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-- Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, 1810

Shawnee State University

February 5, 1990 Volume 4 Issue 14

Portsmouth, Ohio

Changes in schedules possibility, registrar says

Friday classes being considered

By Cindy Gill
OA Staff Writer

Steve Midkiff, SSU registrar, discussed the possibility of schedule changes for the upcoming fall quarter at the student senate meeting on Jan. 30.



Midkiff

The plan calls for including Fridays as part of the regular school week, as well as more evening classes. The reason for the necessary changes, according to Midkiff, are due to the shortage of classrooms during the last fall quarter.

"We cannot offer upper division classes such as chemistry or physics without an equipped lab to meet those special needs," Midkiff said.

Six rooms on the fourth floor will be renovated for use as labs in the science courses. The net result is a decline in general purpose class-

'We cannot offer upper division classes such as chemistry or physics without an equipped lab to meet those special needs.'

-- Steve Midkiff

rooms. There are only 25 general purpose classrooms, which causes a big problem, Midkiff said.

"The way we see it is there are two possible solutions to this problem: find more classrooms -- which has proven insufficient -- or incorporate Fridays in scheduling classes more," he said. "We are to the point to where we either change it, or we won't offer the classes, simply because we don't have the space for classrooms."

Dave Nelson, student senate president, said, "Students need to be informed of this and know

why these changes must be made. These are growing pains, which, in our situation, are good pains to have." Midkiff said, "This plan is not finalized yet, but it is a necessity that we have more space for classrooms."

Another problem discussed was complaints of smoking in the women's restrooms on the second and fourth floors.

The doors to the restrooms have been left open, allowing the smoke to filter into the hallways. The possibility of posting signs on the doors indicating smoking and non-smoking was also discussed.

Black Awareness celebrated throughout February



Carter G. Woodson
The Father of Black History

SSU is holding a month-long celebration of Black Awareness and Black History in February. The celebration will honor Carter G. Woodson, founder of Negro History Week.

The month will be highlighted by the appearance of Dr. Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on Monday, Feb. 19.

A Black Gospel Extravaganza will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Feb. 10, in Massie Theatre. Black gospel singers south and south central Ohio will be featured.

Dr. Frank Hale, special assistant to the president of Kenyon College, will be guest lecturer on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. He will present "Recruitment and Retention of the Minority Student" in Massie Theatre.

A full day of events are planned for Feb. 19 to conclude activities. Black Awareness Month

Campus Visitation Day for area high school seniors will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude with Hooks speech at 8 p.m.

Hooks will hold a press conference in the Commons board room at 7 p.m. A reception in the activities center will follow Hooks speech.

A Minority Student Union meeting and brown bag lunch will be held at noon in the board room.

"Basically, we're trying to make the community, not just SSU, but also Portsmouth and the surrounding area, aware of the achievements of black people," said Alicia Gray, SSU coordinator of minority affairs.

"The month is an examination of our history as it coincides with the history of the world."

All events are free and open to the public. For more details about Black Awareness Month at SSU, contact Gray at 355-2282.

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-- Alicia Gray, coordinator of minority affairs

BLACK AWARENESS MONTH -- FEBRUARY 1990

Editorial

SSU shouldn't blow its only chance to start new

Lady Bears is a no-no

SSU has been given an opportunity seldom, if ever, available to an institution of higher learning. As a brand new university, SSU can design unique core courses, design a completely new curriculum, or design new school logos and identifications, unhampered by previous restrictions.

However, the opportunity to incorporate non-sexist terms for SSU sports teams is being missed because of the actions of some members of the SSU administration and the area news media.

When the SSU teams were renamed Bears, *The Open Air* and the *Portsmouth Daily Times* had several articles published as to what the women's teams would be called. Students were concerned that the women's teams not be called by a sexist term.

The *Times* quoted SSU publicist Susan Warsaw as saying that both men's and women's teams would be called simply the "Bears."

However, since that time, members of local radio stations and newspapers have insisted on calling the SSU women's teams "lady" Bears.

The *Open Air* has never, nor will it ever, use sexist terms. And, the *Open Air* is not the only college newspaper concerned with sexism. For instance, The *Bulletin*, at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, recently implored its university officials to discontinue the use of "lady" as a designation for its women's teams.

Unfortunately, Emporia State has "lady" plastered all over its uniforms and publications. Luckily, SSU is not so restricted and can easily stop the use of this sexist term.

