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# The Open Air

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## Parking fees for students a possibility for fall quarter

### Lot next to library to be closed

By Robert Gambill  
OA Staff Writer

"We have a severe parking problem here at SSU and it's only going to get worse as time goes on," said Dan Young, director of physical facilities.

Young has several solutions for the parking problem, one of which is charging for parking.

Many students park in the lot west of the library but soon even that space will be off-limits to parking. "In October we plan to rope off the area west of the library due to construction of the new performing arts building," Young said. "That (construction) will begin in November and this will eliminate a substantial amount of parking."

With the amount of parking decreased it also may become more of a problem for the handicapped to find parking.

"Of all the parking on campus currently only five percent is designated as handicapped parking," Young said.

Parking regulations are enforced by issuing tickets. Occasionally vehicles are towed,

Young said.

Chief SSU security officer Lt. Stephen Cooper said, "Of all the vehicles towed, SSU has paid to get all out, except maybe four."

Young has a different story though. "All vehicles that SSU has had towed, we have only paid for one," Young said. "We only paid for that one because we both contrib-

uted to the cause that led to the tow of the car."

SSU is investigating a parking program that is planned for the fall quarter. This program would require mandatory registration of student vehicles at a cost of about \$20 per quarter,

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-- Dan Young

Young said. Once registered, students would be able to park on SSU property, but he said

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## Students not fond of parking regulations

By Anthony L. Estep  
OA Staff Writer

This fall students will be facing new parking problems. Dan Young, director of physical facilities, said he will propose a parking fee program nominally based on the sticker programs in use at Ohio University, Ohio State University and Miami University.

A fee would be paid for a numbered sticker which would allow security to monitor for repeat offenders of violations such as parking in fire lanes, handicapped areas and tow-away zones.

The proposed parking fee hasn't met with much support from SSU students. Chris Kinder, an electro mechanical engineering student said, "They've taken enough from us already."

"You've got a lot of people around here who don't have the money, but I could see maybe \$10 a quarter," said student Tim Hileman. David Lowden, an electro mechanical engineering student is concerned about where the fee would go. "I'd have to know exactly what the money will go for," he said.

Some students such as Joe Willis think the money should be used for sports. "I approve of the fee only if the money goes directly for a future football team, one of the only college sports shown to generate a revenue."

Young said a board is also being considered which would be comprised equally of students and administration. This board would be like a mayor's court where violators and repeat offenders of parking violations would appear to plead their cases, Young said.



SSU security chief Lt. Stephen Cooper, (photo at left) issues a ticket to a car parked in a handicapped parking space behind Massie Hall June 3.

Dan Young, director of physical facilities (photo at right), says a parking fee and enforcement program on SSU parking lots may be instituted for fall quarter.

Photos by Robert Gambill, OA Staff Writer

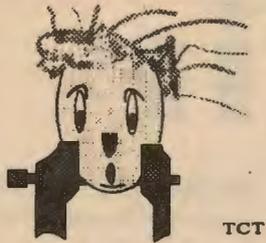


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**Tolerance for others needed on SSU campus**

By Daniel Stewart  
OA Opinion Editor

Accommodation, the spirit of tolerance that enables people of different races, cultures and lifestyles to live together, is one of this country's most basic principles. For example, we are like a family whose members frequently quarrel, and yet somehow stay together.

Because of our diversity the need for accommodation comes up in situation after situation, and in issue after issue. Sadly some of these

**Students must participate if**

By Anthony L. Estep  
OA Staff Writer

Students at SSU complain that their needs and wants are not being met by the administration, faculty, student senate, newspaper or any other people they can think to lay blame on.

First let's look at how students express themselves. One hundred thirty-seven students voted for student senate members. Would you say it was a fair showing at the polls?

At the last open forum, only about 25 students showed up to protest the administration's projected increases. Twenty-five out of more than 3,000 students.

Let's get real. How can you expect to be represented when you don't

**Drop/add procedure causes problems with instructor**

By Sheryl Wolfenbarger  
OA Staff Writer

What is the right way to do the drop/add order? The way I understood it is that if you cannot find the instructor the dean of that college signs and that secretary signs for that instructor.

