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-Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, 1810

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Portsmouth, Ohio



Jay Jones goes air-borne and hits the shot from the inside to give the Bears the lead. Jones also canned his foul shot and gave the Bears a 15 to 8 early lead in the activities center Dec. 10 against Mt. Vernon Nazarene. Photo by Marty Cooper, OA Managing Editor.

Campus Capsules

Byrne at New Orleans

Dr. Frank Byrne, associate professor of linguistics, will be chairman for the 1989 meeting of the south central region of the American Dialectic Society to be held in New Orleans.

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.

Scholarship awarded

Jamie Lynn Lyons, a 1988 Greenup County (Ky.) graduate, has been awarded the American Legion Post 471 academic scholarship. The \$500 award is given annually to a graduating high school senior from Scioto or Greenup County.

Lyons also received the DESCO scholarship.

Library reference

Mary Cummings will be providing evening reference service in the library from 5 until 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Cummings has a master's degree in library science from University of Kentucky.

SSU Bears women's team not ladies

Commentary by Jeff Horton

OA Editor

"Lady - Do not use as a synonym for woman. Lady may be used when it is a courtesy title or when a specific reference to fine manners is appropriate without patronizing overtones."

• The 1988 Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual

Why do coaches, journalists and students insist on calling the SSU women Bears the "Lady Bears?"

Could it be they are not aware they are relegating women to an inferior position by doing so?

Professional journalists and other educated persons surely must know what they have been doing. Sexism and parallelism are among the first things a freshman learns about in English 111. I assume the people who are in these positions are educated in the use of the English language.

To keep the team designations parallel, if one team is called by a patronizing title, the other must be called by a parallel patronizing title. In this instance, in calling the women's team the "Lady Bears," the men's team must be called the "Gentlemen Bears."

Why is it deemed proper (even to the point of abusing the rules of writing, not to mention using

sexist slurs) to use the term denoting high society to designate our women's team and not give the same consideration to our men's team?

When then do we use the term girls and boys, women and men or ladies and gentlemen?

"Girl" and "boy" refers to a minor, or those up

A well-known member of the local confronted me after I commented on this is said, "You're not a woman, what are you about?"

This has nothing to do with whether a person is male or female. The issue is simply this, if going to patronize one team, don't do it because it is a women's team.

If one team is going to be patronized, it should be done to the other. If people insist on the SSU Bears women's team the "Lady Bears" should show some sense and call the men's team "Gentlemen Bears."

Wise up!

Gentlemen

to the age deemed by society to be legally responsible for their actions. The AP Stylebook says to use boy and girl in sports up to the senior year in high school.

"Man" and "woman" refers to those who have "come of age" in the eyes of society. The terms "gentleman" and "lady," are courtesy titles. This may be used in public speaking or at formal functions.

A basketball game is hardly a formal function. It shames me to see this at a university not to mention in the professional local media and at times in the national media.



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.

Fear and loathing in Las Vegas

By Sallie Traxler

OA Production Manager

•FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS by Hunter S. Thompson. Popular Library, 204 pages.

"We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold," is how this journey begins ... your trip with Dr. Duke, alias Thompson, is on its way, so hold on, you're in for a hell of a surprise.

For anyone even remotely interested in the news media, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, by Hunter S. Thompson, is a must. It opens up a new door to the possibilities of the pen.

"The Mint 400, is the richest off-the-road race for motorcycles and dune-buggies in the history of organized sport," and this is Raoul Duke's assignment to cover, along with his attorney, a 300 pound Samoan, who very well could be an hallucination. After all, anything in Thompson's work may or may not be real. It is up to the reader to distinguish between reality and fantasy. Good luck.

Thompson's coverage of the race is of a less-than-normal style. It consists of large quantities of illegal drugs that are consumed one-after-the-other, together, and in-addition-to anything within reach. Everything is paid for with credit cards that are maxed-out, or someone else's credit cards. Many of their credentials are falsified in the name of getting the story.

This style of writing and reporting is called Gonzo Journalism, a term that definitely is what it implies -- a totally unobjective view of how things are. Most journalists have a sort-of code of ethics which stands for being biased for neither side.

Thompson, on the other hand, writes exactly what he sees and thinks -- to hell with any code of ethics. He has probably broken every rule that was ever made. But this is what makes him such a great writer. For once, you get the other side, or maybe the real side.

Thompson not only writes in a different manner, he covers the story in an altered state. Most people in his condition would be unable to lift their head from the pillow. While most of the other reporters are doing background research or getting a good night's sleep, Thompson and his attorney abuse their bodies to no end.

