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Stan Pearson II of Breathe Diversity will conduct a workshop for black males 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. The workshop is titled "Greatness is tough, but not impossible."

Percussion performance at the Butler

The YSU Percussion Ensemble will perform a Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art on Wednesday.

South Africa forum

There will be a "South Africa After Apartheid" forum as part of African American History Month in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center 6 p.m. Wednesday. Panelists include Robert K. Herbert, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Barbara Nykiel-Herbert, assistant professor of English; Mona Jackson, Michigan State University doctoral student and a YSU graduate; and Mongezi Nkomo, South African activist and founder of Azania Heritage International in Pittsburgh.

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## Taylor resigns his position

Budget and resource director Jeff Taylor resigns after two years of service

By: Bill Rodgers  
NEWS EDITOR

In his two-year stay at Youngstown State University, Jeff Taylor has worked behind the scenes with the university administration, helping them through a round of contract

negotiations and, more recently, on President David Sweet's recommendation that YSU raise tuition six percent next year.

On Friday, Taylor announced that he would be resigning his position at YSU.

Taylor will leave YSU at the beginning of March,

when he will take a controller position at Gannon University in Erie, Pa. As controller, Taylor said he would work with accounting and with outside auditors. He denied rumors of resigning his position due to university turmoil concerning labor-management disputes.

"That's absolutely false," Taylor said. "In fact, I want to be very clear that I enjoyed working at YSU."

Taylor said he applied for the position at Gannon in early December, weeks before the Labor-Management report condemned his supervisor John Haba as being unfit to

serve the university as vice president of administration.

"I have great respect for John," Taylor said.

Taylor said he and his wife grew up near Erie and that his parents still lived there. He cited a desire to be closer to home as the driv-

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## The force is strong in this one



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Shingo Tanaka of Japan demonstrates an offensive move against Niles Martial Arts Institute's Gary Sass during Monday's Kendo Japanese Swordsmanship Demonstration sponsored by Campus Recreation in Andrews Wellness Center. The demonstration was part of Housing and Residence Life's "Living in Gray" Diversity Week, which will continue with several events throughout the week.

## YSU Academic Senate endorses labor report

By: Cheryl Thompson  
DESIGN EDITOR

The Academic Senate unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday supporting the findings of the Labor-Management Review Panel.

The resolution calls for immediate action of the recommendations put forth by the Labor-Management Review Panel.

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez said in his resolution that labor relations will not get any better if the administration ignores the report.

"The labor-management climate on campus cannot reasonably be expected to improve without the full and immediate implementation of the panel's report," Palmer-Fernandez said.

Shipka stressed the importance of the administration acting on all the suggested points. He con-

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SGA

## SGA: Paper and electricity cuts could save YSU money

By: Cheryl Thompson  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

By cutting down on paper use and electricity, Youngstown State University could cut down on operating costs, which in turn could lower tuition, the YSU Student Government Association said Monday.

Shannon Baker, the Tuition and Fees Committee chair, proposed that buildings on campus that leave the lights on 24-hours a day could save the university money by turning off the lights at night.

"I know it might be a security risk to have the buildings completely in the dark, but it could work if only every other floor was lighted," Baker said.

Another possible electrical solution was brought up by Lori Griffin, who proposed the installation of motion sensitive lights, like the ones used in Williamson, so lights would only be on when the building was in use.

Although it was pointed out by John Bkic that the university uses fluorescent lights, which cost very little to operate, Baker said the issue is worth investigating.

"Even if it only saves a little, it still amounts to something," Baker said.

According to Baker, a large money-eater is the university's insistence on using paper to issue bills, parking passes and student employee direct deposit

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YSU

## SADD founder visits campus

By: Steve Lettau  
REPORTER

Bob Anastas was direct with students when telling them why he created Students Against Drunk Driving.

"I lost two of my students to drunk driving four days apart," Anastas said. "After two kids died, I said 'Never again.' It is not a game. There is no instant replay."

That was in 1981 when two Wayland High School students died in separate drunk driving auto accidents. Anastas taught and coached both students. He said he's dedicated himself to spreading the word on the evils of drunk driving ever since.

Anastas delivered that message to Youngstown State University students Friday morning in the DeBartolo Stadium Club. He spoke about his experiences as a teacher and coach at Wayland High School in Mass. The speech was sponsored by YSU's Student Activities and the R.L. Lipton Distribution Company in Boardman.

Anastas founded SADD in 1981. The name changed to Students Against Destructive Decisions in 1997 to broaden the organization's mission.

The problem at Wayland, Anastas said, was the lack of a plan for young students. He said 28 percent of the school sent students to college while most schools in the area were sending 98 percent.

"The only difference was that my stu-

"It's a different ballgame. So many freshman drop out of college because they can't stand the pressure."



Bob Anastas,  
Founder of SADD

dents believed they couldn't get there," Anastas said. "Seventy-five percent of the student population would drink, do drugs, be depressed and not motivated and I said were going to fight this."

Greg Gulas, assistant director of student activities, spent time with Anastas while he was in Youngstown talking to high schools. Gulas called Anastas an "upbeat and sincere" person and believes that many people have been effected by Anastas.

"He's been doing this for 25 years, I'm sure he's changed a life or two," Gulas said. "With so many fraternities and sororities and 150 organizations at YSU, I think we all need to know this message."

Anastas sent another message to the students. He told them to be in the top 25 percent of students instead of the bottom 75 percent that take the easy way out and find excuses. He said students who are partying and drinking instead of studying are in a bad position.

"Let me tell you something, you're going to have the shock of your life when you leave here," Anastas said. "It's a dif-

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ing reason behind his decision to leave YSU.

University spokesperson Ron Cole said Beth Kushner, who headed YSU's budget office from 1998 to 2003, would act as an interim replacement for Taylor until a search for a new budget director could be conducted.

Kushner said she is prepared to handle the job, and that she doesn't expect any "real surprises or obstacles." She did express concern that YSU trustees are waiting until March to finalize next year's tuition. Trustees decided last semester to wait until they had a better estimate of next year's enrollment before deciding on a tuition increase.

"It probably didn't help that the board decided not to finalize tuition. It's a critical piece in putting the budget together," Kushner said.

Habat said that despite "temporary challenges" the university should still be able to respond to budget needs with an interim budget director.

"Whenever you have a key staff person depart, there will be transitional problems... But we're well positioned to quickly respond to university needs," Habat said. Taylor came to YSU from Thiel College in

Greenville, Pa., where he worked for 12 years as the associate vice president. He said he knew private higher education very well due to his professional experience.

Taylor said he felt that the "uncertainty of state support" would be the biggest budget challenge to YSU in coming years. Taylor and the administration cited declining state support and last year's lower enrollment levels as reasons for the six percent tuition increase recommendation.

"Honestly, I've only worked in public education for a couple years. But from people who have been here longer than me, I can tell that there's not a lot of optimism that the funding levels are going to increase. Hopefully they don't decrease any more," Taylor said.

Habat said that he is sorry to see Taylor leave the university. Habat pointed out that Taylor took on additional university responsibilities, such as serving as head staff person of the University Housing Corporation and having the payroll office report to him.

"Jeff is an outstanding finance professional who has always been a tremendous asset to the university. I will miss the contributions he made in many areas of university operations," Habat said.

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tined by saying the Labor Management Review Panel did its part by issuing the report, and now it is up to President Sweet and the Trustees to do theirs by taking action.

"The president created the panel to explore the reasons for last fall's strikes by classified employees and faculty and to develop solutions to the labor-management crisis, which is what we have done," Shipka said. "The administration cannot piecemeal the recommendations," Shipka said, "The strikes ended five months ago and there is still no labor agreement." He added the classified union rejected the contract proposals because they did not reflect the shared interests of the union.

Shipka said that because the members of the Labor-Management Review Panel reached a consensus with the recommendations issued by the report, the administration needed to act on all the suggestions as

soon as possible. "There is no reason to doubt that these individuals had the university's best interests in mind when they signed the report," Shipka said.

Academic Senate member Bruce Waller echoed the proposal's sentiment. "It's high time the report be implemented," Waller said.

Shipka released a report detailing the Special Counsel Fiscal Year Expenditures starting in 2001 up to the 2006 fiscal years.

With 34 grievances from the classified union, Shipka said the university is becoming a cashcow for lawyers.

According to the report, the university spent \$525,000 in legal fees to eight law firms including Amer Cunningham, Baker & Hostetler, Buckingham Doolittle, Dobbins & Henshaw, Kastner, Westman & Wilkins, Manchester Bennett, Perez

& Morris and Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease. The university spent \$11,300 more than they did in FY 2005. FY 2005 totaled \$412,000.

