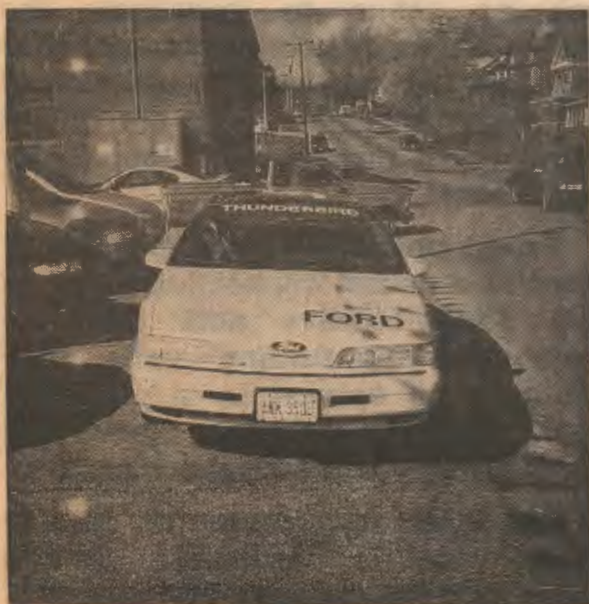
Restricted parking does not seem to affect the elite in Portsmouth. Pictured on this page are photos of the Oberling/Portsmouth Raceway #6 Thunderbird, parked on the sidewalk on the 1200 block of Offnere St. It is parked there on most work days during business hours.

When contacted, the Mayor's spokeswoman, Lynn Risbee, indicated that they know of no special parking permits to allow this car to park on the sidewalk. Ms. Risbee also said that she had been over to Oberlings to see this for herself, and the car does create a danger particularly for women and children who try to use the sidewalk. Ms. Risbee also said that the Mayor will speak with Mr. Oberling concerning this. Nevertheless, the illegal parking continues.

In the poorer neighborhoods, such as Wayne Hills, cars are towed for such offenses, with nary a visit from the Mayor.

The 800 block of Campbell St. also has illegal parking on a continuing basis. Parked on the sidewalk, any day you care to look, is a Roadway trailer. It is located just outside the fence at Keating's place of business, Mitchellace.

It is unclear at this point if the city will continue to look the other way for the elite, while penalizing the poor. ☒☒☒




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## United States District Court News

### Federal suits of local interest

Three lawsuits were recently filed against local used car dealers alleging deceptive and fraudulent sales practices along with defective credit disclosure. Suits were filed in United States District Court in Cincinnati. All three of these cases involve similar facts with slight variations. The following are allegations made by each of the plaintiffs as contained in their respective civil complaints filed with the Court.

Daytona Sparks of Ironton sued Deltacorp. Enterprises located in South Point which is owned and operated by Joseph McKenzie, in connection with the sale and financing of 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass purchased in 1997. Although the vehicle was sold "as is", Ms. Sparks stated that it was represented by defendant as "reliable transportation". The vehicle fell apart immediately. Plaintiff then contacted the defendant who refused to do anything for her. Plaintiff was then reluctant to make a payment under these circumstances and, when she didn't make the payment exactly on March 25, 1997 due date, defendant repossessed the vehicle the next day. Plaintiff was driving the vehicle at the time when two of defendant's employees accosted her at a service station and took the car. The vehicle was then sold by defendant with plaintiff receiving no notice of the repossession with right to cure her default and a notice of sale and disposition of the collateral from the defendant as required by law.

Debra Smith, currently of Huntington, sued Mike Spencer, dba Wheels Auto, in connection with the sale and financing of a 1988 Chevrolet Corsica in 1997. In this case, the plaintiff complained for several months about the vehicle and finally Mr. Spencer invited her to come to his place of business supposedly to repair the vehicle. Shortly after she arrived, although she had made all her car payments, Mr. Spencer seized the vehicle and informed the plaintiff that "he was canceling the deal" and "that she should get of there". When the plaintiff inquired about the money she had paid to date on the vehicle, Mr. Spencer told her that was keeping it. He further stated that he "had lots of money and that she had no money" and that there was "nothing she could do about it". Ms. Smith had many of her personal belongings in the vehicle at the time and was not permitted to remove them until several days later. At that time, she discovered that her belongings had been ransacked and many of them were missing. Mr. Spencer fully denies the allegations and claims that Ms. Smith, herself, engaged in fraud.

Finally, Kimberly Pauley of Minford sued Randy's Used Cars of McDermott. Mr. Madden who refers to himself as "Big Hearted Randy", sold Ms. Pauley a motor vehicle which fell apart shortly thereafter. Mr. Madden then generously offered to replace the vehicle except that he insisted in picking-out the replacement vehicle. Today, the power steering on this new vehicle is totally shot and Ms. Pauley is required to place 2 quarts of oil in the vehicle each day that she drives it. After Mr. Madden was sued he immediately began telephoning plaintiff and her family threatening that he would take everything plaintiff owned unless she dismissed her suit.

Attorney Steven C. Shane of Cincinnati represents all three of the plaintiffs and advises caution in dealing with all used car operations. Although a vehicle is sold "as is" a person may, nevertheless, still be able to bring a claim if the seller has misrepresented the "as is" condition of the vehicle. For example, that the vehicle "runs good", "is reliable transportation" and is "good".