Well, during one of the last days to drop a class I was witness to a scene in one of the college's offices. A student who works for that office had dropped a class. She couldn't find the instructor so she followed procedure and then left a copy of the drop order at his office. It wasn't

**Is non-utilization of SSU space a waste?**

By Anthony L. Estep  
OA Staff Writer

SSU has 18 meeting rooms on campus. Would students consider failure to use these spaces a waste? When meetings are held at off-campus areas, the cost can be astounding.

First, look at possible costs off campus. Meeting room rentals can run from \$50 to \$450 a day. A room for 100 people for 3 days in a classroom style setting would run about \$650.

Second is audiovisual equipment rental. Off campus an overhead projector is \$25, a screen is \$15, chalkboard \$15, television \$50 and VCR \$50. This can add \$465 to the cost of the meeting.

Third, consider a morning break and afternoon break. Here cost can vary. If the group consumes 8 pots of coffee (\$5 per), 50 cans of soda (\$.65 per) and 8 gallons of juices (\$6.50 per), in three days \$373.50 has been spent on breaks alone.

Fourth is meals. Allow three lunches at about \$6.95 each, two dinners at about \$10.50 each, and two breakfast meals at \$5.25 a head.

A total of \$5,235 on meal costs will have been spent for this short meeting.

Finally, view private room rentals by say 60 of the guests, at an average price of \$65 a double occupancy.

issues divide students on campus.

One of these issues is a smoking area in the university center. Smoking students feel they have no rights as smoking areas on campus decrease. Non-smoking students see no compromise in designating an area in the university center.

Another issue is the equal rights of minority students such as blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans and gays. We all need to live and work together with peace and plenty for all.

**needs to be filled**

participate in student issues or activities. Maybe it's time to wake up. Don't blame problems on others when you won't take the five minutes to vote or 45 minutes to participate in an open forum.

I know what you're thinking. You don't have the time, have to go to class, work, or the best I've heard yet -- need the time to study.

Hey, if I can take the time to sit in on these meetings, why can't you at least make an attempt to do the same.

If you can't take the time to stop and listen, if just for a brief moment, then don't complain about what happens to you, such as tuition raises, added core classes or anything else you may think is wrong.

Just take a second of your time to stop and listen to what's going on around you.

too long after that the instructor came to her place of employment and asked her to come out and when she did he started yelling at her and causing a scene.

I guess the reason I am writing this is to find out what the proper procedure for drop/add is.

Can someone in the administration tell me if this behavior is proper for an instructor and if the student who dropped the class did follow proper procedure?

Entertainment is also a cost: lounge, music, movies. Allow another \$25 for each person staying overnight. Also the cost wouldn't be complete without mileage paid out at 25 miles a day (for the people who don't spend the night) at the going rate of \$.24 a mile. This will all add \$8,700 to the grand total.

And the winning figure is \$14,668.50.

What would this same meeting cost at SSU?

Well, there would be no meeting room charge (at SSU the cost of this rental would be nothing as long as students or administration are the persons using them), no audio-visual equipment charge, no food charge (these people could pay for their own meals at our campus fine-dining facility), no extra mileage (they have to be here anyway).

If 50 of these people live more than 30 miles away, they would need about \$1,625 for double rooms and that should be about it.

The cost would be \$15,000 for meeting off campus compared to \$1,700 for meeting on campus.

Is this a waste? The meeting rooms on campus should be utilized whenever possible -- but also there will be times which are right to have meetings off SSU grounds. These times would only be when all other space is in use and the meeting space of appropriate size cannot be found on campus.

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# Senate receives report on proposed budget changes

By Truman Throckmorton  
OA Copy Editor

Classes will be little changed but many other changes will take place, Shane Ross, the sole student member of SSU's budget committee, told the student senate.

Ross, who will be senate president beginning July 1, told the senate at its regular meeting June 4 that the budget committee has approved changes proposed by the administration to offset expected cuts in state funding.



Ross

"There are only 10 (summer) classes that are affected by this," he said. One class was golf, and most others had low enrollment, he said.

Other changes are being made to conserve energy. "They're going to raise the air conditioning and lower the heat," Ross said.