Shipka said he thought that the increased costs of legal fees came at an unfortunate time due to a decrease in state help for colleges and rising tuition.

Other issues addressed in the meeting included reports from the Professional Conduct Committee regarding the Hunter Morrison conflict of interest investigation. Shipka said Morrison denied having ties to outside vendors.

In a separate case, the committee found that nepotism, or favoritism toward a relative, did not apply in regards to a student worker hired in the same department as her parent. The committee said it wasn't nepotism because the student wasn't working directly under the parent.

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slips. Baker said these could all be accessed online.

"We are technologically set back compared to other universities," Baker said.

The committee said the university should stop printing student schedules on the back of bills and university mailings.

"Even the ink used to print the schedules adds up," Baker said.

The committee is still discussing the idea of closing the university down for a week during the winter break, despite initial reports showing the university would lose money instead of gaining it.

A similar practice is in use at the University of Akron. Baker says the committee is trying to get in touch with Akron's SGA to see how they were able to make it work.

"We are working on contacting the University of Akron to see what measures made their university closing feasible and profitable," Baker said.

SGA President Bob McGovern said the committee plans to report its findings to YSU President David Sweet after conducting more research.

In the Student Affairs Committee report, Joe Iesue addressed wireless Internet. Last semester YSU said they aimed to make wireless Internet available in Maag Library by the start of Spring Semester 2006. It is not yet available.

Iesue said Donna Esterly, the interim chief of technology, told him that there were no concrete promises regarding the start of wireless internet, but she is confident that it will be up and

running before mid-term exams.

He also said Esterly told him that said she would rather focus on getting the CUE-Mail system up and running before focusing on Wi-Fi.

Food Service Approximately 485 students responded to the food service surveys sent out last week to see what students would like to see from dining services.

"We got a good mix of students who use meal cards and students that don't use meal cards," Parliamentary Chad Miller said.

Miller said students would like to see healthier options, longer hours and name brands on campus.

"I can see that the desire is there when a student writes Wendy's three times

in capital letters," Miller said. "But none of the four companies investigating the campus have ties to Wendy's."

Miller said nothing is set in stone, but if the campus were to get a Wendy's the prices may be higher and the menu might be limited.

The university will start hearing bids from four dining service companies including AVI, Wood, Chatwell and Sodexo starting Feb. 28.

The university's contract with Sodexo, the university's current dining service company, which operates Noodles, Christman, the Market Place, Jazzman's Café, the Bagel Stop and Corner Café, will end June 1.

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Because he was so gung-ho about soapbox racing, he neglected his chores with the motto of, "I'll do it later." "That Davey kid is on the ball," I was heard to say. Even after constant reminders from his parents and his dog, Davey continued to leave everything a mess. As a result, his sister slipped on oatmeal and hurt her wrist. Davey's dad ended up blowing a tire by driving over a board with a nail sticking out of it, but if you saw how strategically placed that board was, you could tell that it was no "accident." Something bad happened to Davey's mom, but I don't remember what it was. I think maybe she was sent to the post-apocalyptic futures.

As the show progressed, Davey's parents were getting sick of his bullshit, and

since the motto of the show is "turnabout is fair play," they decided to take Davey's stance and not do anything. This seems like a rather complicated solution when grounding and beating are always options, but Davey's parents have a rather Machiavellian air about them. Soon, Davey realized that he was being a real jerk sandwich, and the episode ends with everyone laughing about the fun life lessons that they've learned. After that, the symbol of the Lutheran Church appears with blasting organ music, scaring the crap out of anyone watching.

After the airing of this episode, I witnessed part of another kids show teaching a lesson about Sodom and

Gomorrah. They tried to translate the rule into modern time by basically saying, "Don't piss off God." The best part of the show was when they showed a reenactment of what happened to the ancient cities. The partying that Sodom and Gomorrah did in this version was about as lame as the partying in the music video for "Dancin' in the Street." It was a celebration across the nation, but not once did they ever mention angel sodomy in this episode. Not once.

You know, maybe kids would start being interested in religion if they found

out that The Bible has more perversion than an episode of "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit." But no Mariska Hartigay. sigh She's dreamy.

Bob Mackey's talking dog got so frustrated that it converted to Satanism. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.

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ferent ballgame. So many freshman drop out of college because they can't stand the pressure. You're not prepared to come here."

Interest on the campus of YSU is rising as Mark McConnell, a part time YSU professor who teaches a public relations course, plans starting a SADD chapter. He said about 25 students have expressed interest so far.

"I wanted to give them some real world experience but to also make a difference in our community, to spread it not only at YSU but through local schools as

well," McConnell said. McConnell said that the chapter should be up within a few weeks and should be out before the prom season.

Anastas had one final piece of advice for students who will be applying for their jobs in the near future.

"When you apply for a job and you are sitting in that office, take a look around. If you see that guy who was sleeping when you were partying, take your briefcase and leave. You will never get that job. That's what the real world is going to give you," Anastas said.

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NEWS IN BREIF

Jewish and Islamic study session

A study session, "Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions: The Joseph Story," will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the Trustees Meeting Room of Tod Hall. It will examine the Joseph story as depicted in Jewish and Islamic texts and be led by Mustansir Mir, director of the Center for Islamic Studies, and Helene Sinnreich, director of YSU's Judaic and Holocaust Studies Program.

The session is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to read Genesis chapters 37 and 39 to 46 and the book of Yusuf in the Koran in preparation.

For more information, contact Sinnreich at (330) 941-1603.

Women's scholarships

The deadline for five \$1,000 scholarships from YSU Women's Club is Wednesday, Feb. 5. Eligibility requirements, application forms and other details are available through the Kiltcawley Center Information Desk or by visiting Web sites www.ysu.edu/womensclub/scholarships.shtml or www.ysu.edu/finaid/scholarships.

Black Film Festival

The first film of YSU's 2006 Black Film Festival will be "Crash," shown Tuesday in the Bresnahan Suite of Kiltcawley Center. "Hotel Rwanda" will be shown Thursday, Feb. 16 in the Bresnahan Suites, "Rosewood" will be shown Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the Jones room and "Guess Who's coming to Dinner" will be shown Tuesday Feb. 28 in the Bresnahan Suites.

All films will begin at 6 p.m. The festival is sponsored by the YSU Black Alumni as part of African American History Month.

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OUR SIDE

## With wiretaps, president seemingly above the law

President George W. Bush broke the law. It's as simple as that.

After the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Bush secretly authorized the National Security Agency to wiretap suspected terrorists within the United States, monitoring their phone calls and e-mails without first getting a warrant.

A basic civics course would remind Americans that the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution bars unwarranted searches and seizures by the government.

In addition to basic constitutional restraints, federal law also bars "any electronic surveillance without a court order," as Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican, pointed out Monday.

The committee met Monday to question Attorney General Alberto Gonzales about the president's terrorist surveillance program.

Gonzales, conveniently, was not sworn in under oath.

The attorney general argued that the program is necessary in a time of war, that Bush has authority under the Constitution and that Congress also authorized Bush to wiretap without a warrant with a broad resolution after 9/11.

It may be necessary to act swiftly to combat terrorism, but there is already a law on the books that is essentially a rubber stamp approval for a presidential wiretap.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 created special secret FISA courts that would allow the government to obtain wiretap warrants. The courts were designed to adapt to a faster, more dangerous world, but also allow for checks against civil liberties abuses.

But Bush's NSA terrorist surveillance program has totally ignored these courts.

The secret nature of these warrant-less NSA wiretaps makes it impossible to gauge what exactly the government is doing. They could be completely responsible in their wiretaps, or they could be wiretapping political opponents. There is no way to know. The government is in essence saying, "Trust us."

If there was one thing the Founding Fathers agreed on, it's that the government should never simply be trusted to play by the rules. Checks and balances were instituted to make sure each branch of government was in compliance with both the intent and the letter of the law.

But Bush is denying the check provided by the Judiciary to grant a warrant and he's arguing that Congress already granted him authority to conduct warrant-less searches.

Bush needs to realize that he is not above the law. Just because the president does something does not make it legal. There are perfectly reasonable ways for Bush to obtain a warrant. We suggest he realize that.

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HIS FRIENDS ALIENATED, HIS WIFE HAVING LEFT HIM, AND HIS REPUTATION IN SHAMBLES, IT TOOK GETTING A LECTURE ON RESPONSIBLE DRINKING FROM THE TOWN DRUNK FOR SAM TO ADMIT HE HAD A PROBLEM.

COMMENTARY

## Shades of gray saturate Habat, Chatman controversy

By: Leonard Glenn Crist  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

If there's one lesson worth learning that might actually help you post-graduation, it's this: Nothing is ever black and white.

