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Back to School

The Open Air

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Portsmouth, Ohio



This Back to School issue of The Open Air was produced by the summer quarter staff.

Just a word

Today SSU welcomes students to a new year at Ohio's newest university. Students will see many improvements completed in recent years and more just completed or under way.

These buildings and instructional facilities are the fulfillment of a dream of many area citizens, led by President Emeritus Frank Taylor and Ohio House Speaker Vern Riffe.

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Courageous action by Riffe in making our college a university, followed by continued funding, hasn't always endeared our representative to the rest of the state but has been essential to building SSU.

Students, don't let that faith shown by our area leaders be wasted. I know it won't be, as students of all ages make use of the learning opportunities provided to them.

Truman Throckmorton,
OA Editor

Construction greets returning students

By Truman Throckmorton
OA Editor

Students beginning their studies or returning to SSU today will find a much changed campus, with several projects under way or in the final planning stages.

Boone Coleman Construction of West Portsmouth is the general contractor on a project which will route Second Street traffic to Third Street, closing the present Second Street through campus, said Dr. David Gleason, university facilities planner. "They're beginning in the east end of the campus near the Waller Street intersection," he said.

The planner of the \$1.5 million street project was Bob Greytak of E.G.G., Inc. of Fairlawn, Ohio, Gleason said. Howard Miller is construction supervisor.

Gleason said the project will tie

in smoothly with the downtown Portsmouth improvement program which is underway. "There will be a smooth transition between what SSU is doing and what the city is doing," he said.

He said the state approved a final release of funds for the project a few weeks ago.

Nov. 6 has been set for dedication of the addition to the Vern Riffe Advanced Technology Center.

Gleason said the building is basically finished. "A few small details must be completed." Students will begin using the building today, he said.

Planning for the long-awaited fine and performing arts center is nearly complete, Gleason said. "Construction plans will be finished this month." He said \$6.7 million of

the estimated \$16 million cost has been appropriated

by the Ohio legislature, but the balance is yet to be approved. "We're looking at it being appropriated in November or December of this year," he said.

He said bids have been received for a physical education center which will connect the activities center and the James A. Rhodes Sports Center.

That project is on hold, Gleason said. He said when the bids were opened in June they were higher than anticipated on the \$1.8 million project and additional funds are being sought.

■ 'We're redoing the master plan.'

- Dr. David Gleason

The project as planned will contain classrooms, offices, locker rooms, a dance studio and exercise classrooms.

Other projects under way include work on both the inside and outside of Massie Hall. A greenhouse will be built on the southeast corner of the building, he said. "The project will be under construction sometime this fall and should be completed by late winter or early spring."

The \$150,000 project was funded by grants, local donations and SSU Foundation funds, Gleason said.

Changes inside Massie will take place on the basement, first, third and fourth floors. "The third floor will be closed this month as construction will begin on a biology and chemistry lab." That project will take about a year, he said.

A dean's office, computer labs and writing labs will be built on the first floor. Two physics labs and offices will be built on one end of the fourth floor. Some classrooms and the *Open Air* newsroom will remain for the present, Gleason said.

Other changes include closing the old cafeteria in the basement of the Commons building and renovating the space for offices for public relations offices, Gleason said.

He said with the exception of a proposed parking garage, the work underway or in final planning essentially completes the work envisioned on SSU's original master plan.

However, Gleason said other changes are being planned. "We're redoing the master plan," he said.



Photo by Robert Gambill, OA Business Manager

Miss SSU Jenny Kinker waves during the Portsmouth River Days grand parade the afternoon of Sept. 5. The parade celebrated the 30th River Days Festival. Kinker, a sophomore studying elementary education, was selected in competition in the activities center Aug. 1.

2 'Girls' reference for SSU women offends writer

5 Security chief spends weekends on race track

7 Sixties band thrills River Days audience with old hits

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Time for society to recognize women's strengths SSU women are not 'girls'

By Donna Kerecz
OA News Editor

Recently while interviewing New Boston police chief Gary Stone, owner of the new company providing security on campus, he told me he wanted the "girls" at SSU to know the security officers will provide an escort for them to and from their cars.

I enjoyed my talk with Stone and I think he is a nice man. You notice

■ Women are not merely a 'supporting cast' to men. Women have the same abilities as do men.

— Donna Kerecz

I used the word "man" -- I would never call a man a "boy" -- and society would think something was wrong with me if I did.

But for some reason society, even nice and respectable members of society, seems to think it is acceptable and even flattering to call a woman a girl. This is the very type of stereotypes that have made women in the past aspire to be doctors' wives rather than doctors.