Cuts will be made in hours worked, including eliminating overtime. "Currently the school operates on \$250,000 overload (overtime) pay," Ross said.

Other changes will affect students more directly. "Presidential and other scholarships are going to be cut this year," Ross said, "including the prison's \$80,000 to \$90,000 scholarships."

Ross said the committee is proposing fees for student parking. "I believe they can raise \$113,000 in parking."

The committee has also prepared a plan for restoring services cut, if income is higher than expected, he said.

His concern, Ross said, is that the first cuts to be restored are for salaries. He said that scholarships, and student equipment and supplies should be restored first.

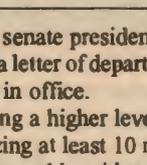
Ross said the budget committee did not vote on the proposal from Dr. Clive Veri, SSU president, but passed it on as submitted.

"There wasn't any chance for me to have any impact in the budget committee meeting," Ross said.

A parking sub-committee had been formed but did not report back to the budget committee, Ross said. "I don't think we ever had a chance to review parking fees."

The senate also discussed allocation of student fees. "The engineering department this year took in \$25,000 in lab fees," Ross said.

He said engineering only used \$2,500. "The other dollars went into the 'big pot.'"



Valentine

Student senate president June Whitt will conclude her term in office June 30. In a letter of departure she outlined some of the accomplishments of her term in office.

- Developing a higher level of professionalism on campus.
- Recognizing at least 10 new clubs over the past year.
- Meeting monthly with an inter-council of clubs and organizations.
- Becoming more active on campus, maintaining senate member office hours, and serving on 30 committees needing student representation.

"I hope that I have taught other leaders a sense of professionalism and a sense of caring so that they may carry on where I have left off," June Whitt.

Compiled by Anthony L. Estep, OA Staff Writer

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-- Shane Ross

He said other department's students don't pay in as much as they use.

Senate vice president Dennis Valentine, who presided at the senate meeting, asked to have time for the senate members to study the new budget proposals.

However, because of the short time until the board of trustees acts, the senate agreed to prepare a letter stating its views for senate president June Whitt to read at the trustees meeting at 3:30 p.m. June 12 in the Selby Board Room in the library.

The senate declined to recommend participation in a Portsmouth Retail Merchants esplanade promotion because of time constraints during exam week.

Fred Chrisman, director of student activities, presented certificates of appreciation to all 1991-92 senate members, who concluded their current term at last week's meeting.

Those members were Jamie Adkins, who earlier served as secretary; Brent Arn; Kevin Ashley, treasurer; Joe Harris, secretary; David Jenkins; John Pack; Ross; Raymond Salzbrun; Valentine and Whitt.



Chrisman

## Campus Capsules

### History prizes awarded

William Holmes, Daniel Stewart and Eileen Bowman were the winners of the second annual Ian B. Cowan Award for outstanding work in historical studies.

The winners were selected on the basis of academic papers submitted to the history department at SSU. Only students who formally applied for the award were eligible.

The award carries a \$100 stipend and is named in honor of the late Dr. Ian B. Cowan of Scotland's University of Glasgow.

The prize money was donated by Dr. Mark L. Mirabello, an assistant professor of history.

### Calculus class offered

The calculus-based physics series, PHYS 211, will be offered fall quarter from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Prerequisites include being enrolled in the first quarter of calculus, MATH 201, or having completed the class.

### Social fraternity to meet

Delta Tau Omega, SSU's social fraternity, will meet at 6 p.m. June 11 in the Ketter Room in the university center.

The meeting is open to all interested students.

### Banquet to be held

The Data Processing Management Association will hold its graduation banquet from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 8 in Micklethwaite Lounge in the university center.

The banquet is being held to recognize the graduating DPMA members and to present awards.

For reservations or more details call Gerald Berry at 355-2358.

## Parking regulations may change in fall

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availability of spaces could not be guaranteed.

If students received a ticket and didn't pay it, their grades could be held and they could be refused registration to the next quarter, Young said.

Young said SSU has no system for towing vehicles and impounding them. "We want to eventually get two to three certified wrecker services for the university, as well as a secured fenced-off area to store the vehicles," Young said. "The vehicles would of course be towed at the owner's expense."

