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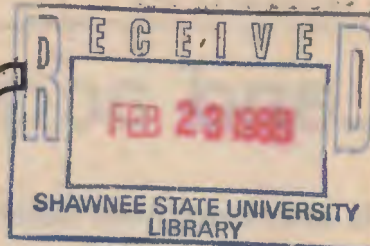
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# The Open Air



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Shawnee State University

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Portsmouth, Ohio



State representative William Hinig answered questions at a public hearing held in the Robert E. Lee Room at the Ramada Inn. Seated from left to right, Andy DiPalma, legislative assistant, Thomas Johnson, state representative, William Hinig, chairman, Dean Conley, state representative and Dean Johnson, fiscal analyst. See story page 2. Photo by Val Nesler.

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# Land acquisition practices debatable

By Jeff Horton news editor

"It is not this committee's intent to make any changes or price adjustments at this time, but to detect any errors in procedures that were used in purchasing property for the college," said State Rep. William Hinig, chairman of the committee formed to investigate the land

purchasing practices used in acquiring property for the expansion of SSU.

House Speaker Vern Riffe appointed the three-man committee consisting of Rep. William Hinig, chairman, Rep. Dean Conley and Rep. Thomas Johnson, on Jan. 26.

The committee was in Portsmouth on Feb. 10 at the Ramada Inn to answer questions and listen to citizens' complaints concerning the land acquisition practices used.

Frank Taylor, SSU president emeritus, who is in charge of land acquisition for the university, outlined the steps that were taken in informing property owners of their options.

Taylor said that property was appraised by state appraisers, and that the university had no part in appraising the property. If the property owners were not pleased with the appraised offer, the university could add a 10 percent increase to the appraised price.

"If that was not acceptable," Taylor said, "they could take it to court and allow a jury to decide the price."

After several articles appeared in The Columbus Dispatch, voicing property owner's complaints that SSU had coerced property owners to sell and was being "unfair" to elderly owners, complaints were made to SSU about the procedure used in acquiring the property.

The complaint that was voiced several times at the meeting was that it was the opinion of some property owners that the university was using "scare tactics" to coerce elderly residents to sell their property against their will.

"Older people scare easily," said Rosemary Skaggs, representing her mother at the meeting. "They used scare tactics on her; she was afraid to go to court. She consulted with a lawyer who advised her to take the offer."

Johnson then asked, "Did she at any time agree or disagree to accept the offer?"

"She received a subpoena to appear in court -- that scared her," said Skaggs. "No, I don't think she accepted any offer."

Don Davis, another property owner who voiced objections to the procedures, said, "I had another appraiser come in, other than the one provided by the state; he told me I would not get what I should for my property. He said it was because the neighborhood was run down. But it was the college that ran it down!"

"We haven't found where the college has done anything wrong," said Johnson.

"It's a fact of life," said Hinig. "Property will be taken when these situations arise."

The last option left to property owners who were not pleased with the price offered to them, as explained by Taylor, was to take the matter to court. "Many of the older folks have never had to go to court in their lives," said an unidentified man at the meeting. "That is what scared them into making their mistake."

Johnson said, "There is no set time limit for the committee's investigation to be completed. I don't know if we will be back in Portsmouth but we will be in Columbus and other cities investigating land acquisition practices."

## SSU steps taken

Steps taken by SSU in land acquisition.

- Determined property to be purchased.
- Sent letter to property owner to set appointment to see owner.
- Met with property owner.
- Secured an appraiser through the state.
- Informed property owner as to amount of the appraisal.
- Presented property owner a state approved contract for purchase price of property.
- If the property owner refused the offer, SSU offered a 10 percent increase.
- If the increase was refused, the property owner could take the matter to court and allow a jury to set the price.

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## Higher academic standards required

By Duane Johnson staffwriter

"Our requirements for athletes at SSU are the same for admission as any other applicant to the university," said Harry Weinbrecht, athletic director.

According to Weinbrecht, academic standards of eligibility increase for the student athlete after admission and become higher than those placed on other students by the university.

"Rewarding the student athlete with

a scholarship requiring a higher standard of academics to maintain, and using athletics as the catalyst for motivation, is what works with some students to make them achieve when they otherwise may have failed," said Weinbrecht.

