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-Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, 1810

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Portsmouth, Ohio



Lisa Brandenburg plays tight defense in the Bears' victory over Walsh. Photo by Marty Cooper, OA Photo Editor.



Stephanie Hagen puts up a jumper in the second half of tournament play against Walsh. SSU won 73-55. Photo by Mark Richard, OA Photo Editor.

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Women's team gets playoff victory

By Jeff Nesler
OA Sports Editor

The SSU Bears women's basketball team advanced to the second round of the NAIA District 22 playoffs with a 73-55 win over the Cavaliers of Walsh College on Feb. 28.

The game, played in the activities center, was a lot closer than the final score indicated.

SSU was up by eight at the half. Walsh had cut the lead to just one point at 44-43 with 12 minutes left in the game. The Bears pushed the lead back to eight with around nine minutes to go, only to see Walsh cut it to five points a couple of minutes later.

That's when the Bears put the game out of reach with a 15-0 run with around six minutes to go. With a minute left, SSU was in control, leading by 20 points and rolling into

a second round showdown with Central State, the top team in the district.

"They're very tough," Bears coach Robin Hagen-Smith said earlier in the week. "They've only lost one game and they're really quick."

The Bears played at Central State on March 2.

Kim Danner led the SSU attack with a season-high 25 points. Susie Huff followed with 13 points, and Susie Bowling tallied 12.

***** Results of NAIA tourney in next edition *****

Death threat will not kill freedom of the press or speech



Ed Darrah, The Open Air Opinion Editor is a SSU journalism major. He is an outspoken critic of issues which confront SSU students, traditional and non-traditional alike.

The single most important event in the past few weeks has occurred because of an old man's opinion about the freedom of the press and expression of free speech.

Where does this old SOB get off telling the

world that a writer must be killed for what he wrote in a book. Why does he think he has the right to threaten the life of anyone who is responsible for the sale of the book.

Of course, I'm referring to Salma Rushdie's recently published The Satanic Verses. Because of death threats made against the author and anyone who sells, prints or distributes this book, a major storm of protest has enveloped this entire planet. People might think this storm of protest has only occurred in far away places. These people are wrong. On Feb. 22, 200 people gathered to protest Khomeini's death threats at Ohio University's Athens campus.

This protest was one of many held across the nation on that day. The demonstrations were to show the world that Khomeini, and the Iranian government, can not, and will not, dictate what can and can not be written or read by the world's citizens.

As a direct result of this protest, B. Dalton and Barnes & Noble bookstore chains, which withdrew the book from their shelves because of the death threats, have restocked the book. The Waldenbooks

chain indicates it will not prominently display the book.

Because of the idiotic actions of the leader of a religiously radical country which has decided to separate itself from the rest of the world community, the entire world has become embroiled in a controversy that should not have become the issue it has. In protest of the Iranian government's threat against anyone who touches this book, the nations of this world have once again decided that the best policy to follow is to withdraw their diplomats and divorce themselves from those fools. Any sane person would think that after getting their butts kicked in an eight-year war with Iraq, the Iranian government would realize that they should not keep shooting themselves in the foot with their mouth.

It is quite obvious that Khomeini, and most of the leaders of Iran, are honor graduates of the Khadafi School of Charm. It is about time the world organized a task force to blow the Iranian government off the face of the earth. After that endeavor is completed, peace and tranquillity could prevail.

Ohio's seatbelt law an infringement on personal freedom

John Boedicker
OA Guest Writer

You and I didn't vote for a seatbelt law. But, if we don't wear a seatbelt in the state of Ohio, we can be fined for breaking the law. There is no other choice but to stand up, and openly defy this unconstitutional infringement of our basic rights as American citizens.

On the other hand, our government is trying to tell us to passively submit to this law or we risk being killed, or even worse, fined.

Our federal and state constitutions guarantee us, as a free people, certain individual liberties. The 14th amendment of our constitution states that "no state shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

Our state constitution seems to apply equally, therefore, the people of Ohio rely upon our elected officials to guard us against any infringement of our personal freedoms. How can one man, who is elected to the state legislature, gain a majority vote and gain passage of a law which deprives us, as citizens of a "free state," our right of choice? We need to re-evaluate this person's qualifications, and voice our disapproval in the voting booth.

Some people might say, "But this is just a seatbelt law, and it is for our own good." This analogy is a subtle encroachment upon our personal freedom. We, as a free people, need to wake up before it is too late.

