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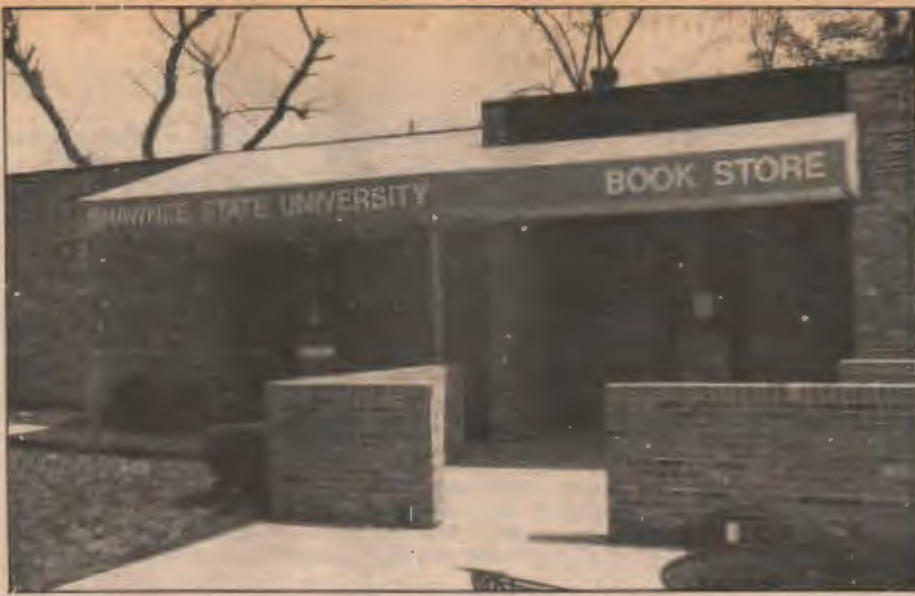


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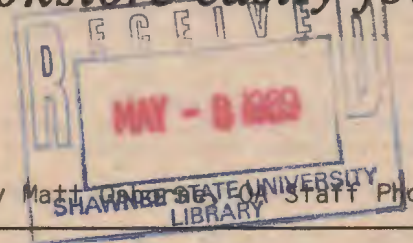


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 -Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, 1810

Shawnee State University

May 8, 1989 Volume 3 Issue 25

Portsmouth, Ohio

Tuition increase a concern of student senate

By Anthony Hamm
 OA News Editor

"I was happy with the input we received from the students," said student senate president Dave Nelson.

At last Tuesday's student senate meeting, Nelson discussed the open forum on the recent tuition increase the senate sponsored Apr. 25.

Nelson said the senate is circulating a form letter voicing the concerns students have over the rising cost of tuition. Interested students may pick up a letter in Room 214, Massie Hall, he said. The letter also asks why the state is taking money away from higher education.

Nelson said he is concerned about the rising cost of tuition. "Our concerns are valid whether they agree with that or not," Nelson said.

Nelson said the board of trustees should have given a reason for raising tuition 23 percent. "We don't want to embarrass anybody on campus, but we want what's ours," Nelson said.

Nelson said there is to be an Ohio Student Association rally in Columbus

\$656 per quarter

to lobby legislators for more funds for state universities.

"We are getting some opposition on the state level," Nelson said. "I'm just speculating, but I think if we hold the rally, we might not be able to testify before the senate."

Joe Triplett, senate vice-president, said, "I keep hearing the school equate the quality of education with the dollar value. I think the quality is separate from the

dollar value."

Triplett was concerned that no one from the administration showed up at the recent forum. "It would have been nice if they would have at least tried to sell it to the students. But they didn't even try," Triplett said. "They just said 'there it is,'" he said.

In other business Jan Stein, student senate member, said that more scholarships should be put into place by the college.

Ed Darrah, senate member, informed the senate that SSU will put into writing that some 300 and 400 level classes will be in place within the next two weeks.

The senate also discussed the smoking policy. Nelson said the smoking policy committee has been disbanded. "There were four people at the morning hearing, but no one attended the afternoon hearing," Nelson said.