Portsmouth Police Chief Tom Bihl told *The Open Air* that his department could come on campus, if needed. "We can en-

force the parking issue, but only at the request of SSU. The highway patrol can enforce it as well, since the university is state property."

Young has made plans for controlling parking. "I hope to have a three punch system for parking here at SSU," Young said. "One, will be registration of the vehicle. Two will be a monitoring system, keeping track of the vehicles. Three would be a review board."

"This board would be for habitual violators, and consist of at least two people in administration. The repercussion being pay for fines, pay for tow or get kicked out of school."

Young said he is sensitive to the needs of

low-income SSU students and their need for a low-cost education. "You have to look at it in terms of reality," he said. "Our part of the country has a low employment rate. People want to develop skills that make them employable."

Still he said the parking regulations will probably be put into effect and enforced.

"When people realize that this is not a joking matter they will come to respect an identified parking program."

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## Five SSU students to teach in Mexico and Portsmouth during summer

By Alice Kimbler  
OA Editor

A cross-cultural team of five students from Portsmouth and five from Orizaba, Veracruz, Mexico, will be working together teaching the English language to children in Orizaba, and teaching Spanish to children in Portsmouth.

These 10 students will spend four weeks in Mexico and four weeks here living with host families.

Dana Wolery, Cathryn Everidge, Carolyn Everidge, Michelle Adams and Alea Wright are the five SSU students who will be leaving for Mexico on June 15 to teach English to 60 Spanish-speaking orphan girls from four to 12 years of age.

Cathryn Everidge said the main reason she is going is because of the children. "I plan to be a bilingual teacher and I think that teaching them English will help me to understand about second language acquisition," Everidge said.

"And at the end of teaching, each team will have a small presentation with dance, songs and maybe a little drama," said Dr. Julia Coll, vice president of Portsmouth's Sister Cities Committee for Higher Education Activities.

Five Spanish-speaking students will come to Portsmouth on July 15 with SSU's group to teach Spanish to children at the West End Day Care Center for four weeks.

They will be using the whole language approach which is using language in a natural way.

The local sister-cities organization, which is sponsoring the project between Portsmouth and Orizaba, received \$5,000 from the Kellogg Foundation, one of only eight grants awarded in the United States this year. Each student from Orizaba and Portsmouth will receive \$500 to help defray travel costs.

The local Sister Cities governing body which developed the program includes SSU members Emily Gulker, an associate professor of speech; Gloria Horsley, a secretary in student support services; Dr. Gene Beckett, director of developmental education; and Coll, an associate professor of Spanish. R.L. Mohl is also a member.

The main objective from the Kellogg Foundation is that youth from both countries develop the skills of working together in solving problems.

It will not all be work for SSU students. They will have recreational social activities including a trip to the Cacaxlla Pyramids in Tlaxcala, which is two to three hours away; La Malinche and La Trinidad Volcanoes; Charreada (country festival of bulls and horses); and will visit Xalapa Anthropological Museum and the city of Xalapa.

Students will visit Puerto de Veracruz, Fort of San Juan de Lua, Museum or Revolution and La Antigua where Cortez set out,

and they will visit Puebla and the forts associated with the Battle of "Cinco de Mayo."

Upon the group's return to the Portsmouth area, their tours and socializing will be under the direction of the host families, the Sister Cities organization and the Southland Ohio Tourism Association.

Mohl will coordinate both the enrichment program at West End Day Care and the student's off-duty activities while here.



SSU students Cathryn Everidge, Dana Wolery, Carolyn Everidge, Michelle Adams and Alea Wright who will leave for Orizaba, Mexico on June 15 to teach English to 60 Spanish-speaking girls.

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## Scholarships given to current and future students

Several scholarships have been awarded for current and future students of SSU.

Jennifer Matiz of Portsmouth has been named the recipient of the Gordon M. Freeman Scholarship. Matiz is a graduate of Portsmouth High School.

The scholarship was established by the

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 575 to honor the memory of Freeman, for IBEW members and their immediate families. The award will cover one-third of tuition costs for four years.

Brandy Michele Stringer of Wheelersburg has received the Roger Padron Scholarship. Stringer is a graduate of Wheelersburg High School. The scholarship is a \$500 award donated by Padron, an area businessman. It awards academic excellence and furthers the growth of SSU.