It takes 10 percent of the population in Ohio to petition the legislature for a referendum. Ten percent of the population is approximately 200,000 eligible voters. Why so many signatures? Justice

would be better served if the required number was reduced to five percent.

Wearing a seatbelt is just good common sense. Our government is telling the people we don't have good, common sense. When an individual is involved in an automobile accident, that individual has a much better chance for survival if they wear a seatbelt. The statistics support this view.

I'm proud to live in a society where individuals can live relatively free from government regulation. Our democracy is not pure, but it is the best available by today's standards. I would like to see this republic exercise its God-given inalienable right of freedom of choice. But it seems as if our nation is moving backward.

I hope the brakes are applied before this negative trend becomes irreversible. For now, I will keep applying myself in the voting booth.

When will the handicapped receive their legal rights?

To the Editor

This letter concerns the way the handicapped people are being treated at SSU. According to the Supplemental Handicapped Service Plan of 1988, SSU has a total of 62 handicapped people that need to have a handicapped parking space. At present there are only 12 on campus.

The elevator is also being misused. It is not unusual for a handicapped student to have to wait for 15 minutes while people who are capable of walking — do not. Unfortunately, almost no one seems to be sensitive to the special needs of SSU's

handicapped students.

When asked about the parking problem, Mary Beaumont, director of handicapped students, stated that the only thing that security here can do is issue a warning ticket because they need permission from the city of Portsmouth to tow cars. Numerous notices have been placed on the elevator and in the Open Air trying to make the transgressors realize the inconvenience that this causes the people who need these special privileges, to no avail.

There must be something done about this situation. If the student body will not cooperate,

they must be forced to comply. If people know that their cars will be towed, the resulting experience should convince them. Also, they need to realize that not all handicapped people are in wheelchairs; some of them have heart conditions or other physical problems that are not noticeable. If people had common courtesy, they know what to do.

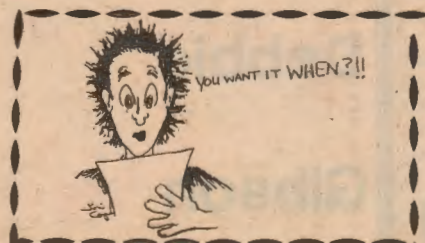
Dale J. Hempill

Humanitarian aid service for SSU

The Open Air feels it has an important responsibility to its readers to keep them informed of events around campus. Beginning in the first edition of the spring quarter, The Open Air will provide a count-down to the end of the quarter.

The countdown will be similar to a countdown for the number of shopping days left until Christmas, and will serve as a reminder for students to complete assignments. The countdown will prevent the last minute rush that normally prevails during the final two weeks of the quarter.

This new feature will assist students and faculty by ensuring everyone knows time is running out to complete course requirements before the end of the quarter.



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Opinions expressed in the newspaper are not necessarily those of the newspaper staff, the adviser or the university.

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Recently The Open Air has published many articles which have had an impact upon its readers. The Open Air encourages all its readers to respond to the editor and express their views and opinions on those articles.

To have your letter published in The Open Air, address your letter to Letter To The Editor, The Open Air, Shawnee State University, 940 Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. Letters can be personally delivered to the newspaper office in Room 411, Massie Hall.

The best read letters are brief and writers should limit their correspondence to 150 words. The Open Air reserves the right to edit letters containing obscenities, profanity or libel.

The Open Air reserves the right to edit letters for length and to limit publication of letters from frequent writers. The Open Air also reserves the right to not publish letters which have appeared in other local newspapers on the same subject matter.

All letters must be signed and contain the address and telephone number of the writer for verification. Writers should print or type their names at the bottom of their letter. Their signature must be affixed above their name.

Students and other writers who personally deliver letters to the newspaper office may be asked to show a valid SSU I.D. card or other photo I.D. for verification. Other forms of verification will be used for letters mailed to The Open Air.

Grants may be taxable

Knowing when or if to file taxes can be a major headache for college students who have never filed taxes before, according to an Ohio University memo issued by William L. Kennard, OU treasurer and controller, to all OU students.

Not only can the paperwork be difficult to understand, but if the tax return is not filed properly, it may cause problems with the Internal Revenue Service, according to Kennard.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 made numerous changes to the tax laws, some of which affect college students who receive scholarships, fellowships,

grants and tuition fee waivers, the memo said.