"Some students are circulating a petition, I don't know what a petition will do, it's out of students hands now," Nelson said concerning student's reaction to the proposed smoking policy.

Richard Howard, vice president of student services, will present the recommendations of the committee to the SSU board of trustees.

Nelson announced that a blood drive will be held May 31 on the stage of the activities center from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Triplett, a member of the university center planning committee, said blueprints of the center are posted in Massie 214. He said students are invited to make suggestions which will be turned over to the architect.

The next meeting of the senate will be Tuesday, May 9, at 4 p.m. in Room 214, Massie Hall.

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SSU graduation ceremony meaningful to SOCF inmates

By Cleo Vernon Keaton
OA Guest Writer

The graduation ceremony held at SOCF is the most important event of the year for the inmates and the instructors who are involved in the educational programs provided by the Department of Corrections in conjunction with SSU.

The graduation of inmates shows the progress made through education to help inmates become useful and productive members of society upon their release.

Why is this so important? The Bureau of

Statistics in Washington, D.C. states that the overall rate of recidivism among federal parole releases was down by 27 percent for 1987 and 1988 among prisoners who had acquired a GED or college degree while in confinement.

It is also clear from statistics compiled by the federal government that 65 percent of all inmates are functioning below a sixth grade educational level in both state and federal prison systems within the United States. This shows the need for expansion of all educational programs within all of our prison systems.

The educational system at SOCF is a very

successful program, primarily because of the quality of our instructors, and their concern in trying to help each inmate to receive a quality education even though he is in prison. Inmates are fortunate to have instructors who use a positive attitude to instill pride, confidence, and self-respect into the inmates who become involved in the educational system at SOCF.

The pride is evident in the faces of each inmate when his name is called out, and he approaches the podium to receive his degree or GED certificate.

To me, this is the highlight of graduation day at SOCF, and the most important event.

New ideas for a continuing problem: It just might work

To the Editor

I have read in *The Open Air* that the new smoking policy will only allow smokers to smoke in the second and fourth floor restrooms of Massie Hall. That still doesn't seem fair to the non-smokers, does it?

I believe we smokers have the right to smoke in public places, even if only in designated areas. But no non-smoker wants to go into a restroom where they have to inhale a cloud of smoke to use that restroom.

So how's this for an idea -- smoking lounges? Take a classroom on every floor of Massie Hall and turn them into smoking lounges for students and the

staff who smoke. Not at one given time is every classroom being used on one floor. So they should be able to turn one classroom on each floor into a smoking lounge.

If smokers had a place to go, like a smoking lounge, during breaks and between classes, the "passive" smoke will only be in one room and not the restrooms or the hallways where there are non-smokers. I would have to agree with those who complain about the smoke in the hallways. Nobody, not even smokers, wants to breath smoky air after climbing four flights of stairs. If there were smoking lounges, nobody would have to breath smoky air in the halls or the restrooms.

The only other way to stop smokers from smoking is to ban smoking at school, but I don't think that would even work. I know I wouldn't quit. I don't believe anyone (non-smokers) has the right to control other people's (smoker's) lives. By the same token, I don't believe anyone (smokers) has the right to infringe on other people's (non-smoker's) rights.

Anyway, I believe that smoking lounges would solve the smoking issue at SSU.

Don Kozee
Secondary education and math major

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Why do mid-terms and finals cause bad attitudes?

By Ed Darrah
OA Opinion Editor

Now that the endurance tests (mid-terms) are finished, I now have time to recuperate from cramming so much information into my head. I can actually take it easy for a change.

I wonder if anyone has ever done a case study on the effects mid-terms and finals have on college students. I am sure that the psychological impact upon students is an area that should receive academic attention.

During the past two weeks, I have noticed severe swings in people's attitudes. Some of the nicest people attending college underwent a personality change that they can not explain. They became nasty, short tempered and were not the same.

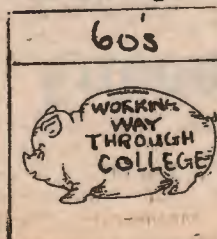
Then the week after mid-terms, they returned to their usual pleasant selves. Most of the students I know were in an altered state of mind for almost two straight weeks. The Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde images really came out of people who are not normally like that. I know the April full moon did not have that kind of effect upon my friends.

