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Season's Greetings from the staff of The Open Air



Carl Rudd explains that his Christmas display means love. See story page 4. Photo by Tim Mahoney, OA Staff Photographer.



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The Open Air



"Houses are built for you to hold councils in. Indians hold theirs in the open air. I am a Shawnee."

-Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, 1810

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Portsmouth, Ohio

Christmas is a time for giving

By Sallie Traxler
OA Business Manager

Sister Dorothy Ferrell is a very special woman; she has devoted her life to helping people in need.

Sister Dorothy is in charge of the Giving Tree, a program that has been helping needy children in Scioto County for eight years. Sister Dorothy began the program when she was a pastoral minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Since then she has been appointed director of Catholic Social Services in Portsmouth.

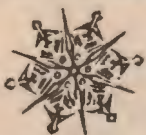
Several local churches, along with Heck's and Marting's, will brighten

Christmas for more than 1,000 children who may not have a very happy Christmas otherwise.

Christmas trees decorated with paper ornaments will be placed in the churches and stores the first Sunday of Advent. Each ornament will have the first name, size and special need of a child written on it.

The gifts requested on the ornament are only suggestions; it is the donor's privilege to purchase whatever they desire.

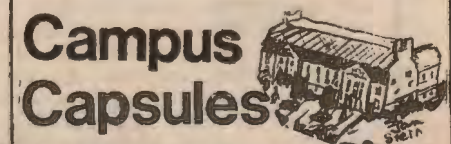
The gifts need to be delivered by Dec. 13 to the place of business or church where the ornaments were picked up, so they can be sorted and ready for distribution on Dec. 20 and 21.



Giving Trees

If you wish to help a needy child this Christmas, Giving Trees are located at the following churches and businesses:

- First Christian Church
- St. Mary's Catholic Church
- Evangel Temple Assembly of God
- Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
- First United Methodist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- All Saints Episcopal Church
- Franklin Ave. Un. Meth. Church
- St. Monica's Catholic Church
- Wesley United Methodist
- St. Peter's Catholic Church
- Heck's Dept. Store
- Marting's Dept. Store



By Alisa Penn
OA Staff Writer

Scholarship offered

•Pike County (Ohio) women 25 years or older and who are full-time students may apply for a \$750 scholarship being offered by the Iota Eta chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma.

Deadline to apply is Jan. 15. See a counselor for information.

Med Lab grads earn 100 percent pass rate

SSU's 1988 medical laboratory graduates earned a 100 percent pass rate on the American Society of Clinical Pathologists examination.

Those students were Jeffrey Arbogast, Christine Mahajan, Therese Brown, Diana Davis, Megan Howard,

Sonya Lute and Robin Ross.

SSU's graduates ranked above the national average and their cumulative average, nearly 150 points above the national mean, was high enough to rank the program among the top three percent nationwide, according to notification received by Pamela

Staton, director of the medical laboratory technology program.

"The students who performed so well and the faculty members who guided them through the process all deserve our congratulations," said Dr. Jim Kadel, dean of the school of allied health.

Paper accepted

"Technology in Differential Equations," by Dr. Henry Nixt, mathematics science division instructor, was accepted in the contributed papers section of the Ohio State University conference on technology in Columbus, Oct. 27-29.

Library adds index

An electronic index will be in use in the library for a short trial period. ABI/Inform abstracts nearly 800 and business and management periodicals for the five most recent years.

Newspaper Abstracts has articles from seven leading newspapers. Periodical Abstracts covers more than 300 periodicals.

Dr. Horr is acting president

Dr. Catherine Horr, assistant to the provost, assumed the duties of SSU president on Dec. 1. Horr will be acting president in the absence of Dr. Robert Ewigleben, president, whose resignation will be effective Jan. 31.

Horr was appointed at the Nov. 21 meeting of the of SSU board of

trustees.

The meeting was preceeded by an open house of the new addition to the Allied Health Building. The addition houses the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program and the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

In other action, the board:

•Named the firm of Baxter, Hodell, Donnelly and Preston as architects for

the new University Center.

•Commended the members of the University Center architect selection committee.

•Approved hiring Mary C. Freeman to replace Barbara Vansickle as programmer in the U.I.S. department.

•Formally accepted the CWA contract negotiated between SSU and hourly employees.

**Go ahead:
Make a difference
'If you don't like it,
change it'**



Jeff Horton, The Open Air Editor, is an SSU Fine Arts major. He has a Master's Degree in Bible Theology from Indiana Bible College and a Bible Teacher's Certificate from International Bible Institute and Seminary. He is the news director for a local radio station.