Dana Marsh has been awarded the Heartland of Portsmouth Scholarship. The scholarship is a \$500 award donated by an anonymous donor to be given to a Heartland employee pursuing an associate degree in nursing.

Vicki Larter of Wheelersburg is the re-

ipient of the William and Patricia Richards Health Career Scholarship. The \$1,100 scholarship was established by the Richards in 1985 as one of SSU's first academic awards and is annually presented to a student pursuing a degree from the College of Health Science.

John T. Schmidt of Batavia and Gennie Kennard of Jackson have been awarded \$1,000 Southern Ohio Excellence Scholarships.

The \$500 Central Ohio Excellence Scholarships were awarded to Elonda Collins of Chillicothe, Susan Sollars of Bourneville, Leslie Mae Smith of Circleville, Meredith Weatherhead of Bainbridge and Krista Wooten of Chillicothe. Brett Mueller of Defiance was awarded the \$600 Northwest Ohio Excellence Scholarship.

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# Plastics technology class canoe project a success

By Robert Gambill  
OA Staff Writer

It floats!

The plastics technology class built and successfully launched its canoe in the James A. Rhodes Sports Center pool on June 2.

The canoe, created as a project for the thermosetting processes class, floated upright.

Three of its creators, Gene Payne, Andy Runyon and Jason McClintic rode in the canoe.

"The canoe took about six hours of real time to fabricate," said instructor Roger Scherer. "Once it has the reinforcement ribs installed it could last as long as 30 to 40 years."

"We would like to have built more, maybe even as many as six but we didn't have enough materials," said student Jody Alston.

■ 'Once it has the reinforcement ribs installed it could last as long as 30 to 40 years.'

-- Robert Scherer

"The materials we had were donated by Lilly Industries, Owens Illinois, Southern Ohio Boat Sales, and Cincinnati Fiberglass, to name a few," Scherer said. "In actual dollars this canoe would have cost about \$120 to build, plus of course the cost of the mold."

After the canoe was finished, all the builders drew names from a hat to see who got the canoe, with the win going to Andy Runyon.

John Aliff said jokingly with an ever so slight grin, "We believe Runyon won by questionable circumstances, after all they used his hat to draw the names from."

"Runyon never once questioned the outcome of the ballot he just sort of grinned knowingly," Aliff said.

The builders also included students Chris Pratt, Paul Bapst, Scott White and Travis Merry.