I sure hope that will not happen in five weeks.

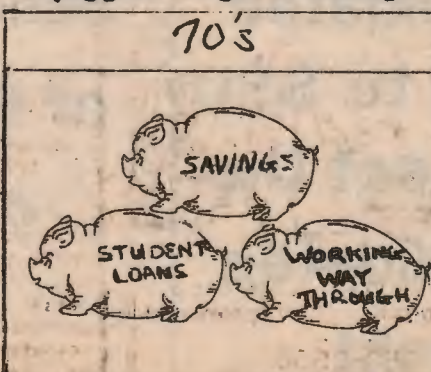
That will be when finals roll around and most people's attitudes will change again.



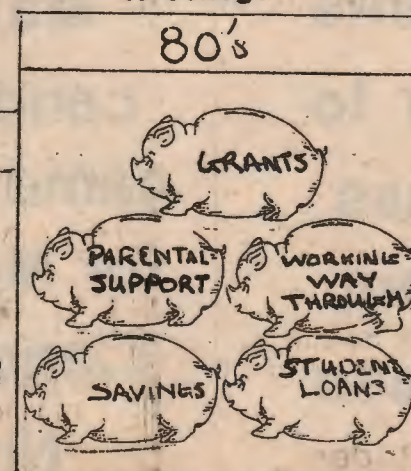
Back then, it took only one little piggy to go to college



Just a few years ago, it took three little piggies to go to college



Now it takes a herd of little piggies to go to college



What the future piggy bank will look like



Only students attend open forum

By Anthony Hamm
OA News Editor

Approximately 25 students were in attendance at an open forum arranged by the student senate to explain the tuition increase, Apr. 27 in Massie Theatre.

Dave Nelson, senate president, said Dr. Catherine Horr, interim SSU president, couldn't attend because of a previous engagement.

Nelson said he had been told the tuition raise was because of "added programs and a faculty increase."

Nelson sympathized with concerned students. "A 23.5 percent increase, I think, is just a little too much," he said.

Nelson said there is to be a rally of students from colleges throughout Ohio in Columbus, at the state capitol.

Nelson expressed concern about the number of students who attended the forum. "There are 3,000 students at SSU, only 25 show up, I'm dissatisfied."

'We pay our student fees, and the only time we can use the facilities is late at night'

— Kevin Day

One student, Kevin Day, questioned the lack of attendance (at the forum) by faculty members. "I supported the strike by instructors, yet none of them

are here in support of us," he said. Day also mentioned student's use of the natatorium. "We pay our student fees, and the only time we can use the facilities is late at night."

A student said the way to protest the tuition increase is not to register for fall quarter.

Helen Edelbos, another student, said her main concern about the tuition increase was that state and federal aid is not rising at the same rate as tuition. She also said, "SSU is a computer school (approximately 80 percent). If students commute here, they can also commute somewhere else."

"The real problem is what do you want to pay for? I haven't heard any student say we don't need computers, or we don't need books," the Portsmouth Daily Times reported Horr as saying.



New library computer

Tess Midkiff, S.S.U. Library director shows Julia Wisniewski of the Scioto County Area Foundation different features of the new CD ROM computer which is now available for students' use in the library.

The \$11,000 computer allows library users to rapidly access periodicals, replacing the paper indexes previously used.

Photo by Lori Cope, OA Art Editor.

Deadlines

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.

Deadlines are:

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

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JOUR 289 Magazine Feature Writing (4 hrs.) 5:30-7:30 TTh

Fall:

JOUR 105 Intro to Mass Comm (4 hrs.) 5:30-7:30 TTh
JOUR 290 Intro to Photojournalism (3 hrs.) 4-5:30 TTh
JOUR 231 News Reporting (4 hrs.) 1-3 TTh

In addition, both quarters, credit for work on the student newspaper is available through ENG 290 A and B (2 and 3 hours respectively). Arranged.

For more info, see Alvin Madden-Grider in Massie 411 or call 355-2278.