We need to start raising our daughters without all these "sex role attitudes," and stopping these patriarchal words for women is one easy place to start.

From the moment of birth, boys and girls are treated differently and society seems to expect something different from women than it does from men. One of the vainest of male beliefs is that women need a big strong male to protect them.

Women are not merely a "supporting cast" to men. Women have the same abilities as do men.

I'm a Native American Cherokee and was raised by a strong woman. In our Cherokee culture women have always been on equal standing with men. They went to war and ran the government just as the men. As a matter of fact, the women were the ones who owned everything.

And I have never even considered acting out the "norm" that men are strong and women are weak. Society is the one to create exaggerated differences in the sexes.

I recently helped friends move and helped the "man of the house" move all the furniture including a stove and refrigerator. He was amazed, and apologized for laughing when I had told him I could help him.

Chief Stone may have not been thinking clearly when he called SSU students' girls, but he and all of society must realize college students are women -- women who can do anything they want to if we start raising our children as individuals based on their capabilities, not as a general group. Simple things like being called a girl when you are a woman is something people should be aware of that can and does hurt a majority of the population.

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Back to School Blues

By Karen Wilson,
OA Staff Writer



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Other forms of verification will be used for letters mailed to The Open Air.

The Open Air welcomes your Letter to the Editor

New security officers to be more professional

Most to be paid minimum wage

By Donna Kerecz
OA News Editor

They're drill sergeants -- they're highway patrol officers -- NO -- they're the new security enforcement officers from Work Stone Security, Inc.

Work Stone, owned and operated by New Boston police chief Gary Stone, has received the security contract from SSU, replacing Veterans, Inc.

"We have new uniforms that give us a more professional look," Stone said. "We're hoping to employ more female security officers and I'm requiring our officers to have at least 450 hours of police academy training."

Lt. Stephen Cooper, security supervisor formerly with Veterans, agreed that Work Stone was more professional. Cooper said the dress code, public relations and training are strict, which he believes is good.

"We must go through the exact training that police officers do -- we are certified police officers," Cooper said. "Overall it's just a much more professional atmosphere. He (Stone) is making frequent inspections as well as myself."

Cooper said he wasn't automatically hired by Work Stone after Veterans lost their contract. "I had to go through an interview process. I was offered the same position and I was glad to accept it. I'd rather

work than draw unemployment."

But not all of Veterans' former employees were as eager as Cooper to be employed by Work Stone. Former Veterans security officer Sgt.

lous, I'd be going backwards," he said. "I could work at McDonald's for minimum wage and at least have insurance, paid holidays and a vacation -- all of which

■ 'For a person to go to school as long as I have and then be asked to work for minimum wage is ridiculous ...' - David Throckmorton

his employees to make more money but he wants them to earn their pay increases."

Cooper did not agree with Throckmorton's presumption that he could attain more from McDonald's than from either Veterans or Work Stone. Cooper said with both security companies a paid vacation was given after the first 15 months and if security enforcement officers work on a holiday they are paid time and a half.

The *Open Air* learned, from a source who wished to not be identified, that Work Stone's contract bid was for \$6.40 per hour. The source said of this hourly rate of pay, Work Stone would have to pay for the officer's hourly

wages, liability insurance and uniforms.

However, Stone was enthusiastic about his contract with SSU. Stone said SSU is his largest contract and he wants to please everyone from the administration down to the students. He said he wants to install suggestion boxes and is open for any ideas.

Cooper said he believes the suggestion box is a great idea. "The suggestions have always been left up to me and I run out of ideas."

Stone said he would provide an escort service on campus. "I want to get buttons for the girls to wear that say an escort service will be provided by security."

When asked what he thought about the escort buttons Cooper laughed and said, "It will help, some females and some males need an escort. Sometimes the males have been threatened by someone so we walk them to their car. It's our job. We are here to help."

Stone and Cooper said they want students to call if they need an escort or have any suggestions. They can be reached at 355-2232 or 353-7560.

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Lt. Stephen Cooper, former security supervisor with Veterans Security, has accepted a similar position with Work Stone Security, the new security contractor at SSU. Cooper said the new dress code, public relations and training are strict, which he believes is good. "We must go through the exact training that police officers do -- we are certified police officers," Cooper said.

David Throckmorton said he was offered a job by Stone. He said he thinks Stone is a good man but believes his skills are worth more than minimum wages.

"Hey, I'm not a kid living with my parents, I'm a man with a family and I can't work for minimum wage," Throckmorton said.