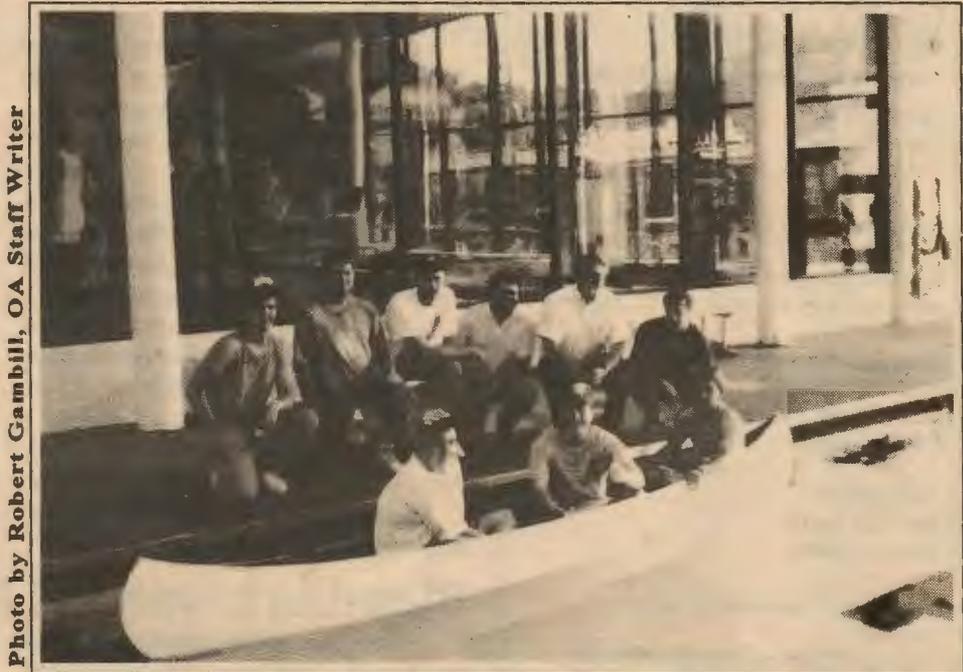


Photo by Robert Gambill, OA Staff Writer

Members of the plastics technology class successfully launched a canoe built by the class June 2. Shown are students (in canoe) Gene Payne, Andy Runyon and Jason McClintic. Behind the canoe are Scott White, Chris Pratt, Paul Bapst, John Aliff, Roger Scherer and Jody Alston

# Television news helicopter lands at SSU to report on election



A WBNS-TV Eyewitness News helicopter brought the Channel 10 news team from Columbus to cover the election night news conference of Congressman Bob McEwen. The helicopter landed behind Celeron Square on the SSU campus June 2.

By Alice Kimbler  
OA Editor

Photo by Alice Kimbler, OA Editor

The WBNS-TV Eyewitness News crew from Columbus landed by helicopter behind Celeron Square at 7:30 p.m., June 2. As it flew by the window of the fourth floor of Massie Hall, excitement was in the air, especially when it began to land.

The helicopter was expected to arrive at 8:30 p.m. according to security guard Dave Throckmorton, but, it reached SSU grounds an hour early.

The trip from Columbus to Portsmouth took approximately 45 to 50 minutes according to Terry Ault, the helicopter pilot.

Ault brought Channel 10 television crew members Keith Cate, who is weekend anchor and daily reporter during the week, and Jeff Scheerer, photographer and videographer for WBNS-TV news.

Upon arrival, Cate and Scheerer with their equipment, were transported to the

Ramada Inn by Throckmorton while Ault stood guard over his helicopter.

The mission of the crew was to interview Congressman Bob McEwen about the primary election at his campaign headquarters in the Ramada Inn.

Ault owns the helicopter and has been employed by Channel 10 News since 1979. He said he is on call 24 hours a day. Channel 10 covers the news mostly in Ohio, the tri-state area and Pennsylvania.

SKY CAM was written in large letters on the side of the silver-gray colored helicopter. The helicopter is large enough to carry four passengers and one pilot.

The helicopter has a television channel camera that Ault operates using all the equipment while working with the producer, he said.

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**Congressman to face recount in 6th District race**

By Alice Kimbler  
OA Editor

Congressman Bob McEwen of Hillsboro appeared at his campaign headquarters at the Portsmouth Ramada Inn on June 2 with a look of triumph even though a long night of waiting had just begun.

McEwen and his wife Liz stepped from an elevator to join friends and supporters at approximately 8:30 p.m. for what they hoped would be an election evening celebration.

Several television newsmen from the tri-state greeted them with recorders, cameras and videorecorders. WBNS-TV 10 Eyewitness News, Columbus, arrived in a SKYCAM helicopter, landing behind Celeron Square on SSU's campus at 7:30 p.m.

McEwen had been predicted to be an easy winner in the June 2 Republican pri-

mary, but Congressman Clarence Miller of Lancaster, a representative whose district has been merged with McEwen's, gave McEwen the fight of his life in the Republican nomination for 6th District representative to Congress.

McEwen won the Republican primary by only 269 votes, which will make it necessary for a recount.

The count gave McEwen 32,986 votes and Miller 32,717.

McEwen, who had 166 checks held in the Congressional banking scandal, and had travelled to foreign countries at taxpayer's expense, was reminded of these transgressions by Miller during the campaign.

McEwen said he had no knowledge of the overdrafts, as his monthly bank state-

ments always showed positive balances. He blamed much of the problem on the Democratic majority's management of the bank, according to Roger K. Lowe, with the Dispatch Washington Bureau.

Miller had no overdrafts. He has said one factor causing him to run against McEwen was McEwen's large number of overdrafts.

Scioto County Republican voters responded with 4,399 votes for McEwen and 1,509 votes for Miller.

Eugene Brañstool, Democratic party chairman, said it was best for their campaign if McEwen did win.