Depending on a student's personal tax status and situation, the changes in the tax may affect each student differently. Students living with parents or guardians will be affected

differently than students who do not live with parents or guardians. Also, single students with dependents will file differently than someone married without dependents, Kennard said.

For more information contact the IRS at 800 424-1040 or the local IRS office.

Draft smoking policy out

By Linda Ygbuhay
OU News Editor

The draft of a new tobacco products policy was discussed at the Feb. 28 student senate meeting.

Dave Nelson, student senate president, asked senate members to look over the proposed draft and also encouraged students to provide input. The policy will take effect after approval by the board of trustees.

The proposed policy was drawn up by Vicci Felts, secretary in the School of Engineering Technologies; Jerry Ruby, assistant professor of finance; Andrea Stuck, assistant professor of education; Pefe Duncan, media services coordinator and Nelson.

Other student senate business discussed was the planned activities for spring quarter. Nelson discussed the planned activities for spring quarter which will be paid with senate funds. "Commencement and Bob Gardner will be covered," he said. A card tournament and cinema night are also planned, Nelson said.

These two are tentative because the senate has only \$4,000. Commencement will cost the student senate more than \$1,000, and Bob Gardner, magician and comedian, will cost \$1,100.

"We also will need funds for other group activities," Nelson said.

Fred Chrisman, director of student services, said, "One big event we got is the dance concert, June 8, and the band, Caruso, will cost \$2,500.

"They (Caruso) are considered one of the best collegiate bands."

SSU's smoking policy

The smoking policy: "The University recognizes the need to create and maintain an environmental quality which sustains and enhances the general health and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. This policy is part of the University's effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for learning and scholarly endeavors. SSU restricts smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco in the following manner: Use of smokeless tobacco products, snuff, and chewing tobacco is not permitted in any university building or vehicle (including rented vehicles); smoking will not be permitted in the following buildings: University bookstore, the Students Activities Center and the James Rhodes Sports Center; in other University buildings and vehicles, smoking will not be permitted in the following interior areas and such areas will be designated as non-smoking areas:

- Classrooms
- Auditoriums/Conference Rooms
- Labs
- Elevators
- Halls
- Stairwells
- Corridors
- Restrooms
- Theaters
- Computer areas

Get ready for bad news

The following applies for all scholarships, fellowships, grants, and tuition fee waivers granted or awarded after Aug. 16, 1986 for expenses incurred on or after Jan. 1, 1987, according to information furnished by William L. Kennard, Ohio University treasurer and controller:

•"Granted or awarded," means when a student first received notification of the grant or award.

•The value of scholarships, fellowships, grants and tuition fee waivers become subject to federal income taxes to the extent that the calendar year total of all exceeds qualified tuition and related expenses.

•Qualified tuition and related expenses are defined by the IRS as tuition and fees required for enrollment; attendance and fees; and books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction. Scholarship and fellowship grants and waivers used for other expenses, such as room and board, are now taxable.

•The student recipient is responsible for reporting to the IRS the total scholarships, fellowships, grants and fee waivers exceeding qualified tuition and related expenses. There is no requirement that these amounts be reported to the IRS by the grantor. There will be no forms, W-2 or 1099, issued as a result of these changes.

•It is the responsibility of the student recipient to document grants and other aid used for qualified tuition and related expenses. Students keep receipts for these expenses for tax reporting purposes.

Campus Capsules



Women student leaders

The fifth national Conference for College Women Student Leaders will be held in Washington, D.C., June 1-3, 1989.

"Leadership for Today and Tomorrow," will allow more than 350 women student leaders to explore leadership styles, develop leadership skills and discuss issues related to women, said a release from Leadership for Today & Tomorrow.

Barbara Mikulski, a U.S. senator, will be featured at a Capitol Hill reception.

For information, write the National Association for Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors, 1325 18th Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, D.C., or call (202) 659-9330.

Travel log available

Student Travel Catalog, a 68-page travel guide, gives information on special air fares, rail passes, low-cost housing and other information for students planning to travel abroad. For a copy, send a \$1 handling fee to the Council on International Education Exchange, Dept. 16, 205 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Scavenger hunt

A scavenger hunt will be held at Shawnee State Forest on Mar. 12 from noon until 6 p.m. The scavenger hunt will be limited to four members on a team. Entry blanks and sign-up sheets will be available in the cafeteria, student union and natatorium.