**Commentary by Jeff Horton
OA Editor**

Last week I was stopped by a fellow student as I was heading out the door. I was tired and more than ready to go home and have a JD and Coke and watch public television until the blue dot beeps. But that was not to be.

This student blocked my exit and proceeded to jump my case because he didn't like the editorial content of the Open Air. He said, "There is no controversy anymore. I want to see more commentaries and people's opinions. I pay my student fees — I want controversy."

As he griped, I reminisced back to a year ago when I first met Alvin Madden-Grider. I didn't know he was the newspaper adviser; all I knew was he was my English teacher.

Somehow, talk in class turned to the student newspaper. I made the comment that it was the worst looking college paper I had ever seen. He talked to me after class. He said, "If you don't like it, change it." I told him I would consider it. Two weeks later, I was converted to journalism.

But, back to my story. There I stood in the hallway, this fellow belching his displeasure with the newspaper in my face. Guess what I told him? "If you don't like it, change it." His response was, "I don't have time; I can't write." I think it's rather funny — he did have time to complain.

Yes, the editorial content in the Open Air has changed. A newspaper is not intended to be a public relations pamphlet for the university. The student newspaper is a means for students (that's you guys) to express views, opinions and to write campus news.

The newspaper is not winning all of these national awards by writing someone's publicity. The Open Air is regularly being cited for its in-depth feature writing and coverage of news at the university and in the community. The newspaper's responsibility is not to see you have your daily dose of controversy — all it has to do is cover the news. But if controversy arises on campus, the Open Air will report it.

Allow me to lay this challenge down in front of you, then I'll shut up. If you don't like the newspaper — Go Ahead: Make a difference.

The only qualification needed to join the newspaper staff is desire — desire to be a part of a nationally-award-winning student-run newspaper — desire to know the difference between fluff and news, and the desire to make a difference.

If that's what you want, the Open Air is the place for you. If you don't have the desire to do that, I suppose you can be satisfied by being an apathetic critic. But, some people can't be satisfied — and they make a difference.

Go Ahead: Make a difference.

Flying enchants Taiwanese student

Commentary by

Doris Chen

OA Guest Writer

Did you ever fly more than 10 hours in a big plane?

People say it's boring to fly because the food in the plane is not good, the seats are too small, the aisles are narrow and especially because each passenger has to be assigned to a certain seat as a prisoner is put in jail. But I don't think so.

I was enchanted by the amazing view of thunder and clouds.

It was a long trip from Taiwan to Columbus, and then later, Columbus back to Taiwan — 40 hours in the air. I cherished every minute in the air, because it forms an important part of my life.

The plane took off from Los Angeles airport at night. It was raining and thundering. In the air, I couldn't hear the thundering, but only saw the lightning silently appearing below the window. Because we were above the lightning, it was not the same as we saw from the ground.

In the dark night, it looked so nice, as silver plates suddenly and silently appeared under my feet piece by piece. At that moment, most passengers slept soundly.

I quietly sat in the plane to enjoy watching the lightning by myself. No one bothered me. I was amazed to see the wonder of the universe. A strange feeling grew in my heart, as if I were a great giant sent by another planet to observe the mysteries of the earth. It was the first time I felt I was so close to nature. It seemed that all people in the world were gone, but only the lightning and myself truly existed.

My eyes were full of tears and I never strongly felt before the existence of myself and understood what life meant.

Gradually, the time turned to day. I walked to the end of the plane to look down on the clouds. (Because most passengers were still sleeping, the attendant wouldn't allow me to open the window's shutter next to my seat, to keep the light from streaming through and disturbing the sleeping passengers.) It looked so pretty on the sky as if a

lot of white cotton were spread on a blue carpet, and I imagined I sat on a flying blanket across the cotton, like Aladdin's magic carpet in the tale from the Arabian Nights. Then all the cotton suddenly turned into cotton candy. So I picked some cotton candy and put it into my mouth, and it tasted so sweet.

While the plane was flying, the clouds were blown backward by the wind. This time, the clouds turned into the sands in a desert, and the plane was the camel caravan. When the camels galloped forward in the desert, the limitless sands were blown backward and running in the air.

Though I have never been in a desert, I could understand what a hero's undaunted spirit was by seeing the sand-like clouds. I was not looking at a picture, I was comprehending all wonderful visions.

When the plane flew across the west, I saw the Rocky Mountains, the valleys and rivers which were exactly as I had seen on the map when I was still a high school student. When the plane flew across the international date line, I actually gained one day but lost it on the return journey. This proved what I had learned in geography.