Democrats from Scioto County voted 5,361 for Dr. Ted Strickland, an SSU instructor; 739 for Bob Smith of Sciotoville; and 1,098 for Joseph Sulzer, Chillicothe mayor.

**Members needed for student programming board**

Applications are being accepted for eight members for SSU's new student programming board.

The board is being formed as a result of the special events committee and the cultural affairs committee being combined.

The board will plan and implement extracurricular activities both on and off cam-

pus.

Board members may be either full or part-time students beginning fall quarter and must be available during the summer for meetings.

Interested students should submit a letter of application by 5 p.m. June 24 to the

university center administrative office.

The letter should include student's major, current campus clubs and organizations in which they are active, telephone, address, reason for wanting to serve and past experience.

All applicants will be notified after June 29 as to the status of their applications.

**Plaque to honor deceased student**



A ceremony to honor Leigh Craft, an SSU student who was killed in an automobile accident, will be held at noon June 9 in the Flohr Lecture Hall. The department of disability services is planning the service to acknowledge Craft's academic accomplishments. Craft would have been the first blind and deaf student to graduate from SSU. A plaque, "Graduates with Differing Abilities," is being established in Craft's honor. Tim Culver, coordinator of the GED program of which Craft was a former student, has renamed the GED student of the quarter award to the Leigh Craft Memorial Award.

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## Aliens come with goodwill -- but learn to lie

### Science fiction novel worth reading

By Daniel Stewart  
OA Opinion Editor

Toby Johnson acquires respect as a writer. His science fiction novel *Secret Matter* published by Lavender Press is a fairly good book.

The story is promising: A group of aliens come to earth proclaiming goodwill. They communicate emotion by involuntary changes in their skin color. As a result they are incapable of lying.

While on earth they take drugs to suppress the color changes so that earthlings will not be able to "read" their real feelings. Then in an ingenious twist, they realize that they can now deceive each other for the first time. The experience of dishonesty begins to drive them insane.

As intriguing as the story is, Johnson is far too vague with his characters. Readers are frequently being

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-- Daniel Stewart

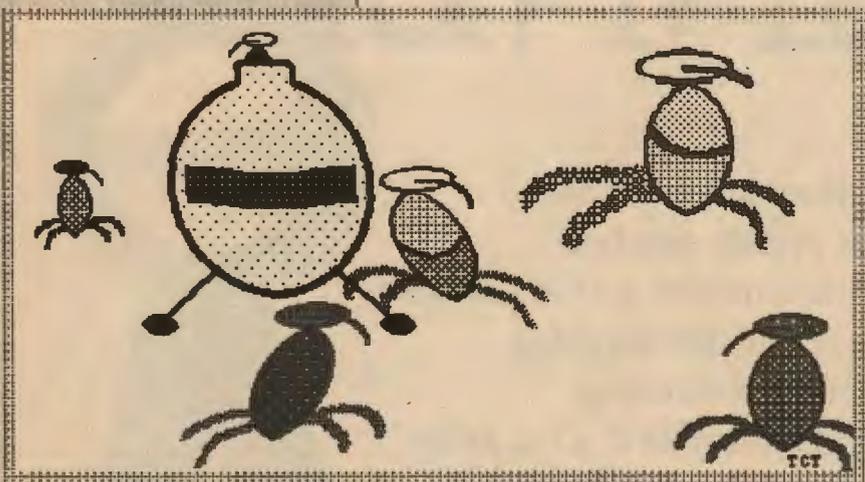
told "he was angry," "he felt romantic," or "he acted obediently," without being shown the twisted mouth, the lingering gaze or the submissive stoop of his shoulders.

If the characters are presented properly, the emotions need not be stated. Readers will be feeling it for themselves.

At one point Johnson says that Joel (a central character) was being "marvelously funny." Again, that tells readers nothing. Funny could be anything from Gary Shandling to Doris Day; from Beetle Bailey to Tristram Shandy. If Johnson wants to show a character is funny, the wit has to be heard. Readers have to experience the humor for themselves.

*Secret Matter* is a good book. After all, it won a Lambda literary award. The story is interesting and its message important. Despite its flaws, its readers will enjoy an unusual experience.