Campus Capsules



Bears scholarship

Bears softball pitcher Stacy Chappellearhas been awarded the James Paul (Jim) Welton full-tuition scholarship. The award is given to either a Bears softball or baseball player. The new scholarship honors Welton, a local sports fan.

New information desk

The SSU information desk is now open in the Commons Building lobby Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Student receptionists will provide information to visitors and conduct tours of SSU.

Class in research

Students may learn how to use the library to access information effectively and efficiently in English 105: Information Access for the Undergraduate, a new course offering. The course is offered for the summer quarter.

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.

Therapists

attend conference

Valerie Kramer, Occupational Therapy Assistant program director and Melinda Montavon, instructor, attended the American Occupational Therapy Association's annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland, Apr. 14-18. They viewed exhibits of current occupational therapy technology and attended meetings of the commission of education. Kramer is serving a two-year term as chairman of the national Occupational Therapy Assistant Educator's Group.

New scholarship

The Aristech Foundation has donated \$2,500 to a new electrical and computer engineering technology program scholarship. Up to five \$500 awards are available for both entering freshmen and sophomores in the four-year program. Applications must be submitted by May 15. For information call Nasser Rashid, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering technology, at 355-2370.



Speech class students conduct tours

Students in Emily Gulker's speech class were scheduled to conduct tours of historic buildings on Second St. during the Boneyfiddle Streetfest held May 6 on Second St. in the Historic Boneyfiddle District. Shown are students Donna Murray, left, and Marianne Russell. Students who participated but are not pictured included Judy Porginski, Phyllis Wolford, Lawana Rowe, Wendy Salyers and Rome Maynard. Photo by Lori Cope, OA Art Editor.



Members of the ROTC class conducted repelling exercises off the activities center, on May 3. See story in next week's issue. Photo by Tim Parsley, OA Features Editor

Mayoral candidates visit

By Jeff Horton

OA Editor

For the first time in more than 60 years, Portsmouth will be ruled by a mayor-council form of government.

Voters went to the polls May 2 and narrowed down the field of mayoral candidates from five to two.

The top vote-getter in the primary was Frank Gerlach, a local attorney, with more than 54 percent of total votes cast for mayor, which translates into 2,298 votes. Runner up was Paul Ison, retired Portsmouth Public Service Dept. director, with more than 17 percent of the mayoral votes or 732.

Gerlach said he was happy with the way his campaign went and that he was proud of all the candidates. "All the candidates were positive on the Portsmouth Area throughout the campaign. I find that unusual, and I hope that continues into the general election," Gerlach said.

Ison said he was happy with coming in second, but that he didn't think the margin would be so wide.

"I think we can run a better race in November," Ison said. "I think part of the problem was the turnout was so low. For some reason, people just didn't come to the polls as they should've."

According to the Board of Elections accumulated total results for the election, fewer than 28 percent of registered voters showed up at the polls. There are 42,621 registered voters in Scioto County, but only 11,554 cast ballots on May 2.

"These two men will go up against each other in the general election in November for the office of mayor of Portsmouth," said Jane Saddler of the Scioto County Board of Elections.

The five original candidates for mayor were at SSU's Massie Theatre Apr. 25, for "Meet the Candidates Night," sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The original five included Frank Gerlach, Paul Ison, Ronald Rector, Rudy Shively and Harold Lyon.

The candidates fielded questions from the audience at the Apr. 25 event, covering such topics as the

cruising problem on Chillicothe Street, the city's parking ordinance and riverfront development issues.

The candidates voiced their views on how best to handle the cruising situation and were split on what to do about the late parking problems in the city.

Other issues decided at the May 2 Primary election were school levys. Those issues were not dealt with favorably by voters. The Scioto County Joint Vocational School Levy failed to bring city council's right to hold executive session in line with what is allowed under the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.

The State Supreme Court last August ruled that all city council meetings were to be held in public unless the city charter provided for executive sessions

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Dr. Budai discusses life in Hungary

By Tim Parsley
OA Features Editor and
Linda Ygbuhay
OA Staff Writer

"Americans know very little about Hungary," says Dr. Laszlo Budai, a Visiting Fulbright Scholar at the University of Michigan, who visited SSU April 16-19.

