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April 16, 1990 Volume 4 Issue 21

Portsmouth, Ohio

## Library scheduled for November completion

Other new buildings to follow

By Alice Kimbler  
QA Editor

SSU's new \$7.5 million library is scheduled for completion in November, according to Dr. David L. Gleason, university planner.

The general contractor, M Construction, is behind schedule approximately two to three months Gleason said, however they are working for a completion date of Nov. 13. "If that happens we will be able to be in the library by winter quarter of next year which will be January of 1991," he said.

"Right now I think we have some very good news for SSU and that's in the new capital bill," he said. "We will have new fine arts classrooms and laboratory; that is a new fine arts building which is funded at a \$6.7 million level."

The library and fine arts buildings are part of Phase I of the SSU master plan which also includes an indoor physical education laboratory, an advanced technology center and a university center.

Gleason said a \$1.8 million physical education laboratory and classroom building will connect the James A. Rhodes Sports Center and the activities center. "The facility will provide more classroom space for physical education; it will give us meeting rooms,

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-- Dr. David L. Gleason

workout rooms and bigger locker rooms," Gleason said.

An advanced technology center, which will be a \$6.8 million addition to the Riffe Industrial Building, will be built on the north of the present building. Construction is planned to start in early fall.

The university center will be built east of the present bookstore and will be a \$4.5 million building that will house admissions, registration, financial aid, and minority and handicapped offices.

There will be a recreation area, a dining hall, a lounge, a fireplace and a snackbar area. "The building will be 43,000 square feet; it will be a little larger than the Allied Health building," Gleason said.

A river connection will include a large platform for a river overlook on the top of the Ohio River levee at the center of the campus, with two more overlooks also planned.

A \$1 million Massie Hall renovation, and \$600,000 for utilities and landscaping will be in the 1991-92 capital bill which should be passed on July 1, Gleason said.

Gleason said four architectural firms have submitted credentials for the Massie Hall renovation project. The firms are Calabretta

Partners Architects, of Columbus; E.A. Glendening, FAIA, of Cincinnati; Hayes, Tanner & Stone, of Portsmouth; and Levin Porter Associates, Inc., of Dayton.

A committee will interview representatives of the firms and recommend one to the SSU board of trustees. The Ohio Department of Administrative Services will negotiate the contract with the chosen firm.

"The university center is through design development, and we will be breaking ground on the university center sometime in late summer," Gleason said.

In Phase II, which will begin approximately seven years from now, a \$4.5 million addition will be added to the university center.

Another current project, Gleason said, is the relocation of Second Street. The archi-

tectural design firm will be hired this month.

The \$1.7 million project includes closing Second Street through the SSU campus, with angled connections to Third Street at both ends of the campus.

A new parking area will be built between Bond and Waller Streets, north of the present Second Street, and east of the new library.

The old incinerator building will be reno-



Work progresses on SSU's new library

SSU photo

vated for an art sculpturing lab to be completed by fall 1990. Construction will start this month, Gleason said.

## Other area projects to affect SSU

Projects underway or proposed would affect the SSU campus and might provide additional reasons for out-of-town students to attend SSU, area civic leaders say.

A proposed aerial tramway would be unique and would attract tourists from a large area surrounding Portsmouth, boosters of the project say.

Leo Blackburn, former Ohio state senator and area businessman, said the tramway would connect the historic Boneyfiddle district of Portsmouth with the Kentucky hills overlooking the SSU campus.

Blackburn envisions a double set of tramway cars on cables spanning 3,600 feet over the Ohio River, with each car capable of carrying from 40 to 120 passengers.

Other projects underway include a complete facelift of the downtown Portsmouth area, beginning at the western end of the SSU campus on Second Street and

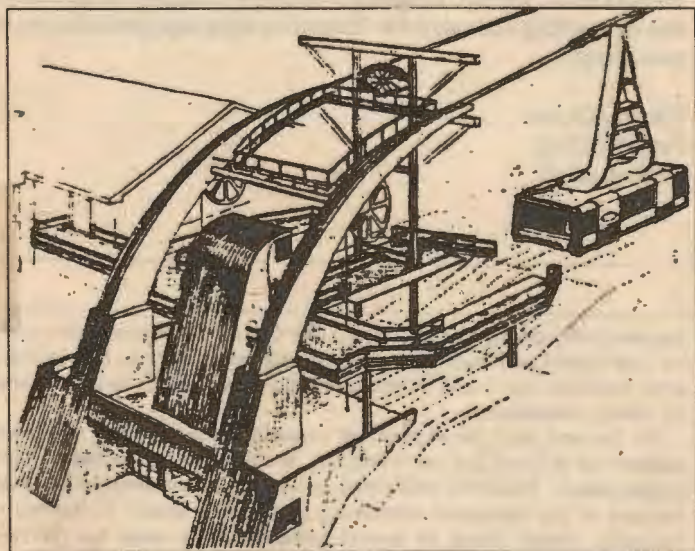
extending north to the park at Tenth Street.