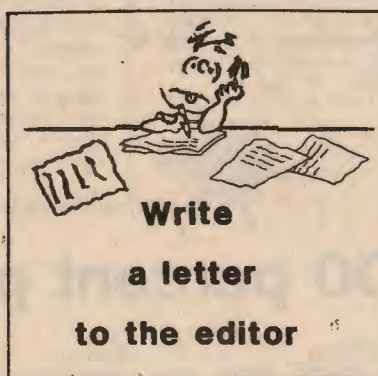
Sometimes, I tried to figure out the connection between the universe and human life. Now, I realized it. It's like a bridge connecting human great feelings with the original universe. It spontaneously overflows in each powerful feeling.

Not every girl can be so lucky as I; not everyone can get such a good chance to fly. Probably 40 hours of flying is tiring to a lot of people, but to me, 40 hours is a short time compared with my past 21 years. I believe I didn't waste time in the air, and I hope I won't waste any time for the rest of my life.

Thank God for giving me this experience.



Doris Chen is a senior at Tunghai University in Taiwan where she is an English literature major. During the past summer quarter she studied at SSU and was an The Open Air staff writer.



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a letter
to the editor**

Letter to the Editor

The Open Air encourages readers to write letters for publication expressing views on issues affecting the university and the surrounding community. If you either agree or disagree with any opinion expressed in this paper, write us a letter.

Letters should follow these guidelines:

Address letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Open Air, Shawnee State University, 940 Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662, or letters may be delivered to the newspaper office in Room 411 on the fourth floor of Massie Hall.

The best-read letters are brief and writers should observe a 150-word maximum. We reserve the right to edit letters containing obscenity, profanity or libel. Also, we reserve the right to edit letters for length and to limit publication of letters from frequent writers.

All letters must be signed and contain the address and phone number of the writer, for verification. Print or type your name beneath your signature.

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Peace Corps worker teaches business skills

By Sallie Traxler

OA Business Manager

Phyllis Block told members of La Tertulia, the SSU Spanish club, that when using public transportation in Honduras, "You just have to get used to a chicken foot on your arm." But never fear, she said, "The pigs usually get tied to the top of the bus."

Block addressed students on Nov. 16 about her experiences while on assignment in Honduras.

Honduras was Block's "home away from home" for the past two and a half years as a volunteer for the Peace

Corps. Her assignment was to teach the local women basic business skills.

In Honduras, the woman's place was quite literally in the home, Block said. The men would work harvesting the cocoa bean crop, which grows abundantly along the coast, then the country would turn around and import chocolate at a high price, she said.

Block said women have no say in running the household. "The husbands would stop at the local bar and all the money wouldn't come home," she said.

Block taught the women to make chocolate and fudge from the cocoa beans. This not only gave the women money of their own, but it also gave the men pride in their crops, she said.

Block said, "It was hard to convince my parents that I was not in trouble." They would hear things on the news that were going on in Honduras, she said. But even though there was unrest within the country, "I never felt threatened," she said.

The country is about the size of Ohio, however, it is almost 80 percent mountains, Block said. "It's not like you can just hop on the interstate and you're there in two hours," she said. "First you have to cross the jungle."

Even though Block said the Peace Corps has helped her attain her goals, she said she can't see herself going back right now.

"The Peace Corps has helped me to see my goals," Block said. "Now all I have to do is go out and get them."

Georgia company monitors SSU climate

By Latricia Sessor

OA Assignment Editor

Have you heard this around campus? "It sure is hot in this room; it must be cold in Georgia today."

The person then adds, "You know the thermostats in this building are controlled by a computer in Atlanta."

That's not quite right according to Howard Stewart, SSU maintenance supervisor. "Not true -- well, there's some truth to that story," he said.

Stewart explained that SSU has a contract with Honeywell in Atlanta to monitor the thermostats on campus. This is accomplished electronically, he said. The systems are connected via telephone lines.

Honeywell also starts the air handlers that cool the buildings,

Stewart said. "We set the thermostats here; we try to keep the buildings at 72 degrees. Of course the temperature will fluctuate four to five degrees."

Honeywell in Atlanta knows right away when there is a malfunction on campus, Stewart said. When there is they call Portsmouth and pinpoint the problem. The system for the most part has worked well, Stewart said.

Honeywell is monitoring SSU 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. If something goes wrong at night, or on the weekend, Honeywell contacts Tri-State Security in Portsmouth, so the problem can be repaired quickly.

"If one of the air units were to go out, Honeywell would know right away," Stewart said. If SSU operated without a monitoring system it might not know about a problem for four to five hours, he said. Then it may take another four hours to repair the unit.

"By then the building would be very hot," Stewart said.

However, SSU does retain control on campus. "We can put the system on manual at any time," Stewart said.