Emporia State has two mascots, neither of which is a female. The *Bulletin* wants all teams to be identified with the same mascot. SSU's bear is the same for both the men and women. SSU is still in a position to eliminate sexism.

SSU has the opportunity to become an up-to-date institution. Modern society simply does not allow women to be relegated to a secondary position. Calling the women's teams "lady" while failing to call the men's teams "gentlemen" is sexism, pure and simple.

The *Bulletin* said, "All varsity teams should be identified with the same mascot." SSU's bear has been designated as a non-sexist bear. The team names should also be non-sexist.

It's not too late for SSU and the area news media to come into contemporary society. As the professionals they otherwise indicate they are, the media must begin to use the proper terms.

SSU can be the pride of the community -- but it cannot as long as sexism prevails.

It's time to stop calling the women's teams by a sexist term. It's time to call all the teams the SSU Bears -- nothing less, nothing more.

**Boost the Bears
— all of them!**



Letter to the Editor

Praises New Beginnings program instructor

To the Editor

This letter is in recognition of Barb Bradbury. I was a student in the New Beginnings Program during fall quarter. I felt this program was a great success for those of us who stayed with it. Graduation night was great, although I did not feel that Barb was given the credit she truly deserved for the hard work and effort she contributed to the program and the girls.

When the *Community Common* came out on Dec. 20, 1989, I was greatly distressed because Barb's picture was not in the paper along with

everyone else's. I truly couldn't believe her name was not even mentioned!

To a lot of people, this may seem petty or maybe a bit immature; however, if it wasn't for Barb, I personally never would have joined the program and probably would not have completed it.

The lady really worked on this program from beginning to end and I am sincerely grateful to her for her work and support. Thank-you, Barb.

Cindi Conley

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New Portsmouth mayor outlines three-step plan for prosperity

Prosperity begins with cleaning up the city

By Jessica Rae Goody
OA Staff Writer

Franklin T. Gerlach, Portsmouth mayor, outlined his "Three-Step Plan for Prosperity" at a recent Society for the Advancement of Management.

According to Gerlach, the first step is to "clean up and clean out" the Portsmouth area. This includes the revival of city street sweepers and the organization of local task forces, one of which has been named the

■ *'You have to forgive in order for our area to grow and prosper.'*

--Mayor Franklin T. Gerlach

"Riverfront Task Force."

Gerlach said his second step involves the people of Portsmouth, as well. "You have to forgive," he said, "in order for our area to

grow and prosper."

He said his third step was the creation of a "wish list" for the city of Portsmouth. His wishes for Portsmouth include a state-to-

state aerial tramway, an enclosed mall on Second and Market Streets, a fountain on the esplanade, and continued SSU expansion. He hopes to begin work on all of these programs in 1990 and 1991. Estimated cost of these projects is well over \$14.6 million. Gerlach concluded his speech by saying, "Being mayor is real fun."

In appreciation of his presence, Sue Lashbrook, president of SAM, presented the mayor with an SSU ballcap and portfolio.

GED and New Beginnings program students honored

Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, honored students of the SSU GED preparation and New Beginnings programs at an awards and recognition ceremony, Dec. 8.

More than 250 people attended the program which recognized students for their accomplishments during the fall quarter.

In his keynote address, Riffe congratulated the students for making the decision to further their education.

Dolores Chrisman, age 73, who had per-

fect attendance during the quarter, was recognized as the "GED Student of the Quarter." Speaker Riffe presented the award to Chrisman as the student who demonstrated outstanding dedication and the ability to overcome obstacles during completion of the program.

Receiving recognition for accumulating the highest scores in the program's course of study were Delores Askew, social studies, reading, and math; Sherie Bomar, math and reading; Jamie Hill, writing skills; Gary Fodge,

writing skills; Delena Pack, social studies, reading and science; and Jeanie Stambaugh, social studies, reading and science.

Receiving certificates in the New Beginnings program were Robin Boyd, Sherry Brown, Christina Chase, Cindy Conley, Kimberly Dunn, Dorothy Floyd, Bonnie Gambill, Kathy Groves, Kathy Horner, Melissa Hughes, Betty Jones, Jacqueline McGlone,

Vicki Payne, Robin Rigsby, Stella Stevenson, Patricia Tackett, Patty Taylor, June Thompson, Stella Tucker and Sheri Wolfe.

