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# The Open Air

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-- Tecumseh, Shawnee chief, 1810

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## Job fair offers opportunities for employment

Opportunities for job seekers will abound in the SSU activities center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, as the office of career planning and placement hosts the 1990 Business and Engineering Job Fair.

The fair will feature employers interviewing students, accepting resumes and offering information.

"Not only is this an excellent opportunity for those students who will be graduating this summer," said Tom Davidson, director of career planning and placement, "but freshmen and sophomores will also find this fair excellent for information about career possibilities."

Davidson said he hopes to continue expanding the areas covered by the various job fairs. "For the first time, we have invited representatives from the graduate schools at Marshall

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-- Tom Davidson

University, Morehead State University and Ohio University to set up displays on the opportunities available through master-level studies at their schools.

"We think this offers our students one more option for the future. Our goal is to continue expanding each job fair to give SSU students the best possible career information available."

Displays scheduled on the mezzanine are

the Ohio Department of Administrative Services; Ohio Bureau of Employment Services; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Steer Enterprises, Incorporated; Kelley Services; Southern Ohio Correctional Facility; Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; Navistar International Corporation; and Ohio Power Company.

Contact the office of planning and placement at 355-2233 for further details on the job fair.

## BUSINESS AND ENGINEERING JOB FAIR '90

## Bear Care Health Fair features fitness walk

SSU Bear Care



A Bear Care Health Fair will be held on the SSU campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 1.

The fair will feature information stations and a two-mile fitness walk from campus to Alexandria Point Park and back.

According to Dr. Paul Crabtree, chairman of the Southern Ohio Council on Health Services, a cooperative effort between SSU and U.S.

Health Corporation of Southern Ohio, the fair will give community members exciting health information.

"The Bear Care Health Fair follows the council's trend of offering information-oriented events which welcome participation from the community and from SSU's faculty, staff and students," Crabtree said.

"We hope this will be a carefree event which serves as a reference for those people interested in mental and physical fitness."

In addition to the fitness walk, the fair will offer information booths on

the terrace between the activities center and the commons building.

The booths will cover stress, communicable diseases, health education, occupa-

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tional therapy, physical fitness, respiratory therapy and emotional health.

The first 500 participants to finish the fitness walk and visit all information booths will receive a free Bear Care Health Fair T-shirt.

For additional details on the fair, call 355-2511.

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# Ohio Power contributes \$25,000 to SSU's capital campaign

*Initial goals met but campaign continues*

"Crossing the Threshold," SSU's capital campaign, has received a pledge of \$25,000 from Ohio Power Company in Portsmouth.

SSU's campaign has already surpassed its goal of \$2 million and has received more than \$2.3 million in cash, equipment and pledges.

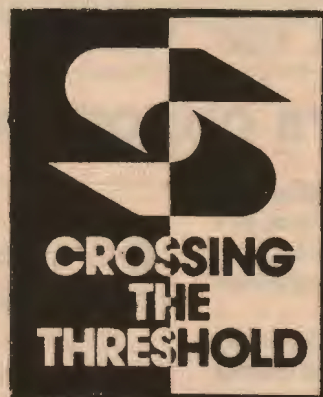
"Ohio Power is a strong supporter of the educational system throughout its service territory, so it is natural that we would want to support SSU, Ohio's newest university," said Lenzie Hedrick, Ohio Power division manager.

"We have not earmarked our gift for any specific purpose, because we would trust the people who are administering this fund to

apply it to the best use for the SSU's needs."

"We are extremely pleased that the community has recognized that this drive is not finished," said Robert E. Dever, general chairman of the campaign. "Once again, I thank the generous people of Ohio Power for their commitment to SSU and the Portsmouth area."

Funds from "Crossing the Threshold" will be used for endowment and capital projects. Endowment purposes include



financial aid for students, endowed faculty chairs and professorships, and resources for faculty development.

Capital projects under consideration include a planetarium, a greenhouse and within the new library, a curriculum resource center, a graphics laboratory, a media classroom, and several pieces of high technology equipment.

Hedrick said the community is just beginning to feel the impact of SSU's step from commu-

nity college to university. "I think the creation of university status for SSU is probably the single most important event that has taken place since I've been in Portsmouth," he said.