Budai, the head of the English department at Ho Chi Minh Teacher's Training College in Eger, Hungary, gave a series of lectures concerning education and life in Hungary.

"Hungary is a free country, as far as speech, conscience and way of thinking are concerned," he says. "In the 60's, the 70's, and, especially, the 80's, we have never realized what an 'Iron Curtain' can be. We know about the whole world, because we have so many sources of information."

Every evening on Hungarian television there are 40 minutes of news concerned with the world situation, with the reports, in Budai's opinion, being very objective. "We know about everything that is important in the United States."

Budai says he knew more about what was going on in the United States while he was in Hungary than he does while he is in the United States.

In 1956 there was an anti-communist rebellion in Hungary, which was crushed by the U.S.S.R. Budai says the feelings of independence in Hungary are the same today. "Could you tell me a country in the world which wouldn't like to be totally independent of any other countries?" he asks. "But I'm afraid there are many countries in the world that are not independent of the United States, or not independent of the Soviet Union, either economically or politically."

He says Hungary's dependence is both political and geographical in nature. "Now, in peace, it doesn't mean anything anymore. But if a war broke out between the east and the

west, we couldn't do anything else than be a part of the Eastern Block, because we are linked to those countries in many ways. There are oil pipes and electric power coming from the Soviet Union. If they cut the pipes, what will happen to Hungary?"

Budai says he feels no person can avoid being influenced by ruling politics, at least subconsciously. "But, as far as it is possible, one can defend oneself from these influences," he says. "Fortunately, I'm a linguist, not a sociologist, not a politician."

Budai says he finds the ways in which linguistics, itself, cannot be influenced by political powers. "In Hungary, we developed double ways of thinking, and we know how to communicate in two ways. We know a certain kind of sign language, and we can say the opposite of what we are saying. When I was being taught, I always knew what my teacher was thinking of; we knew their gestures."

"In the 50's, the Stalinist era, if one of my teachers put his forefinger on the side of his nose and said something very socialistic based on communist ideology, we knew that it was the opposite."

According to Budai, the Hungarian people have a very good sense of humor about themselves. "Budapest is the capital of jokes," he says. "We react to anything by jokes, and it's helped us survive great difficulties. I don't like to take life too seriously. Life is too serious to be taken seriously."

Budai says his interest in languages came about from a wish to travel the world. "And if you want to travel, Hungarian is not enough," he says, "because it's spoken only by Hungarians."

"I have a nephew in Mountain City, Tenn. who had written about his experiences when he came over to the United States from West Germany, about his lack of languages," Budai says. His nephew suggested Budai should study foreign languages, which he says aroused the desire in him to do so.

When he started, he studied Latin

for eight years. "It gives a solid basis for the other languages," he says. "I began to find out what one particular word can be in another language by means of Latin. I transformed Latin words into French, Italian, and Spanish words; it was a puzzle for me. Sometimes I was successful, sometimes I failed. Then I compared my results with the dictionaries of those languages."

Among his accomplishments, Budai says he was the first in Hungary to introduce situational teaching into foreign language methodology, and

'Hungary is a free country, as far as speech, conscience and way of thinking are concerned.'

--- Dr. Laszlo Budai

teaching English by means of sentence patterns. "I've written some text books that are still being used in all Hungarian grammar schools, because we have a unified system of education," he says.

Of all of the different levels of education which Budai has taught, he prefers teaching in secondary (high) schools. "I love teaching the age groups between 14 and 18," he says. "I have many students who won nationwide competitions in English. They are adults as far as their intellectual capacity is concerned. But as to their feelings, they are smaller children. I like a mixture of feelings and

intellect. The human factors differ greatly."

Despite criticism of the educational system in the United States, Hungary, for a short time began to imitate the U.S. methods, he says. "But we soon realized the outcome, the poor results," Budai says. "And now we want to return to the so-called traditional ways of teaching."

The literacy rate in Hungary is 98 percent, compared to 95.5 percent in the United States.