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### AIDS tape

AIDS awareness on campus can benefit from a showing of the 48-minute videocassette, AIDS: Can I Get It? Through interviews with medical experts and victims of the disease, the tape emphasizes the benefits of early detection, dispels common myths of AIDS, and discusses where it comes from and who should be treated.

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Alicia Malott was crowned Homecoming Queen for 1988 at the Ramada Inn on Feb. 12. Photo by Janet Nesler

## Malott crowned Miss SSU

by Nancy Adkins

"I was so surprised, I never expected to win. I'm real excited about this great opportunity," said Alicia Malott, the new homecoming queen for SSU.

Malott is a graduate of Piketon High School and is currently majoring in secretarial sciences.

Amber Davis was the first runner-up, Sheri Turner was the second runner-up, Louise Schabbling was third runner-up and Clarissa Clarkson was fourth runner-up.

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## Hamilton designs new course

By Ted Lykins staffwriter

"We will have mandatory placement testing. We will place students at the level in which they should be," says Virginia Hamilton, recently hired assistant professor of mathematics.

Hamilton will establish a mathematics testing program to help students entering any major requiring mathematics courses. "We will be starting testing this summer for all appropriate placement," Hamilton says.

Each student must know the mathematics courses they need to take to complete their degree requirements.

Hamilton was director of the mathematics testing center at Ball State University. She designed the placement tests, the grading system and the placement procedure.

Hamilton attended Ball State where she received a bachelor's degree in mathematics education and a master's degree in mathematics.

Mathematics courses for new majors will be developed, Hamilton says.

"We will be having an introductory core course, develop a geometry course and in addition we will put in some upper level junior and senior courses," says Hamilton.

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# Upper level classes on the way

By Jeff Horton news editor

"I'm proud of this school," said Robert Wagner, a SSU pre-med major.

"I would like to be in the first class graduating from SSU to receive their bachelor degrees, but I don't want to go five years for a four-year degree."

Students who are to complete their associate degree requirements this spring are faced with some tough choices. Should they transfer to another college, or should they try to complete their degree requirements at SSU?

Dr. Scott Oliver, instructor for the division of science and mathematics, said, "Many of the 200-level course offerings here at SSU

are in actuality 300-level courses at other institutions. The only reason they are numbered 200 is because we are in transition from a community college to university status."

Wagner said he is about ready to receive his bachelor's degree. "I have all the requirements completed for a bachelor of life-science degree except two, a community service course and what's called a core course. Both of these are senior level courses."

"If there are enough students in Wagner's position that would warrant offering these two courses, I think it is our obligation as a university to try and offer them," said Dave Todt, chairman of the division of science and mathematics.

"I would be very interested in

learning how many students on campus are really as close to completing their requirements as Wagner."

Wagner feels that SSU stands to lose a lot of its students to other colleges if they don't offer upper-level courses in the fall of 1988.

"I've always been a serious student," Wagner said. "I have always tried to keep a high GPA. I have studied hard for the past three years, only to find out I'll lose hard-earned credit hours if I have to transfer."

Todt said there is a misconception about the transition to university status. "People in the community, as well as some students, think that two-year students will be able to walk right in to upper level classes.

"It takes a while to put these courses together properly. The last thing I want to do is get people's expectations up. It is hard enough just getting ready for all of the freshmen that will arrive in the fall of '88."

Dr. Robert Ewigleben, SSU president said, "At the time the legislation passed that made Shawnee a university in 1986, there was a feeling on the part of a lot of people. I'm not critical in saying this, but there was a feeling that you could become a university almost instantly. It doesn't work quite that way."

Students who feel that they are close to completing requirements for a bachelor of science degree, should see Todt or Wagner.

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## Senate president resigns in controversy

By Jeff Horton news editor  
and Merritt Sessor staff writer

"I'll just resign!" said Keith Keys, student senate president, at the weekly student senate meeting on Feb. 16.

Last week's student senate meeting began normally, but soon turned into a public argument. Shane Ross, student senate treasurer, said, "This is new business, I want this on the record."

Complaints have been received from students about the conduct of the SSU homecoming queen election in which Alicia Malott was elected Miss SSU, Ross said. "There is a problem with Miss SSU. Keys was campaigning for his girlfriend (Malott)," Ross said.

Kenny Horsley, senate corresponding secretary, said he also received complaints from students about the election. The students felt that Keys

influenced the outcome of the election by doing some politicking of his own, Horsley said.