According to Stewart, the weather is a factor in why the buildings may feel warmer or cooler. "The humidity on the SSU campus is higher than it is six blocks away, due to the river and air currents," he said.

"It is harder to maintain a constant temperature in the spring and fall of the year," he said.

The best suggestion Stewart could give to people who seem to always be cold or hot was to bring a sweater with them so if they get cold they can put it on.

Stewart concluded, "The time will come when we have grown large enough to monitor all the systems on campus, but for now we need Honeywell."

Crabtree says suicide is not the answer

By Charlene Edwards

OA Opinion Editor

"Most of us have an innate mechanism, which is the desire to live," said Dr. Paul Crabtree, assistant vice president of student services and director of counseling and assessment.

The mechanism is a vital source of life to most humans, especially those who are having thoughts of committing suicide, Crabtree said.

Crabtree is in favor of having a suicide prevention week on campus. "I think it would be a great idea," he

said.

Crabtree's position as director of counseling and assessment also makes him a member of the suicide prevention advisory committee. The committee has been in operation for one and one-half years with Dr. Kendall Stewart as its chairman.

Crabtree said there are signs to watch for in a person who might have suicidal notions.

The signs are a change in mood, talking about putting things in order or giving things back, being lost in ones self-esteem and talking about death. Avoiding ones responsibilities is another sign to watch for, Crabtree said.

Crabtree said the advice he would give a student who knew of someone who exhibits suicidal tendencies is, "Get that person professional help."

Suicide is not the way out, Crabtree said. "Don't burden the person, get them professional help."

For those people who want to "check out early," there are people who want to listen and help them get on with their lives, Crabtree said. He suggested the Crisis Hotline at 354-1010, or counselors at the Shawnee Mental Health Center.

There is also help from Crabtree and other counselors at SSU. "We will work with persons to talk on how to live," he said

Humans are reasoning beings

By Sallie Traxler

OA Business Manager

"When other cultures look at us, they think of us as a scientific culture," said Richard Cohen, associate professor of arts and humanities.

On Nov. 22, a day that does not exist according to philosopher Parmenides, the topic was reason -- how it came to be, and who is able to do it.

Cohen spoke about three of the great philosophers: Thales, who

believed that "all is water," Heraclitus, who gave credit to Thales notion, but said that "all is changing," and finally Parmenides who strongly believed that "is is an illusion."

The common ground all three of these wise men agree on is that we, as human beings, are a separate race because we are able to reason, Cohen said.

The lecture was one of a series that have been arranged for the composition classes of Betty Hodgden, associate professor of English, and Dr. Robert Wilson, professor of

English.

The lectures are designed to encompass a wide variety of topics for a better holistic understanding of arts and humanities.

The speakers and dates for winter quarter have been scheduled as follows:

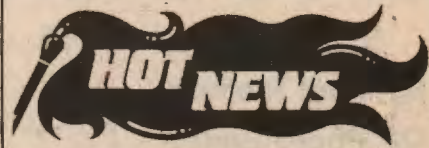
•Jan. 9-10, Raleigh Pegram, The Language of Numbers.

•Jan. 23-24, Judy Granger, Values and Belief.

•Feb. 6-7, June Berkley, Writing as Process.

•Feb. 20-21, Dale Gillette, Art as an Expression of Our Humanity.

•March 6-7, David Kuhn, Archeology Discoveries in the Portsmouth Area.



By Lois Webster

OA Staff Writer

Dec. 5-8 Books for cash at the bookstore. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Dec. 9 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Books for cash at the book store.

Dec. 13 Queen City Brass Community Concert Free to SSU students with I.D. 8 p.m. Activities Center

Bear's Roundtable meeting has been postponed until winter quarter. Dates and times to be announced.

Jan. 14 The Homecoming Dance will be at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, poolside. Register non-student guests at the student union. Semi-formal, no jeans. A photographer will be there offering picture packages.

The top three finalists for Homecoming Queen are:

•Amy Sue Craycraft
•Catherine E. Carmichael
•Janet Stein

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned at the Bears' basketball game at 2 p.m. Jan. 14.

Homeowner loans

Homeowners living in a selected area of the city may be eligible for up to \$15,000 in repairs. The no-interest forgivable loans are being offered to homeowners in an area near Wilson School.

For information, call Alex Maksimovic, at 354-5673 in the city's Community Development Department.

Certificates available

Students who have not picked up Phi Theta Kappa certificates, need to do so as soon as possible. They are available in the Arts and Humanities Division secretary's office.

For rent

1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage for rent. \$300 per month w/all appliances. \$350 w/all furnishings. Newly painted inside and out, w/w carpet, kitchen recently remodeled. Includes lawn service and water up to \$25.