Thompson laughs at the other reporters' way of doing their jobs, as he picks up a newspaper to find out who won the race, so he can finish his article.

While covering the district attorneys' conference on narcotics and dangerous drugs, impersonating a special investigator from Los Angeles, all he learned was that the cops were about 10 years behind what the "drug culture" already knew. He was thankful for that bit of knowledge.

The only thing about the book that I didn't like was that I never got to read the articles Thompson worked on. I think I would have liked his way of expressing what he experienced, or rather, what he thought he experienced.

The end of the book takes a different turn, but it would be a terrible sin to let you in on it. You will just have to read it for yourself. It is easy to read once you get the hang of it, and would only take about three hours some Sunday afternoon. So if you have been planning a trip but can't afford to take one, pick-up one of Hunter S. Thompson's works of art.

It'll most likely be different from anything in your collection of books. I personally am taking The Curse of Lono, by Thompson, with me to Florida for some beach reading.

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 an opinion expressed in this paper, write us a letter.

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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.

Review by Sallie Traxler

OA Production Manager

The Open Air

The Open Air, Shawnee State University student newspaper, is a vehicle of expression for students reporting news and views.

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Students pay for a variety of activities

By Sallie Traxler

OA Production Manager

Each year there is a new budget for the departments, organizations and activities at SSU. Each full-time student pays a \$46 general fee each quarter which contributes to those budgets.

The many campus activities financed include sporting events, the student newspaper, recreational facilities and entertainment.

The money allocated from the SSU general fund is based on the previous year's full-time enrollment. The general fund does not wholly support these groups.

Nineteen recipients divide \$334,160 in student activity fees, according to William Decatur, director of budgeting and finance.

The largest part of the money, \$46,759, is allocated for the men's basketball team. This money, according to Harry Weinbrecht, athletic director, is used for the coaches' salaries, part-time help, officials, supplies and travel. Also included is \$16,726 in scholarships for the athletes.

Weinbrecht said, whenever possible, they try to employ students for part-time help as ushers and ticket takers because they understand students are on a tight budget and can use the funds.

The women's basketball team receives \$42,150, a slightly smaller budget than the men's. Weinbrecht said the women play fewer games than the men and are in fewer tournaments. "The men had to buy all new uniforms and sweat-suits, since we have changed from the Rangers to the Bears. The women bought new uniforms last year," Weinbrecht said.

However, the women's team has the same amount of scholarship money to award, he said.

While most of the administrative salaries comes from a state subsidy, a full-time athletic director and secretary, as well as a part-time publicist's salary, comes from the general fee.

The athletic director is budgeted for \$43,803. This covers his salary, and a secretary's salary, along with insurance and retirement benefits, and some business travel, Weinbrecht said. His office also must pay its phone bill and is responsible for postage, Weinbrecht said.

"This is the first year that we have sold season tickets for basketball; the boosters have sold 120 tickets at \$40 each," Weinbrecht said.

If ticket sales keep increasing, they may make up a part of next year's budget for the team, he said. "The men's team is also involved in some contract games; these are games the team is paid for playing," Weinbrecht said.

Other campus activities besides sports are funded by the student fees.

The newspaper advisers salary is taken out of the \$12,000 the student-run school newspaper is given.

More than half of the money the Open Air receives goes toward printing the paper, and the rest is used for supplies, postage, phone calls, and equipment. "We even had to buy the tables and chairs for our office," said Alvin Madden-Grider, newspaper adviser.

The newspaper sells advertisements to earn extra money. The extra money allows the paper to buy equipment, or attend journalism seminars, Madden-Grider said.

Other student activities that come from the budget are the student senate

Activity - Organization	Quarterly	
	Total Budget	Cost Per Student
Mens Basketball	\$46,759	\$6.44
Athletic Director	43,803	6.03
Womens Basketball	42,150	5.80
Natorium	28,489	3.92
Activities Center	25,500	3.51
Womens Volleyball	23,314	3.21
Student Union	18,545	2.55
Womens Softball	17,250	2.37
Student Senate	12,000	1.65
Cultural Affairs	12,000	1.65
Intramural Sports	12,000	1.65
The Open Air Newspaper	12,000	1.65
Special Events	12,000	1.65
Mens Golf	10,350	1.43
Music Club	6,000	.83
Theater	6,000	.83
Cheerleaders	4,000	.55
Pep Band	1,500	.21
Silhouette Magazine	500	.07
Totals	\$334,160	\$46.00

and the special events committee. Each of these are allocated \$12,000.