Plans for the downtown include spending \$2.3 million on the Roy Rogers esplanade, Chillicothe Street and cross streets between Gay and Washington Streets. New brick pavers, lighting and landscaping will be installed, with start of work planned for August 1990.

Two performing arts stages are included in the plan, which was approved recently by the downtown design advisory committee.

A riverfront amphitheatre is also being considered by city officials, with the possibility of a late summer completion.

Public officials from both Kentucky and Ohio have voiced their support of the tramway, Blackburn said. He has named the proposed project the O.K. Skyway, a name he says reflects the strong ties between the two states.



Proposed aerial tramway



■ *The idea of the act is to help states harness technology that can raise the quality of life for people with disabilities.*

-- Latricia Sessor



## Technology and parking laws begin

*Two new federal laws will have practical impact on handicapped*

By Latricia Sessor  
OA Staff Writer

Two federal laws enacted in 1988 are now being implemented and could have very real and practical impact on individuals with physical impairments. They are the Technology Related Assistance for individuals with Disabilities Act and the Uniform System for Handicapped Parking Act.

The Technology Related Assistance law is the responsibility of the U.S. Department of Education's National Institute on Disability Rehabilitation Research. The idea of the act is to help states harness technology that can raise the quality of life for people with disabilities. It will do this by granting funds to state governments and institutions that provide prosthetic and other assistive devices to people in communities across the nation. NIDRR's plan is to gradually phase in this program, providing grants on a competitive basis to institutions whose proposals are deemed best. The first grants have been awarded.

The Uniform Handicapped Parking Law is not quite as far along in its implementation. Presently each state has its own regulations, governing the use of handicapped parking spaces. A special license plate or sticker issued in one state may not be honored in another. This law established the International Accessibility Symbol as the official symbol, nationwide, for identifying vehicles transporting persons with disabilities. The Department of Transportation is now charged with devising rules about nationwide handicapped parking which states will have to abide by.

The DOT has formed an advisory committee to establish these rules. The committee is grappling with basic issues: who will be entitled to handicapped parking and what fees will be charged for licensing and registering vehicles. These rules will soon be published in the Federal Register, the official publication of the federal government, for comments from the public. The public will have 30 days to respond.

Anyone who wishes to comment on the suggested rules can do so by

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-- Latricia Sessor

writing to Attn: Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington D.C. 20590. Be sure to ask for your letter to be included in the rule-making file. Letters not marked can be mixed in with the departments general correspondence. After the DOT receives comments, it will formulate final rules, which should be issued by June.

Although the Americans with Disabilities Act has had enormous support from the Bush administration, the act, as previously reported in *The Open Air*, has hit a snag. This legislation is a sweeping civil rights bill providing persons with disabilities equal access to employment, buildings and transportation.

Many compromises were reached before the bill passed the senate. Now the bill is facing a series of hurdles in the House of Representatives. These hurdles take the form of four separate committees: Education and Labor, Judiciary, Energy and Public Grounds.

At least 230 members of the house, a clear majority, are co-sponsoring the bill, yet the actual bill-approval process precludes its speedy consideration. The major issues being debated include access to intercity buses, such as Greyhound, and trains, such as Amtrak.

Congress should be congratulated for passing both the Technology Related Assistance Act and the Uniform Handicapped Parking Law. However swift passage of the ADA would go a long way towards making many Americans day-to-day living less of a disability.

## Statehouse tour impresses GED students

To the Editor

We would like to comment on our trip we recently took to the Statehouse with the GED program through SSU.

The trip was remarkable! Upon entering the Statehouse, we visited the rotunda. This is where President Abraham Lincoln was brought after he died. His body was lain in the middle of the rotunda where about 360,000 people came to pay their respects to him.

We went on to visit the House of Representatives. Here is where we cast our votes through our legislators. The House of Representatives has a house speaker who presides over the chamber and all legislative processes. At one time in history past, President Lincoln visited the Ohio House.

We proceeded to take a walk through the Senate. In the Senate, the speaker listens to whom he chooses. For example, all the microphones are turned off, and if two senators wish to speak, the speaker turns on the microphone of the person he wishes to hear.