Also receiving special awards at the ceremony were Carl Engman, Sharon Justice, and Richard Monroe for efforts and accomplishments in the literacy part of Shawnee BASICS (Basic Adult Skills in a College Setting).

Sword scholarship awarded

By Latricia Sessor
OA Staff Writer

John Austin, an SSU senior and social science major, is the winner of the "Sword Award," a history scholarship of \$500.

Austin is the winner of a history examination covering American and European history. The two-hour exam was prepared and administered by Dr. Mark Mirabello, associate professor of history, and John Kelley, assistant professor of history. Thirteen students took the test.

The scholarship was given by the Portsmouth Recognition Society in memory of the late Elmer Sword, a local historian.


Sword, the author of The Story of Portsmouth, which he wrote 25 years ago for Portsmouth's sesqui-centennial celebration, was also a frequent contributor of history articles in The Portsmouth Daily Times and was an organizer of the Roy Rogers Festival.

Mirabello says hopes that a tradition of annual recognition of an outstanding history student will continue.

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Read about the latest campus events in The Open Air

Math-science receives \$100,000 microscope

The math-science division has received an electron microscope, valued at approximately \$100,000, from the Ohio State University medical microbiology and immunology department.

The gift qualifies as a gift-in-kind to the "Crossing the Threshold" campaign.

Robert E. Dever, general chairman of the SSU \$2 million capital campaign, said SSU will benefit greatly from OSU's generosity.

"One of the primary goals of the campaign is to provide for high technology equipment, not otherwise available, which will help SSU become a great institution of higher learning," Dever said.

Dr. Scott Oliver, professor of biological sciences, coordinated the donation and transportation of the machine.

Oliver said, "If you're going to be a university and train people in the biological sciences, you need to have access to an electron microscope."

According to Oliver, students will gain needed experience with the microscope. He said most graduate programs assume that

undergraduate students have had some exposure to electron microscopes.

Oliver said all SSU students in biology courses will be involved in using the machine for labs and classrooms.

"A new microscope of the same type and quality would cost the university around \$120,000. OSU is consolidating their research efforts and placing similar machines on sale, so they didn't have to give us this

machine.

They were very generous and we are very appreciative to the department of medical microbiology and immunology," Oliver said.

Community professionals, from medicine to industry, who have experience with electron microscopes, would be given access. SSU also would like local educators to bring their students to see an electron microscope functioning.

Program director named

Catherine Perry, a native of Worthington has been named director of the occupational therapy assistant program. She has a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from Ohio State University.

Perry began her professional career at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C., where she obtained a master's degree in education. She was also employed as an occupational therapist in the Wake County Public School System, and at Charter Northridge Hospital in Raleigh, N.C.

Perry said students need the ability to work with patients in a variety of settings such as public schools, geriatric care, mental health and rehabilitation. She said there is a nationwide shortage of occupational therapists which means more patient contact for assistants.

Perry hopes to see SSU occupational therapy assistant students involved in local schools. Throughout the nation, schools are the largest employer of occupational therapy assistants, she said.

Coming Events

The Open Air staff meeting
Volunteers welcome
Feb. 6, 1 p.m.
Newsroom, Massie 411

Lunch Box Theatre
Mon.-Wed., Noon, through Feb. 28
Massie Theatre
Free to all

PC User's Group
Feb. 6, 6 p.m.
La Villa, 1112 Second Street
Open to All

"Land of the Look Behind"
Film Series in Massie Theatre
Feb. 8, 6 - 10 p.m.
Open to All

Black Gospel Extravaganza
Feb. 10, 7 - 9 p.m.
Massie Theatre
Open to All

Jury's Irish Cabaret
Community Concert
Feb. 13, 8 p.m.
Activities Center
Free to Students with ID

Recruitment and Retention of the Minority Student
Feb. 15, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Massie Theatre
Open to All

Valentine Skate
Feb. 15, 9 p.m.-midnight
Skatelan, Wheelersburg
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Ski Trip
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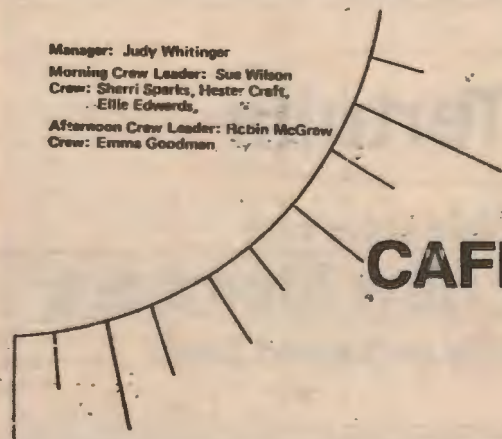
Visitation Day for High School Seniors
Feb. 21, 10 a.m.

