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■ 'To have a vocation that is also an avocation is truly a gratifying experience.'

-- Dr. Clive C. Veri

Veri inauguration brings dignitaries to SSU

Third president heads Ohio's newest university

By Alice Kimbler
QA Editor

Dr. Clive C. Veri was inaugurated as SSU's third president last Monday morning. Presidents and other representatives of

several colleges and universities, wearing academic robes, welcomed Veri.

Frank Taylor, SSU president emeritus, was present. Taylor was the president when Shawnee was a two-year college and the first president of SSU.

David Nelson, president of the student council, represented the students.

Marcia Tackett, secretary of the arts and humanities division, represented the SSU staff members.

Dr. Robert Wilson, professor of English read the poem, *The Star Burned Out The Lights the Earth*. He had written the poem for the occasion under his pen name, Harding Stedler.

"When I think of the task ahead, I am reminded of the admonition of Luke, who said in Chapter 12, verses 32-48: 'When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted.'"

Shirley Crothers and the SSU choir sang the SSU alma mater. The music and words for the song were written by Crothers.

All guests were invited to attend an inaugural luncheon.

A string quartet presented music for the inaugural convocation.

United States Rep. Bob McEwen, Ohio House Speaker Vern Riffe and Dr. William Coulter, chancellor of the Ohio board of regents were also present.

Joyce P. Odle, student board of trustees member, introduced the people on the platform at the inauguration.



Dr. Clive C. Veri, SSU president, with Joyce P. Odle, student board of trustees member, at Veri's inauguration on Nov. 13.

Photo by Anthony Hamm, QA Staff Writer

Excerpts from Dr. Clive C. Veri's inaugural address:

I am deeply honored that the board of trustees, with the advice and consent of the academic community, has asked me to serve as the third president of SSU.

To be asked to guide the "Shawnee Tribe" at its young stage of development is truly an exciting personal and professional opportunity. "Challenging" and "rewarding" are words of understatement.

To have a vocation that is also an avocation is truly a gratifying experience. But, to have had so much fun these past few months and receive a pay check as well, seems nearly immoral!

When I think of the task ahead, I am reminded of the admonition of Luke, who said in Chapter 12, verses 32-48: When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted.

SSU cannot forget to recognize important institutional roots in charting its course to the future. As the newest state university in Ohio, and as an institution that was not welcomed enthusiastically by everyone outside of Southcentral Ohio, SSU's task is to find its niche in the warp and woof of Ohio's 13-colored, state-supported fabric of higher education. We must, in effect, follow our heritage and develop a very special "signature" -- a distinctive personality if you will -- that means something quite tangible to youngsters and their parents from Toledo to Gallipolis, from Ashtabula to Cincinnati, indeed from Maine to Mexico, if not from Great Britain to Taiwan.

It was Ecclesiastes who said, "Where there is no vision, people

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Search for new president fruitful

By Alice Kimbler
QA Editor

Last May, Marcia Tackett, secretary of the division of arts and humanities, and three other presidential search committee members went to Lyndon State College in Vermont, to talk with students, faculty, staff and community members about Dr. Clive C. Veri. "We began to see a picture of Dr. Veri that no one else could paint," Tackett said.

Tackett said the committee heard good things about Veri. "He is a man well respected by many... he's a hard worker; he's tough; he's a problem solver and a risk taker."

Tackett was told Veri was highly visible, attending

many student activities and college events.

They were also told Veri and wife made a great team.

"That's just what we wanted to hear because we knew SSU had a challenge to offer," Tackett said.

"We needed someone who could meet the academic and professional qualities we had outlined," Tackett said. "We wanted someone to help us shape and share in SSU; someone to help us sculpt SSU into a university unlike any other in the state of Ohio or in this country."

Veri emerged as the ideal president, Tackett said.

His sincerity, together with his understanding and human warmth will flow like water, benefitting the whole community, Tackett said.

The SSU professional staff pledged continued support to Veri and to the system, she said.



Finally, SSU can move ahead

Advice to SSU's new president

Last Monday you were inaugurated as Shawnee State University's third president. And, although you have been here a while, you have just now publicly made a commitment to our school. That's good, because the students here have some special needs that can be filled only by a president with a full commitment.