After we left the Statehouse, we went to the Ohio Historical Society. This had to be one of the most beautiful places we have ever seen. There

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-- Tammie Queen, Patty McClurg

in front of us in all directions was the history of our state. There was old furniture, Indian artifacts, old buggies, and much more. One would have to visit the Ohio Historical Society to believe the beauty it holds.

On behalf of the GED class, we wish to thank Patty Gilmore, Barbara Bond, and SSU for giving us a chance to participate in a trip that was very exciting and enjoyable. It was a learning experience that we will never forget.

Tammie Queen  
Patty McClurg  
GED students

### The Open Air

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## Memorial placed in honor of veteran Allied Health employee

### *Birdie Stallard nursing scholarship planned*

A living memorial to Roberta (Birdie) Stallard is being placed in front of the Allied Health Building.

Stallard, a 21 year veteran employee of SSU and Ohio University Portsmouth, died earlier this year. She most recently was secretary of Nursing and Allied Health.

A tree has been planted and a bench has been placed in front of the building. A plaque will soon be mounted on a rock in the memorial.

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Birdie Stallard Memorial

Photo by Alice Kimbler, OA Editor

scholarship, an endowment of \$5,000 is necessary.

Donations for the fund are being accepted by Sharon Gannon, social sciences division; Marcia Tackett, 1004 Building and bookstore; Judy Goddard, Business/Engineering Building; Vicci Felts, Vern Riffe Building; Ann McCarthy, Allied Health; Alma Whitt, CRADTAL, mathematics and sciences; Ben Winters, custodial, maintenance; Peggy Dillow, Student Services, president's office, development; Kim Mitchell, business and finance; Cheryl Cook, Activities Center and natatorium; Helen Fagan, library and media services; and Cindy Hopkins, office

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## Today's Secretary Seminar to help office performance

The Today's Secretary Seminar will help participants perform better, look great and feel fantastic at work, according to Virginia Ramey, director of special programs.

"In short, we'll demonstrate easy but effective steps for a more productive, practical and enjoyable career," Ramey said.

The seminar is planned for today on the



SSU campus. The seminar features advanced office techniques, tips and motivational tools critical to peak job performance, she said.

Speakers will discuss the relationship between proper nutrition and proficiency; futuristic memory techniques and dressing for success.

Speakers include Donna Ferrell, senior

■ In short, we'll demonstrate easy but effective steps for a more productive, practical and enjoyable career.'

--Virginia Ramey

instructor, administrative medical assistant program, Scioto County Joint Vocational School; Teresa Bainer, chief clinical dieti-

cian, U.S. Health of Southern Ohio; Fred Chrisman, director of student activities, and Franklin Gerlach, Portsmouth Mayor.

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# Veri announces largest gift to Crossing the Threshold campaign

A gift of \$233,000 from the Home for Aged Women to "Crossing the Threshold, the Campaign for SSU," is the largest ever received at SSU. Dr. Clive C. Veri, SSU president, announced the gift at the April 2 board of trustees meeting.

The board approved a plan allowing students to make tuition and fee payments three times per quarter rather than in one lump sum.

John Welton, bursar, said the plan could be utilized by up to 30 percent of SSU's

students and could help retain 50 to 100 students each quarter.

"We feel that at least 10 percent of our students and maybe up to 30 percent could use the plan," Welton said.

Veri told the board that the brick being used in the new library will be named Shawnee brick in recognition of SSU's plan to use the brick on future buildings.

Veri proclaimed April as Occupational Therapy Career Month, and announced a president's ball at the activities center 7 p.m. June 16.

Veri told of a recent trip to Cornell University in New York City. "While at Cornell, I was able to meet with their president and dean of the medical school to discuss preliminary plans for an SSU-Cornell connection. This cooperative, which revolves around a mutual donor's interest in Cornell and Portsmouth, could include internships for SSU students in New York, importing Cornell professors, both live and via videoconference, to present lectures, and faculty development opportunities," Veri said.

Vickie Stacy, Communication Workers of America representative, reported the organization's recent blood drive collected 107 pints of blood. CWA's goal was 100 pints.

Stacy said a memorial for Roberta "Birdie" Stallard, a recently deceased 22-year employee, will be placed in front of the Allied Health and Nursing building.

Dr. Hagop Pambookian said a grant proposal will be submitted to the the Ohio Humanities Council for a project entitled, "The Soviet Union: What Next?" The year-long

program would feature scholars from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe presenting lectures at SSU.

In other business the board:

■ Welcomed Dr. William J. Shkurti to his first meeting since he was appointed to the board.

■ Outlined the criteria for honorary degrees and named four board members, two faculty members, and Veri to the honorary degree committee. Dick Hyland is chairman.