"A Celebration of Black History"
Feb. 21, 8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks
Massie Theatre
Open to Public

Minority Student Union Meeting and Brown Bag Lunch
Feb. 21, Noon
Student Union

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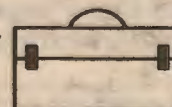
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Bears upset Central State 72-66 after slow start

The SSU women Bears used an unbelievable comeback to upset Central State 72-66 at the SSU activities center. The Bears came from a 22 point deficit to pull out the win.

The win pushes their record to an excellent 16 wins and 5 losses.

Coach Robin Hagen-Smith's squad fell behind 29-7 midway through the first half.

The SSU women clawed back to cut the lead to 43-26 at halftime. The Bears only shot 34 percent from the floor on the first half. The second half proved to be a different story.

The Bears came out smoking to start the second half. Susan Conley, Kim Danner and Tracy Williams led the charge.

Williams, scoreless in the first half, scored nine in the second half. Danner repeatedly

nailed key jumpers and dished out four assists against the Mauraunders' pressure defense. Susan Conley, the team's most consistent player, hit 7 of 8 shots to lead the team in scoring with 19.

The game was close throughout before the Bears finally took a 55-54 lead that they would never relinquish.

Leading by one late in the game, Lisa

Brandenburg nailed a 3-point bomb to keep the Maraunders at bay. Free throws by Conley and Susie Huff sealed the victory.

Conley led the Bears in scoring with 19 and Donner added 18. Huff scored 12 points and pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds. Jamie Mc Graw, a 6-1 junior, grabbed 10 rebounds and added 7 points in the upset win. Evelyn Williams led CSU with 18 points.

Guard breaks national record

Joe Smith, a men Bears 6-2 senior guard, broke the national collegiate record for three pointers made in a game with 15. The Swanton, Ohio, native scored 58 points on 21 of 31 shooting from the floor including 15 of 24 from the three-point line in the Bears' 118-

84 win over Wilmington College..

Smith has since appeared on ESPN and other television stations. The record Smith broke was previously held by Ohio University's Dave Jamerson.

Men Bears get first road win

The SSU men Bears captured their first road win in over a year on Feb. 1 by defeating Ohio Dominican 78-69.

The win was the fourth in a row for the Bears and pushed their record to 10-11.

Coach Jim Arzen's squad led most of the game. The squad led 41-31 at halftime and never looked back. The Bears led by as many as 17 points in the second half.

Brian Williams led the team with a

game-high 23 points including three dunks. Senior guards Jay Jones and Joe Smith added 18 and 15 points respectively. Jones had 5 assists.

The Bears got a big boost off the bench from sophomore Craig Allemeier.

Allemeier poured in 12 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds. Alan Alley chipped with 6 rebounds. Jim Nagy led ODC with 18 points.

Sports Shorts

Women 5th in district

The women Bears at 15-5 stand fifth in the district 22 standings. They plan to move into the top four so they may host a district 22 playoff game at the activities center.

Men 9th in district

The men Bears are ninth in the district 22 standings with an 8-11 record. The top 8 teams advance to the playoffs.

Guard out of action

Freshman point guard Mike Dietz is out for an indefinite period. The St. Mary's native suffered an injury to a bone in his wrist in play against Dyke.

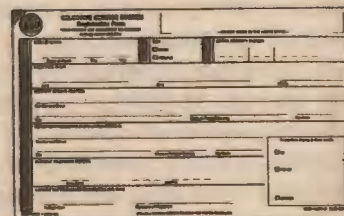
Dietz is averaging 5.2 points per game and leads the men Bears in assists with 51.

Senior has 14 dunks

Senior forward Brian Williams has 14 dunks in his last four games for the men Bears. He leads the team with 33.