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Area Christmas display tells labor of love

By Mark Richard
OA Photo Editor

For most people, Christmas is being home with their family, and exchanging gifts with each other. But for Carl Rudd, Christmas goes beyond the traditional holiday.

Rudd, formerly of Dayton, has a large Christmas display at his home in Blue Creek, near Ohio 125 in Adams County.

He's had the display in Blue Creek since 1971, but also had a display several years before in Dayton, where he was employed as a custodian.

Although Rudd doesn't have a background in engineering, he has taken the hillsides of his farm and other adjacent farms and turned them into an inspirational piece of art.

All the lighting and displays were designed by Rudd, who says he keeps looking at them each year and tries to make an improvement for the next year.

Rudd says what inspired him most was, "to tell people that the meaning of Christmas is love." He says it's a pleasure to see all those happy faces leaving there.

Although Rudd has been written about in newspapers and magazines nationwide, and covered by all three major television networks, he says, "I'm not after name, fame or prestige."

Letting somebody know they have a friend in this world is what is important, he says. "If you keep looking you'll always find some good in everybody."

Rudd says he won't put a donation box up because he wouldn't feel right asking for money. He says that would take away part of the message he is trying to get across to the people.

A large share of the material used was given to him by seven towns over the past few years. The donations have helped cut down his cost, he says.

Rudd has added 50,000 new lights this year, in addition to the ones which were previously on display. Rudd says in addition to the new lights, on opening night he will have several religious singing groups along the walkway.

Every light Rudd puts up represents something. For instance, on the hill



Carl Rudd now has his Christmas display ready for 26th season. Photo by Tim Mahoney, OA Staff Photographer.

behind the Rudd home is the city of Bethlehem erected in a beautiful array of Christmas lights. In the city are scenes representing the birth, life and crucifixion of Christ.

Each scene has descriptions which are direct quotes from the Bible.

Embedded in the walkway are lights of red and white, which also represent a special meaning to Rudd.

When approaching the area where Christ is being crucified, the lights are red, which represent the blood of Christ, Rudd says. While walking away from the scene the lights turn to

white, which represent hope.

The further away from the crucifixion, the dimmer the lights get, letting people know the further away from Christ they go the less hope there is, Rudd says.

All the sidewalks have been laid by Rudd and his family. They mixed the cement by hand and took it to the top of the hills with a wheelbarrow. In some places where it was too steep, a bucket was used to carry the sidewalk material.

Rudd says when he first started making Christmas displays 26 years ago

he had plenty of help from his family, but now all his children except one daughter are married and gone.

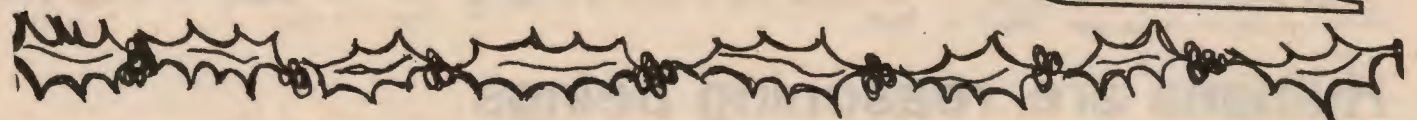
"I may be the poorest man in the world, but I'm happy," describes Rudd's view on how he will be able to continue to have people see his 40 acre Christmas display.

He says as long as people keep coming in and learning the true meaning of Christmas, there can't be any monetary value in it.

"I'm telling a story from my heart with everything I have done," Rudd says.



*Season's Greetings from
the staff of The Open Air*



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Changes at the Open Air

By Truman Throckmorton

OA Copy Editor

Long time Open Air readers have seen changes in the newspaper and its predecessor, the Shawnee Star, as the student-run newspaper has matured.

The first issues of the Star, begun more than four years ago under the guidance of advisers Alvin and Fannie Madden-Grider, were printed in the SSU print shop by Kenny Powell, print shop manager, with the assistance of his dedicated staff.

Early Star issues reflected the use of modern printing methods. But the newspaper was restricted by the typesetting method used, which

consisted of copy typed on old IBM Selectric typewriters.

As the paper grew in the quality of its editorial content, the methods used to put the paper together also changed.

For more than a year, the newspaper has been written and edited on Apple IIe computers, utilizing the Applewriter II word processing program. Copy is printed using a Swintec electronic typewriter and is reduced before being pasted up by the Open Air staff.

Advertising and headlines are made on Kroy machines, which set large print on transparent tape. The print is enlarged or reduced as needed. Borders, lines and bars in the paper are formed with the use of newspaper border tape. These methods are not

unlike those used for laying out many other publications.