"For a person to go to school as long as I have and then be asked to work for minimum wage is ridicu-

lous, we would receive none of as a security enforcement officer for Work Stone."

Cooper said the pay reduction is justified. "The reason for reduced wages is simple. Chief Stone wants

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SSU students and staff busy during summer quarter

The summer at SSU from the pages of the Open Air:

- In the June 17 issue, the board of trustees approved increased tuition and fees coupled with reduced services. The board also approved a smoke-free university center.

- The July 6 issue told of a student senate open forum brainstorming session, headed by Shane

Ross, student senate president. Senate members wanted students to know who senate members were and have senate members work more closely with students.

Truman Throckmorton, veteran Open Air staff member, presented retiring Open Air editor Alice Kimbler a plaque for serving longer than any other Open Air editor.

German language classes were offered in conjunction with the Sister Cities program. The classes were for beginners and advanced students and were taught by professors from Portsmouth's sister city Zittau, Germany.

The SSU chapter of the National Association of Legal Assistants elected officers, headed by Mae Hughes, president.

- The Native Circle protested the excavation of the Newark (Ohio) Earthworks at Greenlawn Cemetery in the July 20 issue.

A free speech area was proposed to be built so students could speak their minds freely in public without fear of slander charges or other forms of retaliation upon the speaker.

Dr. Ted Strickland, professor of psychology, will be running for the Sixth District seat in Congress this fall. Strickland sees the bank overdrafts as an issue and pledges to put

the people first.

Ar Tyr Ar planned its first Loki Day (joke day) where no one would be considered safe from pranks and jokes all over campus. Ar Tyr Ar sponsors said they would not be biased in who they picked to annoy.

- In the Aug. 3 issue, the board of trustees voted an administration pay increase of four percent with only trustee Verna Riffe casting a dissenting vote. SSU president Dr. Clive Veri said staff and faculty had previously received raises and the administrators also deserved raises in fairness to them. A task force report on quality, productivity and costs brought strong reactions from the Shawnee Education Association and representatives of workers at SSU.

The SOLO summer productions were hits.

- Jenny Kinker, an education major, was elected the new Miss SSU, highlighted on the cover of the Aug. 17 issue. First runner-up went to Brandy Michelle Stringer, a pre-law student. Second runner-up was awarded to student Jennifer Conley. Contestants were scored on talent, evening gown, swimsuit and a personal interview.

The top 10 salaries of SSU administrators who received raises were

published, ranging from a high of \$91,806 up from \$88,270, to \$59,668 up from \$57,373.

A recycling program was planned to be in operation before the beginning of fall quarter.

Ar Tyr Ar had its first off-campus get together at Robbie's in Huntington.

- The 30th annual Portsmouth River Days Festival schedule was highlighted in the Aug. 31 issue.

Budget cuts forced the theater department to lose John Huston as its director.

Area ninth and eight graders visited SSU in the program S.M.A.R.T. (science, mathematics and associated technologies), sponsored by Martin Marietta to increase interest in those fields.

SSU received its largest scholarship bequest in its history in the names of Dr. Galen S. Besco and David G. Besco. Mrs. Zella Besco, who died May 6, 1991, established the scholarships in honor of her husband and son.

The board of trustees designated short-time SSU students to alumni status. Before this decision was made, a student had to be a graduate to be considered SSU alumni, the board said.

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Security chief has second life on race track

By Robert Gambill
OA Business Manager

Most of the people around campus know him as SSU's security chief Lt. Stephen Cooper, mild mannered security officer by day but when the weekend comes he transforms.

Enter "Stormin' Steve," the brash and at times totally out of control race car driver from Garrison, Ky.

Cooper started racing at the age of 19 at Clay City Raceway in Clay City, Ky. He won his first feature race only two weeks after starting.

He was voted rookie of the year in 1985 and was ranked second in overall

points standing in 1986 by the officials at Clay City.

"Clay City was a one-half mile track and I ran a 1976 Camaro with a 350 cubic inch motor with a four bolt main in a class called True Street," Cooper said.

"You could achieve speeds of 80 plus miles an hour on that track

easily."

Cooper speaks about his scariest experience while racing. "I was racing and another car hit me in the side, it put me up in the air on two wheels. I just knew that I was going to flip but luckily I didn't. When I got hit it broke my tie-rod and sent me careening into the wall."

Coopersaid he hit the wall at about 70 to 75 miles an hour. "I hit so hard it almost knocked me out. I can remember seeing smoke rolling out of the engine compartment, I thought that the car was on fire. Needless to say that I bailed out very quickly."