Fred Chrisman, director of student activities, said the two often work hand-in-hand. They bring entertainment to the students at SSU, Chrisman said. The cinema nights and dances have come from these funds, and next quarter events will include a magician, and a pool trick-shot expert, he said.

New campus organizations benefit from the general fee, Chrisman said. "The student senate helps to seed new clubs and organizations, so they can get started, and begin to be self-supporting," he said.

The cultural affairs committee brings entertainment to the students. This is the group that brought in Ralph Nader, Chrisman said, and is a co-sponsor for the community concert series. SSU students have free admission to any concert in the series, he said.

Although many activities are free to students, the James A. Rhodes Natatorium charges for court time after 6 p.m. It also sells memberships to the public.

One reason to open the natatorium to the public is because its budget from general fees only totals \$28,489, Weinbrecht said.

The natatorium has to pay a staff, utilities and upkeep on the building, he said. SSU was given money from the state to build the building, but receives no money for running it, Weinbrecht said.

The natatorium received \$57,360 in outside income from selling memberships, court and tanning bed time, and rental of the facility, Weinbrecht said. It also was awarded \$25,000 a year from the state, so senior citizens may use the facility, Weinbrecht said. "Without these other sources of income, the natatorium would not be able to operate," he said.

Another facility that student fees go toward is the activities center. It is budgeted for \$25,500, which

basically pays the utilities.

The student union budget mostly pays part-time employee's salaries and utilities, Decatur said. The money used for free popcorn, hot dogs and pop comes from income earned by the pool tables and video games in the student union, Chrisman said.

Though \$46 may seem to be lot of money, in comparison to other Ohio universities, SSU ranks lowest on the list for general fees charged, Chrisman said.

For instance, in 1987, Ohio State University charged \$122 per student, Ohio University charged \$151, and Bowling Green State University charged \$201, Chrisman said.

However, the services provided for the general fee at each of these institutions varies, he said.



By Lois Webster
OA Staff Writer

Jan. 12 Ski Demo by Ski Loft of Huntington, noon til 5 p.m., Ranger's Den

Jan. 14 Homecoming Queen crowned at Bears basketball game, 2 p.m. Activities Center
•Catherine E. Carmichael
•Amy Sue Craycraft
•Janet Lee Stein

Jan. 14 Homecoming Dance, 9 p.m. til 1 a.m., Ramada Inn poolside, register non-student guests at student union, semi-formal, no jeans. Photographer offering picture packages. Free photo package to first 50 student with homecoming announcement. Valid SSU ID required

Jan. 16 Ski Trip, contact Dave Todt, 355-2239

Jan. 20 Cinema Night, Wheelersburg Cinema, 11:30 p.m. til 2 a.m. Free to students, guest, faculty, staff, and children with ID

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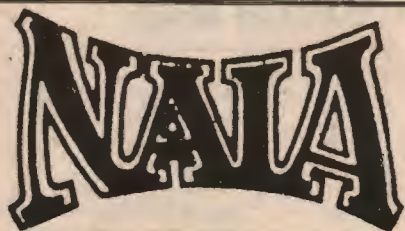
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Sat., Jan. 7	LAKE ERIE	6:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 9	MT. ST. JOSEPH	6:00 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 11	PIKEVILLE	6:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 16	At Univ. of Charleston	.....	5:15 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 19	CEDARVILLE	.....	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 21	At Glensville State	.....	2:00 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 26	WEST VIRGINIA TECH.	.....	6:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 30	WEST VIRGINIA STATE	.....	6:00 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 31	At Kentucky Christian	.....	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 1	At Eastern Kentucky	.....	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 3	At Pikeville	.....	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 11	At Otterbein	.....	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 12	At Lake Erie	.....	2:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 14	OHIO DOMINICAN	.....	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 17	At Bluefield	.....	TBA
Sat., Feb. 18	At Concord	TBA
Sat., Feb. 25	At Walsh	TBA
March	District 22 Playoffs		

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Men's Schedule

Thurs, Jan. 5	At Ohio Dominican	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 7	LAKE ERIE	8:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 9	At Charleston	.....	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 11	WILMINGTON	.....	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 14	DENISON	.....	2:00 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 17	GEORGETOWN	.....	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 26	OHIO DOMINICAN	.....	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 28	At Morehead State	.....	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 30	CHARLESTON	.....	8:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 2	At Walsh	.....	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 7	At Alice Lloyd	.....	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 11	At Tiffin	.....	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 15	At Ashland (Ohio)	.....	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 19	DYKE	2:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 22	At Wilmington	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 25	At Cedarville	7:30 p.m.
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Brad Schomaeker looks for an open team-mate as he sets up a play in the Bears game against Mt. Vernon Nazarene Dec. 10, in the activities center. Photo by Marty Cooper, OA Managing Editor.