First, remember that SSU has a different kind of student body. While there are many of the younger, so-called traditional students at SSU, the typical student is close to 30 years-of-age, has children, works, and attends school. So, how about considering these needs when setting class and event schedules.

Our students are special in another way, too. We may live in the hills, but we aren't dumb hillbillies. Make sure the instructors give us challenging work, but still bear in mind that our educational back-

grounds may be different from that which the new instructors are used to.

Next, it's nice to say SSU is a new university, but remember that in one way or another SSU has been here since 1946. SSU has a few traditions and many proud alumni who will be glad to help us. Let's build on that base. Let's continue the successful two-year programs while we build into a real university.

Finally, don't forget the people who have made this the good school it already is. Frank Taylor, the president who guided SSU during its formative years, often said people made the school. Continue that tradition of respect for the SSU faculty and staff. They'll pay you back many times over.

We know you're the man for the job. Let's work together to continue making this the fine university we know it can be.

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Thanksgiving at SSU

Turkey tells it like it is - hot!

To the Editor

I've been a turkey for years and am proud of it.

This letter is in regard to Thanksgiving and my opinion of it. This personally disgusting holiday is soon to rear its head yet again. As I think of all my fellow fowl who face the inside of an oven in the upcoming days, it chills me to the giblets. Few others have to worry so about dressing so one may get stuffed on a holiday.

If one thinks smoke in the restrooms is bad, one should try to sunbathe in a microwave. I only wish to hear a gobbling sound coming from a turkey, not the dinner table.

How many face the prospect of making their contribution to

posterity as leftovers.

Alas, the lot of a turkey is not a happy one.

The satisfactions afforded a turkey are few: the possibility of revenge through botulism, plus the fact that those who eat turkeys may end up looking like one.

Even if my fellow poultry and I duck Thanksgiving, we have Christmas dinner to look forward to.

So as you give thanks before you eat, there is one at the table who is not having a happy holiday.

Ima Bird
SSU visitor



Happy Thanksgiving



By Steven Lambert, OA Staff Writer

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Thanksgiving time for thanks

By Latricia Sessor
OA Staff Writer

Thanksgiving day in America began when the colonists, in 1621, set aside a special day after harvest for prayers and thanksgiving.

This custom continued with each governor setting aside a special day for each state to celebrate Thanksgiving.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving.

As Thanksgiving 1989 approaches we have many things to be thankful for. As a nation we enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world.

Most of us will enjoy a day of feasting on turkey, ham, dressing, cranberry sauce, and all the accompanying side dishes, and des-

serts.

We will enjoy a day of visiting with our families and friends, while watching parades and football games on TV.

While all these activities are fine, take a moment to remember, not everyone is as fortunate as we are.

There are homeless and hungry people who need a helping hand. Think about sharing some of the bounty you enjoy with those less fortunate than yourself.

Let us also remember the people who might be alone on this day of thanks.

Being included in a family celebration would mean so much to them. But most of all let us be thankful for the freedom that so many in the world are trying to obtain.

May we all have a happy Thanksgiving.

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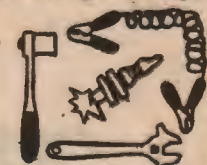
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SSU gets wooden Bear as inauguration gift

Dr. Clive C. Veri, SSU's president, presents gift

Photos and story by
Cendi Jean Adkins,
QA Staff Writer

Vistors to SSU campus will find a grizzly sight on the Commons plaza.

Dr. Clive C. Veri, SSU president, remained the anonymous donor until Monday at his inauguration when he revealed he made the gift to the school.

SSU staff members searched several months for an Ohio chainsaw carver, said Susan Warsaw, SSU director of develop-

ment.

Staff members found Chuck Derby at Heritage Day at the Hocking International Festival in October.

Derby, from Sandy Lake, Pa., was commissioned to create a bear to protect SSU.

Veri purchased the trunk of the large oak tree which stood across Second Street from the Commons building. The tree was removed from the site of the new library on July 31.

Derby said he is a born-again Christian who believes that God has given him the ability and imagination to share his art with others.

The bear weighs approximately a ton and one-half, said Ralph Wisniewski, a botanist who teaches part-time at SSU.

"The oak tree is 57-years-old and has had excellent care by the property owners," he said.

