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# The Open Air

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-Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, 1810

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Portsmouth, Ohio

## First ROTC cadet will graduate from SSU soon

By Linda Ygbuhay

OA News Editor

If you are ever on the fourth floor of Massie Hall, and you hear strange noises that remind you of boot camp, don't think you have been transported to the twilight zone.

Chances are you are hearing the Army's ROTC cadets learning to be effective and responsible leaders, in and out of combat.

One of those cadets you may hear is Ed Long. Cadet Long, who is currently completing a degree in English-humanities, still must complete classes in military science and other course requirements before he becomes the first graduate in the SSU ROTC program.

What Long learns in military science classes, he says, "will help me excel at advanced camp this summer, and prepare me for my future role as a leader." Advance camp is the final camp before graduation from college, to prepare cadets to serve as officers.

According to Long, the Army's ROTC training is divided into two programs. The first is a fully-paid six-week training camp normally held during the summer between the sophomore and junior years of college.

Basic camp offers students with no prior military experience or ROTC training, and who have two years of academic undergraduate or graduate work remaining, the chance to enter the ROTC program.

Students who have just begun their college studies, can still take military science courses and prepare before entering the ROTC program. According to the ROTC, "This is a good way to see if the military is really for you."

Participants in the camps get \$600 plus room and board, for six weeks of training. The second half of ROTC is advance camp, which is a more intense six-week course with more emphasis on officer training. Before advance camp, an official contract with the Army is signed ensuring the participant a commission as a second lieutenant

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*Ed Long*

upon completion of a bachelor's degree.

Long, whose first experiences with the military were with his U.S. Marine father who is now retired, was born at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. He lived all over the world with his military family until he was 17, when he returned to this area.

In Cadet Long's words, "Army ROTC can give you what you need to really make it -- not only in college life but in real life."



Lt. Col. John Macel shakes the hand of Cadet Ed Long, who will be the first ROTC graduate at SSU. Also pictured is Major Edwin Prince, professor of military science at SSU. Photo by Val Nesler, OA Photographer.



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## There ain't no free lunches nor college degrees



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.

Since the beginning of the year, there has been a growing concern about the cost of a college education. How will I pay for my education? That is the most asked question on college campuses throughout Ohio today.

Unfortunately the answer is a very tough one. Each student will have to come up with the bucks to attend college.

An article appeared in the Columbus Dispatch on Feb. 9 which should make everyone in Ohio worry about the cost of a college education. Governor Richard Celeste is blaming state school superintendent Franklin B. Walter for the problems his Education 2000 plan is experiencing. Of course Walter denies he is the cause of the program's problems. Walter indicates that Celeste's proposal to raise personal and corporate income taxes is the problem.

The governor wants to raise \$1.8 billion for education over the next two school years by raising personal and corporate taxes by one percent. This doesn't sound like a very large figure until you

realize the impact it will have on every Ohioian. Personal income taxes will be raised, not one percent, but actually 20 percent. Corporate franchise taxes will be raised 12 percent.

Rep. William E. Hinig, D-New Philadelphia, wants to introduce a resolution that would make Celeste's proposal a constitutional amendment. It is Hinig's opinion that all eligible votes in Ohio have a say in the matter of raising taxes for education. This proposal will probably appear on this November's ballot. The state legislators will not act alone in this major tax increase for all Ohioans.

What will be the results if this proposal actually makes it on the November ballot? It is the opinion of many in state government and the news media that it will be turned down by a large majority. This is because an increase in taxes to support education in this state is not the will of the people. During the last election, only 40.9 percent of the school bond issues placed on the November 1988 ballot were approved by voters. People will not approve such a large increase in their personal and corporate income taxes just to support education.

If for some strange reason this constitutional amendment would be approved by the votes of this state, how would this large amount of money be managed by the state government? It is Celeste's desire to form an educational excellence trust fund board of trustees. This board would oversee the expenditures of two-thirds of the \$1.8 billion during the two years of Celeste's tax increase proposal. It is the opinion of many people that this board will become just another layer of the state's bureaucracy which will be riddled with corruption.

