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What kind of institution is Shawnee?

In correspondence received by the President's Office on April 1, Shawnee State was notified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching that, according to new definitions, SSU has been classified as a "Baccalaureate (Liberal Arts) College II." This means that most of the undergraduate degrees Shawnee State awards are in fields other than liberal arts or that the admission policies of the University are less restrictive.

The Carnegie Foundation has published, for more than twenty years, *A Classification of Institutions of Higher Education*. The purpose is not to rank colleges, but to group them according to their mission, clustering institutions with similar programs.

In a soon to be released edition, they will, for the first time, group all institutions according to the highest level of degree they award—from associate of arts to doctoral degrees. This new arrangement will bring still more clarity to the classification.

Following this formula, campuses offering the baccalaureate degree—essentially undergraduate institutions—will be labeled "Baccalaureate (Liberal Arts) Colleges." As in the past, this category is further divided into subgroups "I" and "II" on the basis of the percentage of arts and science degrees awarded and policies for admission.

Assembly President Honored

Outgoing University Faculty Assembly president, John Kelley, was honored at his last University Senate meeting, April 14, 1994, for meritorious service to the governance body and to the University as vice-chair of the US.

Senate chair, President Clive Veri, presented Professor Kelley with a plaque commemorating his, "... outstanding and unparalleled work during the initial year of the University Senate. John's contributions, insight, work ethics, and wit will set the standard of excellence of future faculty leadership." Dr. Veri further commented, "It has been one of the highest points in my professional career to have worked with someone of John's caliber."

US Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne Shelpman also remarked, "The University Senate was established to provide university-wide governance and to enhance collegiality. I cannot imagine serving my term in the US without John. He will be sorely missed."

Professor Steve Doster, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, coordinated the meritorious service award, and joined fellow Executive Board members in the tribute to Professor Kelley, who received a standing ovation at the conclusion of the April senate meeting.

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“We strive unceasingly to quicken the sense of duty so that we will make this community greater, nobler, and more beautiful than it was when we took this oath.”

— the oath Athenians
took upon becoming
twenty-one

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●● You miss 100%
of the shots you
never take. ●●

— hockey star Wayne Gretzky

Project Discovery Cultivates Young Scientists

Three Project Discovery staff—Judy Meeker, Fred Weaver, and Tim Curtis—taught three sections of science at Waverly North Middle School to demonstrate inquiry teaching to the students and teachers. The lesson involved the students with the classification, analysis, and study of municipal solid waste—in other words they had a hands-on experience with garbage.

Project Discovery recently hosted the District Science Day on campus. This event saw 257 students from Adams, Lawrence, Pike, and Scioto Counties display their science projects. Thirty-six students were selected to go on to the State Science Day at Ohio Wesleyan University. The event was coordinated by David Todt. Judy Meeker, Julia Basham, and Chris Guilliams deserve special recognition for their efforts in organizing the event. We also thank all of the faculty who served as judges and the custodial/maintenance staff for their set-up assistance.

Upward Bound Travels to Cleveland

On April 16th and 17th, 44 Upward Bound students earned the privilege of going on the overnight Reward Trip to Cleveland. The trip included a campus tour of Ashland University and visits to the Rainforest and Cleveland Zoo, the Cleveland Health Museum, and a downtown Trolley Tour.

Plans have begun for the upcoming summer residential component, during which 40 Upward Bound students will live on campus and attend classes and activities for six weeks.

Southeastern Business College Adds to Shawnee State Student Body

For years, associate degree graduates of Southeastern Business College have been welcome transfers to Shawnee State. Now, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blackburn have established a scholarship endowment at the University for business college associate degree graduates.

The endowment continues the good relationship of the two schools. SBC grads will be able to continue their educations as they work toward their baccalaureate degrees here at Shawnee State. Aaron Blackburn, grandson of the endowment benefactor, is currently one of our students.

Recently, SBC students won nine awards at the Business Professionals of America Competition, held in Dayton on March 4th and 5th. This was a wonderful showing in competition against community colleges, branch campuses, and technical colleges from across Ohio.

Shawnee State Receives 'Thank You' Award

Star, Inc. recognized Shawnee State University for exceptional public service through participation in the Star, Inc. Recycling Program. Dan Young accepted the 'Thank You' Award on behalf of Shawnee State and recognized Carolyn Gross and Sharon Gannon of the recycling committee, as well as all of those who are environmentally conscious, for making the award possible.

Math Lecturer to Speak

Professor Philip Cheifetz of the mathematics/statistics/computer processing department of Nassau Community College, Garden City, New York, is honoring us with his presence on Thursday, May 12, and Friday, May 13. The same format of lecturing used by Professor Bogart will be used by Professor Cheifetz.

The two math lecturers are provided by three grants: one from the Shawnee State University Development Foundation, one from the Pixley Foundation, and a third from the Division of Student Affairs. Area teachers and their students are invited. Refreshments will be available and mathematical science brochures will be distributed. Also, copies of the math major proposal (which is already in effect!) will be distributed.

BEARS Program Expands

For the past four years, Shawnee State's admission department has been working with 6th, 8th, and 10th graders in Scioto County to increase their awareness of careers and higher education opportunities. The purpose of the project has been to make access to college a more reachable goal for Scioto County students. If not for the presentations by the admission staff or the student visits to our campus which this program provides, a large percentage of them may never have the opportunity to hear this information regarding college options and possible careers.