Photo by Robert Gambill, OA Business Manager

"Stormin' Steve," Cooper, mild mannered security officer by day but when the weekend comes he transforms into a wild race car driver. "I was racing and another car hit me in the side," he says, "it put me up in the air on two wheels. I just knew that I was going to flip but luckily I didn't. When I got hit it broke my tie-rod and sent me careening into the wall."

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— Stephen Cooper

There are a lot of superstitions that go along with racing, Cooper said. "Some drivers carry lucky charms, or anything that they think will bring them luck. Some drivers carry lucky pennies in their wallet, others carry a lucky nickel in their pocket, and I have seen some guys with a piece of ribbon tied to their cars or their flame suits.

"My lucky charm is the number I run on my car which is C-65. My number is very symbolic to me. The C is for my last name and the 65 is the year I was born. Racing is a lot tougher than people think so the lucky charms can't hurt."

He has an ultimate goal in racing. "To some day be good enough to run with the pro's maybe even the

Winston Cup series race."

Cooper races as part of the C & C racing team. The other racing member of team, Tim Cushard from Vanceburg, Ky., is owner and driver of T-7, a Pontiac LeMans.

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Veri receives award

Dr. Clive Veri, SSU president, was presented an award as College Administrator of the Year for 1992 by the South Central Ohio District Council of Carpenters and Millwrights.

The award recognized Veri's efforts in helping carpenters of the area stay employed.

Scholarships awarded

Sundee Angel and Patrick Williams have received the 1992-93 \$500 Aristech scholarships.

The award is for students seeking a four-year degree in electrical and computer engineering technology.

Tutors needed

The learning center says it needs more good tutors. Current SSU students can be tutors. Students may tutor courses they have received an A or B in. They must also have faculty approval to tutor the subject.

Tutoring is done in the learning center. Tutors receive minimum wage. Tutors are needed for accounting, biology, chemistry, English, history, math and other subjects.

For details see Marian Fischels in the learning center or call 355-2499.

Volunteers needed

Students volunteers are needed for Volley Rock '92, a volleyball and concert to be held near Celeron Square Sept. 26.

Students may contact any senate member or call 355-2320 for details.

Science and engineering graduate school seminar set

A graduate school fair in science and engineering will be held Oct. 3 in Argonne, Ill. with approximately 140 school representatives in attendance, including faculty from the University of Illinois, Princeton University, Yale University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, Georgian Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology and Carnegie-Mellon University.

Last year more than 650 undergraduate science and engineering

majors attended Argonne National Laboratory's Fourth Annual Graduate School Fair in Science and Engineering.

Students talked with faculty representatives from more than 145 graduate school programs in the U.S., said a release from the laboratory.

Fields represented include chemistry, physics, biology, computer science, engineering and mathematics.

Topics include how to prepare

for graduate school, how to choose a graduate school, financial support available and career opportunities. Participants may take tours of Argonne research facilities.

The release said enrollments in science and engineering graduate programs have declined over the last two decades. The percentages of bachelor's degree holders in these fields who attain doctorates have fallen from 12 percent to approximately six percent.

Projections indicate this decline,

combined with the increasing demand for highly trained scientists and engineers, will lead to serious worker shortages in the 1990s, the release said.

The fair is open to any college student.

For further details or a list of the university representatives attending the fair write or call Christine O'Brien, Division of Educational Programs, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Ill. 60439-4845, 708 252-9378.

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- Oct. 20 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 12 2:45 p.m.
- Nov. 18 10:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m.
- Dec. 7 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 19 10:30 a.m.
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- Feb. 19 2:45 p.m.
- March 6 10:30 a.m.
- March 10 10:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m.

For additional details call Dale Taylor, coordinator of student academic assessment services, in the learning center at 355-2430

Abbreviations of buildings on campus as used by registrar

- ACT activities center
- ALH health sciences
- ARTANX art annex
- ATC advanced technology center, includes Vern Riffe Bldg.
- B/Abusiness annex
- BUS business
- COM Commons
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Vogues transport River Days audience to 1960s

By Stephanie Wright
QA Staff Writer

H.G. Wells masterfully described a time machine and on Sept. 4 I entered that time machine. Transported back to the era of the mid-1960s, I became completely involved in the music of the Vogues, featured at the activities center.

The Vogues include singers Terry Brightbill, Royce Taylor and Stan Elich, and band members Jeff Knapp (keyboards), Gary Schaeffer (bass guitar) and Beth Brightbill (drums). Marty

Koffler coordinated the sounds using high-quality technological equipment.