The Celeste administration does not have a good track record when it comes to public trust and confidence. It seems that every week a person reads or hears about another high official within state

government who is under investigation, charged or sentenced to prison because of illegal activities. Just two weeks ago, the chief fiscal officer of the Ohio Rehabilitation Service Commission resigned because he allegedly deposited a federal government check for \$116,000 into his personal account.

The only way any present or future college student will be able to meet the financial demands of higher education is by getting the money from another source. Tuition for the next academic year will rise by a substantial amount. Many students are hard-pressed to meet the expenses of a college education today. How will they be able to meet the expenses of tomorrow? About the only way that many students can meet those costs is through PELL grants and student loans. But these two programs will not be sufficient to meet the ever-rising costs of higher education.

An organized effort must be made by all concerned citizens of this state to contact their representatives and senators and request the eligibility requirements for the PELL grant and student loans be lowered. Also the dollar amounts of aid has to be increased substantially. If this would happen, more people could afford to go to college and get their education to succeed in life. The federal government has not allocated sufficient monies to the 1990 budget for higher education and neither has the state of Ohio. Elected officials only respond to a massive public outcry.

A recent example of elected officials responding to the public's views on issues is when congress voted down their proposed pay raise. The public flooded both the senate and house with protests about the manner in which the congress determined the pay raise.

The same action must occur if monies are not made available to college students to further their education.

## Is it de ja vu?

Jeff Horton  
OA Staff Writer

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the student senate meetings, the senate members go and do something really stupid.

I went back, and I'm not sure I should've. I reported on the Jan. 17 student senate meeting, the first I had been to in a while. The debate over whether or not the student senate should become involved in state politics was amusing.

However, allow me to give credit where credit is due. The senate did vote to abstain from lending support to the Ohio Student Association which wants to support a proposed amendment by Senator Charles Butts from Cleveland. The amendment would set a limit for campaign spending for state politicians. What that has to do with student senates across the state of Ohio, other than putting votes in Butts' ballot box, I don't know. Good work folks.

But, why does the student senate ask SSU clubs

and organizations to strictly adhere to guidelines and submit constitutions outlining their activities when the student senate ignores its own rules and regulations?

Lisa Lambert, student senate secretary, resigned her post at the Feb. 7 senate meeting under questionable circumstances. A person who would not be identified, said Lambert's grade dropped below the 2.0 GPA which is required to stay in the senate.

Who would have known about it?

Dave Nelson, senate president, denied there was even a senate member who had grades below the requirements. Apparently rules were bent and a coverup was in the making when The Open Air was provided with information suggesting Lambert failed to maintain the required grades.

Then, almost in the same breath, Nelson said an official statement from the senate was forthcoming. What does that mean? How dumb does the senate members think the students are?

Now The Open Air has learned of another senate member who may have dropped below the number of hours the senate constitution requires to serve on the senate. How long is the senate going to keep that a secret?

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What do you consider as ethical conduct?



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"Act according to the situation that is occurring."  
Jamette Board, accounting major



"As far as pertaining to everyday life, a person, going to school, should be honest to themselves."  
Kay Tyler, basic education major

Ed Darrah OA Opinion Editor  
Photos by Val Nesler  
OA Staff Photographer

If you have any issues that you feel are very important and should be addressed, contact Ed Darrah, OA Opinion Editor, Room 411, Massie Hall.

# June Berkley says writers should help each other

By Natalie Rockwell  
OA Staff Writer

Remember the time in seventh grade when you proudly turned in your first English paper and you received it back covered with red marks?

June Berkley, poet, fiction writer and public performer, said that is not the way to learn to write.

Berkley spoke on "Writing as a Process" at SSU on Feb. 6 and 7. Berkley told how writers can help each other to be better writers.

Two influential factors involved in writing are that a writer must have something to say and that a writer knows someone else is going to read it, Berkley said.

According to Berkley, writers need to know what they want to say and what

they want to write about.

Writers seem to have a problem getting started with what they want to write, Berkley said. Her advice is to write about things the writer cares about and things that won't let the writer alone.