"The distance between each ring shows the tree was well nourished with water. Being a city tree, surprisingly, there was no evidence of damage or disease during the tree's life-span."

Using seven chain saws, Derby worked daily from 9 a.m. until dark, for six days. On the seventh day he rested.

The bear will be moved inside the activities center, Warsaw said.

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Day one



Chuck Derby begins to carve the remains of SSU's historic oak tree on the Commons plaza. The sculpture was commissioned by an anonymous donor.

Day two



Work progresses on the sculpture, but Derby remains silent.

Day three



Derby says to see Susan Warsaw for information about the sculpture.

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Work of art takes carver six days

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Day four



Derby says he never rests, however, he says to see Warsaw for further details.

Day five



SSU's president gives a hint as to the donor of the sculpture. "He's Veri Veri big," Dr. Clive C. Veri says.

Day Six



Derby completes a Bear -- donated by Dr. Veri -- and on the seventh day Derby rested.

Food drive

The student senate and The Open Air are sponsoring a canned goods drive.

Containers will be placed in the student union, Cafe Le Bears and the Commons building.

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Address at presidential inauguration shows Veri's faith in SSU

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perish." Happily, two weeks ago, the faculty and staff of SSU started to develop a common vision about our university's future. Participating in a two-day, long-range planning retreat, I think I heard the development of a mission that will reiterate the University's "Commitment to Careers."

I am confident we will state our strong desire to be "our own institution" -- a clone of no other -- a university that has a special

distinctiveness in Ohio. We will, thus, be a university that serves the special needs of southern Ohioans.

We will continue enrolling, of course, highly talented students such as valedictorian Michele Hostetter from Piketon, and salutatorian Tamara Logan from Franklin Furnace. Our task is to develop an honors program that tests the mettle of these keen minds, and even have the institutional audacity to seek, at the same time, recognition by Phi Beta Kappa.

Most of all, we will give every one of our students -- from those in need of developmental education to those in need of an honors program -- hope of a brighter future.

The need to develop new industries and new jobs is great.

Southern Ohio has not kept pace with the

reindustrialization that has taken place over the rest of Ohio. We think -- to be perfectly blunt -- that economic developers have reason to call on Shawnee State for assistance in turning around these debilitating declines in our regional economy.

When Governor Rhodes and Speaker Riffe led the development of Shawnee to university status, they had a vision of how the presence of a state university would, in and of itself, give hope to the redevelopment of Southern Ohio.

As an institution with a current economic impact of more than \$30 million a year, we are doing just that. But, we can do much more by using SSU's information base and human resource system to retain existing businesses; to incubate new start-up industries; to create jobs, and to make this region again the heartland -- not the heartbreak -- of America.

SSU will, in short, do what it must in Partnership with Others -- to raise the aspirations of people, at whatever age, to increase their quality of life through education.

Portsmouth area folks have recognized already that SSU is the "best game in town" for revitalizing the region. Portsmouth no longer makes shoes. Portsmouth no longer produces steel. But, southcentral Ohio now has a clean, smokeless, higher education industry that has

the willpower and personpower to make a difference.

To give southcentral Ohio a nudge in the reindustrialization process, I am pleased to announce that a dozen chief executive officers of the major corporations in the region will become a part of an organization I have formed, called "Partnerships for Portsmouth's Progress." We will conduct monthly breakfast meetings for a year to discuss what we can do singly, and what we can do together, to give the region's economic development a shot in the arm. I am also pleased to report that Speaker Riffe has joined "Partnerships ..." so that we might learn from him how he has been so successful in developing the economy of the region, indeed how he has improved the economy of the state of Ohio.

I have great confidence in my colleagues -- and in the people of state government with whom we must act in part in partnership -- that we shall dare to make SSU the developing pride of Ohio.

I pledge to Ohioans and to this academic community that I shall never lose sight of my responsibility to empower people. To empower staff to serve. To empower faculty to teach, and, to empower students to become all that they are capable of being.

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Dr. Clive C. Veri (second from right), listens as Dr. Raymond C. Carson (at podium), chairman of SSU's board of trustees, presents Veri with an official Royal Blue and Dove Gray SSU robe. Standing by are trustees William Reinhart (left) and Frank D. Hyland.