"I was working on the election with Keith," said Kendra Montgomery, student senate secretary, "and at the election table he told a student 'if you want to vote, you will have to vote for my girlfriend.'"

Montgomery continued to caution Keys against influencing the election, she said. "I told Keith he shouldn't say that, but he continued to say it anyway."

Complaints have been made that even after the senate ruled that the contestants were not permitted to campaign for themselves by placing posters on campus, Keys still continued to campaign for his girlfriend, Horsley said.

Keys denied intentionally influencing students voting in the election. "I have even been accused of stuffing the ballot box. How could I have done that with senate members

setting with me the whole time?" Keys said in an interview following the meeting.

Keys has given a written resignation to Sandy Little, student services secretary, he said later.

Ross said students complained to him about the election procedure. "All contestants were told not to campaign. A lot of people came to me at the dance and at school and complained that the election wasn't held right," Ross said.

The SSU student handbook has no specific regulations concerning the planning of dances or election of queens for the dances. The student senate or a committee appointed by the student senate, is in charge of these matters, according to Keys.

Other student senate members aren't sure what action to take about the alleged election violations. "We'll have to wait until Fred Chrisman (student services director) gets back and talk to him," said Troy Gahn, student senate member.

The accusations against Keys continued to disrupt the meeting. Dave Nelson, student senate vice-president, said, "This meeting is getting out of hand, I think we had better close it."

The meeting closed with no action taken by the senate on the alleged voting improprieties.

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## Rangerettes devastating on the road

By Marty Cooper

The SSU Rangerettes captured a 90-65 victory Feb. 13 at Sue Bennett Jr. College despite a slow start.

"The girls might have been a little bit slow getting started at the beginning of the game because they arrived just about game time," said

Greg Smith, assistant coach. "But they played real well throughout the game."

The Rangerettes posted a 33-22 half-time lead. Sue Bennett College shot 57 percent overall and they were 18-24 from the free-throw line.

The Rangerettes were lead by an outstanding performance from Kim Danner who had four assists, four steals and 17 points. Danner was also

8 of 11 from the field.

The Rangerettes had plenty of other help from Jamie McGraw who had 14 points. Lisa Brandenburg had 12 points and Jamie Mougey also had 12 to lead the Rangerettes to a devastating conclusion.

The Rangerettes controlled the boards as Stephanie Hagen grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Rangerettes in

rebounds.

The Rangerettes went 51 percent from the field and 18 of 24 from the free-throw line and they went 75 percent overall.

The Rangerettes are preparing for the NJCAA regional tournament that is coming up Feb. 26 at Vincennes, Indiana.

## College Sports



### Women's top 20

1. IOWA.....19-0
2. AUBURN.....22-1
3. TENNESSEE.....21-2
4. TEXAS.....22-2
5. STANFORD.....22-1
6. LOUISIANA TECH.....20-2
7. MISSISSIPPI.....19-4
8. OHIO STATE.....17-4
9. MONTANA.....21-0
10. VIRGINIA.....20-2
11. NEVADA-LAS VEGAS.....16-5
12. RUTGERS.....19-3
13. LONG BEACH STATE.....14-5
14. MARYLAND.....17-5
15. WASHINGTON.....17-3
16. GEORGIA.....17-7
17. WESTERN KENTUCKY.....19-5
18. WAKE FOREST.....18-4
19. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.....14-5
20. JAMES MADISON.....19-3

### Men's Top 20

1. PURDUE.....21-2
2. OKLAHOMA.....22-2
3. ARIZONA.....23-2
4. TEMPLE.....20-1
5. PITTSBURGH.....17-3
6. DUKE.....18-3
7. NEVADA-LAS VEGAS.....21-3
8. KENTUCKY.....18-3
9. NORTH CAROLINA.....18-3
10. NORTH CAROLINA STATE.....17-5
11. BRIGHAM YOUNG.....20-1
12. MICHIGAN.....20-4
13. SYRACUSE.....18-6
14. IOWA.....17-7
15. FLORIDA.....18-7
16. MISSOURI.....16-5
17. KANSAS STATE.....14-6
18. VANDERBILT.....16-5
19. WYOMING.....18-5
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## Austin makes things happen

By Eric Zempter



Deana Austin No. 23 5'5"

Dena Austin, SSU sophomore, is a starting guard for the Rangerettes.