# Secret Matter



## Newlyweds suffer -- from Ireland to America

By Stephanie Wright  
OA Staff Writer

America -- land of the free, home of the brave and a place built on dreams. This is just what Shannon and Joseph had -- a dream.

The film *Far and Away*, directed by Ron Howard, features newlyweds Nicole Kidman (as Shannon) and Tom Cruise (as Joseph). It is set in the 1890s in Ireland and the United States.

Joseph's family rents land in Ireland on the coastline. The Irish renters rebel against the landowner and Joseph's father is killed. The landowner's collectors arrive at the funeral of the father demanding payment. They then set fire to the house, prompting Joseph to seek revenge.

Joseph arrives at the landowner's estate and meets Shannon, the landowner's daughter. Several accidents befall Joseph and eventually he leaves the estate with Shannon, bound for America.

The two of them, while striving for the money to get to Oklahoma where land is given away, fall in love. The only snag is that Shannon is engaged to one of her father's collectors. Therefore, her fiance and her family come to America to search for Shannon.

Shannon and Joseph suffer many tragedies, the worst being that Shannon is shot. Joseph takes her to her family and leaves her.

It all comes all right in the end. They meet again in Oklahoma in the race for land. She pledges her love to Joseph on the land he wins for her.

## Movie a lesson in classic cop killing -- with a sense of humor

By Anthony L. Estep  
OA Staff Writer

*Lethal Weapon III* has to be a contender for the top three movies of 1992. This is the classic movie showing good cops hunting down the bad cop and blowing him to pieces with armor piercing bullets.

The action explodes immediately at the start and continues throughout this fine action-packed movie. Danny Glover and Mel Gibson truly play a one-of-a-kind police team.

The movie has tender moments such as in the beginning where Glover saves a stray cat -- but as well faces the issue of gangs and guns.

Humor abounds and resounds. The scene where our hero Martin Riggs (Gibson) compares scars with his latest focus of love: just watching two adults compare scars this way will cause most people to roll with laughter.

A truly moving moment comes when Glover's character is forced to shoot his son's teenage friend in a gang shootout. This is the best example of an unwanted death caused by self defense. I think Glover's portrayal is truly heartfelt and in complete persona with his character.

Joe Pesci's character wants a gun that Leo Getts

character has but this doesn't mean he always gets what he wants. Being a lover of stunts I rate this as a 10 on the reckless scale of driving, falls and fights.

If you plan on seeing a movie this summer your money will be well spent on this thunderous avalanche of humor, action and endearing moments. Do yourself a favor. Have a Coke and a smile and enjoy the continuing story of America's two favorite cops.

### Area singer hits No. 1

Billy Ray Cyrus has become the first Kentuckian to hit No. 1 on *Billboard's* pop album charts.

According to the June 5 *Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader*, Cyrus, 30, a native of Flatwoods in Greenup County, Ky., is the first Kentuckian to achieve the No. 1 status since the rock era began in 1955.

*Some Gave All*, his 2-week-old album, debuted as No. 1 on the country album chart and No. 4 on the pop chart. His single off the album, "Achy Breaky Heart," is No. 1 on the country chart and No. 12 on the pop singles chart.

Cyrus outshines native Kentucky stars such as the Everly Brothers, Dwight Yoakum and the Judds, none of whom achieved No. 1 on release of any of their hit albums.

Compiled by Truman Throckmorton,  
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It is the policy of *The Open Air*, the official student news publication of Shawnee State University, that *The Open Air* has been established as a forum for student expression and a voice in the uninhibited, free and open discussion of issues and ideas.

*The Open Air* will provide full opportunity for students to inquire, question and exchange ideas. Content will reflect all areas of student interest, including topics about which there may be dissent or controversy.

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No student publication, whether nonuniversity-sponsored or officially-sanctioned, will be reviewed by university administrators prior to distribution or withheld from distribution.

The university assumes no liability for the content of any student publication, and urges all student journalists to recognize that with editorial control comes responsibility to follow professional journalism standards.

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- Determine the need for rebuttal comments and opinions and provide space for opposing comments if appropriate in the case of editorials or letters to the editor concerning controversial issues.
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