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Bandits leads reader through worlds of mystery

By Anthony Hamm
OA Staff Writer

■... one is propelled by the characters on an exciting journey of intrigue and betrayal.'

Elmore Leonard's exciting novel *Bandits* is permeated with a punch-drunk cast of characters that leaves you with the only sound in the room -- the turning of pages.

Leonard's style and fast-paced structure hasn't been equalled since the likes of Papa Hemingway faded to black. A previous novel, *Freaky Deaky*, left the reader desiring more. *Bandits* is not a disappointment.

From the jewel thief, Jack Delaney, to Calvin Klein-clad nun, Lucy, one is propelled by the characters on an exciting journey of intrigue and betrayal.

The villain is a South American colonel out to swindle \$5 million from a crew of patriotic Americans. Our heroes aim to relieve the unsuspecting colonel of his ill gotten bounty.

Cullen is an ex-con whose only goal in life is to make love to a woman -- any woman. Cullen has been denied earthly pleasures for 27 years while serving a sentence for armed robbery. Roy, an ex-cop who did time for his part in a million dollar heist, is motivated by one emotion... greed.

The South American plans on taking his treasure and heading toward Miami. Jack and Lucy have devised a plan to relieve him of his treasure. Roy warns that serious violence may be just over the horizon. Not to worry -- the heroine is equipped with a shoulder holster and a deadly .38. Unsure of her skill in the killing field and instinct for survival, Roy makes counter plans to ensure all is not wasted on a couple of amateurs.

Meanwhile, the South American has taken defense steps in order to ward off any attempts of hi-jacking.

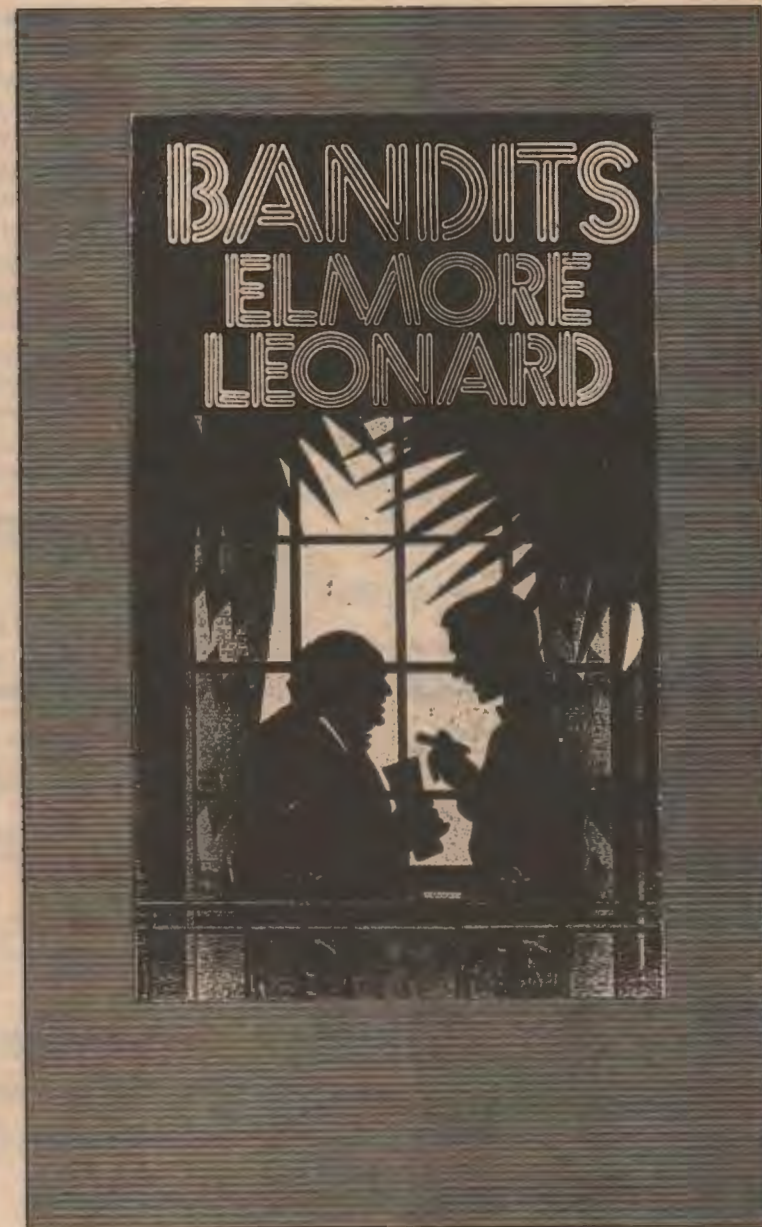
Jack, on the other hand, befriends Franklin -- South American comrade. Sparing his life earns Jack the alliance he needs to be able to move in and out of the South American's hotel room unchallenged.

