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A Perspective

(Data acquired from the Ohio Board of Regents, January 1989)

Ohio is a wonderful state. It is an enriching place to live, work, study, and appreciate a surprisingly diversified quality of life. But in spite of forward strides, many challenges remain.

Did you know . . .

. . . that Ohioans have below average levels of education. Based on 1980 census information, Ohio ranked 30th with 67% of its population having at least 4 years of high school. Ohio ranked 40th in the number of college graduates with 13.7% as compared to the national average of 16.2%.

. . . that Ohio's manufacturing workers have less education than similar workers in other states.

. . . that one million Ohio workers are judged to need retraining.

. . . that relatively few Ohioans go on to college after graduation from high school; the education gap in our workforce, if not addressed, will consequently grow in the future. Recent improvements in state education and R & D funding are helping, but other states are moving aggressively too.

. . . that for a long period, Ohio has been in decline. Ohio's per capita personal income is slipping relative to the national average (from rank 14, equal to the national average in 1970, to rank 25, 5.6% below the national average in 1987).

. . . that our share of U.S. manufacturing is falling steadily. According to the Census Bureau, as a percent of U.S. totals, Ohio's share of employees in manufacturing declined from 7.2% in 1967 to 6.0% in 1981. The share of value added and value of shipments has also been declining. In addition, based on the Hudson Institute *Workforce 2000 Report*, U.S. manufacturing as a whole will be a much smaller share of the U.S. economy with service industries gaining importance.

. . . that our unemployment rate, relative to U.S. averages, has been rising during each economic cycle.

. . . that Ohio is still well below the national average in corporate research and development and in university sponsored research. Consequently, industries that will spring up around new technologies are unlikely to emerge in Ohio.

In 1984, Ohio ranked 37th among the states' Federal research grants per capita to colleges and universities. Ohio's per capita share was 42% below the national average.

In addition, *Cleveland Tomorrow* has reported that from 1970 to 1985, U.S. industry had a 68% increase in R & D spending. Although the Great Lakes states reflected a 30% increase, Ohio showed virtually no change.



Education is to be aware of the uniqueness of each individual and to treat that uniqueness with loving concern. To provide each student with the opportunities appropriate to his or her abilities and interests. To encourage each to develop an 'I will, I can' attitude. To help kids go a step above and beyond what they, themselves, or others, might expect of them.

— Dr. Roger Rowe
Rancho Sante Fe
School
California

FOR REFERENCE

Do Not Take
From This Room

Foreign Film Series Offered

Shawnee State will be offering a special foreign film series based on a study of existentialism. The series is open to the public, so Shawnee State faculty and staff have a unique opportunity to "get a front row seat." Richard Cohen is creator of the course and the series.

Grant Awarded

The Continuing Education Department has received a grant of \$1,500 for support of a regional program of career workshops for Women in Science from the Ohio Academy of Science. Ginny Ramey, program coordinator, developed the grant proposal.

“If I went back to college again, I’d concentrate on two areas: learning to write and to speak before an audience. Nothing in life is more important than the ability to communicate effectively.”

— President Gerald R. Ford

Physical Facilities

by Jock Peters

FAX for All

Paul Dawson and I are pleased to announce that our departments have collaborated on the installation of a FAX machine to facilitate university business. The machine is on-line and available now in the university switchboard operator's office in Massie Hall. The only restriction is that use be limited to official university business only. Very little training is necessary, but it is requested that first-time users contact either Rick Hatton or me before attempting to use the FAX machine.

Similar to a telephone call, a long-distance FAX transmission requires use of your access code. Please know the appropriate telephone access code and the receiving FAX number before you attempt to use the FAX machine. The university's FAX number is (614) 355-2416. Give this number to those who will need to access you through a FAX transmission. And, very importantly, since a large number of users potentially are involved, please ask the sender to include your name on the first page or on a cover sheet.

Should you receive a FAX transmission, you will be called by the telephone operator. You'll have the option of picking up the faxed information or requesting that it be delivered through campus inter-office mail.

The cost of FAX use will be allocated to the user department through the telephone accounting system in the same manner as other toll calls.

Library/Media Services

by Connie Salyers

Interlibrary Loan Increases

As a means of supplementing our library collection, reference services offers a program known as interlibrary loan (ILL). ILL is offered to all Shawnee State community members: faculty, students, administrators, and support staff. What you may not be able to find in this library (book or periodical article) we can request for you from over 4,000 other libraries across the North American continent. Most of these libraries communicate requests via an on-line computer system we know as OCLC, based in Columbus, Ohio. ILL requests are delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, so requests generally arrive within 7-10 days.

Now that we have a baccalaureate degree curriculum and are promoting the service more to students (including our students at SOCF), we have seen our transaction requests increase significantly. Our ILL statistics show that in January 1988 we processed 52 requests; in January 1989 we processed 262 requests — a 504% increase over last year this time. Our year-to-date statistics increased also. July 1987 to January 1988 totals show 334 transactions processed, and July 1988 to January 1989 totals show 756 transactions processed, which is a 226% increase.

If you'd like further information on how you can take advantage of this valuable service, call extension 321 or stop by the reference desk during library hours.

Newsworthy Briefs

Professional Activities in the Community . . .

• **Fred Chrisman** recently spoke at Bloom Elementary School to a group of enthusiastic 5th through 8th graders. His topic: mnemonics.

. . . and Beyond

• **Nan Yun** and **Betty Hodgden** attended the Twentieth Century Literature Conference sponsored by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages at the University of Louisville during February. Nan chaired a session on "Literature of the Far East," and Betty chaired a session of "Authors Reading Poetry and Fiction."

• **Bob Wilson** and **Betty Hodgden** each chaired a session at the OCTELA conference in Worthington, OH. Pat Spradlin, adjunct faculty member delivered a paper entitled "Crossing the Disciplines" at the conference. Pat also will be traveling to Seattle, Washington to attend the CCCC conference in late March. Her topic there will be "Collaboration: Inside and Outside."

• **Betty** and **Bob** will travel too, presenting a paper "Breaking the Vacuum of Isolation" in Orlando. The topic deals with the new format of the English 111-S class.

• **Tess Midkiff** has been asked to make a presentation at a regional meeting of the Ohio Library Association on March 31st. The presentation is entitled "The Pros and Cons of Telefacsimile Service."

Personals

• A retirement reception will be held in honor of long-time employee **Howard Stewart** at 9:45 a.m., Friday March 31st in the Common's Lobby. The reception is being hosted by the university community along with **Jock Peters** and Physical Plant Department friends in particular. Please stop by and wish Howard well as he begins his retirement.

As long as he coached, "Bear" Bryant had this sign hanging on his locker room —

GG Cause something to happen. **GG**

Bears' Season Ends

The SSU Bears — men's and women's teams; head coaches, Jim Arnzen and Robin Hagen-Smith; assistant coaches, Eric Hilton and Greg Smith; and all those who work with them deserve praise for a fantastic season. Both teams had records strong enough to make them a part of division tournaments — an outstanding feat!

Reds Outing Planned

Saturday, May 20th is Portsmouth Night at Riverfront Stadium and following the Reds game, fans will be entertained by the Beach Boys.

Gene Beckett is organizing a Shawnee State trip that should be lots of fun. \$20 will buy your bus fare, ticket into the game, and refreshments on the bus.

April 1st is the deadline for your reservation and your money, so if you're interested, please see Gene at the Learning Center.