Awards to be given to the winners include first place, \$100 and second place, \$50. Third place winners will receive SSU sweatshirts.

The hunt is sponsored by intramural class. For more information, see Tom Bowman, intramural director, in the natatorium.

Campus ministry makes presentation

Fr. Peter Giddings and Fr. David Funk will make a presentation about the Catholic Church at the Campus Ministry House, Wed. March 8 at noon.

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Divorce: A matter of survival

First in a three part series

By Tim Parsley

OA Features Editor

There are no winners in divorce; only survivors.

The period of time after a divorce is very painful emotionally. It is a time of constant soul-searching. Many people are not sure what to do next.

The world has changed for them. The relationship they thought was going to last forever has ended abruptly and irrevocably. They are now facing life alone, or, if children are involved, facing life with a lot of responsibilities being given solely to them.

They are forced to look at their own situation and make some major decisions for their future. Time seems to be of the essence.

College is an answer for many divorced people who wish to improve their chances in life.

Dr. Paul Crabtree, assistant vice president of student services and director of counseling and assessment, says, "We have quite a few students who have either experienced divorce or are coping with living in that divorced state." Depression after divorce can hit suddenly, or it can happen later if there is a period of denial. "It depends on the individual and how they handle it," Crabtree says. "That's why counseling is so important if you want to get through it."

Dr. Jerry Walke, professor of psychology, has counseled hundreds of students in his time at SSU.

Walke finds that one story is repeated often. According to Walke, the women have husbands who tell them they will not be able to survive without them, but the women are determined to prove them wrong. The husband may harass her in some way. She has trouble finding a place for her children while she is in class. "I



have heard that story probably on an average of five times per quarter," Walke says. "Sometimes the part of the estranged husband harassing them is not there, but you'd be amazed how many times they do. It's a tragic story, and yet it's a heroic story."

Rhonda Morris, an SSU elementary education major, has been married and divorced twice. Her parents have been married 34 years.

Getting married used to seem like a fantasy life to Morris. "At 15 I thought, 'Well, you get married, the man takes care of you, you have the children, and you live happily ever after,'" she says.

Morris really looked forward to her first marriage, but her attitude has changed. "I'm kind of old-fashioned," she says. "I believed in marriage, but now I don't believe there is a good marriage."

Some people think, unfortunately, that once they are divorced the problems in their life will be solved. While they may solve some of the problems, divorce itself causes some problems of its own.

It is very difficult for Morris to make ends meet. She receives no money from either of her ex-husbands, but she has managed to get by. It is most important to her to make sure her children are taken care of. "As long as my kids are OK, I'm fine," Morris says.

Crabtree says divorced students have special problems. "On top of the problems of being out of school for a while and having rusty academic skills, they also have to provide for a home or household with only one parent," he says. "They have to provide for baby-sitting services and a home environment for the children. Even if they don't have children, they have to provide a home for themselves. That divorced student usually has interpersonal, financial and family problems that are not normal for a student right out of high school, or the student who is coming back to school who has a support system in the family."

Walke says some divorced women feel guilty about not spending enough time with their children when they go to college. "I try to assure them that

the time they spend with their children is qualitative and not quantitative," Walke says. "They can do a good job of loving and being intimate with their children, and still come back to school." Walke feels, however, that it is important they have a good baby sitter or day care center where the child is getting love, warmth and intimacy while the parent goes to college.

According to Eleanor Marsh, head of the SSU social science division, women are given custody of the children in at least 90 percent of the cases. "So they have a greater responsibility in terms of providing child care," Marsh says.

Many psychologists have been considering the ramifications of children being left for extended periods of time with someone besides their parents, and the effects of that on the bonding process. "If they're left with a loving grandmother who is not undermining what the mother or father is trying to do, I think that's wonderful," Marsh says. "But many times, that's not possible."

She says the children are often left with whomever the mother or father can get in contact with. "That person may not be qualified or particularly attentive. More reliable kinds of child care are very necessary."

Divorce is harder on the woman as far as time demands, Marsh says, and harder on the man economically. "But if the woman isn't getting child support," she added, "it's going to be very difficult for her, too."

Divorced students who have family support, either emotionally or

financially, have an easier time dealing with college, especially when children are involved. "They do not feel like they're abandoning their children as much," Crabtree says. "When a divorced mother is coming back to college and has no one to leave her children with, she feels guilty. She also has the added pressure of knowing she has to have a college education to support them." The divorced mother with the support system is relieved of much of that pressure.