The program, now called **BEARS** (Beginning Early Academically Results in Success), started as a pilot project, serving students in the Northwest Local School District and in the Portsmouth City School District.

Through the generous contributions of the Nationwide Insurance Foundation, the Scioto County Area Foundation, and the Shawnee State University Development Foundation, the program has served over 1200 students each year (3,267 in 1993-94). Now with a major grant from the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education, the BEARS program has hired a full-time coordinator, Lois Rase, to expand the services into every school district in Scioto County. Some indicators of our success will be increases in college matriculation rates among high school seniors, increases in college preparatory classes taken, and survey results from students and parents, assessing the program's effectiveness.

A Few Reminders from the University Senate Affirmative Action Committee

1. Sexual harassment can be devastating. Avoid it.
2. Well-meaning, conscientious people can make Shawnee State University an uncomfortable place to work or go to school by failing to listen or being insensitive at the wrong time. Nobody's perfect. We should all try to do better.
3. Shawnee State University does not discriminate in admission, access, or treatment in programs and activities or employment policies or practices on the basis of race, creed, sex, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, marital status, age, sexual orientation, Vietnam-era or qualified veteran status, or qualified handicap.
4. If you think that you have been harassed or discriminated against, contact Elinda Boyles, affirmative action coordinator, extension 398; or the Director, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, 220 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43266; or the Director, Office for Civil Rights, U. S. Department of Education, Region V, 401 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605; or the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U. S. Department of Education, Washington, D. C. 20202.

“In a very real sense, people who have read good literature have lived more than people who cannot or will not read . . . It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish.”

— S. I. Hayakawa, scholar

●● Innovators who continue to innovate throughout their lives never forget there is always more to learn. Although they may be teachers by virtue of their knowledge and experience, they continue to think of themselves as students. ●●

— Dr. Denis Waitley
Winning the Innovation Game

Newsworthy Briefs

• **Debbie Watson, Brenda Miller, Sandra Lawyer, Dale Taylor, and Tim Culver** attended a Freshmen Year Experience workshop in Columbus on April 11th and 12th. The two-day seminar focused on the delivery of services to first-year students. Retention of students was the underlying theme, with such topics as FYE course/seminar development and the training of instructors to teach the FYE course. The seminar was developed and presented by Dr. John Gardner, University of South Carolina, one of the leading educators for FYE courses in the country.

• **Barb Bradbury** recently completed a training workshop on Student Project/Performance Reporting through Western Kentucky University.

• **Tony Dzik** attended the annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in Chicago, March 27-29, and presented a paper, "The Social Science Assessment Test at Shawnee State University." The paper was also published in a volume entitled *A Collection of Papers on Self-Study and Institutional Improvement 1994*.

• At its March meeting, the Executive Board of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English selected **Betty Hodgden** to serve as the editor of the OCTELA Newsletter for a three-year term beginning in August, 1994. The spring issue of the newsletter will contain a brief biography of Betty as well as an interview with Dr. Elvina Kalinina, who also attended the OCTELA Spring Conference. Elvina spent her last weekend in Ohio at the OCTELA meeting. She began her return journey to Russia just a few days later, after teaching Russian and Russian history and culture at Shawnee State during winter quarter.

• **David Winters** was a presenter at the Ohio Governor's Summit on the Plastics Industry in Columbus, April 5th and 6th. The program was centered around a series of forums on matters crucial to the Ohio plastics industry. Dave was the only representative of higher education and was part of a discussion on worker training.

• **Bob Deal** has recently been appointed as a thesis faculty advisor/committee member for a former student of his, and graduate of Shawnee State, Stephanie Shumate, for her masters degree work at the University of Tennessee. In the letter of appointment, Shawnee State was targeted for active recruitment of graduate students because of our strong program in the biological sciences.

• In November, Greenwood Press of Connecticut will publish **Marc Leeds** book, *The Vonnegut Encyclopedia: An Authorized Compendium*. Kurt Vonnegut supplied a self-portrait for the cover art and wrote a forward for the text. The publisher's best estimate is that the book will be 750 pages.

• **Karen Crummie** attended a national conference on the whole field of paralegal education. Held in Memphis, the conference was titled "In Tune with the 90's: New Challenges for Professionalism and Quality in Paralegal Education."

• **Nam Yun** presented a paper titled "Paradise Invented: The Art and Vision in Can Xue's *A Dialogue in Paradise*" at the annual convention of the Modern Language Association. At the same convention she was elected for a five-year tenure on the Executive Committee for the Division of Asian Literature.

• **Shirley Crothers** was an adjudicator for the 1994 Tri-State High School Choral Festival held recently at the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland, KY.

• **Carolyn Gross** was selected to be a grant reader for the Ohio Department of Education on April 12-13, 1994.

• **Vickie Stacy and Vicci Felts** attended the CWA Legislative Conference on May 17-22, 1994. They listened to speakers such as Hillary Clinton, Janet Reno, Diane Feinstein, and Joe Kennedy, and they met with Ted Strickland, John Glenn, and Howard Metzenbaum. The conference was on C-Span the morning of Thursday, May 21st.

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