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Instructor says ethnic conflict in Soviet Union nothing new

Violence in Baku worst in conflict's history

Dr. Hagop Pambookian, associate professor of psychology, described the recent headline-grabbing conflict between ethnic Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the Soviet Union saying, "The conflict is much more than religious. It's ethnic, it's historical and it's territorial."

Pambookian said the current ethnic strife has a tradition steeped in bloodshed.

Armenia, a nation-state which has been predominately Christian since 301 A.D. and Azerbaijan, a republic of mostly Shiite Moslems, have been feuding over an autonomous mountainous region called Nagorno-Karabagh for decades.

Trouble in the region, which is heavily populated by Armenians but controlled by Azerbaijani government, is due to a 1920 declaration never enacted said Pambookian.

"A 1920 Azerbaijani decree, which was supported by the Soviet Central government and Josef Stalin, considered Nagorno-Karabagh part of 'indivisible territories of Armenia' and that 'the working peasantry of mountainous Karabagh will enjoy the opportunity of self-determination,' but unfortunately, because of political expediency, the declaration was never enacted."

The latest violence, centered in the Azerbaijan capital city of Baku, has been among the worst in the conflict's history, Pambookian said. "The recent violence against the innocent Armenians in Baku has been described as premeditated and bloody. Armenians, young and old, women and men, were beaten, tortured, and killed."

Pambookian said the bloodshed is part of a series of conflicts sparked in 1988 when the Nagorno-Karabagh parliament passed

a resolution for their incorporation into Armenia. Presented in February of 1988, the request was met immediately with violence that yielded house burnings and 32 dead Armenians in Sumgait, a Azerbaijan city heavily-populated by ethnic Armenians.

"At several mass demonstrations in Yerevan, I sensed hopelessness in Armenians because of the continued massacres and the indifference of the central government."

Dr. Hagop Pambookian

"The Armenian nationalism in Nagorno-Karabagh was in no way anti-Russian or anti-Moscow," Pambookian said. "Their requests for annexation

were manifestations of the spirit of President Mikhail Gorbachev's policies of Glasnost and perestroika."

During a tour to Armenia in September of 1989 with 18 professionals from the Portsmouth area, Pambookian said, the adverse effects of the continued battle between Azerbaijanis and Armenians were evident. "At several mass demonstrations in Yerevan, I sensed hopelessness in Armenians because of the continued massacres and the indifference of the central government. They are fearing a recurrence of the 1915 genocide campaign perpetrated by the Turks."

Pambookian said an Azerbaijani rail blockade, which started in December of 1988 following a crippling earthquake in Armenia, has stopped aid to devastated parts of the region and contributed to the on-going bloodshed.

Although the indifference by Moscow apparently ended late last week when Soviet troops crashed into Baku in an attempt to stop the two-year old bloodletting, Pambookian felt no compromise between the two republics was near, but hoped for a speedy resolution of the conflict to stop further suffering and bloodshed.