Wally, a fumbling CIA agent, refuses to become involved any deeper that giving Franklin much needed advice.

The story takes one on a ride through the streets of New Orleans, and through the under-belly of government involvement in south-of-the-border wars.

To the end the crime novel offers up a buffet of delicious mystery. One is actively cheering and steadying the aim of pistolero Franklin.'

For everyone who enjoys a good mystery, sprinkled with enough criminal activity to be awarded the title of daring, don't hesitate to pick up a copy of *Bandits* -- you won't put it down 'til the last page.



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Ohio Student Association promotes higher education

By Cindy Gill
OA Staff Writer

The Ohio Student Association is a program made up of 13 state universities, including presidents, vice-presidents, and elected delegates, that promote higher education in Ohio schools.

The 13 state universities in OSA include SSU, Ohio State, Ohio University, Miami University, Cleveland State, Youngstown State, University of Cincinnati, Wright State, Central State, University of Toledo, Kent State, Bowling Green and Akron.

"OSA was just started this year and we are looking for input on legislation we feel vital for a student organization", said OSA vice-

president and SSU student David Nelson. The main purpose of OSA is to communicate and interact with the Ohio board of regents, the state's governing body of education, on main issues concerning education.

"The OSA deals in matters and issues that deal with the generals of student life, collecting information about different bills presented, research, analyze and distribute this information across the state to promote higher education and communication between student leaders in the state of Ohio," Nelson said. "We provide leadership training and educate leaders on how to handle situations, such as tuition increases, but we mostly try to stay away from the social issues," Nelson

said. "The main goal of the OSA is to ensure its existence in years to come, currently there is a proposal being made to each university to add an amendment to its constitution that states a commitment to keep OSA," Nelson said.

Other goals of the OSA presently being discussed include inducting students on the board of regents, and establishing a office in Columbus where a permanent fixture of each universities constitution is held to enable closer working conditions with other university legislatures and councils. Since OSA is a new program that is searching for its direction, it will mainly be concentrating on be-

coming organized, setting its goals and acting upon these goals this coming winter and spring quarters.

Becoming involved in the OSA would provide students with a constant learning experience, Nelson said. Student members will learn how to handle different situations, Nelson said, such as phone call and letter writing campaigning.

They will have a chance to see how other student leaders act on their campuses and how they handle situations that can be taken back to other campuses and benefit in solving their situations.

For details on OSA contact Nelson in Massie 214.

Senate considers free enterprise business club

By Cindy Gill
OA Staff Writer

Rick Stevens, a SSU student, was present at last week's student senate meeting to pro-

pose the organization of Students in Free Enterprise at SSU. "We would establish this organization on campus to teach students the free enterprise system, and show that it is a more profitable and just system than any other.

"We would teach that capitalism is a good word, not a bad word," Stevens said. The organization would be open to students of all majors and no dues would be required.

Jerry Ruby, assistant professor of finance, would be the adviser for the club. Ruby has selected for a Free Enterprise Fellowship award to enable the organization to operate on the SSU campus.

Student senate member Brad Day will be present at the board of trustees meeting on Dec. 8 to present them with a formal report of the student senate's activities for November.

Talk's subject to be marijuana

By Latricia Sessor
OA Staff Writer

Dr. G.K. Sharma of the University of Tennessee at Martin, will be the speaker at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21, in Massie 202.

Sharma's topic will be the biology of marijuana.

He also will speak at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22, in Massie Theatre, when his topic

will be "Environmental: A Global Dilemma." Sharma is a professor botany and has written numerous papers.

He has received several honors, including being a member of the American Institute of Biological Science; a fellow of the Linnean Society; a member of the Tennessee Academy of Science and a past research fellow of Harvard.

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