Craig Allemeier sets up for a pass from Joe Smith.

Photo By Marty Cooper
OA Managing Editor

Smith leads Bears in 3-point shoot out

By Marty Cooper
OA Managing Editor

Joe Smith hit five 3-pointers Dec. 10 against Mt. Vernon Nazarene to take a 86-79 win and push the Bears record to 10-2 on the season.

The Mt. Vernon Nazarene Cougars came into the activities center with a record of 5-6. They matched up well with the Bears as they made 18 of 34 3-pointers.

The Bears led by two at halftime, 38-36. Then with 16:51 to go in the game, the Cougars tied the game at 44-44.

Moments later Sam Barber hit another 3-point shot to take a three point lead for Mt. Vernon. Joe Smith

pulled the Bears in the lead several times but the Cougars kept coming back.

However, the Bears closed the gap on a small run in the closing minute, to win 86-79.

Keith Nelson led the Bears with 18 points, 11 rebounds and two steals.

Nelson was also the main spark in the closing minutes as he hit two key baskets. Britton Jackson added 17 points.

Smith had 15 points and Jay Jones and Brian Williams each scored 12. Brad Schomaeker finished with 10 points.

For the Cougars, Joe White led the way with 24 points. He went 8 for 10 from the 3-point range.

Barber scored 23 points and went 7 of 13 from the 3-point range. Ron Holmes followed with 15 points.

Team percentages for Mt. Vernon Nazarene included 18 of 34 from the 3-point range, for 53 percent. They went 12 of 21 from the field.

The Bears went 8 of 9 from the 3-point range and 37 of 74 from the field. They yanked down 42 rebounds.

The Bears men's team will be hosting six home games throughout the month of January. They will get another shot at Lake Erie, one of the two teams that beat them in the early going.

The game with Lake Erie will be Saturday, Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. in the activities center.

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Lisa Brandenburg breaks free to score on a layup to cut Glenville's lead to only one point Dec. 10, in the activities center. The Bears went on to win the game 94-83. Photo By Marty Cooper, OA Managing Editor.



Jamie McGraw cans an inside jump shot to give the Bears an early lead at 24 to 22. McGraw finished the game with 14 points and six rebounds and was selected to the all-tournament team. Photo By Marty Cooper.

Bears drop Glenville to 7-1

By Marty Cooper
OA Managing Editor

Kim Danner led with 23 points and Susie Huff had 15 points for steals as SSU downed previously unbeaten Glenville (W.Va.) State Pioneers 94-83, Dec. 10 in the activities center.

The win boosted the Bears women's basketball record to 8-2 and wrapped up the 1988 SSU tournament.

Huff hit 10 of 10 from the free-throw line, while Danner also hit 10 of 10.

Dyke won the consolation game by defeating Concord (W.Va.) College 75-74 in overtime. The win gave Dyke third place in the tournament and dropped Concord into fourth.

The Bears shot 32 out of 36 free-throws to go 89 percent from the line. SSU's biggest lead was 19 points with about two minutes to go in the game but Glenville cut the lead to six points in the closing minutes.

The Bears retaliated with their foul shooting and went on to victory. The only lead for Glenville was early in the first half when they led by eight points at 20 to 12.

The Bears tied the game at 22. Then Jamie McGraw hit an inside jump shot to give the Bears a 24-22 lead.

The Bears put an early shock on Glenville when they took an eight point lead at 41-33, going into the half.

Glenville was led by Monique Johnson who scored 24 points and Tami Simmons who dished out 22 points. However, Glenville was hit with a little bad luck as they lost their starting center, Kim Creel, who averages nine rebounds and 16.9 points per game.

Bears 6-1 McGraw was selected for the all-tournament team as she scored 14 points and had 6 rebounds.

Susan Conley added 11 points and 6 rebounds, Stephanie Hagen had five rebounds, a couple of blocked shots and 8 points.

The Glenville State Pioneers went 31 of 53 from the field for a team total of 58 percent and 20 of 29 from the free-throw line.