With the advent of the Open Air, the printing has been done by a commercial newspaper using regular newsprint in a tabloid format. Although the printing isn't as sharp as was the Star's, Alvin Madden-Grider, now the Open Air's sole adviser, said the use of regular newspaper format and material will allow student staffers to get experience which can be utilized on a commercial newspaper.

Photographs in the newspapers have always been the work of student photo-journalists. Staff photographers develop and print photos in the SSU photo lab. Photo mechanical transfers (PMT's) are made by the commercial printer to prepare the photos for printing.

Because of deadline concerns, this is the only part of the newspaper which is pasted up by the printer.

The Star and the Open Air have always utilized a style-book, which helps maintain standardized word usage, spelling, punctuation and capitalization. Recently the newspaper adopted the Associated Press Style Book and Libel Manual as its guide in writing news and views.

The manual was adopted to keep the paper's writing style consistent with commercial newspapers, which should make reading the paper easier, said Jeff Horton, The Open Air editor.

Even though the newspaper is now using both computerized typesetting and the latest commercial photo offset printing methods, it is not going to continue using its present equipment, Horton said.

An IBM Personal System/2, Model 507 computer with a Hewlett Packard LaserJet series II printer is being prepared for use in the newsroom by Roger Sessor, Open Air staff writer. Horton said the new system will be phased in during the next several months.

The new system is comparable to the latest computers used in large newspapers, Alvin Madden-Grider said.

The new computer has the ability to compose a complete tabloid page, including editorial content and advertisements, Alvin Madden-Grider said. However, because of the limitations of the laser printer, the copy will continue to be set in strips and pasted up as at present.

Borders for advertising, headlines for stories, and type for advertising and body copy will be set by the computer. Complete advertisements will be laid out on the screen and printed out on the laser printer, ready for paste up.

But one thing will never change, Horton said. All Open Air staff members are students. The student staff will continue to make all decisions on what will be printed in the paper.

The Open Air will continue to be a student-run newspaper.

Teacher evaluations tell tale

By Lois Webster
OA Staff Writer

As the end of the fall quarter nears, students prepare for final exams with apprehension and anticipation. Students at SSU also have a chance at the end of the quarter to voice their opinions of their instructors and class materials through the teacher evaluation questionnaire.

The evaluations are usually completed by the students on the day of their final exam. If no final is given, evaluations are usually done on the last day of class.

Once the evaluations are completed by the students, they are collected by a designated student and taken to the provost's office.

According to Dr. A.L. Addington, provost, these evaluations are given to the instructor approximately three weeks after final grades have been tabulated. "This time allowance prevents an evaluation from having any effect on the student's grade," Addington says.

Through these evaluations, the students have an opportunity to express their opinion of the instructor's efforts. The evaluation can be used as a vehicle to allow the instructors to realize their accomplishments in the classroom.

Some SSU faculty revealed they do read and consider the evaluations.

Jack James, professor of psychology, says he does read them even though he feels they are an "exercise in personality evaluation."

But he hopes the students attempt to be honest. He feels the instructor should be in the room during evaluations. He doesn't believe a student should accuse a teacher behind their back, he says.

"I zero in on the student's comments," says Eleanor Marsh, chair of the social science division. She says the instructors should leave the room during evaluations so the students would not feel intimidated by their presence.

Even though Emily Guiker, associate professor of speech, says she likes the evaluation process, she says, "I can think of a more constructive way of doing them."

Guiker would like to see new ways designed to let the students become more precise in expressing their thoughts at evaluation time.

Student reaction to the evaluations varies because many students say they do not know what the evaluations are used for. Questions arise as to the impact they have and if it really matters to a teacher what a student has to say.

"I think they are a joke," says Susan Howard, elementary education major. "I haven't seen any evidence where the evaluations are used for any constructive purposes by the teachers who really need to change their classroom approaches," Howard says.

Tammy Adams, a data processing major, says she feels she has "had good teachers, so I haven't written anything negative" on the evaluations.