Walke feels the parent must consider the long-range effects. "They have to realize that as they gain more pride, confidence and respect in themselves, the child will have more respect, over the years," Walke says.

Morris has the advantage of having parents who share in the responsibility of taking care of her children. Her father assumes many of the responsibilities that would normally be those of the real father. "My dad is, more or less, Uriah's dad," Morris says. "He's a big influence."

"Traditionally, there hasn't been very much emphasis on support for women improving their education in Appalachia," Marsh says. That attitude is changing, but women still have a great amount of difficulty, she says.

However, Marsh says that in this part of the country there are probably more versions of extended families, which helps the college student.

Kim Parker, a SSU business management major, has been divorced

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for four years. It is hard for her to balance the time she needs for classes and her two sons. "After I leave school, I have to go home, cook and play the mother role," Parker says. "There are a lot of times when I should be studying, and I'm not."

Morris says the hardest part of being a divorced mother is being a mother and a father both. Playing both roles has had a psychological effect on her, she says. "I've been playing the man role too long," Morris says. "I don't know how to just be a woman."

Marsh has some personal observations on the subject. "I am divorced, and I know that it is difficult to juggle all those things," she says. "You feel some real role strain and conflict."

Morris has a problem bringing men home because of her son, Uriah. "He's wanting to be the man of the house," she says. Her son gets very jealous if he thinks Morris is flirting with someone, she says.

Some marriages break up because the two individuals change, but for Parker it was just the opposite. "We didn't change," she says. "We weren't willing to make the changes."

Some couples involved in a troubled marriage think that having children will bring them closer together and solve all of their problems. However, according to Marsh, childless marriages have a lower divorce rate. "The idea of the pitter-patter of little feet enriching a marriage does not hold up," Marsh says.

Once people are married, they develop a certain lifestyle, Crabtree says. Anyone re-entering life as a single person has a transition problem. Even the dating process, which single people may take for granted, may be confusing to those who are divorced. "Imagine that you were, all of a sudden, thrown into a dating situation again after being out of that for five, 10 or 15 years, and what kind of problems that could create for you," Crabtree explains. One may not know where to go to meet someone of the opposite sex, or what is expected now in the dating process, he says.

Walke says divorced students frequently have feelings of isolation when they go to college. "Most of the divorced people, of course, are a little bit older," he explains. "When they first come back to school, they will feel like they don't fit in." He says they will usually make friends, though. "It's usually, quite frankly, other divorced people that they can identify with. But there is usually an initial period where they do feel alienated and out of place."

Marsh sees it a little differently. "About 30 percent of enrollment in almost all community colleges and universities today are non-traditional students," Marsh says. "So it's probably a lot easier for the divorced student than it was 15 or 20 years ago."

According to Crabtree there are two types of divorces. "There is the legal divorce and the emotional divorce," he says. A lot of people go through the legal divorce, but he has had many cases where at least one of the ex-spouses did not go through the divorce emotionally. "They're still in love with or emotionally tied to the person that they got the divorce from," he says.

There are differences in the ways that men and women react to divorce. "Males usually try to handle divorce situations on their own," Crabtree says. "We get far fewer males in the counseling center dealing with divorce than we do females." He says the ideal situation would be to have both. "Divorce is tough enough to go through, especially if there are children involved, without it being rougher than it really needs to be." Divorce always affects children in

some adverse ways. "I have never found a case where children were not harmed in some way by divorce," Crabtree says. "That does not mean that more harm wouldn't have taken place if the marriage would have stayed together." He says in many cases the parents are faced with deciding between "the lesser of two evils." They have to decide which will hurt the child the least. "Many times, that decision is divorce," Crabtree says.

According to Walke, "A recent study out of the University of Chicago shows that actually, in the long run, as the child gets older there is probably not quite as much of an effect as we believed there was." He also says, "There is not the stigma from the peers at school that there once was."

Marsh feels that if the parents would remarry into a stable relationship, there would probably be a minimal effect on younger children. But, in her opinion, they are affected differently at different ages.

Marsh has asked students who came from troubled marriages if they thought they would have been better off if their parents, instead of staying together for their sake, had divorced. "Many of them feel that if the conflict would have been reduced by their parents getting a divorce, they would have been better off," she says.