Shades of gray, though often ignored, saturate all aspects of life.

It's rarely Good versus Evil or Right against Wrong. More often it's Bad versus Worse or Adequate versus Mediocre.

It is important, then, to apply this lesson to the current controversy at Youngstown State University surrounding the Labor-Management Review Panel's report that suggested firing two YSU administrators as a means to ease labor tensions.

The report recommended firing John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration, and Hugh Chatman, YSU's executive director of human resources, because their personalities were incompatible with a healthy labor environment on campus.

By suggesting that YSU fire these two administrators, but none of the faculty and staff personalities involved in the strikes, the panel has placed the entire blame for the labor breakdown on the shoulders of these two men.

Habat and Chatman are wrong and the faculty and staff are right, the report seems to be saying. Yet the report neglects to cite any specific evidence against Habat and Chatman. Nor does the report mention people above Habat and Chatman (YSU President David Sweet and the YSU Board of Trustees) who set the tone for administrative negotiations.

Where is the nuance that is needed in such a recommendation?

A lack of nuance Subsequent comments by panel member Tom Shipka regarding Habat and Chatman have largely reflected a black and white, right and wrong worldview.

"We cannot deal with the process unless we deal with the people who con-

trol it. As the evidence came in, it became clear that the process broke down due to the players," Shipka said at a YSU Trustees meeting in January.

Perhaps Shipka, a professor of philosophy and religious studies, needs to read a bit more of the 19th century philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. Nietzsche argued that to see the real truth of things, one had to look "beyond good and evil."

Shipka seems content to demonize Habat and Chatman, to place all the blame for the strikes on their shoulders.

It makes sense that Shipka would argue in these tones. Good versus evil arguments are easier to understand, they make us feel the world is ordered, that we know what is what. Nuance is too complicated and time consuming for anybody to care about it seems. Nuance makes it harder to demonize people.

As a philosophy professor, Shipka is probably more than aware of this. Yet he continues to sermonize, like a preacher speaking in absolutes: Habat and Chatman are to blame and thus, they must be fired.

It's possible that Habat and Chatman deserve to be fired. But if Habat and Chatman are out the door, Sweet should go right along with them. It is highly unlikely that Sweet was unaware of the actions of his top two negotiators.

Is Sweet to blame? When asked whether Sweet

was ultimately responsible for the actions of Habat and Chatman, labor-management panelist and YSU Provost Robert Herbert was reluctant to answer.

"I'm not very comfortable with the arena of the topic," Herbert said.

He did say, however, that it wasn't just Habat and Chatman's actions during strikes that led to the panel's recommendation.

"For me, the compelling stories were actually very long stories that go back long before the negotiations for this round of contracts began. We heard from many employees who had been on campus for 20 or 30 years and they pointed to issues that had arisen in the past 3 or 4 years on campus in certain areas on campus in administration. I've said elsewhere that the negotiations and the strike were a series of events, and they were really important events but they didn't come out of nowhere," Herbert said.

Funny; the report doesn't mention any of that.

Who wants them fired? There are two main groups of people who are really gunning for Habat and Chatman to be fired.

One group is made up of campus unions, who view Habat and Chatman (and Sweet) as impediments to annual pay raises and cushy benefits packages. Shipka falls into this category.

The second group is made

up of Sweet and the trustees, who need someone to take the heat. You see, Sweet and the trustees laid out how much money the university had to spend way before the strikes. At one point during the strike, Trustee John Pogue issued a statement saying the board of trustees fully supported YSU's administrative negotiating team.

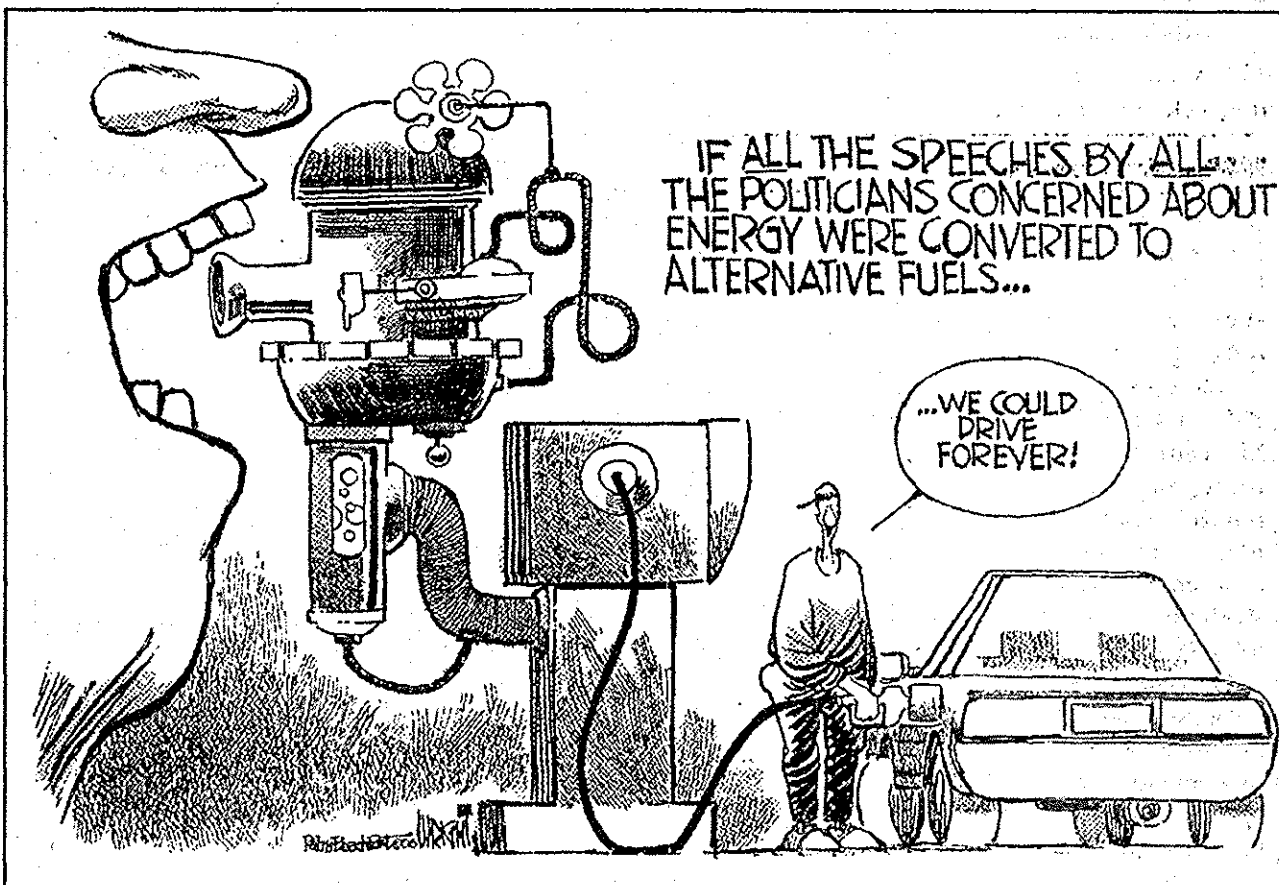
Pogue would later join in the labor panel's recommendation to fire Habat and Chatman. I wonder what changed? I left a message hoping to find out, but Pogue did not return my phone call.

Sweet, of course, wouldn't say a harsh word about his dear friend Habat, but you can bet your bottom dollar that if it push comes to shove, Sweet will forsake his good buddy to save his own ass.

Students, I would suspect, are largely ambivalent about the situation, though perhaps they shouldn't be. If Habat and Chatman are fired, you can bet that the next round of negotiations will go much more smoothly, if only because the faculty and staff will largely get what they want: pay raises. And who pays for pay raises? Students, both with their tuition and tax dollars.

And shades of green, unlike shades of gray, have a tendency to dominate political decision-making.

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# Many freshmen rethink their college choices

By: Adam Fifield  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRI)

After her parents dropped her off at Millersville University in the fall of 2004, freshman Katelyn Penrose settled into her dorm room, unpacked her things — and panicked.

"I realized I was stuck there," said the graduate of Springfield High School in Delaware County, Pa.

Penrose arrived at the rural Lancaster County, Pa., campus on a Saturday. By Monday, she had applied for a transfer. And by Tuesday, she was enrolled at Cabrini College in Radnor, where she is now a sophomore.

"I was shocked" and not a little exasperated, said her father, Jerry.

Penrose was ahead of the curve. It's usually not until this time of year, long after tuition checks have been cashed and teary farewells have been exchanged, that freshmen break the news to their stunned parents:

You know that school I worked so hard to get into? I hate it. I want out.