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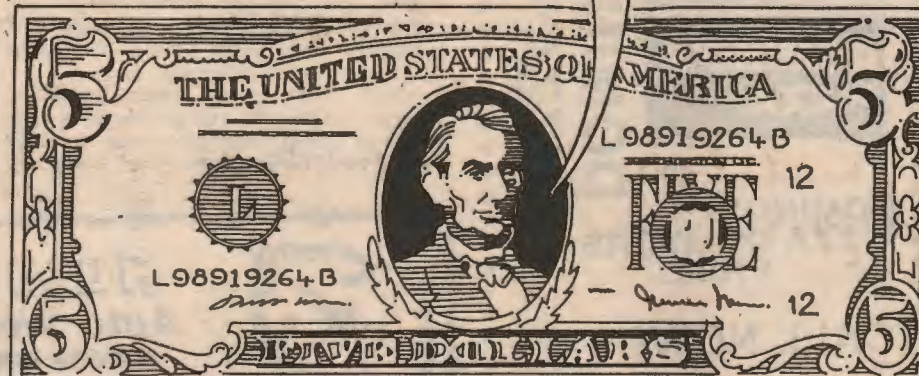
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Danner lifts SSU past Urbana 76-65

By Marty Cooper
OA Sports Editor

Kim Danner, SSU guard, scored 31 points with 2 assists to lift the Bears women's team past Urbana last Wednesday night in the activities center.

Jamie McGraw scored 12 points and led the Bears with 9 rebounds. Susan Conley scored 12 points with 8 rebounds to lead the Bears to a 76-65 victory.

"We looked good at times and we looked bad at times but Kim Danner looked real good and Susan Conley played a fine game," said coach Robin Hugen-Smith.

She also said, "Susan Conley started the break for Kim Danner and got the ball to her. Lisa Brandenburg



Kim Danner, No. 10, left, scores 31 points to lead the Bears to 76-65 win over Urbana Nov. 30. Photo by Marty Cooper, OA Sports Editor.

played a good game from the guard position as she hit two out of three from the three-point range."

The Bears were 52 percent from the field and 64 percent from the free-throw line.

The Bears had 14 steals, 25 rebounds and 21 assists.

The women Bears will play in the SSU tournament Dec. 9 at 6 and 8 p.m. in the activities center.

Bears' mens team improves record to 6-2

By Marty Cooper
OA Sports Editor

The SSU mens basketball team downed Urbana Nov. 30 at the activities center before a large crowd.

Britton Jackson led the way for the Bears with 28 points and 8 rebounds. The Bears' Brian Williams followed with 24 points and 9 rebounds.

The Bears also got plenty of help from Phil Loy who played aggressively, and Craig Allemeier who finished the game with 10 rebounds.

The Bears went on to win 83-78.

"It was a very physical game. Urbana has a good team and I look for them to make the play-offs," said SSU coach Jim Arnzen.

"We also had another good performance from Britton Jackson, Brian Williams and Phil Loy. They probably played their best game so far," Arnzen said.

The win improved the Bears record to 6-2 on the season and dropped Urbana's record to 2-3 on the season. Urbana was led by Brett Baker who scored 24 points and came up with 7 rebounds, and Butch Settle who scored 20 points with 5 rebounds.

After the game, coach Woods of Urbana, said, "I think SSU is a very talented team; they play hard and they have a very fine coach."

The Bears have won three out of four of their last games. The wins include a 72-67 win over Cedarville, a 103-99 win over Dyke and a 83-78 win over Urbana.

They carried off the wins despite an early loss to Lake Erie 70-71.

The Bears will return home Saturday, Dec. 10, against Mt. Vernon Nazarene.

Mt. Vernon will be led by sophomore Steve Gregory a 6-4 forward who averages 16.4 points per game and senior Sam Barber, a 6-2 guard who averages 9.8 points per game.

The Mt. Vernon Nazarene Cougars are from the Mid-Ohio Conference. They finished last season fourth in the conference with a 7-7 record.

"We don't know much about Mt. Vernon Nazarene, although we have heard they are a good team," Arnzen said.

Mt. Vernon Nazarene finished last season with a record of 15-16.



Bears' Britton Jackson, No. 44, surprises the defense with a 2 point jump shot from the inside in the Nov. 30 game against Urbana. Photo by Marty Cooper, OA Sports Editor.



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Duran Duran hits it big with Big Thing

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L-R: John Taylor, Nick Rhodes and Simon LeBon.

By Kurt Kegley

OA Staff Writer

Duran Duran is back with a great new album, *Big Thing* on Capitol Records. The album's material shows how the members of the group have matured into crafting musicians.

This album features several potential smash hits. "I Don't Want Your Love," the funky, chic sounding, dance hit, has entered *Billboard's* top ten singles list this week.

Other excellent selections from *Big Thing* include, "All She wants is..." (the next single hit), "Drug (it's just a state of mind)" and the title track, "Big Thing."

Duran Duran's popularity was in question after their 1986 LP *Notorious* didn't sell as well as expected. Although the songs on *Big Thing* aren't really better than the songs on their previous album, it should please a much wider audience because of the new sound.

