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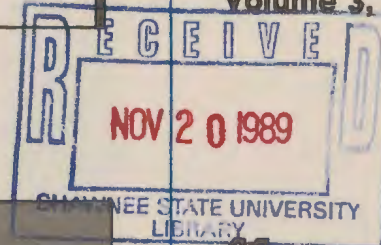
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## And Three Little Pigs Went to The Commons

We've all heard of haunted houses, even haunted elevators and cars, but never were those places haunted by the likes of the characters that abounded on Halloween Day at Shawnee State's first annual faculty and staff costume contest in the Commons Lobby. And never have three little pigs gone anywhere but the county fair and stolen the show as they did on this day.

Those three little pigs, Mary Keaton, Judy Morrow, and Janice Webb, waddled their way to a first place gift certificate of \$25 to, of all places, the bookstore. Dressed in pink Shawnee State sweats and looking perfectly swinish, the pig-tailed trio captured the contest's silliest category. Placing second was Cabbage Patch Mother Dorothy Smith, continuing education; and Bag Lady Meredith Glaze, switchboard, captured third and the hearts of all.

In the Scariest category, the crowd, estimated at a lot, saw Dr. Vampire (Veri) ruthlessly take first from the frightening competition of Deviless Kim Dickey of the registrar's office and The Beast Pat Carson who came directly from Cincinnati's Jungle.

From a crowd of witches, the Learning Center's Carolyn Gross and Rebecca Isaac, as the witch and her cat, captured first in the Most Creative category. The Art Department's Lane

☞ One day each week, at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Milwaukee, they turn the phones off. It sounds like a rash and risky move, cutting one's links with the world like that, but Northwestern Mutual's 'quiet days' provide something that the company apparently considers to be worth a few missed messages: interruption-free time to clean up paperwork, concentrate on long-term projects, and perhaps just settle back to reflect on things. ☞

**FOR REFERENCE**

**Do Not Take  
From This Room**



## An Inauguration Postdate

A few weeks ago, the Presidential Inauguration Committee sent up a red flag requesting the cooperation and help of the entire Shawnee State University community in making Dr. Veri's formal welcome a truly special and memorable "family" event. Once again, you responded wonderfully, proving that this university is on the path to becoming a uniquely-great institution.

In an event such as the inauguration, which required time, patience, and persistence, Shawnee State's faculty, staff, and students came together to make Dr. Veri's "coming out" party a shining example of this university's greatest asset, a caring and committed concentration of individuals striving for excellence.

Thank you.

**44** An executive is a man [or woman] who decides. Sometimes he decides right . . . but he always decides. **77**

— Peter Drucker

Raiser, as something of the third kind described as the Alienation headed his way to second, and Karen Leach of the president's office was plucked off the vine to take third in her pumpkin outfit.



The Learning Center staff again took first in the Most Original category as Bonnie and Clyde (otherwise known as Sue Lashbrook and Barb Bradbury) shot their way past the Chess Queen Elizabeth Townsend of the Library and Continuing Education's Danny "Zorro" Evans.

If you missed the event, or would like to look back at the

exciting action play-by-play, the Media Services department has placed the taped event in the Library's reserved section under Tom Wesolowski's name. Take a peak. Also, look for extended coverage of this event in the following pages of this Statement.

Also, thanks go to our sponsors in Student Services for providing four \$25 bookstore gift certificates as first-place prizes. Special thanks go to our judges: Pete Duncan (the "Judge"); Tom Stead, Art Department Chairperson; and Vickie Stacy of the bursar's office. Vickey, have you returned all that money you were wrapped in?

While we're talking about wrapping, thanks to all of you who attended the in-house campaign wrap-up party in the Office of Development following the contest. The party, complete with cider and donuts, was a fitting way of acknowledging the tremendous support of Shawnee State's family for "Crossing the Threshold," our first capital fundraising campaign. To date, the faculty, staff, and administration of this university, through 95% participation, have pledged more than \$72,086. Thanks again.



## Open Meetings on Affirmative Action Policy

by Cay Horr

Before the SSU Board of Trustees' October meeting, the Board's Educational Policies Committee reviewed a proposed Affirmative Action policy and guidelines, earlier reviewed by the President's Council and the U. S. Office of Civil Rights. The committee endorsed the policy in principle and agreed with Dr. Veri's suggestion that the policy be widely discussed by the academic community before a committee recommendation to the Board.

During the discussion, it was brought out that in addition to the policy related to sexual harassment, the University should consider, over time, an addition addressing racial and ethnic harassment. The President told the committee that appropriate discussion on the proposed policy would be held, involving faculty, staff, and students.