"The university is tremendously important to the community, because not only will it provide employment opportunities, but it will also attract young, bright people to the area. Hopefully, some of those students will remain in the area and become good citizens."

Hedrick said SSU is a part of this community and so is Ohio Power. "I hope that we both will be around for a very long time. We feel very good to have been able to participate in SSU's development."

# Art instructor moderates panel of experts at national conference

Phillip Gearheart, associate professor of art, moderated a panel presentation, "Third World Ceramic Development," at the annual conference of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts.

The convention, which was attended by

more than 2,000 ceramics professionals from around the world, was held in Cincinnati, March 21-24.

Gearheart's presentation was one of four major events at the convention. Other panelists included Professor Roy Sieber, associ-

ate director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art in Washington, and Clare Brett Smith, president of the Aid to Artisans Foundation.

In his opening, Gearheart said the current developing nations' leaders yearn for western industrialization, technology and style, but the same leaders also push the best and brightest craftspeople west and the traditional artist backward.

"This is the stage. Our role is to react to this morality play — morality in the truest sense," Gearheart said.

"How do we, as non-intrusively as possible, find the grace, style and wisdom to save

the best of the old, build on the beautiful foundations of an often glorious past, and keep our moral balance at the same time. We are not helping our 'little brown brothers,' we are trying to prop up together our sagging world."

Along with Kate Kerr, founder of Acorn Studios, Gearheart has spent parts of the last two summers in Indonesia offering technical and marketing assistance to traditional artists. The husband and wife consulting team hope to build a self-sufficient ceramics industry in the village of Kasongan, central Java, Indonesia, he said.

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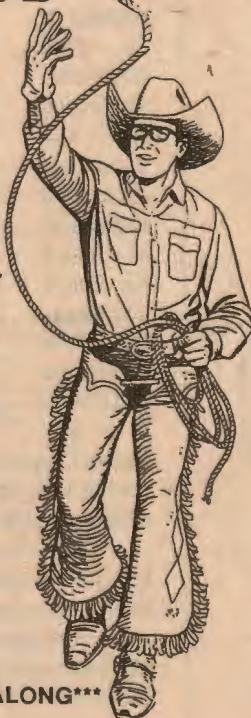
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### Admission to law school a dream come true for SSU student

*Science major to attend Capitol Law School in Columbus*

By Latricia Sessor  
OA Staff Writer

Many people have dreams which too often remain just dreams. What seemed a dream is beginning to come true for SSU social science major Gary Billiter.

Billiter has been accepted at Capitol Law School in Columbus. "It is like my ultimate dream is finally going to come true," he said. "This is equivalent to owning a Ferrari."

Billiter will be graduating, with SSU's other first bachelor's degree students, in June. He will finish his course work in summer quarter. He said he will probably take keyboarding since he doesn't know how to type.

Billiter was born in West Virginia and moved to Sciotoville when he was four years old. Except for service in the Marine Corps, he has lived in Scioto County since then. He is married and has two children.

Before returning to SSU in March 1988, he was a police officer for the village of New Boston and later was a Portsmouth police

officer.

Ever since he returned to school, Billiter and his wife, Kathie, have made plans for him to attend law school.

Gaining admittance to law school is not as easy as it may seem, he said. Not only are students' grade point averages important, they must score well on the Law School Admittance Test, a series of four, 45-minute tests.



Gary Billiter OA photo by Darren Harbert

Of a possible score of 48, Billiter scored 34. This score ranked him in the top one-third nationally, he said. Law schools do a criminal background check, a credit check and scrutinize an applicant's background carefully before accepting a student.

A spokesman for Capitol said 10 percent of each class have tried more than once to be accepted. "I was really surprised that

I was accepted on my first try," Billiter said.

"I was a little worried, with SSU being a new university, that they might hold it against me. But they didn't," Billiter said.

Attending Capitol will not be easy for Billiter and his family. He will have to live in Columbus while his wife and children will

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-- Dr. Paul Crabtree

remain in Sciotoville. "We discussed moving to Columbus, but decided it would be better for the children to have the security of their friends, family and home," he said.

Billiter will only be able to come home every other weekend or possibly only one weekend a month. "We have all discussed this opportunity and have decided that my finishing law school will benefit not only me but the whole family."