Call it the freshman churn, the students who bail before sophomore year. Most first-year students stay put, but in every class an antsy minority switches schools, spurred by homesickness, a creepy roommate, social anxiety, geographic shock, or financial or academic concerns. The place is too small, too big, too cold, too remote.

Penrose's about-face wasn't for lack of due diligence. Before enrolling, she spent a night on campus and researched majors. Recruited to play Division II lacrosse, she met the coach and hung out with the players.

"On paper, it all looked so good," said her mother, Patty.

But on the day she moved in, Penrose, who had focused on her athletic prospects, realized how myopic she had been. She felt isolated and untethered on a campus "in the middle of nowhere."

At Drexel University, 20 percent of last year's freshmen did not return for their second year. At Temple University, 16 percent flew the coop. At Lincoln University, about 32 percent transferred, dropped out, or left for another reason.

There are valid reasons to switch schools, but unrealistic expectations about college life or a lack of research often lead students to make that decision before they give their institutions a chance, school officials and counselors say.

Now add an increasingly common phenomenon: Many high school seniors get so caught up in the "trophy hunt" — the mania to get into a brand-name college —

that they fail to search their hearts and honestly assess what they will need to flourish, admissions authorities say.

"What you're trying to do is make a consumer decision about a place where you'll be really happy," said Dodge Johnson, a college admissions consultant in Malvern.

Emotional tumult is normal for freshmen, school officials said.

"You're going through the social transition, the academic transition, and the geographic transition," said Timm Rinehart, Temple University's vice president for enrollment management.

"It can be a shock," Rinehart said. "One of the first reactions is, 'Gee, I should have tried one of the other colleges.'"

Many young people today grew up accustomed to instant gratification, said Mary Stuart Hunter, director of the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina.

They are used to reversing their decisions "without the thought process and the consequences that earlier generations had to deal with," Hunter said. "I think college is probably one more example of that."

The grass-is-always-greener mind-set may be affected by affluence.

"Tons of people ... would give anything for a shot at higher education," said Scott Jaschik, editor of Insidehighered.com and former editor of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"If they could get into a decent college and afford it, they would stick it out no matter how unhappy they were."

To students who immediately plan an exit strategy when things veer off course, Johnson has a warning: Be sure you're not taking an unacknowledged personal problem to your next school.

"Early reactions are often as much what's going on inside of you as what's going on with the school," he said. "My advice to students is to go back and make it work. They made their bed. Let them lie in it for a while."

Allyson Mitchell, a June high school graduate, transferred to Bethlehem's Moravian College after one semester at Bard College.

"I never thought of myself as a conservative person until I went to Bard," said Mitchell, 19, who was put off by coed bathrooms, student protests, and drinking at the Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., campus.

"I'm not much of a partyer," she said.

Mitchell's mother encouraged her to give Bard more time, but ultimately supported her choice.

When she attended Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, "I just kind

of felt that's where I belonged," said Erin Fly-Mitchell, an osteopath in Quakertown. Her daughter's decision "was kind of hard for us at first," she said.

Annalise Berdini always wanted to be a veterinarian — until she began to major in animal science at Cook College at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

To her surprise, the June graduate of Cherry Hill High School West realized after a few courses that "science isn't really my thing." She has applied to the College of New Jersey in Ewing, where she hopes to shunt her major to English education in the fall.

Freshman Evan Goldberg of Gladwyne has already relocated to Temple from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. The campus was too small, he said, and "a lot of the kids were very rich and snobby."

Jessica Riggs of Haddonfield is at St. Joseph's University after one semester at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. She wanted to be near her high school friends, who enrolled in schools closer to home.

College newbies can feel lonely and alienated until they find their niche, said Jenny Sawyer, executive director of admissions for the University of Louisville.

Motivation for a lot of transfers, she said, is "primarily an environmental issue — not enough of a social life, too much of a social life, too small of a town."

The colleges are not blameless, however. Promotional materials and chirpy campus tour guides create false expectations for freshmen, said Jaschik, of Insidehighered.com.

"They get these 'view books' of happy students, and they look on the Web site and see pictures of happy students. And if they visit they're told everyone's happy," he said. They think "I'll just show up, and I'll instantly have a new set of friends, instantly know which way I'm going."

"We really try hard to attract students," Temple's Rinehart said. "And sometimes that makes it hard to meet expectations you're helping to raise."

At Delsea High School in Franklinville, N.J., guidance counselor Deanna Higgins encourages students to visit schools. Brochures and Web sites show "the prettiest of days, the nicest of spots, and nicest-look-

ing people," she tells them.

Still, Higgins said, "a lot of the kids have never laid eyes on" the schools they apply to.

Springfield High School counselor Patricia Rambo, who helped Penrose with her Millersville transfer, wishes the college search involved more introspection. "We look for the schools before we really ask students to take a deep look at themselves," Rambo said.

Last year, Penrose, 19, was among three members of her class to transfer within the first week of school. "These are often some of our most proficient students, our most accomplished athletes, who for the first time hit the wall and don't know what to do," Rambo said.

Such high achievers — and their parents — are increasingly sucked into "a nuclear arms race" where the "best" school is often trumpeted as the right school, said Barmak Nassirian of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

"It serves as a rude awakening when they show up and they realize 'Boy, it never occurred to me this might not be the right place.' ... In my mind, that is the function of really bad counseling," Nassirian said.

Penrose's parents said they wanted their daughter to be happy.

"Friends of ours (who are) parents said, 'I can't believe you didn't make her stay. I can't believe she left so soon,'" Patty Penrose said.

"What would be the point? She wasn't failing me in any way. She was just switching schools."

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Recent and upcoming DVD releases

By: Billy O'Keefe
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

"Doom: Unrated" (UR, 2005, Universal)

Here's the first problem with "Doom" the movie: It's based on a game franchise that, for the most part, lacks any kind of worthwhile storyline...

"Elizabethtown" (PG-13, 2005, Paramount)

Cameron Crowe has blessed us with a brilliant film about a road trip ("Almost Famous") and a similarly inspired movie about a guy who crashes and burns before grandly bouncing back...

(Orlando Bloom) who crashes and burns before bouncing back on a road trip. And you see the first few scenes, which are fantastic, and you'd bet the farm on the 100 minutes that remain...

"Poltergeist: The Legacy: Season 1" (NR, 1995, MGM)

There is a bustling online community of "Poltergeist: The Legacy" fans who bemoaned MGM's seeming refusal to give this cult favorite a second life on DVD...

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February 2 Student Activities: Chris Barnes, Comedian Funny Farm Comedy Club, Kilcawley Center/Peaberry's Café, 11:00am-12:30pm
February 3 Student Activities: 9th Annual Student Leadership Retreat, Kilcawley Center/Ohio Room, 7:30am-2:00pm
February 4-5 Campus Rec: YogaFit Certification, Aerobic Studio, 8:00am - 8:00pm
February 6-10 Housing Program: Diversity Week
February 6 Career and Counseling Services: Undecided? Tips for Choosing a Major, 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
February 7 Career and Counseling Services: Taking Charge of Your Job Search, 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
February 8 Career and Counseling Services: Developing an Effective Resume, 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
February 9 Career and Counseling Services: Effective Interviewing Skills 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
February 10 Campus Rec: Smokeless Program Informational meeting Andrews Meditation Studio, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
February 11 Emerging Leader Program: Core Leadership Workshops: "Foundations of Leadership, Ethics in Leadership, Diversity Issues" 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
February 12 Career and Counseling Services: Pre-select Liberal Arts Interview Day. Doubletree Hotel, Independence, Ohio, 8:30 - 5:00 p.m.
February 13 Campus Rec: Smokeless Program begins, Andrews Meditation Studio, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
February 14 Emerging Leader Program: CLC Workshop: "Sharing the Love- Motivation & Support", 6:30 p.m.
Student Activities: Joe "Jocko the Clown" Sullivan, Kilcawley Center/Lower Arcade, 9:00am-3:00pm
Student Activities: Jodi Fleming Caricature Artist, Kilcawley Center/Lower Arcade, 10:00am-2:00pm

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# Steelers use iron will to add 'One for the Thumb'

By: Mike Bianchi  
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL (KRT)

DETROIT — This is how this story should have ended.

Any other way would not have been right.

Any other conclusion and it would have been like *It's a Wonderful Life* ending with George Bailey actually jumping off the bridge and drowning.

We wanted the Pittsburgh Steelers holding up that trophy.

We needed the Pittsburgh Steelers holding up that trophy.

If the Seattle Seahawks had won, it would have been the stuff of dull documentaries. The Steelers winning was the stuff of fantastic fairytales.

This is how it just had to end:

With the storied Steelers claiming one for the thumb and winning the fifth championship ring in franchise history.