While at Wheelersburg High School, Austin collected honors such as M.V.P. of the Southern Ohio Conference; honorable mention all-Ohio; all-star S.O.C. and all-star Ohio-Kentucky game.

"Dena makes things happen," says Robin Hagen-Smith, SSU coach. "She anticipates well off our full-court press and leads the team in steals."

Austin's quickness and hustle on defense have helped make her the most improved player from last year. "I'm pleased with my performance to an extent," says Austin.

"But there is some improvement

needed yet on my part for the team to succeed and reach its potential," Austin added.

Especially effective when she can drive in and dish off, Austin averages 10.7 points, 4.1 rebounds and 4.2 assists a game while nailing 69 percent of her free-throw attempts.

She enjoyed a game high of 19 against St. Catherine Jr. College.

Austin is seeking a dual major in electronics and plastics engineering while holding down a 2.57 G.P.A. and would like to stick around after acquiring her associate degree.

"I would like to continue my education at SSU if it's possible," Austin said.

## SSU band plans to expand

By Marty Cooper

"The SSU pep band is doing quite well so far even though there is no music department," said Gary Billups, band instructor.

"There are 21 members in the band and they really sound excellent," Billups said.

The pep band participated in a jazz festival at the University of Marshall last year. Now the pep band is playing

at all of the Rangerettes' home basketball games.

Billups said the pep band's main goal now is to build the band and seek some more area support. Billups has been a music instructor for 23 years, and he also is the band instructor at Clay High School.

"The pep band is now available for community activities, and toward the beginning of the spring quarter the pep band is planning a spring concert," said Billups.

"Also the band is part of the arts

and humanities program and there is a band class that can be taken for a two-hour credit class on Wednesday nights," Billups said.

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# Coming of age painful for SSU



Jeff Horton, The Open Air Opinion editor, is an SSU Elementary Education major. He has a Master's degree in Bible Theology from Indiana Bible College and a Bible Teacher's certificate from the International Bible Institute and Seminary.

Just as a child makes emotional, as well as physical, adjustments in its transition from childhood to adulthood, so it is with SSU.

Growing pains take on many different forms. A child has to learn how to get along in an adult world.

One of the big adjustments a child needs to make is how to deal with rumors and criticism. A child will take things way out of context. A child will think an accusation or remark is directed right at it and pout for days.

Even after the child learns the truth, it may still harbor bad feelings for whomever said it. One of the facts of life that must be learned is how to deal with feelings.

"It's legal, but is it ethical?"

SSU is experiencing growing pains of its own. The transition from a community college to a state university requires adjustments, too.

In the wake of a recent faculty strike that got headlines for SSU all over the state, once again, SSU is making headlines. In a front page story in

SSU is making headlines. In a front page story in the Sunday edition of The Columbus Dispatch, Jan. 24, 1988, the headline read, "Aged fared poorly in land sales to university."

The article focused on one case out of several, the case of Mary Aeh.

Mary Aeh owned property on the corner of Third and Bond Streets. The state appraised the property at \$4,914. SSU offered her an even \$5,000 for her property. She accepted.

When the story came out in The Columbus Dispatch about how Neal Hatcher received \$28,500 for a vacant lot, Aeh complained. "He was a real estate man and, he knew what he was doing. I was happy with the deal until I found out how much others were getting."

The question then becomes, O.K., SSU was within its legal rights in handling the land acquisition deals the way they did, but, was it ethical? This is always the question on controversial legal matters.

Think on these other questions for a minute: It is legal to prohibit prayer in public schools, but is it ethical? It is legal for a 16-year-old girl to have an abortion without parental consent, but is it ethical?