Budai feels the higher rate in Hungary is caused by a different spelling system. "We have a phonetic

spelling," he says. "We have 32 letters and 31 sounds. So the correspondence between letters and sounds is, in many cases, one-to-one. It is easier to study how to read and write Hungarian."

Budai is currently preparing a valence dictionary of English verbs. It will contain 600-700 pages. "I'm examining the combined possibilities of, roughly, 4,000 English verbs," he says. "Based on these investigations, I want to write a study on the rules of these possibilities."

He hopes to teach another 10 years until he can retire. After retirement, Budai plans on doing much the same thing which he is doing now, but without any official ties.

Budai says he will take some fond memories of Portsmouth and SSU with him. "One thing is certain -- everybody is so kind; as if I were in Hungary, as far as hospitality is concerned," he says.

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Softball team on the tournament trail

By Mike Zempter
OA Sports Editor

The SSU women's softball team closed out the first season in SSU sports history with an exciting, 3-2 win over Otterbein.

Beth Beckett pitched and won the game with a bases-loaded, two-out single in extra-innings.

The Bears won their last six games to finish 14-6, needing every one of those wins to qualify for the NAIA District 22 championship playoffs in Mt. Vernon.

In sweeping three consecutive double-headers, the team dominated Cedarville, Rio Grande and Otterbein. Earlier in the season, SSU swept NCAA Division One member Morehead State, reaching a full three divisions higher than SSU's rating size to get

respectability and grab that gusto.

SSU "had opportunities to win every game all season," said student assistant coach Chuck Carpenter, with five of the six losses by one or two runs, including a pair of 4-3 losses in a doubleheader against Mount Vernon, which is seeded first in this week's tournament.

The tournament commences as this issue goes to press, with results to follow in next week's issue of the Open Air.

Quoting head coach Robin Hagen-Smith, "Our goal was to have a winning season and make the playoffs. We upgraded after we saw the competition. We're just as good as anyone in the division. We have a good core of local girls, with seven of the 15 players from Scioto County. We are very excited about this, definite good impression by the first team in SSU

history. Some teams take years to develop that. Every player here has two or three years' eligibility left. It was so important that we establish ourselves. Local kids understand that and want to play here. That's what the community wants."

Hagen-Smith said the team will continue to do well. "I can't see us having a bad season in the foreseeable future."

Beth Beckett, who won that last game, had pitched back-to-back state championship games for Clay High School. In one game, Beckett broke her nose on an attempted bunt in the first inning, but finished pitching the game and won.

Kim Danner had the highest batting average on the SSU team at .382, followed by Susie Conley at .378 and Vickie Howard, .371. The entire team hit .307.

Conley led the team in hits with 22, while Howard had 20 and Stacy Chappellear 19. Chappellear drove in 19 runs on 19 hits, Howard did the same with her 20 hits. The Bears hit just two home runs all season, but both came in the same inning, back-to-back. Chappellear allowed 1.40 earned runs per game (14 unearned runs, 14 earned), while Beckett had a 2.60 ERA.

Hagen-Smith, accompanied by assistant coach Greg Smith and Carpenter, take the team to Mt. Vernon where they will be seeded fourth of four teams. The first opponent will be number one seed Mt. Vernon.

Number two seed Wilmington has beaten the Bears two out of two and number three seed Walsh split two games against SSU, so the tournament should prove highly interesting for a team on a six-game winning streak and still hungry.

The world's most popular sport?

By Mike Zempter
OA Sports Editor

As the weather inclines toward the favorable, the mind relaxes on the back lawn. What is the world's top sport?

Results of a physical fitness study conducted fifteen years ago judging dexterity, speed, quickness, strength and tensile strength came up with a surprising finding. This guess was boxers, because they use, at high speed, what gymnasts have but don't use in many ways, nor spontaneously. The same reasoning might produce football players, and one strange study gave racecar drivers, but the official answer is the little, bitty jockey.

This individual goes to war against a dirt road with a 2,000 pound opponent for a teammate.

The world's fastest-growing sport is American football. The entire world now receives the Super Bowl live. The Chinese view a tape delayed for months while the entire Chinese media conspire to keep the score secret, and still, more of them see the game than do Americans.