The Pioneers had 27 rebounds, 10 turnovers and 28 fouls.

The Bears went 29 of 69 from the field for a total of 42 percent. They had 26 rebounds with nine steals and 27 fouls.


The Bears women's team will have a total of seven home games throughout January, with the first against Bluefield on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 5:15 p.m. in the SSU activities center.

The Bears will take on Lake Erie Saturday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m., also in the activities center.

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Coach Robin Hagen-Smith remembers

Salvaging life from death

By Tim Parsley
OA Features Editor

Robin Hagen-Smith's life has been one filled with success — but it hasn't always been easy.

During her years as a student, she was a talented athlete at South Webster High School, SSU, and Rio Grande College. Also, while at Rio Grande, she was an academic all-American.

Now Hagen-Smith is a successful basketball coach and respected teacher at SSU.

Family has always been important to Hagen-Smith. She feels she owes a lot to her parents. "If it wouldn't have been for my parents, I wouldn't be where I am today," she says.

She considered her an almost perfect family life. "They were always supportive of me," she says, "no matter what I did."

But Hagen-Smith's life changed drastically in 1983. During a basketball game in which her sister, Stephanie Hagen, a South Webster High School student, was playing at Notre Dame High School, their mother, Janice Hagen, died of a heart attack.

Janice Hagen was 41 years old. Hagen-Smith was not, of course, prepared for her mother's death. "As a kid growing up," she says, "you always think that you're going to have your parents forever. At least I did."

She says she thought her parents would always be there. "You think, no matter what, you've got them to fall back on," she says.

After her mother's death, Hagen-Smith's life went downhill. "I always felt like I was balanced and had a good head on my shoulders, and nothing could really get me down to the point that I was so depressed that I could never get myself back up again," she says.

"Then, after she died," she says, "I knew what it was like to be in that situation; to be totally depressed; to feel like you don't care if you go on

living or not."

She thinks that everyone feels like that at one time or another, whether they want to admit it or not, she says.

Some people feel guilty when a parent dies, but she did not. "I never forgot to say 'Mom, I love you,' or 'Dad, I love you,' which is hard for some people to do," she says.

"What got me through it was that we had a good relationship, and I did appreciate her. If not," she says, "I might not have made it."

The first few days after her mother's death were the most difficult for Hagen-Smith. "There were two or three days, right after her death," she says, "that I would lie in bed and would think to myself, 'I don't care if I live or die.' But I never would go through with committing suicide. I never had the guts for that."

It was time for Hagen-Smith to make a decision. At that moment she felt her choices were, "I can just lay here and die with her, or I can pick myself up like she would expect me to do, and make the best of it."

She still has trouble accepting her mother's death. She enjoys talking to other people about it, though. "I like to remember her," she says, "because that's all I've got."

The experience has had an influence on Hagen-Smith's relationships with her players. She wants to be someone they can come to and discuss their problems with, she says.

According to Hagen-Smith's sister and SSU women's basketball team member Stephanie Hagen, Hagen-Smith is easy to talk to. "It's one of her desires," Hagen says, "to instill in others the teachings that Mom has given to us."

Perhaps the person helped most by Coach Hagen-Smith is Susie Huff, a player on the SSU women's basketball team. Huff's mother died a couple of years ago and Huff needed someone to talk to. She found that person in Robin Hagen-Smith.

"She probably understood me better than anyone else, because she had been



Coach Robin Hagen-Smith discusses the positive influences her family has had on her attitude and career. Photo by Val Nesler, OA Staff Photographer.

through it herself," Huff says. "It seemed like she knew what to say to make me feel better about myself and about the situation."

Huff says she can talk easily with Hagen-Smith. "It seems easier to talk to her," Huff says, "than to talk to my brothers and sisters."

Another player who Coach Hagen-Smith has influenced is Susan Conley. "The way she is has helped me to reach my goals, and given me a direction to go forward," she says.

On Nov. 8, an annual exhibition game was played at South Webster High School between the SSU women's team and the Rio Grande women's team. Half of the proceeds went to the Janice Hagen Memorial Scholarship at Rio Grande College.

The game always means a lot to Hagen-Smith. "It's one way to bring her memory back," she says, "and do something good. That's like the NCAA Championship to me."

Stephanie Hagen feels the same way. "With someone that special, we don't want to take her memory away," she says.