The Vogues

The Vogues repertoire of songs include Book of Love, Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like a Man, and assorted medleys from artists such as The Beach Boys, The Coasters, The Righteous Brothers and Dion and the Belmonts.

Brightbill, Taylor and Elich had a fabulous rapport with the audience by including them in the songs, joking around and using hilarious props. Elich wore a large foam cowboy hat when they attempted to sing two types of music at the same time -- country AND western. He

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also "played" an inflatable guitar which, at times, had a limp neck.

The concert, sponsored by WPAY and area businesses, was a night full of fun. The proceeds went to the Red Cross to help a worthwhile organization.

Howard Wittenberg, director of the local Red Cross, said the funds raised will be used for several purposes. The most pressing problem currently is Hurricane Andrew, he said. The Red Cross has 500 workers helping to shelter and care for 38,000 people affected by the disaster. The funds will also be used for food, shelter and medical care of single family fire victims and food for donors and supplies for the blood program which provides blood for all local hospitals.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Red Cross may send it to the Red Cross, 1304 Gallia Street or call 354-3293 and may designate what it is to be used for.

Bar band takes over crowd as if playing area on regular basis

By Anthony L. Estep
QA Opinion Editor

After a day of truly grueling weather I think to myself we need some tunes. I once again find myself approaching the now familiar opening to Thompson's on Murray Street in Portsmouth.

Thanks to Sheperd Sound Works, WNXT Live at Sheperds, Jeff Henson of *The Daily Times*, 99.3 Pirate Radio and Thompson's, on Aug. 27 Portsmouth got a look at one of the hottest road bands to come its way.

Rattlebone takes over the crowd as if they had played the area on a regular basis. Patrons are taking one moment of modern driving rock music to a step into the past -- with a timely Doors tribute, beginning with a perfect rendition of L.A. Woman that possesses one's mind, sending them to a place and time long ago where Jim Morrison rules.

Drummer Jamie Foxx, a truly theatrical drummer, is the driving force that propels this band into their music. Bending reality is what the sounds of percussion in this band achieves. Foxx has worked with the Bay City Rollers, Lipstick and a variety of other bands, which has made him a veteran drummer for well over 12 years.

Mr. Front Man himself, Raymond Kirkbride, sets the audience's ears ablaze with vocals that cover generations of different singers, from Steve Tyler, Mick Jagger to today's greats Sebastian Bach and Axl Rose.

The fantasmatic sound on lead guitar can only be attributed to Dale Lutz. Lutz stems forth with sounds that combines the best of all blues, rock, metal, and funk which allows him to cover all the bases in leads as well as backup rhythm.

Playing both lead and rhythm can be taxing upon one's creativity, yet Lutz comes through unscathed in his art form.

Dale Lutz's blistering licks are refined one step further when compounded with the sending sound of bassplayer David Michael. Michael's playing of the fretless bass delivers a needed additive to Rattlebone's driving edge, as well as to the continuing changes of rock music itself.

Michael shows both pride in his form as well

as a thirst for a future that will lead to the domination of rock by bass players of his caliber.

Honky Tonk Angels is the title track to Rattlebone's new album, which seems to have

developed along the same lines as early Black Crow music.

Its based on a Southern Rock background with a rock drive that could lead to a hit if it was to receive more air time from radio stations.

Another torrent tune on *Honky Tonk Angels* has to be *Psychedelic Blue* which pours forth with its beautiful bass parts, and fills in with blues lead licks that are incredible.

The blend in this sound of all the members of Rattlebone draws together a fresh clean sound that can appeal to all that listen to this future hit.

Rattlebone, Milcom Recording Artists, are a mix of time that allows them to bridge the gaps of generations and time as a whole. "Rattlebone is an experience that Portsmouth needs," one source said at Thompson's. The patrons of Thompson's were all filled with party attitude and acceptance of this bands actions and sound. "It's like partying with family seeing Rattlebone." "Like hearing music for the first time."

Take heed Portsmouth, Rattlebone is what SSU students want -- a fresh sound that covers all their needs and wants. Rattlebone receives a 3.0 thumbs up from myself as well as a 3.0 from the crowd. A perfect score for everyone involved and a totally wondrous night out.



David Michael of Rattlebone

Photo by Robert Gambhill

Choir to rehearse

The SSU community choir will begin rehearsals at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in Massie 010. Prospective new members will be interviewed at that time.

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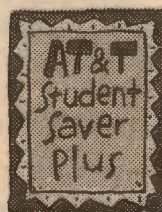
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