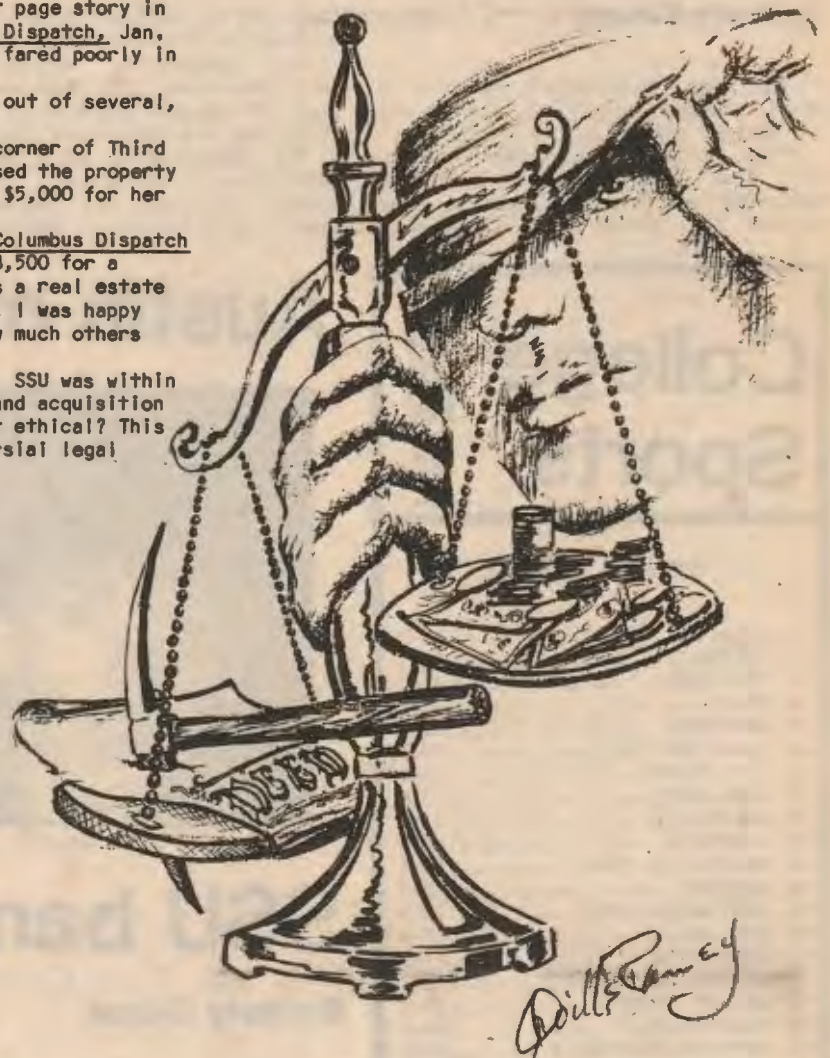
How about this one: It is now legal to censor high school newspapers, but is this ethical?

Interest is high right now in the community concerning the land acquisition practices used by SSU. The issue, in some folks minds, is far from being over. Accusations

are flying right now and probably will continue to do so for some time to come.

The question should be, while SSU is in this transitional stage, will it be able to deal with the community's opinions and age gracefully to the status of a full-fledged university?

That remains to be seen.



# Make sure there's a sticker on your car

To the Editor

Why do people who are not handicapped park in the "Handicapped Parking" places?

The spaces marked specifically for the handicapped are very few compared to the rest of the student and faculty parking.

To park in the handicapped parking spaces, one must have a blue handicapped parking sticker, or have a state issued parking plate. I don't see these on almost all of the cars taking up these spaces.

Why isn't this law being enforced here on campus? A person is fined if he or she violates this law everywhere else.

Maybe if the person is fined here on campus, maybe they will think twice about taking up these spaces. I'm talking about both student and faculty. You, the guilty ones, you know who I'm talking about.

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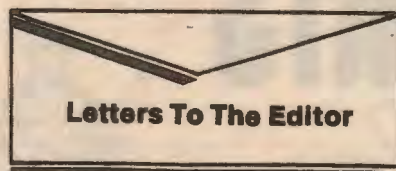
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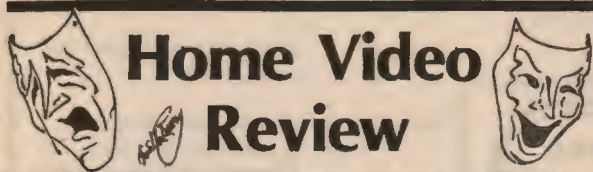
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# Dirty Dancing, you'll have the time of your life



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Back before President Kennedy was shot and before the Beatles came to America — it was the summer of '63 when "Baby" Frances Houseman, portrayed by Jennifer Gray (from Ferris Bueller's

Day Off fame), went on vacation with her family at a luxurious resort hotel for the rich. Her father was a doctor and the vacation was his first real vacation in six years.