When Robin Hagen-Smith does anything now, she reverts back to 1983. "I relate everything to that," she says. "It's crazy how, within a minute, your whole life can change. Life is so precious, and I wish people would realize that."

Janice Hagen's death cast a shadow on her family's lives. But for Robin Hagen-Smith it was a shadow cast by a brilliant light.

Peace Corp volunteer discusses life in Gabon

By Latricia Sessor
OA Assignment Editor

"The toughest job you'll ever love," is the ad slogan for the U.S. Peace Corps.

Dawn Schlaeppli, recently returned Peace Corps volunteer, has been bringing that message to Portsmouth area civic groups, schools and the SSU campus.

Schlaeppli was sent to a village in Gabon, a country in west Africa, to live as the native people live. Gabon is on the equator and has a very hot and humid climate.

In preparation for her work, Schlaeppli was trained in fish propagation, motorcycle repair (her only transportation was a motorcycle), and some French, she said.

The villagers were kind to her and kept her constant company, she said. In their culture it is bad to be alone. "When I first arrived there would always be one of the villagers sitting in my living room," Schlaeppli said. "It was like they were working in shifts. When a new one would arrive the one that had been there would leave. They didn't understand I wanted to be alone."

She told the SSU audience, "The culture of Gabon was totally different."

Gabon has a patriarchal society, which means the oldest male in each family decides everything for the rest of the family, she said. They also practice polygamy.

The families are large. "One of the village men had 14 wives and he offered to let me be number 15," Schlaeppli said. "I had to let him down gently for I had no interest in becoming 15."

She was adopted by one of the families. This had both benefits and responsibilities, she said. "Whenever my adopted father would hunt he would send me some of the meat," Schlaeppli said. "However, when out-of-town guests came for New Years they brought them to my house for lodging without asking me. It was understood that it was my responsibility to help the family."

Families are important to the people of Gabon and so are neighbors and friends, she said.

The people were most generous, according to Schlaeppli. Teaching them to raise fish was hard enough, but the concept of selling their surplus fish was almost impossible for them to grasp, she said.

The villagers practice slash-and-burn agriculture, she said. The men do the slashing and burning and the women cultivate, plant and harvest. She said their main crops are

peanuts and casaba, a plant that has edible roots and leaves. They also grow pineapples.

They gather bananas and avocados from the jungle, Schlaeppli said.

"There was a very old lady in the village that could hardly walk," Schlaeppli said. "Every day she would go out into the jungle and with great effort she would drag back a large log. I asked her family, 'Why do you make her do this?' They said, 'If she felt no longer useful she would sit by the fire and die.'"

Schlaeppli showed the audience a large face mask used in secret rituals. There are three churches in the village, a Catholic and two protestant. However, many of the people still practice a form of ancestor worship, Schlaeppli said. "These rites and ceremonies are closely guarded from outsiders," she said.

She also showed a large basket used for transporting the food the women harvest. The basket is carried on the woman's back. The woman would fill it about one-third full of food and on the way home she would fill it with wood for the open fire she would cook over that night. "This basket will weigh 50 to 60 pounds by the time she has gathered the wood," Schlaeppli said.

"Traditionally the men have been

the warriors, the hunters and the storytellers of the village," Schlaeppli said. "They no longer make war, so now the men hunt a little and tell their stories."

Schlaeppli graphically demonstrated some of the native customs, such as pointing with their lower lip. The village people believe that pointing with their finger to be quite rude, she said. If asked where someone lives, they would protrude their lower lip and point with the lip in the proper direction.

Along with the anecdotes and artifacts, Schlaeppli also had a slide show. She showed the people and the village. She gave detailed instructions for building a mud hut. After her presentation there was a question and answer session that the audience took full advantage of.

Dawn Schlaeppli paced the stage as she spoke, gesturing with her body as well as her hands. She was bubbling over with stories to tell. Life in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is going to seem mundane after spending two years in Gabon and six weeks sharing her adventure with enthusiastic audiences in Portsmouth, she said.

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Ewigleben appoints campus-wide smoking policy committee

A committee to study smoking and use of other tobacco products on campus has been appointed by Dr. Robert L. Ewigleben, SSU president.

Richard R. Howard, vice president of student services, has been named chairman of the committee.

Ewigleben said in a memorandum to employees and student government officers that since all levels of staff and students are affected by any policy that permits or restricts smoking and the use of other

tobacco products, all members of the campus community must have input into the development of such a policy.