Big Thing is the second album from Duran Duran since their original guitarist and drummer both split. The group is now a threesome and consists of Simon Le Bon, vocals; John Taylor, bass guitar; and Nick Rhodes, keyboards.

Former Missing Persons guitarist, Warren Cuccurullo, has been the band's guitarist for the past two albums. Expect Duran Duran to be on the road in the U.S. in 1989 for an extensive concert tour.

She's right up your alley

By Scott Dickison

OA Entertainment Editor

She's right up your alley.

Back with yet another album, titled "Up Your Alley," Joan Jett and the Blackhearts are at it again.

Jett has had a rather slow period since she starred with Michael J. Fox in the movie *Light of Day*. Jett is known for her "Bad Reputation" and that holds true after she appeared as SSU's first

concert in May of 1987.

Jett's new album includes the new hit "I Hate Myself For Loving You." Her last album *Good Music* is already hard to find in the record stores. Even some of the stores that carry hard to find albums can't get their hands on some of Jett's albums.

About a year after a Joan Jett album is released, it's nearly impossible to buy or even order one. Jett's albums are handled by CBS Epic Records and are also associated with her own company, Blackheart Records.

Her albums quickly become out of print. I found

that out when I tried to find an album with the song "Bad Reputation" on it. At the time the only album available was her *Good Music* LP.

Maybe Jett burns all of her master copies so no more can be printed. I'm sure she doesn't do that because she still loves rock n' roll — and her new album is good rock n' roll and it's loud.

Songs such as "I Wanna Be Your Dog," "Little Liar" and "Ridin' with James Dean" are bound to hit the charts. If you're into good hard rockin', headbanging music, then Joan Jett is right *Up Your Alley*.

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Presidential search advisory forum held

By Latricia Sessor

OA Assignment Editor

An open forum for students to meet with the presidential search advisory committee will be held at 11:40 a.m., Monday, Dec. 5, in the Commons building board room.

"I encourage all students to go to the forum and express their opinions in regard to qualifications that they feel are important for our new university president," said Dave Nelson, student senate president.

The senate unanimously approved an amendment to the senate constitution during its regular meeting on Nov. 29.

The amendment will change the dates of the student senate elections from fall to spring quarter. The amendment also specifies exact procedures for the election.

Joe Triplett, chairman of the student member to the board of trustees selection committee, said, "We received seven applications. The committee will select five of the seven applicants to submit to the senate for confirmation. Those five nominees will be sent to the university president who will forward

them to the governor. The governor will appoint two of the applicants to the board of trustees."

In other business the senate postponed the SSU clean-up day it had wanted to sponsor during Christmas break.

"People get paid to clean, so we need their approval before we start a project like this. You've got to know your place," said Fred Chrisman, student senate adviser.

The senate had planned to either sand table tops in the cafeteria or

cover them with ceramic tile. Chrisman told the senate members, "You as senate members can make a difference by picking up trash and cleaning up unsightly messes that you see around campus. You can set an example for the rest of the student body."

Nelson asked that committee reports be given at least twice a month. He also asked that a budget report be given at each month by senate treasurer, Sandy Wilburn.

Chrisman said a bear suit was being donated to the university.

Triplett asked senate members to write a student bill of rights.

Students proposed for board of trustees

By Linda Ygbuhay

OA News Editor

Seven students have applied for the two new positions on the SSU board of trustees, the student senate was told at its Nov. 22 meeting.

The applicants are David Nelson, Stephanie Hagen, Joyce Odle, Craig Allemeier, Edward Darrah, Donna Kereca and Nancy Adkins.

Senate members Jan Stein, Joe Triplett and Brad Day were appointed to a committee to select the trustee candidates.

The standing rules committee and the senate subcommittee on constitution reconstruction presented a proposed student government constitution. Senate member Ed Darrah said all senate members should read the proposed constitution thoroughly to ensure all changes are acceptable.

Student senate members were told the winner of the cruise and \$300 given away at a recent student dance was Chris Hawk. Senate members

discussed tying the cruise promotion next year with ball games. For example, if students go to ball games, they would be eligible to win the cruise.

A clean-up day was again discussed by Fred Chrisman, senate adviser and director of student activities. Chrisman said he is organizing the event with the custodians to ensure full cooperation with staff, faculty and students.

Ed Darrah volunteered to head a committee to work with the custodians for the clean-up day.

Senate members Jan Stein, Ed Darrah, Joe Triplett, Brad Day, Lisa Lambert and Paula Dunham were appointed to assist Darrah on a clean-up committee.

Lambert asked about organizing fraternities and sororities. Chrisman said he would help if needed, but the students would have to do most of the work.



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