Once writers decide that is the way they want to write, they will be overwhelmed by so much material, Berkley said. "You have a whirlpool and you don't know where to dip in," she said.

A writer's best references are their own experiences, and the primary consideration when writing is to remove themselves and be their own audience, according to Berkley.

Most writers want to share something with others, whether it is an idea, a story or just an experience, she said. Berkley said when Emily Dickinson showed her first

page to a publisher she said, "Tell me I connect or I'll die." Berkley said it takes nerve to be a writer -- "Nerves like a skydiver."

Berkley, a professor at Ohio University who at one time was a fiction writer-in-residence at SSU, defined writing as having a story to tell and being willing to put it on paper.

She suggested letting a friend read and evaluate the writing. Friends should be told to respond to the content, rather than "surface features" which are misspelled words, sentence structure and other basic grammar mistakes, she said. Berkley said writer's can help each other by reading other people's writings and making suggestions.

All writings should go through the ARMS treatment, Berkley said. The A in ARMS stands for adding on to it, such

as adding more detail. The R means to remove excess baggage. Berkley said that a good writer is able to remove a perfectly good sentence, just because it is an extra.

The letter M means to move words, phrases and whole sentences to make a better paper. S is for substituting words, names and places to clarify meanings, she said.

Berkley said the precision of language lets writers read, write and redefine themselves. "You can't even think something if you don't have the words to say it," Berkley said. There are inadequacies in language and the best that can be said is not enough, Berkley said. "That is why we have hugs and kisses," she said.

Berkley's lecture was sponsored jointly by the Cultural Affairs Committee and the SSU Division of Arts and Humanities.

## Wellness Fair at SSU all day Wednesday

The Winter Wellness Fair, a joint project of U.S. Health Corp. of Southern Ohio and SSU, will be held Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the Commons Building.

The following information was provided by U.S. Health as a public service.

Chemical dependence, a dependence on alcohol, cocaine or any other mood-altering chemical, is a chronic and potentially fatal disease which can render a person bankrupt physically, emotionally, mentally or spiritually, according to Jane Whaley, R.N., of U.S. Health.

The most significant symptom of chemical dependence is loss of control

which means that once people take the first drink or drug, they are no longer able to predict how much of the chemical they will use or what will happen under the influence, Whaley said.

They find themselves drinking or using more drugs than they intended and this begins a vicious cycle, she said. The self-esteem of the person who is chemically dependent becomes shattered. Guilt and shame are felt over using the chemicals and the only relief is to numb the pain by using the addictive chemicals again, Whaley said.

The addictive substance may have

been introduced to a person by way of a legitimate medical procedure, Whaley said. People may use an addictive substance recreationally, and continue doing so on a regular basis until their body adapts to and develops a need for continual use, Whaley said.

Dependency on chemicals is a process which affects the emotional and mental consequences of regular drug use, she said.

Beginning to understand the nature of this disease, and seeking help for it, can allow the chemically dependent to start the journey of recovery, to make the lifestyle changes necessary and to restore a sense of self-worth, Whaley said.

## College athletes spend more time on athletics

College football and basketball players are generally poorer than other students, feel isolated on their campuses, find it hard to make classwork their top priority and spend more time on athletics than on academics, the National Collegiate Athletic Association says.

The American Institutes for Research, which conducted the study for the NCAA, surveyed more than 4,000 student athletes, including those involved in extracurricular activities, at 42 Division I colleges and universities.

The purpose of the study was to determine the "effect of intercollegiate sports on athletes on a broad level," according to Terry Armstrong, associate project director.

The study found that college athletes involved in extracurricular activities such as band, drama and the student newspaper, spend about the same amount of time in class (14 hours) as they do in preparing for class (12 hours) or social activities (10 hours) per week. However, football and basketball players spend an average of 30 hours per week on their sports even though most do not expect to make the professional ranks.

Although many athletes found tutors readily available, their grades suffered. On a 4-point scale, college athletes averaged 2.61. Football and basketball players fared even lower with a 2.46 average, according to the results of the study.