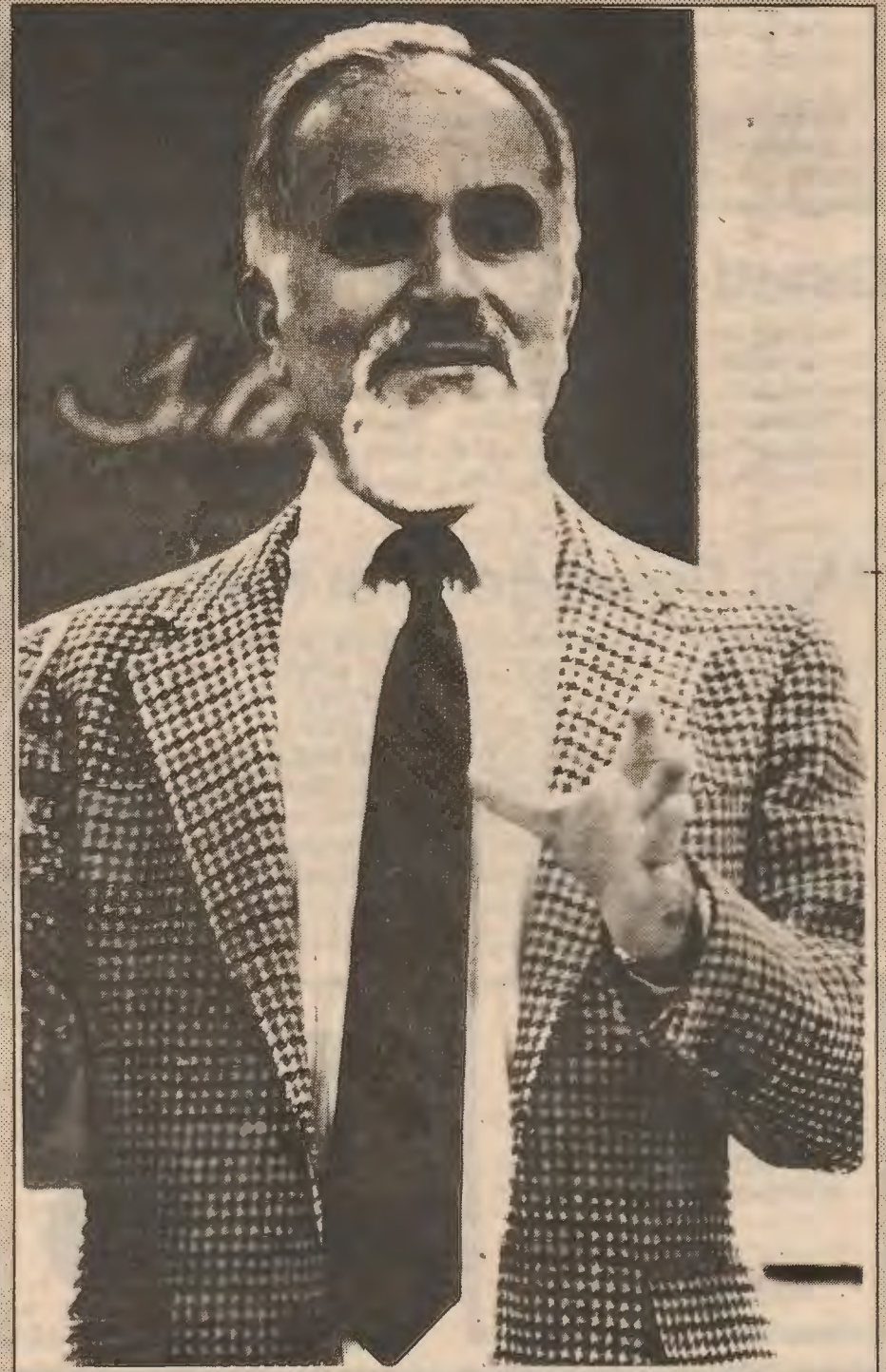
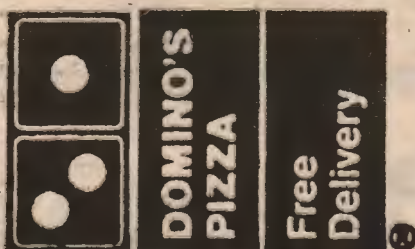


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Dr. Hagop Pambookian, associate professor of psychology, tells about conflict between ethnic Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the Soviet Union.



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Silhouette saluted by board of trustees for national rating



Shawnee Silhouette staff members were honored on Jan. 22 by the board of trustees for a first place rating in the American Scholastic Press Association competition. Shown, l to r, are Jan Stein, Tamela Carmichael, Valérie Nesler, Janet Nesler and H.C. Mason. SSU photo

SSU's literary maga-
zine wins in competi-
tion with established
national universities

The Shawnee Silhouette, SSU's student literary magazine, was saluted by the SSU board of trustees at its Jan. 22 meeting for a first-place rating in the American Scholastic Press Association national competition.

The Silhouette, which features poetry, prose, photography and art, was ranked with similar publications such as Georgia State University and East Carolina University.

The Silhouette's editorial board consists of Dr. Robert Wilson, faculty adviser; H.C. Mason, poetry; Tamela Carmichael, fiction; Janet Nesler and Valerie Nesler, photography and Jan Stein, art.

The magazine is in its fifth year of publication.

NAACP director to speak on Feb. 19

Dr. Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be the Black Awareness Month keynote speaker on Feb. 19.

Hooks will hold a press conference at 7 p.m., in the SSU board room and speak at 9 p.m. in the activities center. Members of the media are invited to attend both activities.

Also scheduled to appear are James Daniel, president, Ohio NAACP; William Cofield, president, Kentucky NAACP, and James Tolbert, president, West Virginia NAACP.

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