With Coach Bill Cowher transforming that famously jagged jaw of his into a serene and satisfied smile after finally winning a

Super Bowl and validating his career with a 21-10 victory Sunday over the Seahawks.

With Jerome Bettis, the corpulent and captivating Bus, making the trip home and driving off into the Detroit night one final time with a Super Bowl trophy hanging out the window.

"It's been an incredible ride," Bettis said in the postgame celebration. "But I think the Bus's last stop was right here in Detroit."

With that, Bettis thrust the Vince Lombardi Trophy toward the sky, er, roof and soaked in the deafening and delirious roar of the thousands and thousands of Steelers fans who somehow begged, borrowed and beseeched to find tickets to the Super Bowl.

And, most of all, isn't this why the Steelers deserved to win: Because it means so much more to the proletarian people of Pittsburgh.

You should have seen Detroit this past week. Downtown Motown literally turned into a Steel City suburb for Super Bowl Sunday. Ford Field was awash in a swelling ocean

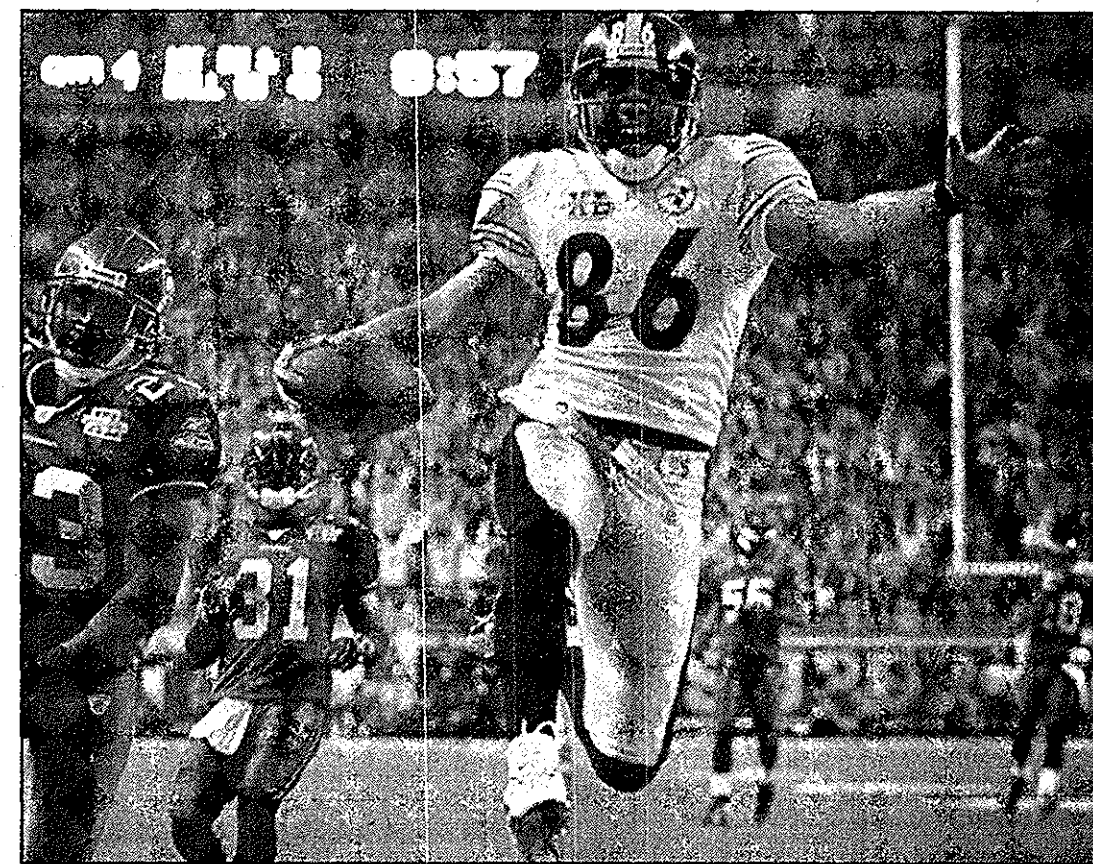
of black-and-gold and a pulsating frenzy of "Terrible Towels." The last time Detroit saw so many towels at a football game, Lions fans were crying into them.

Why did Steelers fans outnumber Seahawks fans by at least 10 to 1? Because football is a major part of who these people are. You can't say the same thing about Seattle. Football is a dedication to the people of Pittsburgh; it is a diversion to the fans of Seattle. You just know some Steelers fans cashed in their kids' college funds to pay the thousands of dollars it takes to get Super Bowl tickets.

Even the officials appeared to be on the Steelers' bandwagon. The weather outside was frightful. Unfortunately, so were some of the officiating calls. Early in the game, Seattle's Darrell Jackson caught a touchdown pass, but it was nullified when he was called for a ticky-tack offensive pass interference. At the end of the first half, the Steelers scored a touchdown when quarterback Ben Roethlisberger appeared to come up short when he dove for the end zone, but one official ruled it a touchdown. I'm not sure, but I think the official's name was Iron City Mike.

It's just as well. The refs were probably just doing their part to preserve public safety. If the Steelers had lost, it would have been the perfect excuse for Detroiters to riot.

And, besides, Pittsburgh's victory wasn't just a victory for the Steelers way; it was a



Pittsburgh Steelers' Hines Ward leaps into the endzone after catching a touchdown pass thrown by teammate Antwaan Randle El in the fourth quarter during the Steelers 21-10 win over the Seahawks at Super Bowl XL in Detroit, Michigan, Sunday, February 5, 2006.

victory for the right way. The Steelers do it the way it should be done. Cowher has the longest tenure of any coach in the NFL, and the Steelers stuck by him during some tough times when other teams might have dumped him. Cowher was born and raised in Pittsburgh and he wins the Pittsburgh way — not by outspending other teams but by outworking and outsmarting them.

Here's a perfect illustration of why the Steelers' way is the best way: Pittsburgh's two Super Bowl stars were wide receiver Hines Ward and running back Willie Parker. Ward, the game MVP, was acquired in the third round

of the draft, the 15th receiver taken, and has become one of the league's dominant wideouts.

Parker, whose 75-yard TD run at the outset of the second half broke the game open and was longest in Super Bowl history, has an even more amazing story. He wasn't even drafted, and the Steelers picked him up off the street last year as a rookie free agent.

Cowher doesn't just know talent; he creates it. He knows how to coach. He knows how to draft. He knows how to motivate. When the Steelers were 7-5 earlier this season, he called the team together and told them the story of

Christopher Columbus.

"Everybody else thought the world was flat," he told his team, "but Christopher Columbus believed it was square."

OK, so Cowher was a little fuzzy on some of his facts. Actually, Christopher Columbus believed the world was round, but Cowher still managed to get his message across. And the Steelers haven't lost since.

"Believe in yourself," Cowher said. "Just like Christopher did."

The Pittsburgh Steelers may not have discovered America on Sunday.

But they gave America the ending it so desperately wanted.

## POLICE BLOTTER

On Feb. 3, a Youngstown State University police officer observed a student resident of Lyden House swaying as he attempted to insert the key in the door, according to the police report. The officer opened the door and saw that the resident, Pernell Hughes, was trying to open the door with his car key, the report stated. The officer stated in the report that he detected a strong alcoholic odor when Hughes spoke and that his clothes were soaked with an unknown liquid and possibly blood. Hughes told police he had been drinking mixed drinks on Illinois Street and after checking his background, YSU police found that he was under drinking age, the report stated. He was transported to the hospital and then issued a summons for disorderly conduct by intoxication, the

report stated.

YSU police were called to a fight in Kilcawley Center outside the Escort Office on Feb. 2. Upon arrival, the officers spoke to Terrance Williams who was found to have numerous trespass warnings and was found to have stolen property, according to the police report. He was arrested for criminal trespassing and receiving stolen property, the report stated.

According to police reports, a YSU police officer was dispatched to Elm Street in front of Kilcawley Center in reference to a black male in dark clothing asking for money. Upon arrival he gave police a false name and said he was trying to find his way back to Briar Hill, the report said. He was issued a trespass warning and advised not to return to YSU, according to the report.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Gaudiose paces offense and leads team

By: Justin Smolkovich  
 SPORTS REPORTER

Following each of her team's 22 games this season — many ending in disappointing losses — women's basketball head coach Tisha Hill asked the same question: Who is going to step up?

Hill's squad has faced a tough Horizon League schedule, constant travel and has had to battle an opponent that never wears a jersey - inexperience. Luckily for Hill, her team has been aided by her veteran cagers, none more important than Kristy Gaudiose.