In Britain, the hallowed Wembley Stadium is now the site for an annual NFL exhibition game with a standing room only crowd extinguishing each other to get in.

How about a game which pitted crowd versus mob? Who would coach it, the President? Who could defend against a mob? The National Guard? The action among us.

Somewhere deep in the historical field, Indians played a game of soccer on a field that went from two to 10 miles long. Imagine the complicated offense, the desperate, slow-motion defenses, the last long charge on

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goal. The four hours to set up one shot, and then the goalie smothering it, or somebody misses the goal from point-blank range and is extradited to Siberia during an Ice Age. A wonderful game to watch from above.

The Aztecs devised a basketball prototype, played on a sunken field during a religious ceremony. One stone

ball, one round hoop, one goal to win and the losing team was sacrificed on the altar. This may be the classic game form, given the religious function sports serves in society.

Tennis began in ancient Rome, complete with net and the origin of the "Love" score signifying zero, for some perverse reason.

The oldest reference to a stick-and-ball game with pitcher is found in an Egyptian hieroglyph. Did Christ know baseball? How well?

Was the dugout originally a canoe? In the present, observe the Grand Slam Home Run: half the opposing team scores -- half the people in the stands celebrate.

Witness the 1927 Yankees, housing a pitcher called Urban Shocker. Does this not transcend time and score?

Formed, as they were, in the opening innings of cultural history, have the games stayed true to their origins? In 1940, reserve catcher Willard Hershberger made an error to cost a game during the pennant race, went back to his hotel room and cut his throat. The Reds were so disturbed they won the pennant. Win and survive. Lose and stand night over there please, by the Altar of the Sun.

The present game of baseball features a royal pitcher, John Tudor, of The Blood Royale and family of the same name which gave us Mary, Queen of Scots, and the famed beheading.

Yes, sport is grim and premeval. Reds vs. Mets at midnight. For relief, tune to nude, synchronized swimming and root for several winners at once.

What in the world was the topic here today? The top sport? Don't know.

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Madonna's 'Like a Prayer' causes a commotion

HOT TRACKS

By Kurt Kegley

OA Entertainment Editor

Madonna is back with a controversial new album *Like a Prayer*. It is her most personal album to date. The song "Like a Prayer" has jumped to number one on the Billboard pop singles chart.

The songs on the album reflect pain, growth, and change in Madonna's life. Her divorce from Sean Penn is the underlying theme of the song "Till Death Do Us Part." She obviously had serious problems with her marriage and communicates her painful feelings very well.

Here's how Madonna describes the song. "It's about a dysfunctional relationship, a sadomasochistic relationship ..."

She also has more songs about her family. "Oh Father" is a song that is about her distance from her father. She says that she gets along with him well now, but he doesn't express himself well. In "Promise to Try," Madonna reflects how she has changed and coped with being lonely without her mother, who had passed away.

There are also more of Madonna's patented dancefloor songs on the album. On "Keep it Together" she sings about family again, but this time in a more positive way. This song is a very good candidate for airplay in the future.

Another floor stomper is the song "Express Yourself" in which she reaffirms her faith in love and musically picks up the pieces of past relationships.

There is a duet with Prince on "Love Song." Madonna says she liked working with Prince and that they sent audio tapes back and forth to each other from Los Angeles to Minneapolis. There are Prince-sounding guitar riffs on "Act of Contrition." That song has various sounds all jumbled together and features backward masking from the song "Like a Prayer," and also has Madonna chanting a melodic prayer "... I detest all my sins" She later screams "What do you mean it's not in the computer?" Overall the album has something to please everybody, especially diehard Madonna fans.

In recent interviews, Madonna has said that she is fed up with the public and how they have taken away her privacy. Madonna remained in the public eye through tabloid reports of her struggles and a night of torture from Sean and how he was jealous of Madonna's friendship with comedian-actress Sandra Bernhard.

As echoed in her album, Madonna admits to being confused about religion. She was brought up as a Catholic. She confesses, "Sometimes I'm wracked with guilt when I needn't be." She also said that she wouldn't know what to tell her children about God.