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## College Sports



### Golf team sets stage

By Marty Cooper

OA Editor

The SSU golf team will be teeing off for the first time on March 30 in a 36-hole invitational tournament at Glenville.

Play will continue on the 31. The golf team is coached by Roger Merb.

The golf team practices Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the diesel lab located in the Vern Riffe building. Practices start at 3 p.m. and last until 5 p.m. according to coach Merb.

All SSU men that want to try out for the team may do so, Merb. The team has six members at this time but is looking to pick up a few more, he said. All of the Bears home matches will be played at the Elks Country Club and the Shawnee State Golf course located off U.S 52 in Friendship.

### Four in a row

By Marty Cooper  
OA Editor

The SSU Bears women's team took to the court Tuesday Feb. 14 in another NAIA key match against Ohio Dominican. The Bears were led once again by their ace shooting guard Kim Danner who recorded 21 points to lead the Bears to a 79-60 win over the Panthers of Ohio Dominican.

Susie Huff was also one of the keys that unlocked the door to the Bears victory. Huff scored 15 of her 17 points in the second half and led the Bears down the stretch as SSU handed the Panthers their 18th loss in 19 games.

The win also gave the Bears a 22-4 record, as well as a four-game winning streak.

SSU led midway through the game 39-25. Suzie Bowling came off the Bears bench to score 11 points with six rebounds to deliver the finishing touch. The Bears made a total of 25 of 54 shots, including 6 of 8 from the 3-point zone.

Kim Danner made 9 out of 13 field goals. Huff went four of four from the 3-point range and contributed 4 assists along with her 17 points.

After the game, Huff said, "It wasn't one of our better games, because we can play better defense."

SSU will be on the road for the remainder of the season.

SSU 1989 Golf Schedule

Date	Time
March 30-31	At Glenville Invitational 9 a.m.
April 3	At Wilmington (Elk's) 1 p.m.
April 7	At Cedarville Invitational 1 p.m.
April 11	At O.V. Chillicothe 1 p.m.
April 15	At Bluffton Invitational 9 a.m.
April 17	At Capital Invitational 1 p.m.
April 21	At Wilmington 1 p.m.
April 25	O.V. Chillicothe (Shawnee) 1 p.m.
April 29	At Malone Invitational 11 p.m.
May 1	Bluffton (Elk's) 1 p.m.
May 5-6	N.A.I.A. District Tournament 11 p.m.



Susie Huff, number 24, drives in for the easy layup during Feb. 14 ballgame between SSU Bears and Ohio Dominican.

Photo by Mark Richards, OA Photo Editor

### Women's team wins two

By Jeff Nesler  
OA Sports Editor

The SSU women's team completed a successful road trip last weekend, gaining wins over Otterbein and Lake Erie College.

On Feb. 11, the Bears beat Otterbein 80-68.

Kim Danner, a sophomore guard, connected on 10 of her 15 shots from the field, scoring 23 points. She also handed out 7 assists. Susie Huff, a junior guard-forward, followed with 21 points.

Susan Conley, a junior forward, and Susie Bowling, a freshman forward, led SSU in rebounding, grabbing 12 and 10, respectively.

On Feb. 12 the Bears crushed Lake Erie 79-49.

Danner again led SSU with 16 points on 8 of 9 shooting. Jamie McGraw, a sophomore forward-center, added 13. Sophomore guard Lisa Brandenburg netted 12 points and Bowling, 10.

Junior center Aretha Porter and Bowling snared 8 rebounds each.

Coach Robin Hagen-Smith's troops now stand at 21-4 overall.



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Air Bound- SSU's Joe Smith leaps, and hits the jump shot. Smith scored 5 points in a 79-63 loss to Ashland.

Photo by Marty Cooper OA Editor

## Eagles foul shooting downs Bears

By Marty Cooper

### OA Editor

The Ashland Eagles downed the Bears, 79-63, in men's college basketball action Feb. 15.

The Bears were ravelled up by fouls and missed field goals in the first half that led to their fourth consecutive loss in a row.