According to Marsh, 70 percent of divorces involve children. She says that in the past, there were probably only two or three students who came from divorced families in a class of 24 children. "Now it's likely that 10 or 12 will come from divorced families," Marsh says.

Dennis Augustus, an SSU accounting major, feels the children of divorced parents are still ostracized by other children. He divorced in 1978, and has since remarried. "The woman I'm married to now has two kids, and they haven't seen their real dad for eight or nine years," he says. "There have always been questions about that. They still get some razzing about it. I don't think it's changed a lot."

In the Feb. 6, 1989, issue of Newsweek, there was an article on psychologist Judith S. Wallerstein, who has been studying divorce since the early 1970's. Wallerstein followed more than 100 children for a decade, and reported almost half entered life as an adult "worried, underachieving, self-deprecating, and sometimes angry young men and women."

Wallerstein also found many people experience a "sleeper effect." The "sleeper effect" is when a child seems to be adjusting well to its parents' divorce, only to have problems in early adulthood.

Tragically, children sometimes accept the blame for the divorce. "They can't verbalize that, necessarily," Crabtree says, "but through their behaviors we get the indication that many children blame themselves for the separation."

They may think that it was caused by their not obeying their parents, not being a good boy or girl, or not getting good grades in school. But no matter what happens, the parents have to deal with the blame the children put on themselves," he says.

However, Morris says her children, Uriah, 13, and Tiffany, 7, do not blame themselves for the divorce. "We were fighting so much that they knew it wasn't their fault," she says.

A lot of divorced people actually use their children as psychological weapons against their ex-spouse. "What we try to do in divorce counseling is to get the couple to realize that one of their responsibilities, even though the marriage doesn't exist anymore, is the proper development of those children," Crabtree says. Blaming each other and using the children against each other is not going to do that. "Using those children does not hurt the other spouse as much as it hurts the children," he says.

Divorce by the numbers

Divorce is a fact of life. As of October 1988, there were 13 million divorced Americans.

Although the American divorce rate has decreased over the last few years, there were still 1,157,000 divorces in the United States in 1987, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. That is down from a high of 1,219,000 in 1981, but the rate of divorce is still 48 percent of the rate of marriage.

If current trends continue, half of all first marriages will end in divorce.

The three most common causes of divorce are financial problems, sexual problems and the abuse of alcohol.

Persons who abuse alcohol are about seven times more likely to be divorced or separated than those who do not.

Although marriages declined in the late 1950's and early 1960's, they have been increasing in the last 15 years.

According to American Economic Review, the increase in the earning ability of women has been a contributing factor to the increase in the divorce rate. Women are not as financially dependent on their husbands, and do not feel the need to stay in a bad marriage for financial reasons.

28,378,000, or 56 percent of married women, are members of the civilian labor force. The remaining 22,301,000 are housewives, going to school or unable to work for a variety of reasons, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In addition, 50.8 percent of new mothers remained in the job market in 1987, which is the first time that a majority have done so.

Divorce also creates higher social and economic costs. Divorced people have a higher rate of sickness, hospitalization and absenteeism, and they die at an earlier age than married people.

The children of the divorced have experienced psychological problems and a high incidence of stress-related illnesses.

The nuclear family is diminishing in its frequency.

Seventy-eight percent of children today live with two parents; but only 68 percent live with both biological parents according to American Demographics.

According to Economic Outlook USA, almost half of all children will live in a fatherless home before they are age 18. Nineteen percent of all households are now headed by women, with no husband present.

The amount of contact with the absent parent depends a great deal on whether the parent with custody gets remarried. One-third of the children of divorced parents never see their father again.

Some divorce settlements have not been fair to full-time homemakers who cannot prove they have contributed to the partnership. Many states, however, are now placing more emphasis on nonmonetary homemaker contributions, such as running the household and raising the children, when considering property division.

In 1984, studies revealed the standard of living for divorced women fell by as much as 73 percent within a year of the divorce, while, in comparison, the man's rose by 42 percent.

But on Oct. 1, 1987, federally mandated state guidelines were enacted which attempted to ensure that a child's standard of living will not suffer after its parents' marital breakup. Under the new guidelines, support payments are based on the percentage of total income earned by the absent parent, and by the number of children. In this way, the same amount of the total family income will be spent on the children.