Two open campus meetings will be held in the Board Room, Commons, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 14 and from 11:00-1:00, Friday, November 17. The policy draft is lengthy: those planning to attend the meeting can review it in the Library (on reserve) or in the president's office. Campus contact persons who also have a copy are Vickie Stacy (CWA), Larry Essman (SEA), Fred Chrisman (for Student Government), Pete Duncan (UAA), Gary Gemmer (UFA), vice presidents, and division chairpersons and deans.

For further information, contact Cay Horr (x283).



## Library/Media Services

### New Sunday Hours Available

Due to popular demand, the Library will now add Sunday hours to their regular schedule. Starting Sunday, November 12, the Library will be open to all patrons from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Students will now have five additional hours each week for research and study. As with Saturdays, reference and media service will not be available.

For those faculty and staff who have offices in the Business Annex, the Commons Building, or Massie Hall, please exercise extra caution in securing your individual offices and resource areas on the weekends.

Although the expanded library hours are something the entire university community can utilize, they also make the three areas mentioned less secure than in the past.



### Statewide Automated Information System Planned

The Ohio Library and Information System (OLIS) project is an automated information system for access to library collections from 15 Ohio state academic institutions, two large private universities, and many other scholarly information resources. This type of information system is unparalleled in its potential and sophistication.

Essentially, OLIS will make the combined collections of all the participating libraries available to our faculty, students, and staff.

The system will allow users to

check the online library catalog for materials which are part of the library collections of the participating institutions and to electronically request the materials from those libraries.

The most exciting planned feature is the loading of additional bibliographic and "full text" information accessible through the system. This will allow an individual to search a variety of computerized indexes for information and possibly retrieve it in its entirety without having to go to the shelves. This will be, in effect, full-scale delivery of actual documents to researchers. This technology, referred to as a "Scholar's Workstation," is state-of-the-art information management.

Active involvement on the part of faculty, staff, and students of the participating institutions is essential if the system is to address the needs of users. Since Shawnee State is involved in the OLIS process, we are planning an open forum for sharing information about the project. A memo will be forthcoming, with details on the place and time of the forum.

These are indeed exciting times for scholarly information management in academia and we in the Library encourage everyone to share in its development.



**“**The sales manager of a dog-food company asked his salespeople how they liked the company's new advertising program. 'Great! Best in the business!'

'How do you like our new label and package?'

'Great! Best in the business!'

'How do you like our sales force?'

They were the sales force. They had to admit that they were good.

'O.K., then. So we've got the best label, the best package, and the best advertising program being sold by the best sales force in the business. Tell me, why are we in seventeenth place in the dog-food business?' There was silence. Finally, one of them got up and said, 'It's the damn dogs . . . they won't eat the stuff!' **”**

Some believe there is nothing one man or woman can do against the enormous array of the world's ills. Yet many of the world's great movements of thought and action have flowed from the work of a single person of youth. A young monk began the Protestant Reformation, a young general extended an empire from Macedonia to the borders of the earth, and a young woman reclaimed the territory of France. It was a young Italian explorer who discovered the New World and the 32-year old Thomas Jefferson who proclaimed that all men are created equal.

## From the Learning Center

by Gene Beckett

### Assumptions vs. Findings: A Study Conducted at the End of the First Year of Mandatory Assessment and Placement

With one full year of mandatory assessment and placement behind us, Dale Taylor, Ginny Hamilton, and I have begun to take a critical look at the results of assessing and placing first-time entering



freshmen. We are currently testing some assumptions we made before beginning mandatory assessment, as we prepare to present our findings at a state conference later this month.

One assumption we made was that students who were assessed and placed into courses would outperform (attain higher grades) a control group

of students who were not assessed. To test this assumption, Dale tracked down the final grades of both groups who took English 111 during fall quarter 1988. Table 1 shows how the two groups of freshmen performed. It also shows the number of students in each category who withdrew from the course.

A cursory look at the table shows that students who were placed into English 111 earned higher grades than students who self-enrolled in the course.

Assessed students attained a higher percentage of A's and B's, and a lower percentage of C's, D's, and F's, than the control group (see Table 2). The data also show a big difference in withdrawal rate between the two groups: 21% of the students not assessed dropped out, compared to 6% of the assessed students.

To substantiate the apparent positive effect of assessment/placement on grades, I ran a statistical analysis of the frequency distribution of earned grades. Using a contingency table, I found that the two groups of grades are significantly different ( $p = .0005$ ).



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**Table 2**  
Percentage of Students Earning Grades and Withdrawing

	Non-Assessed	Assessed	Totals
A	22.39%	33.33%	31.32%
B	10.45%	31.99%	28.02%
C	14.93%	13.13%	13.46%
D	8.96%	3.37%	4.4%
F	22.39%	12.12%	14.01%
WD	20.9%	6.06%	8.79%
Totals	100%	100%	100%



Therefore, analysis supported the hypothesis that assessment combined with placement does relate to grade achievement.