However, there were a few bright spots in the game, as the Bears appeared to be making a few comebacks. The Bears only led in the game one time -- with 16:39 to go in the first half, as Brad Schomaeker hit a 19-foot jump shot. The basket put them ahead 9-7.

The Eagles tied the game on a Gary Watkins layup. After a SSU turn-over the Eagles came charging back down the court and Keith Gunther laid one up and in to give the Eagles the lead by two.

Brad Schomaeker then canned a 15-footer to even the score. After that the Bears again fell behind as the Eagles took a 41-24 lead into the locker room, at half-time.

The second half was much the same as the Eagles kept the lead. However, the Bears shooting percentage was better the second half. Near the end of the game they only trailed by 10 as Joe Smith hit a field goal. The Bears looked as if they were going to get back in the game but then the Eagles' foul-shooting led them down the stretch.

The Eagles were 27 of 35 from the free-throw line for 77 percent. After the game, Eagles coach Roger Lyons said, "Our main concern is probably with LaBron Smith." Smith is the Eagles starting forward who was out due to a fractured nose. LaBron averages 21 points with eight rebounds, and, according to Lyons, this is a big loss.

LaBron was replaced by Carl Cunningham who led the Eagles with 16 points. Lyons also said, "We had five guys in double figures tonight and we moved the ball pretty well. I think our foul-shooting was good, but it has been good all season. We came into tonight as the 12th rated free-throw shooting team in the nation and if we continue to shoot well, hopefully the rating will go up."

SSU's Britton Jackson scored 13 of his game high 15 points in the second half to lead the Bears in scoring. Jay Jones helped the Bears in scoring 13 points. Coach Jim Arzen said after the game, "Ashland was scoring every time from the field and the line, and this made it tough to stay in the game."

"Our 3-point shooting has really gone down. A half a dozen games ago we were shooting right about 50 percent and we've really struggled from the perimeter." The loss dropped the Bears' record to 19-10 on the season and improved Ashland's to 14-10.

The Bears will close out the regular season with a 7:30 p.m. game on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Cedarville.

## Men lose at Tiffin

By Jeff Nesler

### OA Sports Editor

Coming into the Feb. 11 game against SSU, Tiffin College had won 10 consecutive home games.

Chalk up number 11. Tiffin has been on a roll, winning 13 of its last 15 games.

The SSU Bears have been struggling as of late, and the game at Tiffin was no exception -- an 81-68 loss.

SSU lost four of their last five -- and three straight.

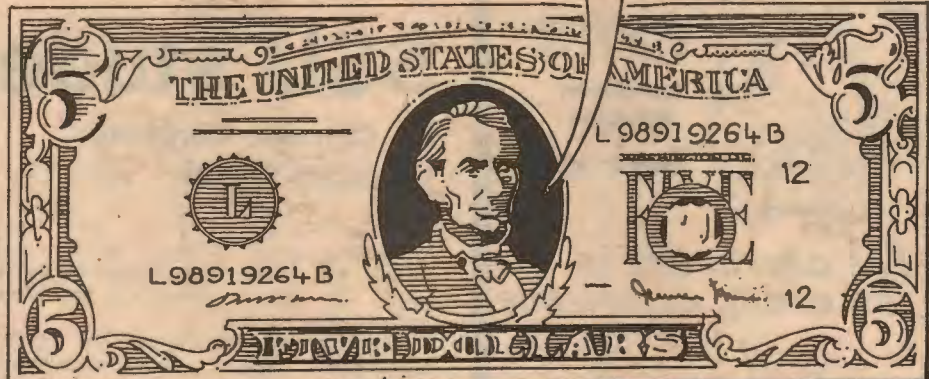
Jim Arzen, Bears coach, cited a combination of good Tiffin defense and poor shooting by SSU as the Bears' downfall. "We only shot 36 percent from the field and our shot selection was very poor," Arzen said.

Junior guard Britton Jackson, who sat out the Bears' last game with a hand injury, led SSU with 19 points. Brian Williams, a junior forward, added 12.