Gaudiose, a junior guard from nearby Poland, has sparked the ever-evolving project that has been Youngstown State's season. She has paced the Penguins offense the last few weeks, scoring more than 20 points in each of the last two games.

However, Gaudiose's biggest asset this season may come from her examples rather than her clutch shooting.

"It is really important because they need you," Gaudiose said of the importance placed on leadership on a young team. "Coach Hill expects people to pick it up. You sort of fall into that role."

The reason Hill has been stressing increased leadership from her upperclassmen is the amount of inexperienced players dotting the Penguins' roster. Out of the listed 14 players on the roster, six are freshmen. There are also only three seniors.

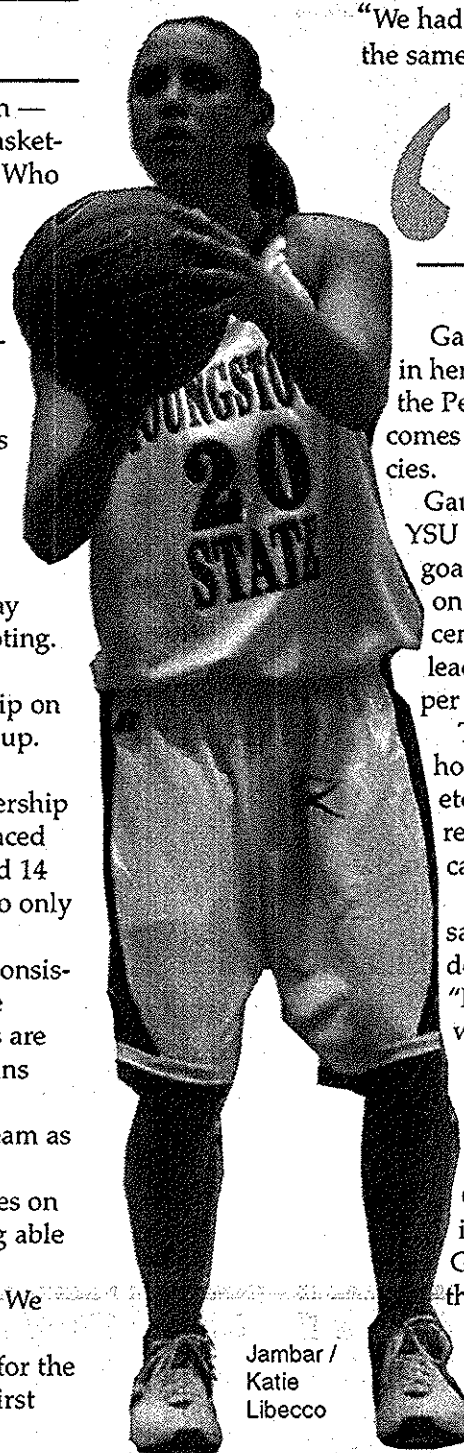
The Penguins, 6-15, have been plagued by the inconsistency expected with youth. Gaudiose, who leads the Penguins with 11.8 points per game, said those days are hopefully long in the rear-view mirror of the Penguins season.

"We had a rough start, but we are not the same team as earlier this season," Gaudiose said.

Gaudiose blames many of those early season losses on an inability to get out of the gate early and not being able to capitalize early in games.

"We have been having trouble starting off strong. We need to start starting off strong," she said.

Starting off strong has been a particular problem for the Penguins, who have been outscored 727-594 in the first half of this season.



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"We had a rough start, but we are not the same team as earlier this season."

Kristy Gaudiose, YSU Junior Guard

Gaudiose has done everything in her ability to try and jump-start the Penguins, which usually comes via her three point tendencies.

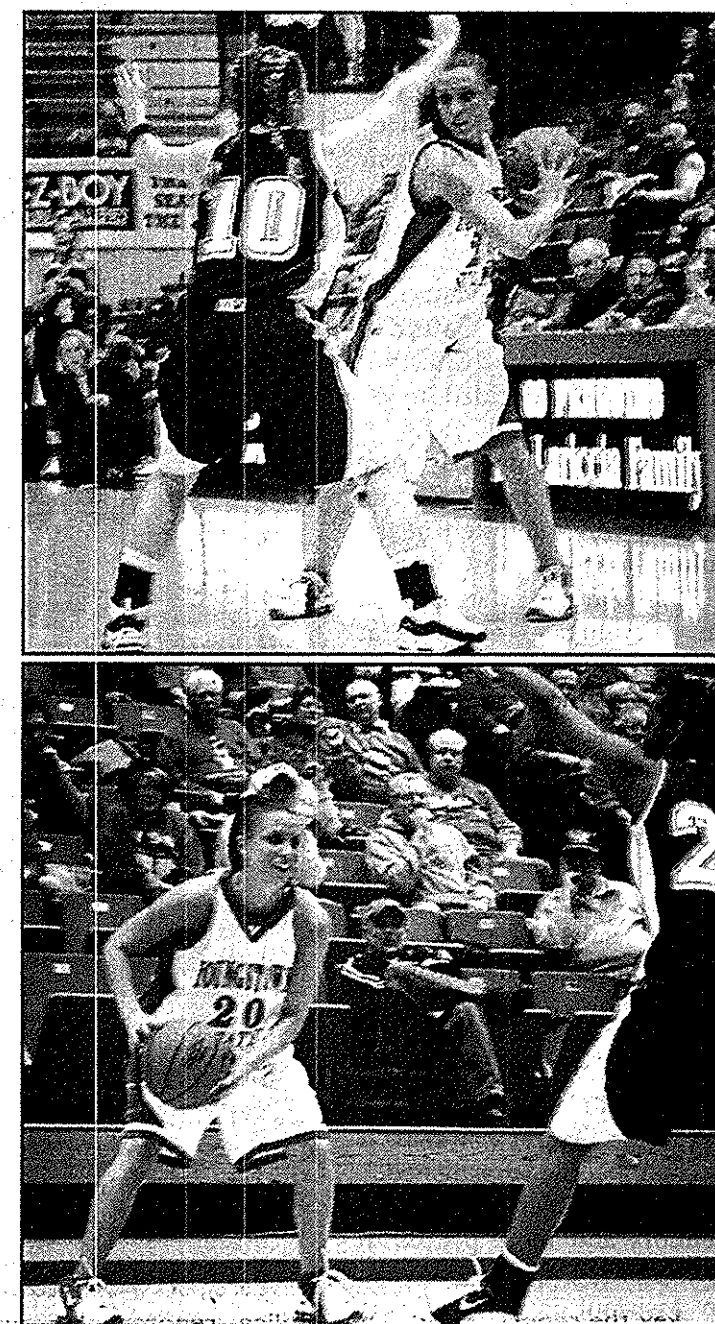
Gaudiose ranks in the top 10 in YSU history in three point field goals, including 46 this season on 136 attempts for a 33 percent average. Gaudiose also leads the Penguins in minutes per game.

The junior said it was an honor to be in the position to etch her name into the YSU record books during her career.

"It is exciting," Gaudiose said of being one of the best deep shooters in YSU history. "It is something everyone wants to be a part of."

As the league tournament nears closer and closer, Hill and Penguins will need the leadership of those like Gaudiose and company, and it isn't a stretch to think that Gaudiose will be ready for the challenge.

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**TOP:** Junior Kristy Gaudiose looks for an open teammate past a defender during Thursday's victory over Butler (71-63.)  
**ABOVE:** Gaudiose looks for a route past a Butler opponent during Thursday's game. She tallied 20 points in the match up.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Men's basketball team suffers disappointing loss

By: Justin Smolkovich  
 SPORTS REPORTER

Following Thursday's loss to the University of Illinois-Chicago, Youngstown State University's men's basketball head coach Jerry Slocum was at a loss for words. But one that did escape his lips was, 'disappointment.'

The 70-63 loss drops the Penguins to 7-14 overall and 4-7 in the Horizon League. It marked their second straight loss.

Slocum said rebounding plagued the Penguins, and attributed the loss partly to the disparity in rebounds. The Flames out-rebounded the Penguins by a tally of 36-23 for the game.

"When you get beat on the boards, it is a problem," Slocum said.

Despite being out rebounded on the night, the Penguins did play close with the Flames who have an equal league mark at 4-7, tying the game on five occasions. The Penguins never led during the contest.

The Penguins showed signs of improvement during the game, but Slocum said errors hurt their game.

"We just didn't have a good basketball I.Q. tonight."