Billiter said he was excited about attending Capitol for several reasons. "They graduate over 90 percent of the students they admit and 86 percent of their students pass the bar on their first attempt," he said. Billiter also liked the small class size Capitol offers.

Billiter said he has been preparing himself for law school by taking 20 credit hours each quarter. "The faculty at SSU has really encouraged me to reach for my goals. Dr. (Mark) Mirabello, Dr. (Paul) Crabtree, Dr. Ted Strickland and (Attorney) Paul Fowler have been especially inspirational and encouraging."

The SSU faculty returns that respect. "Gary is a student that always became involved in the education process," Crabtree said.

"His goals and ambitions changed, from

law enforcement to law school, but his determination to be the best he could be never did. I'm proud of his hard work, determination and acceptance into law school. It has been very rewarding to see his progress and development."

"I am proud to be one of SSU's first (bachelor's degree) graduates," Billiter said. "I believe more and more people will see SSU as a viable alternative to Marshall University or the University of Kentucky as time goes by. SSU is like a prophet; never respected in his home town."

Dr. Catherine Roberts, assistant to the SSU president, said, "We are proud of Mr. Billiter's accomplishments, just as we are proud of our other baccalaureate degree students. He is a fine example for his fellow graduates as to what they can accomplish."

Billiter said he plans to work as a law clerk during summers and hopes to one day practice criminal law or work with low-income clients who can't afford an adequate defense.

Billiter has three long years ahead of him before he can actually realize his dream and start practicing law, but his acceptance into law school shows that dreams can become realities for SSU graduates.

### Students tell of apparition

A presentation about Mary, the mother of Jesus, appearing to six children on Apparition Hill in Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, will be given at 3:30 p.m. today in Massie 204.

Five SSU students visited the area dur-

ing the fall quarter of 1989. They will show a video and have a slide presentation of their pilgrimage to the Yugoslavian village. There will be a question and answer time, with handouts available telling of the apparition.

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## Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed at SSU April 29-30

Part of a memorial quilt made up of panels with the names of people who have died from AIDS will be displayed in SSU's activities center April 29 and 30.

Eight of the approximately 12,000 panels that make up the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed from noon

to 4 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. Sponsored by the Southern Ohio AIDS Task Force and SSU, the exhibition is intended to offer a serious educational experience about the AIDS epidemic, according to Susan Warsaw, SSU director of community relations.

She said the two sponsors are requesting that local ministers conduct a sermon on Sunday that will teach compassion and love for people with AIDS.

She also said the Task Force hopes local congregations will attend the exhibition.

In October 1989 the quilt was displayed

in Washington D.C. and the 10,848 panels in the quilt at that time covered 14 acres of the Ellipse behind the White House.

Sections of the quilt, which has been gathering names since 1985, are currently being shown in regional displays throughout the world.

## Ohio's teachers given opportunity to teach in Japan

Graduates of Ohio's universities and current teachers will be able to spend a year teaching English in Japanese public schools under a new exchange program being coordinated by Ohio University.

Barry Emberlin, associate director of OU's program for intensive English, said up to 11

Ohioans will be able to participate in 1990-91 and more than 100 will participate in 1992.

Participants will teach in the Saitama Prefecture in Japan, north of Tokyo.

Emberlin said the program will promote mutual understanding between Japanese and

American cultures and will improve the exposure to English language for students in Saitama's public schools.

Teachers will be assigned to work with a Japanese teacher teaching English to junior high school students. Approximately 800 secondary schools are in the Saitama prefecture.

Teachers must have a bachelor's degree from an Ohio institution or currently be teaching in an Ohio public school system to

be considered for the one-year, renewable positions.

The teachers must have studied or be willing to study, language techniques used to teach English as a foreign language.

Applications must be in by May 5. Teachers selected will begin work in Japan Aug. 1.

For details on the teaching program, contact Emberlin at (614) 593-4578 or write OPIE/Saitama Project, 201 Gordy Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

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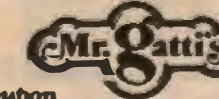
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## Veri challenges GED graduates

*Says college success possible*

GED preparation graduates were challenged to continue their education and to join other GED certificate holders who have earned 4.0 grade point averages at SSU.



Veri  
list.

Dr. Clive C. Veri, SSU president, said former General Educational Development program participants Delores Askew and Stella Tucker are SSU students who have been named to the fall quarter president's

The GED preparation program honored 28 winter quarter students at an awards and recognition ceremony on March 23 in Massie Theatre.