■ Approved submission of a proposed bachelor's degree program in applied science to the Ohio board of regents.

■ Approved a policy on the approval of graduates.

■ Approved hiring Barbara Bradbury, formerly the coordinator of the GED preparation program, as an assistant director of admissions.

■ Accepted the resignation of Jock Peters, director of physical facilities, and Toby Eichas, assistant director of admissions.

■ Allowed submission of a \$3,000 grant proposal for Shawnee BASICS to the Scioto County Area Foundation for funding for the family literacy program at Wayne Hills Housing Project.

■ Accepted a pro-rated salary structure for full-time faculty teaching during the summer quarter.

■ Approved policies on the collection and maintenance of student records, general admissions guidelines for students, advertising for vacant positions and parking gate keys.

The next board of trustees meeting will be 7:30 p.m. May 21 in Massie Theatre.



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## Campus Capsules

### Bank machine installed

An automatic bank teller machine has been installed in the basement of the business annex across from the student union.

Bank One has installed a Jubilee machine which can be used for withdrawals, deposits, transfers between accounts, paying utility bills and verifying account balances.

Alan Boggs of Bank One said any member of the PLUS national network can use the machine.

### Equipment donated

Four pieces of medical equipment have been donated to SSU by the Lawrence County Medical Center.

Pam Staton, director of the medical laboratory technology program, said the equipment is expensive and is needed and valuable for basic laboratory instruction in the program.

Included are equipment for studying bleeding abnormalities, a spectrophotometer, a centrifuge and an immunofuge for use in the blood banking course.

## Bible meeting

Faculty and administration are invited to meet at the Campus Ministry House, 1216 Second Street, on Wednesdays from noon to 1:30 p.m. for prayer, presentations, discussions and reflection.

Arrangements for lunch may be made by calling 353-9303.

Planned presenters are, April 18, Linda Plummer; April 25, Dr. Alexander Alex; May 2, Dr. A. L. Addington; May 9, Dr. Scott Oliver; May 16, Sharon Gannon; May 23, Rev. Evan Fisher; May 30, Marilyn Nibert; June 6, Rev. Bob Thornton; and June 13, Eleanor Marsh.

Bible study focusing on the Parables of Jesus will begin at 1 p.m., April 30. The group will be led by Fisher.

The Campus Ministry House is open to all from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on days that SSU classes are in session, except from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays when the faculty and administration group meets.

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## CWA blood drive a success

### Union's goal exceeded

Tess Midkiff, director of library services, shown at right with unidentified clown, prepares to give blood during the April 2 Communication Workers of America blood drive.

SSU CWA Local 4372 said the drive exceeded the union's goal of 100 donors with 107 showing up in the activities center to give blood.

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## April proclaimed National Occupational Therapy Month

### SSU and community join in national observation

April has been proclaimed "Occupational Therapy Career Month" by Portsmouth Mayor Franklin T. Gerlach.

Gerlach proclamation said, "Whereas, occupational therapy is one of the fastest growing professions in the health field, facing significant shortages of personnel now and in the foreseeable future ... I, the mayor of the city of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim the month of April as "Occupational Therapy Career Month" and call to the attention of all citizens the achievements and contributions of our occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants."

More than 50,000 members of the American Occupational Therapy Association have joined in a nationwide effort

to better inform the public of the opportunities available in occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant programs.

Cathy Perry, director of the occupational therapy assistant program, said several events to celebrate the month will be held on campus and in the community.

"There is a severe shortage of occupational therapists and assistants nationwide and we've organized a speakers bureau on campus comprised of students and staff with the intention of addressing local organizations and schools," Perry said.

For details about the occupational therapy assistant program or to request a speaker, call Perry at 355-2272.



Portsmouth Mayor Franklin Gerlach, right, has proclaimed April National Occupational Therapy Month. Receiving the proclamation is Cathy Perry, second from right, director of occupational therapy. Looking on are, from left, students Denny Lemaster, Lisa Morris, Shannon Bone and Donna Beavers; Mendy Montavon, occupational therapy assistant program instructor, and student Fonda Alltop. SSU photo

## New director sought for handicapped and special students

By Latricia Sessor  
OA Staff Writer

The search has begun for a new Minority, Handicapped and Special Student Services director to replace Mary Beaumont.

Dr. Paul Crabtree, assistant vice presi-

dent of student affairs and director of counseling and assessment, has been appointed acting director. "We hope to have a new director selected by the end of May," Crabtree said.

Crabtree has extensive experience counseling students with both physical and learning disabilities. He is on the governing board of PILASCO-ROSS which serves the needs of the handicapped and learning disabled in Scioto, Ross, Pike and Lawrence counties.