Freshman point guard Brad Schomaeker had 5 assists to go with his 10 points and junior center Phil Loy grabbed 4 rebounds.

SSU's overall record now stands at 19-9.

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## Armenian earthquake affects SSU professor

By Tim Parsley  
OA Features Editor

As always, it came without warning — the unharnessed power of nature, devastating everything in its path. Eventually, the rumbling ceased, leaving the blare of sirens and the sheer, stark terror of total destruction.

On Dec. 7, 1988, a massive earthquake struck northwestern Soviet Armenia, killing more than 25,000 people and leaving more than 500,000 homeless. Four cities and 60 villages were hit, damaging 40 percent of Armenian territory.

That night, reports of the earthquake were the lead stories on the television news broadcasts of NBC, ABC and CBS.

In one home in southern Ohio, Dr. Hagop Pambookian, SSU associate professor of psychology, was sitting in front of his television to catch up on the day's events. As the anchorman opened the telecast, Pambookian became transfixed.

Pambookian knows Armenia well. He is of Armenian descent. He first visited there in 1978 as part of a Fulbright Fellowship. "I lived in Yerevan," he says. "I had my own apartment, and I taught psychology for nine months." He has been back three or four times since. The last time was in January 1987.

Pambookian had family and friends there, and he was concerned for their safety. "I was caught by surprise, and, of course, very shocked," he says.

"Hearing and seeing all of those rescue efforts was really devastating. At that time, they did not know the extent of the devastation and the casualties."

To make matters worse, Pambookian had a hard time getting information. "Under such circumstances, there was a complete breakdown in communications," he says. "It was very hard at the time. It is not easy to establish communications with the Soviet Union."

He eventually found out his family was unhurt, but he is still not sure about all of his friends.

Pambookian feels the exact number of deaths caused by the earthquake may never be known. "I don't think this is the final count," he says, "because I'm sure there are many more who died and who will never be found because of the bulldozing of those towns."

There was some confusion between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. during the time shortly after the earthquake. "America meant so well, but the government waited for some confirmation from Moscow about whether they would be able to accept assistance, while other countries had already mobilized their rescue squads," Pambookian says.

The U.S.S.R. was slow in distributing the items sent to aid the victims. "They did not know how to

handle such emergencies, which was surprising," Pambookian says. "They had all of those things setting in the storage facilities, but they were apparently not reaching the people."

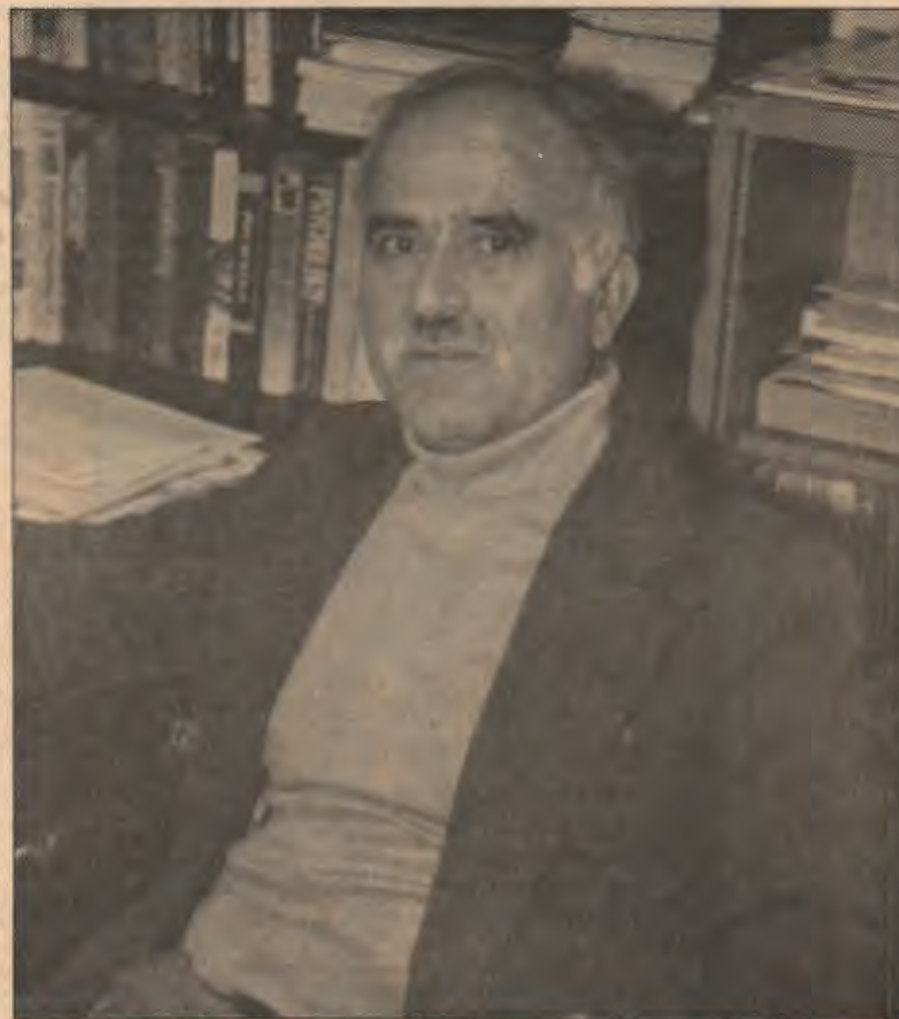
Some people were trapped under the rubble, and were rescued later. According to Pambookian, 10 people were found still alive.