"A mind is too precious to waste," Veri said. "And that you dared to dream of a new job, a better job, and a high quality of life for you and your families indicates that you knew from the start that everything is possible when you have an education."

Judith Whitt of the day program was honored as GED student of the quarter. She was recognized by Barbara Bradbury, GED preparation program coordinator, as the student who demonstrated outstanding dedication and the ability to overcome obstacles during completion of the program.

Students receiving certificates for completing the day program were Janet Andrews, George Broughton, Paul Conley, Jerry Conley, Peggy Cullen, Beverly Fannin, Lisa

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Harris, Ruby Keeton.

Also Barbara Kent, Bill Leslie, Shirley McKenzie, Kenneth Middleton, Ralph Middleton, Stella Pennington, Sonya Pennington, Alan Phelps, Rose Rowland and Whitt.

Graduates of the night program were Deborah Evans, Misty Gee, Johnny Jarrells, Gerald Justice, Patricia McClurg, Johnny Newsome, Tommie Queen, Carl Scott, Karen Shepherd, and Darrell Taylor.

Receiving awards for receiving the highest grade in the GED's five study areas from the day program were Leslie, math; Whitt, science; Sonya Pennington, reading and writing; and Cullen, social studies.

Evening program recipients were Gee, math; Justice, math; Queen, science and reading; Justice, social studies; and McClurg, writing.

Day students receiving most-improved awards were Fannin, math; Cullen, science; Middleton, reading; and Andrews, social studies and writing.

Evening recipients were Jarrells, math

and writing; McClurg, science; and Queen, reading and social studies.

Nine students received recognition for perfect attendance during the 10-week course. They were Cullen, Fannin, Keeton, Kenneth Middleton, Ralph Middleton, Stella Pennington, Whitt, Justice and McClurg.

At the conclusion of the program, Veri, board of trustees chairman William Reinhardt, student trustee Joyce Odle and GED teacher Jackie Evans, presented each graduate and member of the platform party with blue and silver SSU lapel pins.

Tony Johnson was honored for receiving the ninth highest GED test score since the inception of the GED and BASICS programs at SSU. Johnson will have his name inscribed on a permanent honor roll plaque in the learning center.

SSU offers the GED preparation program four times a year. It is funded by Community Action Organization and the Private Industry Council.

Contact Bradbury at 355-2298 for more details.

## Coming Events

**The Open Air staff meeting**  
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**Spring Music Festival**  
7:30 p.m. Thursday  
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**International Film Series**  
Yaaba (African)  
6 to 10 p.m. May 2  
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**Very Special Arts Program**  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4  
Activities Center  
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While this event focuses people's attention on these problems for one day, conservation needs to be a year-long concern, according to the celebration's sponsors who say there are a number of ways the individual

can act in an environmentally-conscious manner.

Suggestions for conservation include:

- \* Run clotheswasher or dishwasher only when full.
- \* Dry clothes on clothesline.
- \* Use a toilet dam to reduce water use.
- \* Plant trees.
- \* Turn down heat when not at home.

\* Water lawns in the morning to avoid evaporation.

- \* Recycle everything possible.
- \* Take showers instead of baths.
- \* Do not use plastic or plastic foam-type articles.
- \* Spend money wisely. Vote environmentally by purchasing recyclable items from companies that act in a responsible manner.

## Assistants needed to work at Very Special Arts Fair

Snacks will be provided for volunteers for the Very Special Arts Program being held at 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the activities center on May 4.

The theme is "A Medieval Renaissance Fair" and 300 students with disabilities are expected to attend from grades one through six.

Volunteers are needed to assist children at the art stations and to provide assistance

**■ Snacks will be provided for volunteers for the Very Special Arts Program ...**

for the professional performing artists who will be at the event.

A meeting for all volunteers will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in the activities center on May 3.

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To help Shergold participate in the competition, send cards to Craig Shergold, c/o Childrens Wish Foundation, 32 Perimeter Center E, Atlanta, Ga. 30340.

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## Campus Capsules

### Kiwanis offers scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club scholarship. The scholarship provides \$1,000 over a two-year period.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a graduating senior residing, and attending a high school, in Scioto County and must rank scholastically in the top one-third of the class.