The trouble is that not every man actually makes his payments. In fact, according to the Social Security Administration, only 53 percent of divorced women with children receive any payments at all.

There are many statistics available pertaining to divorce, with conflicting theories given for each. Statistics make convenient yardsticks, but, at best, they only point at the problem. They don't ease the pain.



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Bears crush Redmen 100-68

By Jeff Nesler
OA Sports Editor

Jay Jones scored 24 points to lead the Bears men's basketball team in the opening round of the NAIA District 22 playoffs last Wednesday before a large crowd in the SSU activities center.

With 15:52 to go in the first half, the Rio Grande Redmen had the Bears up against the ropes. It looked as if the Bears' season might be coming to an end as they trailed 11-1.

Midway through the first half the Bears must have had a flash back of the way they played at the beginning of the season, as Joe Smith scored five straight points to cut the margin to 17-19.

After a Rio Grande turn-over, Brad Schomaeker, SSU's starting point guard, went to the line to shoot a couple of free throws after being fouled by Anthony Raymore of the Redmen.

Schomaeker hit both free-throws to tie the game 19. Then Jay Jones canned an inside jump shot to give the Bears a 21-19 lead. The Bears would never trail again as Joe Smith hit another

3-pointer to increase the lead 24-19.

Just before the first half was over, Schomaeker hit a 3-pointer to give the Bears a 47-31 halftime lead.

In the second half the Bears ran all over the Redmen as Phil Loy gave the Bears the added touch with 14 second-half points. The Bears went on to a 100-68 rout over the Redmen.

After the game, Jay Jones the SSU guard said, "Rio just couldn't hit anything and we capitalized on their mistakes."

The Bears were 55 percent from the field, 53 percent from 3-point range and 78 percent from the free-throw line.

In individual scoring, Jay Jones led the way with 24 points, three rebounds and four assists. Britton Jackson scored 19 points with 8 rebounds and 7 assists.

Phil Loy and Joe Smith scored 16 points each.

After the game, SSU coach Arnzen said, "We went into our 1-2-1-1 press and hurried their shots. We tried to keep Rio from getting second shots and it worked but we also wanted to keep them from going to the free throw line and that didn't work."



Britton Jackson slams home for two in SSU's 100-66 NAIA tournament win over Rio Grande. Photo by Mark Richard, OA Photo Editor.

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Electric Youth sizzles Debbie Gibson does it again

Debbie Gibson has just released her second album, *Electric Youth*, which has already produced the number one hit "Lost In Your Eyes." She has an artistic quality that many other stars seem to lack. Besides writing all of her own material, she has co-produced and arranged several of them.

Gibson, who is now 18, first appeared on the charts when she was 16 with "Only In My Dreams," which was the first of five hit songs from her triple-platinum debut album.

Gibson, a resident of Long Island, New York, said in recent interviews that she tries to be a

normal teenager whenever she can. She also said she took a more mature approach to songwriting for her latest album, and there was no pressure on her while recording because the atmosphere in the studio was always fun and relaxed.

The new album is very pleasing. There are more ballads on this record than on the one before, and the upbeat songs are very danceable. The fifth song, "Electric Youth," has just been remixed for release as the next single.

With the talent, dedication and great looks that she possesses, Debbie Gibson has many more successful years to look forward to.

Bill Monroe, SSU Singersations to perform benefit

Bill Monroe, known as the Father of Bluegrass, and his Bluegrass Boys, will appear in concert at the SSU activities center at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 12.

The SSU Singersations will be the opening act in the benefit show being held for the Portsmouth Sister City Committee. Following the Singersations will be the Appalachian Dance Group of Charleston, W. Va. and the local Bluegrass Strangers.

Admission are \$8. Advance tickets are available at AAA, 710 Waller Street; The Community Common, 1007 Gallia Street and Southeastern Business College, 3879 Rhodes Avenue, New Boston. Tickets are also available at the activities center at 1 p.m., one hour before the show.

The benefit is to raise funds for the United States/Mexico Sister City Convention to be held in Portsmouth, Aug. 16-20.



SSU Singersations will open for Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys in the activities center, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Mar. 12. (Front row L to R) Jackie Hines, Gaylee Stephenson, Julie Alcorn. (Back row) Rhonda Waddell, Julie Dinehart. Photo by Jan Stein, OA Art Editor.