The resort hotel, in which the Houseman family was staying, each year hired dance people who came to the resort to teach the the rich kids how to fox trot and do the two-step.



Johnny, portrayed by Patrick Swayze, and his dancing partner Penny, were hired by the resort to teach all of the snooty guests how to dance.

Johnny would perform a big dancing show at the end of each summer at the resort.

During that summer his partner Penny became pregnant by one of the waiters at the resort. That meant Johnny didn't have a partner for the big performance.

Baby talked Johnny into teaching her how to dance, so she could be his dancing partner. Johnny agreed to teach her, but he taught her a way of dancing that wasn't acceptable at the resort.

If the owner of the resort had known what was going on, he would've fired Johnny.

"Dirty dancing" was what was going on. What is dirty dancing? Well, dirty dancing is dancing with your partner in sexual or provocative ways.

Johnny and Baby eventually fell in love — you could tell they were going to get together from the first time they met.

A couple of days before the big performance, Johnny was accused of stealing a wallet from someone at the resort. "Johnny couldn't have done it because I was with Johnny all night in his cabin," Baby said.

Well, I'm not going to tell you anymore and I'll let go of you here.

The end of this flick is the best part of the movie. If you want to find out what happened, rent Dirty Dancing at the video store — it's a movie you'll really enjoy.

# HOT TRACKS—HOT TRACKS—HOT TRA



## Success, no stranger to Chico

With the release of his latest album, Kiss Serious, Chico DeBarge has legitimately established himself as a major force on the contemporary music scene.

As expected and promised by the 21-year-old singer, writer and producer, he has pulled all the stops with this uptempo, power-packed array of funky dance tunes.

Chico admits he took chances on this album, the second in his two-year career, by including only one ballad, "Rainy Nights," among the 10 song collection. He also decided not to produce or arrange any of the tunes as he did on his debut self-entitled album.

Detouring from his norm, he also chose to co-write only one song, "Shame Shame," along with Claude Allen and Brownmark, the former bass player for Prince's now defunct Revolution.

But there were good reasons for his decision. "I had originally written some tunes for this album," Chico said, "but I wanted to be free to concentrate on my performance. I wanted to be

careful because last time I ended up wearing too many hats. I had a desire to establish myself as an individual performer."

Chico's desire came from a need to break free from the belief in some that he was simply following in the footsteps of his successful brothers.

"At one time I rebelled against the music industry and my own talents," said Chico, who earlier in his life preferred sports over a singing career.

Success is no stranger to Chico, who exploded on the scene in 1986, having penned the hit song "You Wear It Well," for the group DeBarge's Rhythm of the Night LP, not to mention "Talk To Me," the first single from his Chico DeBarge album.

"It's a good time for me," he said. "I feel confident now. This album was the hump for me. Now I've gotten over it. You have got to go after your dreams because they are important for your growth."

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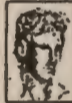
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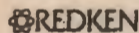
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- Feb. 11- Mar. 10 Brown Bag Lecture Series, "How to Communicate with the Deaf," five Thursdays, noon til 1 p.m., sign-up in student union, free with student ID
- Feb. 22 Bake sale, cafeteria, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to help radiology students pay way to spring meeting
- Feb. 22, 23 Boys Division III basketball tournament, activity center
- Feb. 24, "Black Women Against the Odds," art exhibit commons building lobby
- Feb. 24 Black History play Massie Theatre, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 24 Early egistration for spring quarter
- Feb. 25 Last day to apply for non-credit
- Feb. 25 Winter Wellness Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., commons building lobby
- Feb. 25 Panel discussion, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Massie Theatre, a joint project of SSU and U.S. Health of Southern Ohio
- Feb. 25 Skatelan, Wheelersburg, 9 p.m. to midnight, free to students and guests with ID
- Feb. 29 Big Band Galaxie of Stars, activity center, Community Concert Series, free with student ID
- Feb. 29 "Paving the Way" Admissions program 14th St. comm. center
- Mar. 2 Ralph Nader, consumer activist, activity, center, 8 p.m., free with student ID, other students \$2, adults \$4
- Apr. 29, 30-May 1 The Phoenix Writers, Shawnee Hills Spring Poetry Workshop, the Jesse Stuart Lodge, Greenbo Lake State Resort, Greenup, Ky. 41144

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