The student also must be interested in pursuing a degree from SSU.

Applications are available from high school guidance counselors and the SSU financial aid office.

Renewal of the scholarship for the second year is determined by the scholastic and personal standing of the student after one full year of attendance.

Winners will be required to maintain a 2.25 minimum grade point average.

### Cheerleaders to meet

An organizational meeting for men or women interested in trying out for SSU cheerleader will be 4:30 p.m. May 1 in the activities center.

Lois Rase, cheerleader adviser, said current cheerleaders will present three workshops during the week following the meeting and prior to the May 8 tryout. SSU cheerleaders must perform two cheers, two jumps, a back hand-spring and the SSU fight song.

For details about cheerleading, call Rase at 355-2269 or 574-8131.

## BUSINESS AND ENGINEERING JOB FAIR

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# Strong women seek to unravel mystery

*Mystical pieces alter two women's lives*

By Jessica Rae Goody  
OA Staff Writer

In her first novel *The Eight*, Katherine Neville weaves a tale of two strong women — Catherine Velis, United States, 1971, and Mireille de Remy, France, 1790. She tells how the courses of their lives are forever altered by the mystical pieces which comprise the "Montglane Chess Service."

The story begins in France, 1790, during the French Revolution, at the Abbey of Montglane.

The sisters of the convent, including Mireille de Remy and her cousin, Valentine, are about to go their separate ways. For a chosen few, they will take with them various pieces of the Montglane Chess Service.

It is their duty to bury these pieces throughout the world, so as to prevent the unification of the set.

The Montglane Chess Service was originally a gift presented to Charlemagne, by the Moors. This, however, was no ordinary chess set, for within the squares of the board and the movement of its pieces, lay the mathematical equation which could unite or destroy the whole of mankind.

As wars were started and lives were ended in the pursuit of this service, it was the duty of Montglane's nuns, who had come into possession of the set, to see that the power buried within the game be diluted, and then separated. How Mireille copes with that duty com-

■ Making colorful guest appearances throughout this book are Napoleon, Marat, Plato, Muammar Khaddafi and many other famous people.

-- Jessica Rae Goody

prises half of the book. The other half tells the tale of Catherine Velis, computer whiz in modern New York, and how she becomes a player in the real-life game of chess.

It describes the mad race for tactical supremacy, as pawns (who happen to be people) are thoughtlessly sacrificed for the capture of a queen or the check-mate of a king.

Making colorful guest appearances throughout this book are Napoleon, Marat, Plato, Muammar Khaddafi and many other famous people. Neville displays sheer genius as she intertwines fictitious tales with historic events.

Delivering one cryptic riddle after another, she challenges the reader to solve the puzzles of the M.C.S. before Mireille and Catherine.

From wandering gypsies to political giants to obscure computer wizards, in *The Eight*, Neville gives us one of the better researched and written novels of 1990.

## SOLO to host annual benefit gala at SOMACC

The Southern Ohio Light Opera Guild will host the second annual benefit gala on April 27 at the Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center.

The benefit will feature a champagne buffet beginning at 7 in the evening, with a satirical opera presentation featuring soloists from Southern Ohio Light Opera and the SSU choir. Chamber music will be provided by the Dan Boyer String Quartet of the West Virginia Symphony.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Southern Ohio Light

Opera's current season of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Yeomen of the Guard*.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be obtained

from Sandra Wheeler, SOLO Guild chairman at 353-5044, or from John Huston or Shirley Crothers at 355-2212.

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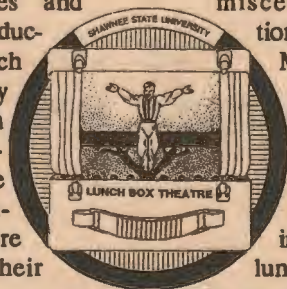
## Lunch Box Theatre

Lunch Box Theatre begins today at noon in Massie Theatre, with drama productions which will never last past 1 p.m.

The student-produced cuttings, scenes, excerpts, monologues and miscellaneous theater productions will be held each Wednesday through May 30. Admission is free and the public is invited. Audience members are invited to bring their lunches to the theater.

For information or suggestions about Lunch Box Theatre, call John Huston at 355-2212 or 355-2618 or Marcia Tackett at 355-2300.

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