## ATTENTION

Would the person who witnessed the accident on Friday March 6th, 1998 at the Rt. 140 and the Ohio River Road traffic light between Wheelersburg & Sciotoville around 9:30 a.m. PLEASE CALL Barbara

at (740) 574-6630 or 355-3136

**Professor Tom Bowman**

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**TRIAL SET FOR OCTOBER**

A motion for summary judgment has been filed in United States District Court by Ted Saker of Columbus, who represents Shawnee State University Professor Tom Bowman in a legal action against SSU for damages.

SSU has also filed a motion for summary judgment. SSU is represented by Stephen P. Donohue, chief counsel for SSU and Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio. Other attorneys are also involved.



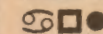
Tom Bowman

Professor Bowman became ill after enduring repeated sexual harassment for several years, and an undeserved demotion in 1995 which was handed down by the female Dean of Education, according to official SSU documents.

SSU records indicate the university took no action to investigate the professor's many complaints until after Professor Bowman became seriously ill and filed a complaint with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Expert opinions of two physicians attest to a causal connection between SSU administrative acts and the professor's continuing very poor health. An opinion by a physician employed by the university agrees that there is a degree of causal connection.

Trial is set for October 19, 1998 in federal court in Cincinnati. Sandra Beckwith is the judge in this matter.



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## Citizen hopes Marty Donini is one-term Sheriff

### Scioto County's Loss is Athens County's Gain

A few months ago, I wrote "The Sentinel" a letter explaining in detail how my son, Doug Bentley, was treated unfairly in his position as 911 Coordinator for Scioto County. It is a matter of record that Doug possessed such high credentials that he was literally one of the top qualified 911 executives in the state of Ohio. Doug initiated the 911 program here and most people agreed it was high quality. Graciously you printed that letter and the response was tremendously positive. "The Daily Times chose not to print the letter and didn't even mention in their paper, his resignation. I wonder why?"

I know it appeared that I was possibly just "a doting mother" protecting her son, however, this was not true! First of all, my oldest son certainly does not need my sheltering. He is fully competent both professionally and personally.

I was really most angered by the back room politics involving his resignation; the fact that his successor was purely a political appointee; he is not even close to Doug Bentley credential-wise; and therefore the welfare and well-being of Scioto County's men, women, and children were placed in jeopardy. Such a crucial position should not be political, and is not in most Ohio counties. More important, it should not be under the control of the High Sheriff.

You will note the enclosed article from the Athens Post shows that Doug was "scooped up" by the very first 911 vacancy since his resignation. He has accepted the position for Athens County 911, which includes the very large student body and faculty of Ohio University. Please note that the Athens County Commissioners stated that he was easily the most qualified of all their applicants.

He has received a substantial salary increase, excellent fringe benefits, and a strong support staff which he did not have here in Scioto County. So, you readers may be asking, "Why is mommy complaining?" Well, I'm complaining. It's simply the "politics" of all this that I detest (and you should too).

Leonard Douglas Bentley loves Portsmouth and Scioto County. He has close ties with EMS, Fire Protection, and most Law Enforcement. With his qualifications and 18 hour-a-day dedication, he was so hurt when these political games forced him to resign his position here. Though he got a better position, his emotional hurt will always remain.

It is my sincere hope that the citizens of Scioto County will make certain that Sheriff Donini is a one termer and one timer.

I will let the next Sheriff candidate point out to you voters what Mr. Donini has done to the K-9 program (at your expense), the Sheriff's Tactical Response Team, and the Sheriff's Color Guard, not to mention the dissention existing among the Sheriff's deputies.

As for me, I've had my say. I still live in Scioto County, and I love it here, this is my home.

Sincerely  
*Kathryn Bentley*

Kathryn Bentley  
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## IS OUR DRINKING WATER SAFE?

To The Editor:

I am writing as a citizen motivated by both dismay and sorrow as I witness person after person, including one very dear to me, develop cancer in this Ohio River Valley. I have watched a steady stream of patients going in and out of the Portsmouth Cancer Clinic, many with an incongruous and heart-breaking combination of desperation and hope in their eyes. Each of these people is an individual simply wanting to live a normal life free from the pain and anxiety of cancer.

Doctors say cancer, "just happens." Nothing "Just happens" without something to trigger it. Why would cancer be excluded from the principle of cause and effect?

I am raising these questions because it seems to me that the Environmental Protection Agency should be doing a better job protecting our environment. Have you investigated the high cancer rate in the Ohio River Valley? You seem to be somewhat concerned about the air; have you monitored the drinking water safety? How many of the plants upriver have sold their allowable pollution vouchers to each other so that the total pollution always remains the same? One source of my reading said that there are 156 carcinogens in the drinking water in this country. It seem incredible that the same water which produces fish unfit for human consumption is allowed to be used for drinking.

I am requesting the EPA to carry out its responsibilities; i.e. conduct accurate tests so that the actual condition of the drinking water can be determined.

I challenge the EPA to live up to its mission.

Shirley E. Crothers  
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