Fedele to perform in Huntington

David Fedele, a 22-year-old flutist from North Carolina, will replace pianist Rina Dokshinsky for the Marshall Artists Series Young Concert Artists Division March 29 recital at 8 p.m. in Smith Music Hall on the campus of Marshall University.

Fedele is in his debut year with the non-profit Young Concert Artists Program, where he was its 1988 International Audition Winner. His credits

also include top prizes in the 1987 Musicians Club of New York, the 1983 Charlotte Symphony Concerto Competition and the 1982 Music Teachers National

Association Competition.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youth and students, including SSU students.

For more information, phone (304) 696-6656.

Spring Fling set for March 10

Fling away the winter blues. Friday, Mar. 10, stop by poolside at the Ramada Inn from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the SSU Spring Fling. Bring a date and dance the night away, win door prizes, and enjoy refreshments.

Dress is casual, and SSU students are admitted free with valid identification. All guests must be registered by 4 p.m. Friday, Mar. 10, in the Student Union.

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Students and faculty have a difficult time getting on to Second Street from Bond Street without a traffic light. Photo by Lori Cope, OA Guest Photographer.

Stoplight change affects students and faculty

By Anthony Hamm

OA Staff Writer

Two traffic lights were removed in June 1988 from the intersections of Second Street at Bond Street, and Second Street at Sinton Street.

Since then, numerous "close calls" have happened, traffic has backed-up, and, according to Portsmouth Police Captain Bill Hanley, "... one accident in August of 1988."

Robert Eberhart, Portsmouth city manager, said the light was removed because it was a "line of sight" (problem), rather than a traffic problem. He also said a study was done by the city manager, the chief of police and the city engineer. They gave the light "due deliberation" and determined that "a traffic light is no

longer warranted under state statutes," he said.

Although he said they did no statistical studies, Eberhart said,

"I feel we need a traffic light at one of those exits."

Dr. A.L. Addington

the lights being removed because they "no longer have a protected exit."

Eberhart said the study looked at the light in the morning and the afternoon.

Dr. A.L. Addington, provost, said, "I feel we need a traffic light at one of those exits."

Dr. David Gleason, SSU facilities planner, said although he didn't suggest to the city that they remove the light, "the city and university officials studied the intersection, after the light was removed."

Gleason suggested that students and faculty use caution when they approach the intersection.

Gleason said SSU now owns the section of Bond Street north of Second Street and south of Third Street.

"They (students and faculty) should eliminate using Bond Street going south," he said.

"We no longer thought the traffic light was necessary." Eberhart also said that some people are upset about

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Third annual college and career day

By Natalie Rockwell

OA Staff Writer

The third annual SSU College and Career Planning Day began with a welcome by Jim Arnzen, event coordinator, Feb. 24, in the activities center.

High school juniors and seniors from approximately ten different counties were in attendance, Arnzen said.

The 450 students at the event were given information about college, including an SSU catalog and student loan information. Students had previously filled out a questionnaire

that asked about career interests, Arnzen said. The students chose from two presentations about potential careers, where they found out about programs such as nursing, accounting, education and robotics.

Career planning day gives the area students a chance to receive help in deciding on a career, Arnzen said. It also gives them the chance to visit SSU, said Arnzen, who is head men's basketball coach and an assistant director of admissions. "We think that this is a good way for students to see the campus," he said.

Some students responded favorably about the possibility of attending SSU. "I'm seriously thinking about going here," said Debbie Melvin, a Valley High School junior. "I want to

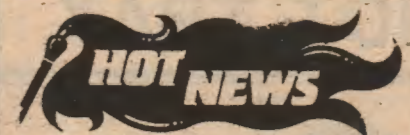
be a nurse."

Lori Thompson, a senior studying at the Scioto County Joint Vocational School to be an administrative medical assistant, said, "I'm planning on going here, studying something (undecided) in the medical field."

However, Tracy Michael, a Peebles High School senior who plans to study accounting, said she has decided she will probably go to school somewhere "closer to home."

Arnzen urged the visiting students to fill out a questionnaire so SSU could evaluate the program. The students toured the campus and the natatorium by request.

Drawings were held and six sweatshirts were given to the students as prizes.



- Mar. 11 Community Concert, Westminster Choir, Activities Center, 8 p.m.
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- Mar. 17 "Out of the Red Brush," by Rio Grande College, Massie Theatre, 8 p.m. \$2.50 admission students, senior citizens and SOMACC members. \$3 general admission.
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