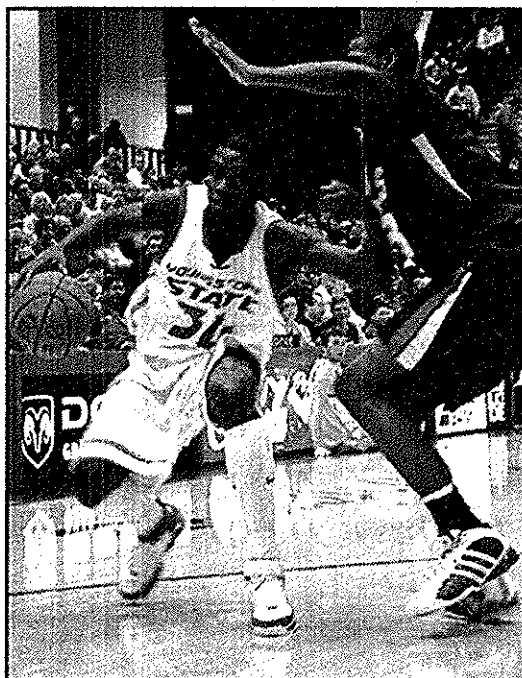
The Penguins committed only seven turnovers on the night, but shooting continued to be a problem in the second half. At the half, the Penguins were shooting a blazing 53 percent from field but dropped to only 45 percent by the time the final horn sounded.

Slocum summed up his team's problems in only one sentence.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well," Slocum said.

While the Penguins did not shoot remarkably well, four Penguins scored in double figures. Keston Roberts led the Penguins with 17, while Derrick Harris added 13; Quin Humphrey chipped in 12 and Dominique Crawford recorded 10.

Despite dropping three of their last four



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Junior guard Keston Roberts sneaks past a defender for a basket during Thursday's loss to University of Illinois-Chicago. Roberts scored 17 points in the game.

games, the Penguins remain optimistic even in the face of constant uphill battles and setbacks.

"This is an ongoing process for us," Slocum said.

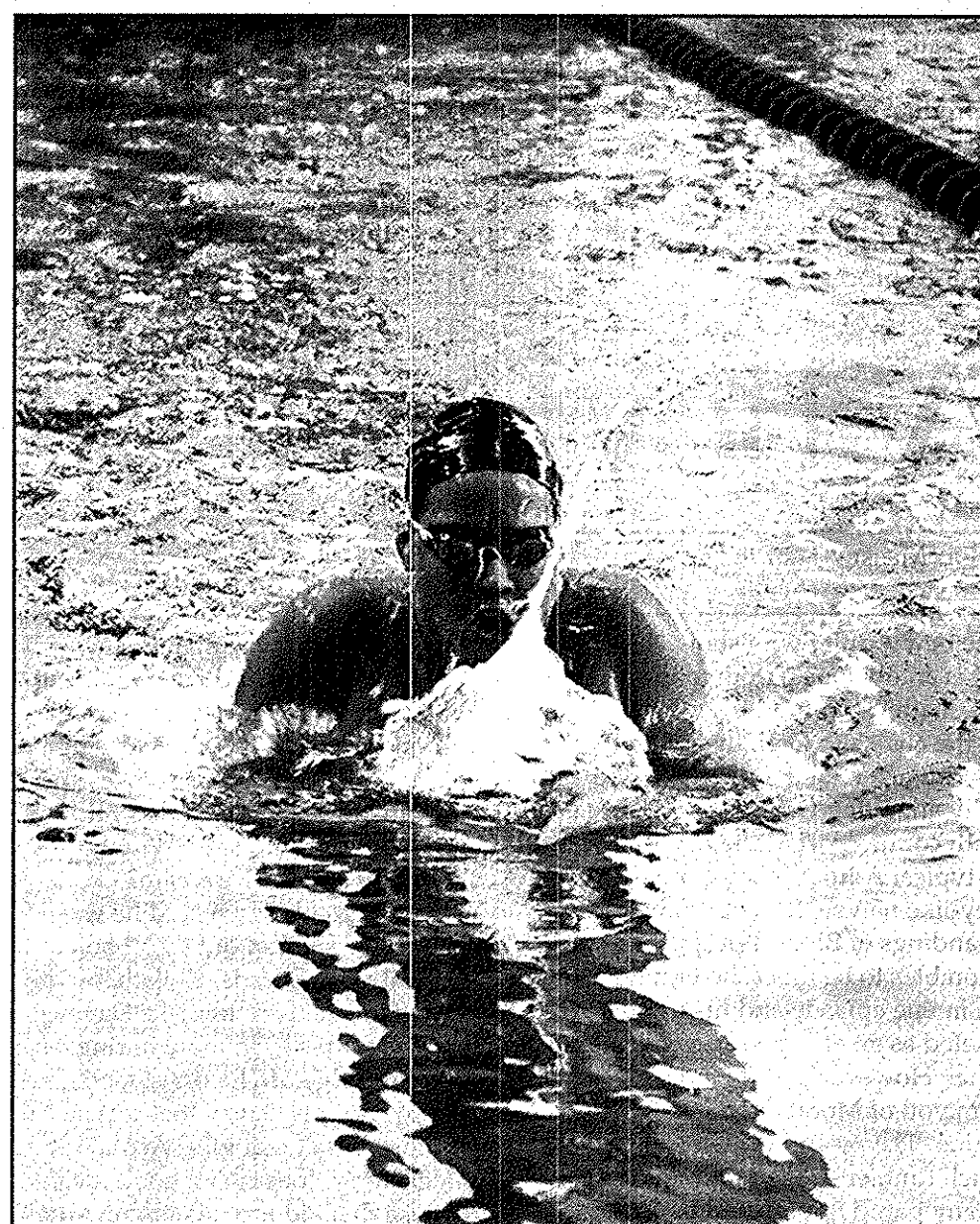
The ongoing process that Slocum mentioned will have one week to regroup and focus before tackling the final six games of the season. Four of the six games will be played on the road before the Horizon League tournament gets underway Feb. 28.

The Penguins resume action Thursday when they travel to UW-Milwaukee, the front-runner in the Horizon League with a conference best 16-6 record. The Penguins dropped an earlier contest to Milwaukee 78-70.

Tip off is set for 8:30 p.m.

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# The Life Aquatic



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Freshman Natasha Bray competes during the swim team's last meet of the regular season, where they fell 123-109 to UIC and 130-97 to Cleveland State. The YSU Diving Invitational will be held 11 a.m. Saturday and the Horizon League Championship will begin Feb. 22 in Cleveland.

CAMPUS DIVERSITY

# Marketplace celebrates African American History

By: Maysoon Abdelrasul  
 FEATURES REPORTER

Melanie Koontz, an employee at Youngstown State University, said she was passing through Kilcawley Center when she heard music coming from the Chestnut Room and she was intrigued.

She remembered hearing about a cultural event that was taking place Saturday afternoon in the Chestnut Room so she decided to go check it out.

"I wasn't completely sure what would be here," Koontz said, "I was interested in the cultural décor for my house."

The African Marketplace, an annual event at Youngstown State University, brings together vendors with artifacts and goods from Africa. It's coordinated by YSU's Africana Studies program.

The director of Africana Studies at YSU, Victor Wan-Tatah, said the African Marketplace is one the most popular attractions of African American History Month.

