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From the Board Room

The February meeting of the Board of Trustees took place on the 20th, following a dinner in observance of Black Awareness Month.

Dr. Horr briefly explained Governor Celeste's budget for education in general and Shawnee State in particular. She testified before the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives on Wednesday and stressed to the legislators the importance of restoring Shawnee State's supplemental budget. As *Statement* readers well know, it is those funds which have been used for the development of the university's baccalaureate degrees, and without them, it will be very difficult to continue that development. In fact, the absence of supplemental funds plus the flat budget for instructional subsidy would cause a significant increase in tuition. Still, the university budget for 1989-90 is being designed with budget themes geared toward growth and departments prioritizing their needs. Thus, programs will be funded depending on the outcome of the executive budget.

A number of items were touched upon in reports by university representatives:

- Enrollment for winter quarter is 2,658, a 7.9 percent increase over winter 1988. Four hundred seventy seven (477) of these students are in their junior year.

- Enrollment for next year in the Allied Health Program is at an all time high, suggesting that most will close enrollment earlier than usual. Students wishing to apply are urged to do so without delay.

Gene Beckett and Dale Taylor described "System for Success," the program funded by a Productivity Challenge Grant, which assesses beginning students' skills, places students in courses according to assessed skills, and tests them following those courses to judge the value added. The goal is to increase retention among Shawnee's students and to help to increase their chances for success.

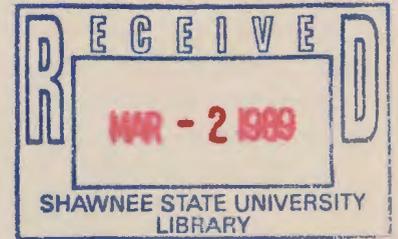
In his remarks, Dr. Ray Carson, Chair, repeated the Board's efforts to encourage a reciprocal agreement between some Kentucky counties and Shawnee State University — preventing high out-of-state fees for students from those areas.

Seven resolutions were passed:

- The Board commended the individuals responsible for the *Shawnee Silhouette*, the university's literary magazine, for their recent 1st place award.

In addition, the Board:

- approved a grant request by Southern Ohio Light Opera to the Ohio Arts Council;
- approved a leave of absence for Linda Wooddell as she pursues a master's degree in nursing;



“We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.”

— Unknown

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Horr Testifies Before House Subcommittee

Naturally the proposed state budget for SSU has all of us concerned, but we do have representatives "arguing our case" in Columbus. For example, Cay Horr testified before the House of Representatives on February 22, and David Nelson, president of Student Government, representing Shawnee State and the Ohio Student Association, spoke on behalf of the University's need for additional supplemental funding.

“I not only use all the brains I have but all I can borrow.”

— Woodrow Wilson

Board Room (cont'd)

- approved the transfer of Practical Nursing instruction materials and equipment to the Scioto County Joint Vocational School;
- accepted the newly adopted policies and procedures of the Shawnee State University Development Foundation; and
- approved two grant requests by Richard Cohen to fund a foreign film series — one to the Ohio Humanities Council and one to the Scioto County Area Foundation.

The Trustees' March meeting will be on the 13th, one week early, in the Board Room.

Library/Media Services

by Gary Stottlemyer

Library Automation Comes to SSU

The library is beginning plans for the automation of library functions and hopes to see this planning process completed within the next two years. The automation project will involve computer applications for many existing library functions such as cataloging, circulation, and possibly serials control and acquisitions.

In addition to the automation of circulation, users will see the card catalog replaced by an Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). Public terminals will be located throughout the library and the potential exists to access the OPAC from other campus terminals.

During the coming months a series of open forums will be scheduled for those interested in seeing examples of OPACs from other institutions. Your input will be a valuable part of the decision-making process.

Get to the Heart of the Matter

The questions below are suggested focus group questions given to students. The responses of Shawnee State University's students might give us good insight into our performances individually and as a university.

- If everything about this institution had to change except for one thing, what would you keep the same?
- If you could change only one thing about this institution, what would it be?
- What could this institution do for you that would motivate you to bequeath to it all your possessions?
- What could this institution do to lose your loyalty?
- What are the avenues of contact between students and administrators? How would you rate the quality of that contact?
- If you were speaking to a prospective student, what would you tell him or her about this institution?
- If you had to go through the college choice process again, what would you do differently? What would you do the same?
- Who are your favorite professors? Why?
- Describe an idea or occurrence during your time here that has changed your life.
- What does this institution really care about? How do you know?

New Student Trustees

A new piece of legislation provides for two students being appointed to the University Board of Trustees. Although students don't have voting or executive session privileges, they will have opportunity to participate in influencing university stances.

As trustee appointments are made by the governor, Mark Hatch from the Governor's office and Bill Napier from OBR met February 14 with administrator Sharon Biddle and student representative Brad Day to interview SSU's candidates. Nancy Adkins, Donna Kerecz, Craig Allemeier, Joyce Odle, and Stephanie Hagen were outstanding candidates for the University. Though a difficult decision, the Governor appointed Joyce Odle and Craig Allemeier to their new posts on the Board.

Newsworthy Briefs

Professional Activities in the Community . . .

- **Cay Horr** has been recognized by the United Way of Scioto County for six years of service as a board member of that group, with two of those years as treasurer. Cay received a plaque in commemoration of her efforts at the annual United Way dinner.

. . . and Beyond

- **Barb Bradbury** has been selected to serve on a 12-member state-wide task force on ABE program development. The purpose of the task force is to review, modify, edit, and finalize three ABE booklets.

- **Jeff Bauer** has published an article in the most recent issue of the *Journal of Paleontology*. The article describes a study of conodonts, of which Jeff identifies two new species.

- **Frank Byrne** was guest speaker at two Ohio State University functions, held in late February. His topic at a Department of Linguistics colloquium was "More Evidence for a Determiner Phrase," and his lecture at the doctoral seminar was on syntactic theory and creole languages.

- **Phyllis Kegley** has been selected as an exemplar for the next edition of *Exemplars: Women in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics*. As such, Phyllis will be profiled in the publication and thus become a career mentor and role model for young women in grades 7 through 12.

64 Some days you're
the pigeon — some days
you're the statue. 99

— Unknown

Bears in the Limelight

The Shawnee Bears women's basketball team was featured recently in WSAZ's news at 6 and 11. Congratulations to Coach Hagen-Smith and her excellent group of athletes.