Also on the committee will be Marcia Tackett, secretary of the arts and humanities division, or another representative appointed by the CWA; Gary Gemmer, associate professor of physics, or another representative appointed by the UFA; Steve Midkiff, registrar, or another representative appointed by the UAA; and Larry Essman, or another representative

appointed by the SEA.

Dave Nelson, student senate president, will also serve or appoint a representative.

The committee will begin work in January by reviewing the smoking policies at SSU and other public universities in Ohio, according to a schedule in the memorandum.

During February the committee will draft a new smoking policy. Campus constituencies will review the policy in March.

The committee will have April 1-10 to revise the draft policy. Public hearings will then be held during the balance of the month.

A final policy will be presented to the SSU president on May 1. The president and staff will have until May 30 to review the policy.

On June 12 the board of directors' facilities and policies committee will review the policy and the board will consider the policy as an action item on June 19.

Rumbaugh to speak in lecture series

Dr. Duane M. Rumbaugh, chairman of the department of psychology at Georgia State University and director of the language research center, Atlanta, Ga., will be the second SSU Distinguished Lecturer.

Rumbaugh will speak on primate communication in Massie Theatre, 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19.

Rumbaugh was an early researcher

into teaching chimpanzees the human language.

He trained a chimp to communicate by touching geometric symbols on a computer keyboard. Currently, Rumbaugh is participating in research with a pygmy chimp which has learned to comprehend English words and short sentences.

Rumbaugh is also working with a

grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development on biobehavioral studies of languages and cognition.

Rumbaugh has degrees from the University of Dubuque, Kent State University and the University of Colorado.

He has taught at San Diego State College and directed the department of

primate behavior at the Yerkes regional primate research center at Emory University.

Rumbaugh also serves as an affiliate scientist at Yerkes and is a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration life science division large primate facility.

The lecture is free to students and guests.

Student council to poll students on school calendar

The student council will conduct a student opinion survey in the cafeteria during the second week of winter quarter on three choices for future SSU academic calendars.

The three options students may select from include:

•School calendar to remain as at present with fall quarter ending the first full week of December.

•Fall quarter (including finals) to end at Thanksgiving. No other adjustments.

•Fall, winter, and spring quarters

to be rearranged with fall quarter ending at Thanksgiving, winter quarter beginning two weeks prior to Christmas, spring quarter beginning two weeks earlier than at present and spring quarter ending approximately May 30.



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Taiwan ministry of education offers scholarship

The Taiwan ministry of education is offering scholarships to begin or continue Chinese language studies at the Mandarin Training Center in Taipei, Taiwan.

Fifteen scholarships will be


awarded for the 1989-90 year. Included is full payment of tuition and miscellaneous fees and approximately \$175 a month for 12 months.

Application deadline is Jan. 16.