In future articles I will share with you other assumptions about mandatory placement and assessment that Ginny, Dale, and I have tested.

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## Engineering or Engineering Technologies?

by David Winters

As we prepare for ABET accreditation of the Engineering Technologies at Shawnee State, it is imperative that we describe our programs accurately. **The use of "Engineering" in place of "Engineering Technology" in verbal or written communications will result in non-accreditation.** Please assist the School of Engineering Technologies in achieving our goal of accreditation by eliminating the use of "Engineering" at Shawnee State.

Engineering is the profession in which a knowledge of the mathematical and natural sciences gained by study, experience, and practice is applied with judgment to develop ways to utilize, economically, the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of mankind.

*Engineering Technology is that part of the technological field which requires the application of scientific and engineering knowledge and methods combined with technical skills in support of engineering activities; it lies in the occupational spectrum between the craftsman and the engineer at the end of the spectrum closest to the engineer.*



The purpose of ABET shall be the promotion and advancement of engineering education with a view to furthering the public welfare through the development of the better educated and qualified engineer, engineering technologist, engineering technician, and others engaged in engineering or engineering-related work.

## Distinguished Lecture Series Slated

The first speaker in this year's Distinguished Lecture Series, Dr. G. K. Sharma of the University of Tennessee at Martin, will present two lectures. Dr. Sharma's first presentation, entitled "The Biology of Marijuana," will be on Tuesday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m. in Massie Hall, room 202. His second topic, "Environmental Pollution: A Global Dilemma" will be presented at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22, in the Massie Hall Auditorium.

For more information, contact Mark Mirabello (x351).

**Be aware that a halo has to fall only a few inches to be a noose.**

— Don McKinnon



## Boosting the Bears

Has your heart been bouncing a little quicker lately? If it has, you have probably been anticipating another action-packed Bears' basketball season. Now is the time to reserve your front row seat to exciting 1989-90 men's and women's basketball.

Free season passes are currently available for faculty and staff through the Athletics Office, and Reserved Seating season passes, normally \$40.00, can be purchased for \$20.00 by Shawnee State community members.

The Bear "PAWS" Booster Club is currently signing up new members. A \$10.00 fee entitles the member to the Hospitality Room at each home game, and the membership fees support Shawnee State's student athletes. For more information about season tickets or the Bear "PAWS" Booster Club, please contact Cheryl Cook (x285).

**Anybody who is any good is different from anybody else.**

— Felix Frankfurter  
former Supreme Court Justice

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## Newsworthy Briefs

### Professional Activities in the Community . . .

- **Jerry Walke** recently addressed the Portsmouth Lions Club on his new book, *Raising Children for the 21st Century*, to be released December 1st. Jerry is currently making the rounds of local radio talk shows, including WIRO in Ironton and WLNJ in Jackson.

- **Tony Dzik** gave a presentation entitled "A Greenhouse World?" to a group of gifted students from Scioto County high schools on November 1 at "Future Studies Day," held at the Scioto County Joint Vocational School.

- **A. L. Addington** has been selected General Chairman of the 175th birthday celebration for Portsmouth. A. L., co-coordinator with Sally Schisler of the 115th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, was featured recently in "Interchange," the church's newspaper. **Phillip Gearheart** has designed a chalice and paten, emphasizing the Appalachian heritage of Portsmouth, for the convention.

### . . . and Beyond

- **Hagop Pambookian** participated in the annual conference of The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Atlanta, November 2-5. Hagop presented a workshop on "The Impact of Glasnost and Perestroika on Soviet Children." Hagop also represented the South Central Ohio Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa at the International organization's 42nd Biennial Council and Ninth International Conference on Educational Issues in St. Louis, October 26-29.

- On October 13, **Betty Hodgden** presented a paper on "Nature in the Prose and Poetry of Jesse Stuart" at the Fourteenth Annual Symposium of Literature and Film sponsored by the University of West Virginia in Morgantown. Jesse Stuart was Betty's focus again on November 1, when she spoke to a ninth grade English class at East High School.

- **Frank Byrne** was recently published in *Amsterdam Creole Studies*, Vol. X, a publication of the University of Amsterdam, Holland, with Milegros Cabrera and Liduvina Ruiz of the Universidad de Oriente, Venezuela. The work was entitled "A First Look at Ed Collao, Venezuela, French Creole." Frank also presented a paper entitled "Towards an Explanation of Variable 'Tense' Marking in West African and Atlantic Creole Languages" at NWAVE-VXII New Ways of Analyzing Variation in English and Other Languages and ADS-C, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Dialect Society, held October 20-22 at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.



The next edition of the *Shawnee Statement* will be distributed on December 1. Please submit articles for publication to the Office of Public Relations no later than November 17.