"We are seeking an individual with a background in counseling, and

providing services for the disabled as well as minorities," Crabtree said.

Applications were being accepted until

April 13. A committee comprised of Crabtree, Jo Linda Powell, Alicia Gray, Gene Beckett, Dan Evans and Latricia Sessor will review the applications, conduct interviews and make a recommendation to the SSU board of trustees.

"I want to reassure students that we will try to maintain the same level of service as before," Crabtree said. He also asked that anyone wish-

ing to help the department or anyone with ideas about ways to improve services contact him at Massie 218 or call him at 355-2251.



Dr. Paul Crabtree

## Coming Events

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# 'Pretty Woman' nothing but fluff

*Prostitute falls in love with executive*

By Jessica Rae Goody  
OA Staff Writer

■ As a result of tour guide expertise, Ward winds up spending the night with Lewis.

-- Jessica Rae Goody

When Edward Lewis, a rich executive who specializes in corporate raiding, meets up with Vivian Ward, a low-class prostitute, on the streets of Hollywood, Ward jumps at the opportunity to make a few bucks.

The movie is *Pretty Woman*. Gere stars as Lewis, while Ward.

Ward's roommate (Amanda Donohoe) just spent the drugs. As a result of this, Ward winds up with Lewis.

The next morning an offer Ward finds use. He agrees to pay her, after some token squabbling, \$3000 to act as his companion during his stay in Beverly Hills.

The remainder of the film shows Ward's transformation from a street urchin to a "real lady"; Gere's evolution from a cold tycoon to a warm fellow-human; and their relationship's change from one that is purely business to one that is totally emotional.

*Pretty Woman* could not have been any more of a traditional ro-



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# PRETTY WOMAN

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-- Jessica Rae Goody

mance story if Barbara Cartland had written it, herself.

It's that age-old story that goes something like this: rich boy meets poor girl, they fall in love, they fight against admitting it, and, finally, they live happily-ever-after.

C'mon, ladies, how many chief executive officers have offered you their hands in marriage recently?

And guys -- when was the last time you took a prostitute on a shopping spree in the middle of Rodeo Drive?

There you go. For a chosen few, fairy tales do exist. Unfortunately, Prince Charming and Cinderella live in Hollywood, and their aliases are Edward Lewis and Vivian Ward.

Obviously, the storyline is a trite one, tried and true on movie screens everywhere. Aside from a poor script, however, there are the acting skills of Gere and Roberts to be considered.

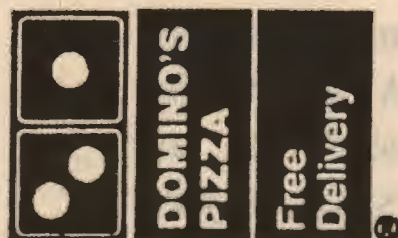
After Gere proved that looks are everything in Hollywood (with performances in *Breathless*, and *American Gigolo*), he apparently decided that a convincing portrayal is unimportant.

Roberts, on the other hand, was convincing. She is a very good actress.

Alas, even Roberts in all her finery (of which *Pretty Woman* is lacking) could not save this film from a most-volatile end.

While *Pretty Woman* may gain popular recognition, it is not one that will become a movie classic, nor one that can be recommended.

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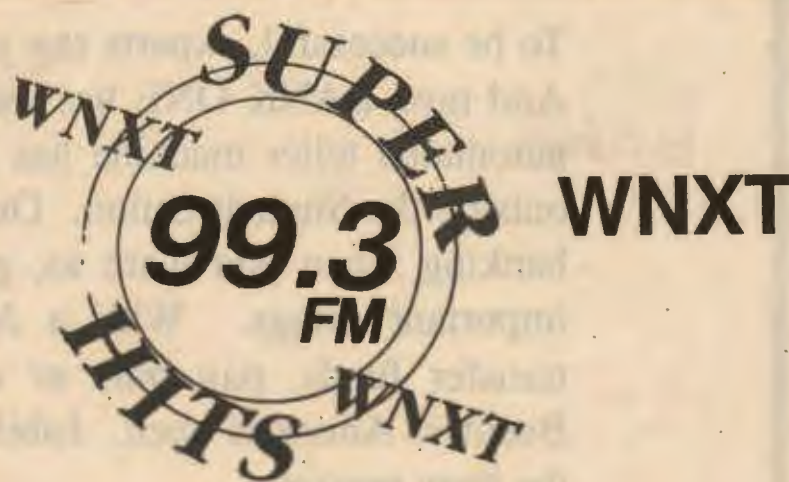
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