For information see a counselor or

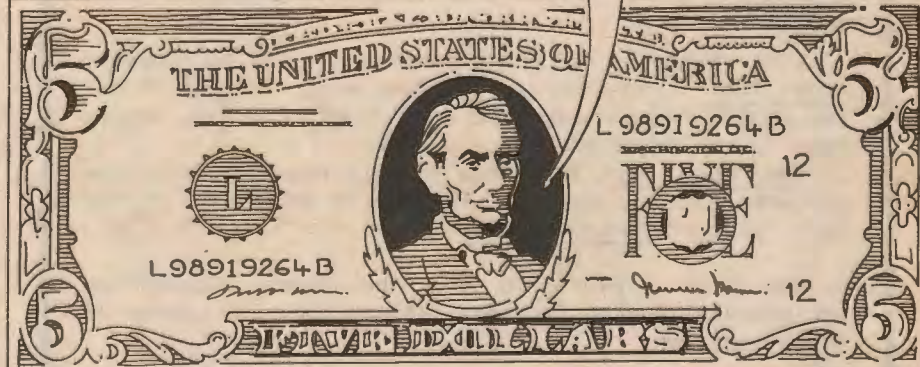
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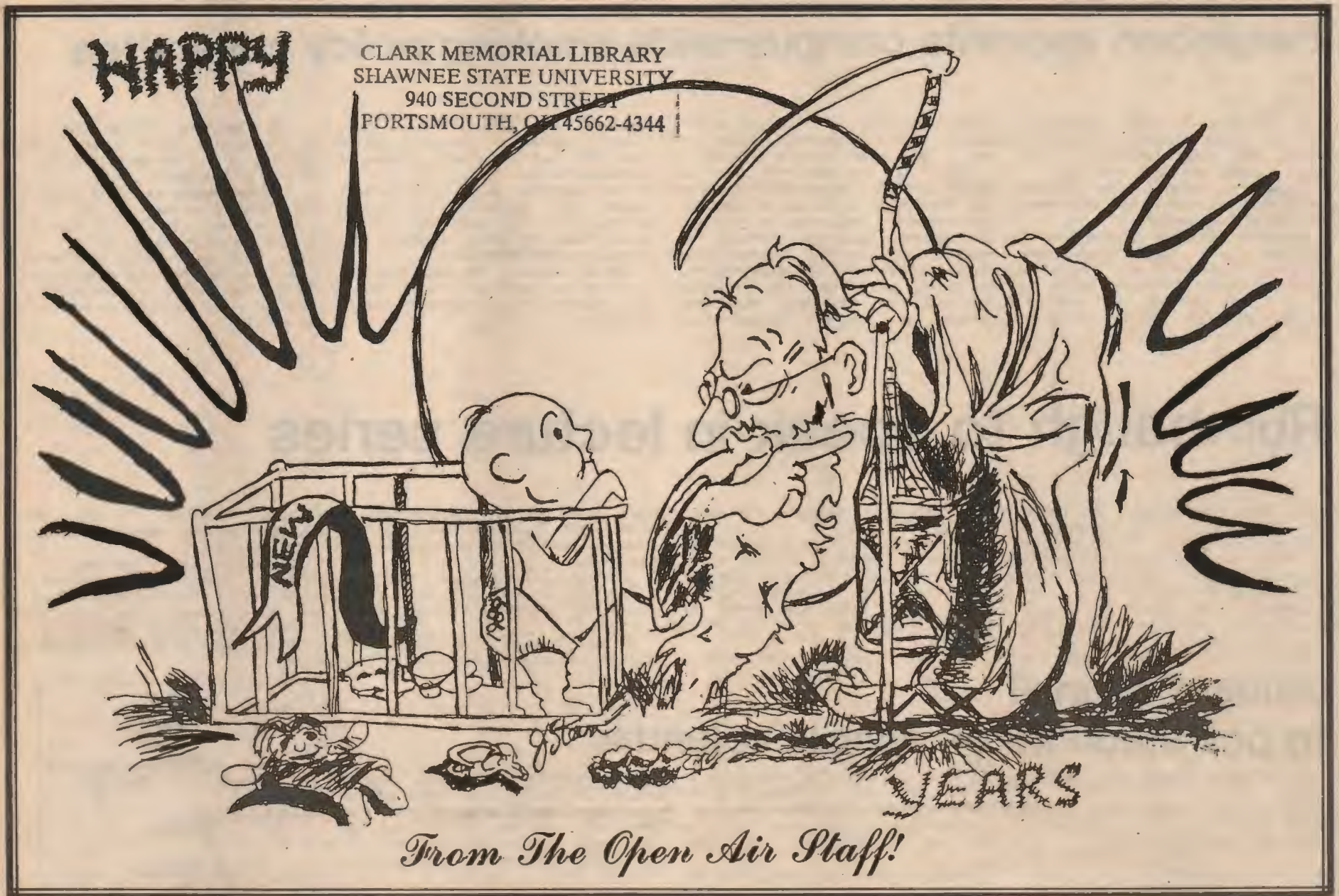
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No Open Air staff members eligible. All entries must be dropped off at the Student Union by noon on Thursday. One winning entry per person per quarter.

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The Open Air is published each Monday when Shawnee State University classes are in session except:

- During the summer quarter, when the newspaper is published every other week.

- On the Monday of finals week.

- On the second Monday of any quarter.

- On any Monday holiday when SSU is closed. Then the newspaper will come out on Tuesday.

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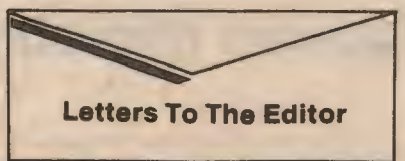
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- News, announcements and photos: Two Fridays before publication (usually 10 days).

- Advertisements: Monday the week before publication (usually 7 days).

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Papers scheduled to come out the first week of any quarter will be prepared for publication during the prior quarter, so deadlines will be moved back accordingly.



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Peace Corp

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"I plan to attend some classes and make plans for my future," she said. Schlaepfi has a bachelors degree from Hiram College and a masters degree from Indiana University.

Yes, the Peace Corps was a tough job, but, "I loved every minute of it," Schlaepfi said.