One of those who survived was a five-year-old girl who was trapped under the rubble with her mother for nine days. She lived only because her mother cut her own fingers and fed her blood, Pambookian says.

"A six-year-old boy survived because he was thrown out of class for bad behavior just minutes before the quake," Pambookian says. "His 800 schoolmates were crushed to death."

The Armenian people have a history of surviving despite great adversity, he says. It seems that if Armenians are not being tortured or persecuted by human beings, such as the Turks who massacred what was estimated as 600,000 Armenians in April 1915, it is a natural disaster, such as an earthquake, Pambookian says.

Adversity has always brought the Armenians closer together. "For Armenians, since we're small in



Dr. Hagop Pambookian, associate professor of psychology, discusses the earthquake in Soviet Armenia. Photo by Tim Mahoney, OA Staff Photographer.

numbers, any loss affects everybody else," Pambookian says. "It's sort of like an extended family."

As an American of Armenian descent, Pambookian is grateful for the assistance given to the victims of the earthquake and is sure the victims are, too. "I think the Armenian people are grateful for the assistance that was shown, from the United States as well as 70 other countries in the world," he says. "It was unbelievable that there was so much readiness on

the part of the people all over to assist the quake-stricken Armenians."

Pambookian has arranged a two-week study tour of the Soviet Union that begins on Aug. 26. One of the stops on that tour will be Yerevan, the capital city of Soviet Armenia.

Pambookian is planning a fund-raising drive for the earthquake victims. He will present a check to Vazken I, who is the Supreme Patriarch of the Catholic Church in Soviet Armenia, when the study tour is in Yerevan.

## SSU student wins award

By Carmela Carpenter  
OA Staff Writer

"I've always liked math and science," says Cindy Toller, the winner of SSU's Math-Science Workshop Award, an award given to outstanding math-science majors.

The 22-year-old Toller has an SSU associate's degree and is working

toward a bachelor's degree in math-science.

A native of Vanceburg, Ky., Toller was the valedictorian of Lewis County (Ky.) High School's class of 1985.

A condition of the full-tuition award is that Toller must work at least 10 hours a week in the math lab. This doesn't leave much time for other interests, Toller says. Last quarter Toller worked as a tutor, but her

studies and her work in the lab don't permit that now.

When Toller does find some time, she says she enjoys her hobby of photography and attending Vanceburg Christian Baptist Church.

Toller says she hasn't made any definite plans for her future, but thinks she has many options.

She is looking at other schools with plans of transferring in the fall. Perhaps a school in Kentucky, she says, since rates in her home state will be lower for her.