The video for "Like a Prayer" has stirred up many religious groups who called it "blasphemous." It shows burning crosses and Madonna with blood on



her palms. It also shows her making out with a religious leader. I think Madonna very well knew that the video would surprise some and offend many. The video's director, Mary Lambert, said the video wasn't meant to offend any one particular religious group even though it does seem to attack Christianity.

Madonna's Pepsi commercial was pulled from television by the company because many people confused it with her video. This action came after there were threats from religious groups and other people to boycott Pepsi products.

The action is really irrelevant to Madonna's video because Pepsi had not shown nor endorsed it in their ads. It also infringes on an artist's freedom of expression as provided for in the constitution. Furthermore Pepsi should not be held responsible for Madonna's video, especially when they didn't know about the controversial scenes.

I don't like what was shown in the video, and I don't have to watch it if I don't want to. There is, ironically enough, another group called Fundamentalists Anonymous, who are trying to get Pepsi to put the commercial back on television.

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Students in Emily Gulker's theater class were scheduled to participate in a Reader's Theater May 6 during the Boneyfiddle Streetfest. Seated left to right are Scherry Conley, Amy Craycraft and Jym Krueger. Standing are Donald Kozee, John Hurt, Kim Adkins, Laura Kouns, Shella Bradford, Aileen McGrath and Kelly Piatt. Photo by Lori Cope, OA Art Editor.

- May 10 Tokyo Story International Film Series, 5:30 p.m., Massie Theatre, Admission \$1.50.
- May 12 Wheeling Cinema Night 11:30 p.m. -- 2 a.m. Free with student I.D.
- May 17 Xala International Film Series, 5:30 p.m., Massie Theatre. Admission \$1.50.
- May 18-19 Distinguished Lecturer Series - Donald Graves. Massie Theatre. For info. see Dr. Bob Wilson or Dr. Julia Coll.
- May 20 Portsmouth Night with Reds and Beach Boys at Riverfront.
- May 24 Blood drive Activities center, 10 a.m. til 4 p.m.
- May 26 Visit Son of Heaven exhibit in Columbus. See Phillip Gearheart for info.
- June 2 Carp Tournament Court St. landing. Noon til 5 p.m. Prizes for SSU students and families.

Posters honor national nursing week

By Willard Ford
OA Staff Writer

"The students all worked hard on this contest," said Sharon Scott, "and it was a fun gathering for those graduating in June."

A poster contest was held Apr. 20 in the allied health building to commemorate National Nursing Week for Apr. 30 -- May 6.

Scott, associate professor of nursing, presented awards to several members of a large group of freshmen and graduating associate nurses.

The posters showed many interpretations of the nursing occupation.

Best of Show winner was Wendy Pearson with her poster "Save an

Endangered Species."

The Director's Choice award went to Christine Lanthorn for "Nursing is Pride in Your Profession, in Your Speciality, in Yourself," and the National Awareness went to Becky Moore for "Map of the U.S.A."

Lisa Kilgore won the Most Artistic award for "Nurses for that Special Touch."

The Best Free-Hand Drawing award went to Cheryl Stamper for "Sign Language," and the Best Use of Color award was won by Maggie Pritchard for her poster "Nursing: Set Your Goals High."

The Best Use of a Pun award was won by Pam Brown, "Nurses Top the Charts," and the Innovative Use of Material award went to Judy Marsh for "Nurses Hold it Together."

Pat Cook's "Change" won the

Representative of Current Trends award, while the Best Portrayal of Bedside Nursing award was won by Diana Kramer for "Communicating Without Words." Jeannie Syrone won the Promote Image of Nursing award for "Nursing: License to Care."

Other awards included Student's Choice, a poster by Joanna Holdren

Posters are on display in the cafeteria

called "Nurses Make it All Better," and Secretary's Choice won by Lora Barbee with "The Picture is not Complete Without a Good Nurse."

An awards party, complete with pizza and soda, was held in the nursing department in the allied health building. Winners received new textbooks that concerned their area in nursing.

"The winning posters will be displayed in various places on campus, in honor of National Nursing Day, as well as promoting the Associate Nursing program to prospective students at SSU," Scott said.

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