Career plans are not well-defined at this time, either, but teaching does come to mind, Toller says.



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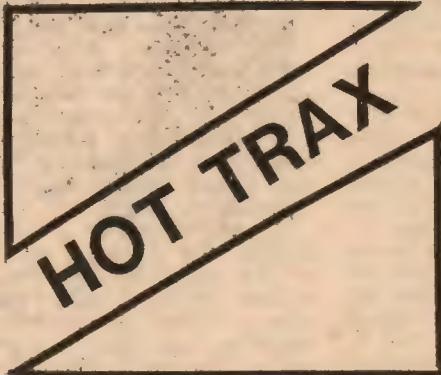
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# Information Society performs on Pure Energy

Review by Kurt Kegley  
OA Guest Writer



Kurt Kegley is a Business Major in his second year at SSU. He is 20 years old and is from Portsmouth.



INFORMATION

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND  
(PURE ENERGY)

SOCIETY

The Information Society has not achieved success overnight. It started out on the Minneapolis music scene seven years ago, playing to small clubs in the area. The group features vocalist Kurt Valaquen and arranger Paul Robb. According to a recent MTV interview, the band never really fitted in with the other Minneapolis acts such as Prince and The Time.

The band got its big break last year with the top-10 hit "What's On Your Mind (Pure Energy)." The record features the voice of Mr. Spock, taken from one of his albums of science fiction tunes. Not surprisingly, the band members admit to being Trekkies.

Its self-titled debut album, Information Society, is very pleasing. There are many danceable, synth-heavy tunes, and one excellent ballad, "Repetition." Its single, "Walking Away," is currently on the Billboard Top-20 singles chart.

As a result of advancements in laser technology, the compact disk of Information Society features video graphics, which can be played through a

television set, but a special adapter device is needed. This feature is a good idea because Information Society's music is visually oriented.

The Information Society played a concert at Bogart's in December as part of its U.S. tour, where it hopes to prove that it won't be here and gone tomorrow. "Let's Go See!"

# Operation Mindcrime is a smashing success

Review by Jim Humphrey  
OA guest Writer

Operation Mindcrime pulls no punches, and in the conceptual album category, ranks side-by-side with The Wall by Pink Floyd. On a pure album category, it ranks well above any half-hearted attempt by the rest of the music world.

Musically, the album is so fresh that listeners will hear something different every time they listen to it; whether it's another guitar lick, a different harmony, or another phrase hidden deep in the arrangement.

Geoff Tate's screaming vocals are electrifying, and his four-octave range is awesome. Chris DeGarmo pulls off the most incredible guitar solos, but not by trying to break the land speed record with his fingers. Instead, he is like a magician with a huge bag of tricks.

Scott Rockenfield is unbelievable on drums. He

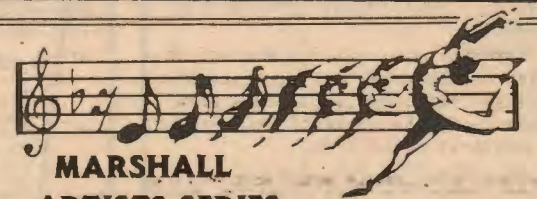
can hold his own against all of the Alex Van Halens, Neil Pert's and drum machines around.

Michael Wilton is one of the most solid backing guitarists in the business. In fact, he could keep up with, or even take the place of, quite a few of the lead guitarists around. Finally, there's Eddie Jackson, who has proved himself as one of the finest bassists in rock and roll. Anyone who can play a bass line and keep time with Rockenfield's lead has to be great.

To sum everything up, Ben Lemer of Circus Magazine says it best: "A concept album this musically adventurous and lyrically intelligent has rarely been attempted in heavy metal. This is Queensryche's equivalent of The Wall or Quadrophenia. Yes, it's that good!"

Yes, it's that good.

Auditions for Crimes of the Heart are scheduled for 6:30-9:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27, and Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Boyd County Public Library, 1740 Central Avenue, Ashland, KY.



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