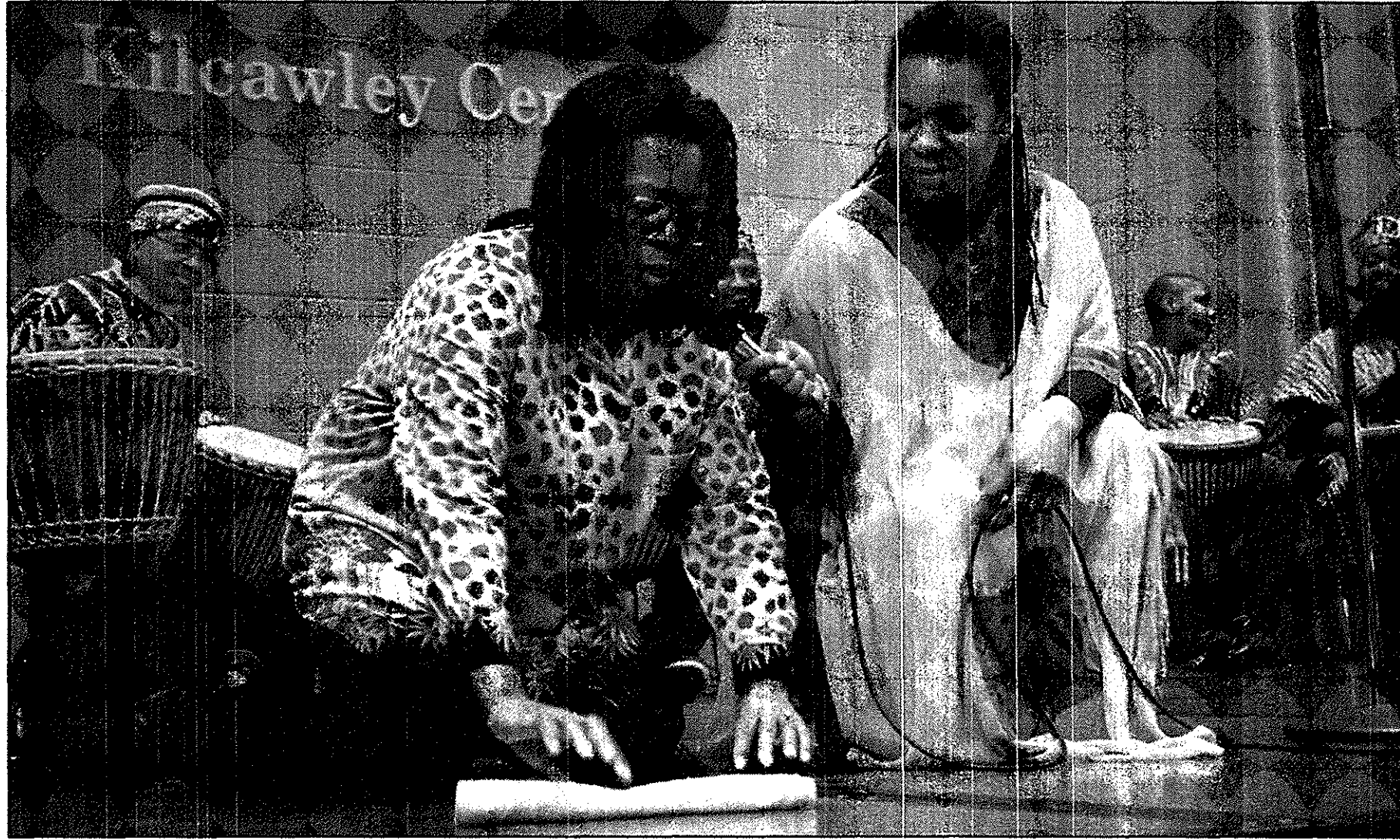
"It was a feeling of relief that we did it again with flying colors," Wan-Tatah said. "I am sure people left satisfied."

This year there were more vendors and more people in attendance. Valerie Johnson, an assistant in the Africana Studies program, said people were showing up early to checkout the African Marketplace.

"There were more community members than YSU students and that is the depressing part since it was held at YSU," Johnson said.

Clyde Holmes and Martha Rogers have participated for five years. Holmes said it is important to show people that Africa is a land of "beautiful cities with beautiful materials."

A product he sells as well as many other vendors is shea butter. He said what people don't know is that there are ladies in Africa who crack the nuts and process the meat



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**TOP:** Adele Hudson holds the microphone for her mother Elizabeth Hudson, a storyteller with the Unity Drum Circle, while she performed during Saturday's African Marketplace. **RIGHT:** Victor Wan-Tatah, the director of YSU's Africana Studies Program dances with the drum circle. Wan-Tatah coordinated the event.

inside to make the butter and they get paid one dollar a day.

"It is a labor of love that's not paying them much," he said.

Most of his products come directly from Ghana and other African countries. He said he or his friends go to these countries and bring back the items.

"We do it this way to eliminate the American middle man," Holmes said.

Other items he sells include African prints, designed African coaster sets, table runners and other African décor to decorate a home. Another vendor sold books and videos about

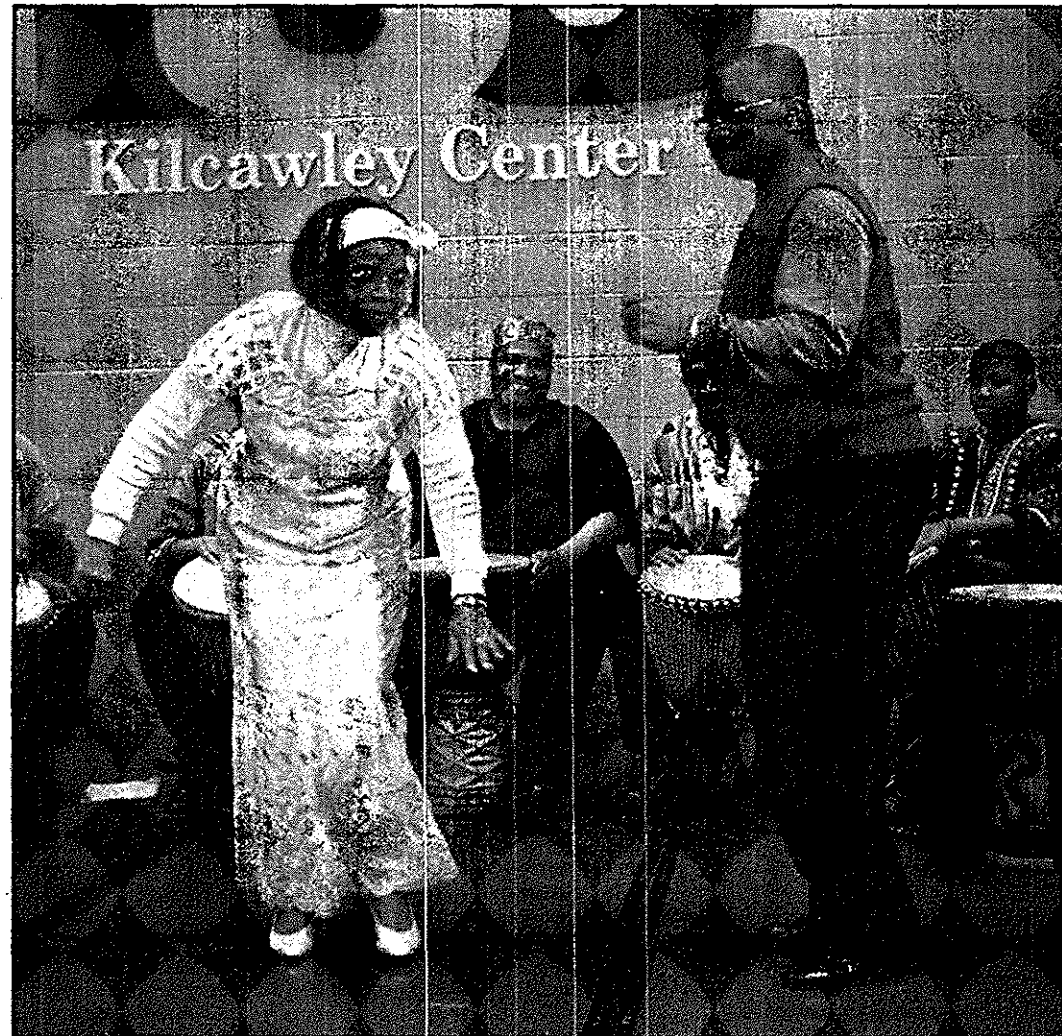
African culture.

Worrick A Mosebay said he has been coming to YSU for more than 10 years. His books are written with an Afrocentric point of view to teach kids how to appreciate their background and for others to learn. His books range from children's books to adult books.

People requested that the event be held twice a year, Wan-Tatah said.

"The range of variety is rare to find and people don't want to wait a year to get it."

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## A boy and his annoying dog

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The new Adult Swim show "Moral Orel" is an obvious parody of the "Davey and Goliath" stop-motion animated show from the 60s, with Orel, the goody-two-shoes character, taking the place of the equally annoying Davey; sadly, there is no Goliath counterpart in the new show.

In typical Adult Swim fashion, Orel's Davey-like naïveté leads to some misunderstandings of Biblical proportions, causing zombies to be unleashed on his hometown in one episode and his urine to be marketed as an effective sports drink in another. However, I write today not to inform you of Moral Orel, but to seriously examine "Davey and Goliath," a show that is much funnier - albeit unintentionally - than any parody of it could be.

If you haven't seen "Davey and Goliath," it's an educational religious-themed show produced by the Lutheran Church in the 1960s. After seeing the important life lessons taught by "Gumby," such as "Don't go to the moon or triangles will try to murder you," the Lutheran Church decided to hire "Gumby" creator Art Clokey to create an educational and spiritual cartoon about a boy and his dog.

And like "Gumby," the main character's pet can talk. Just like with "Gumby," Goliath (the dog) is a dick, but in a completely different way than Pokey.

You see, as a child I sympathized with Pokey. Gumby always wanted to drag him around on lame adventures through books in the public domain, and Pokey didn't want any of that crap. "I don't think so, Gumby," he would say, "Why can't we just sit around and eat ice cream?" Pokey knew what was going down, and he wasn't about to be snuffed out by a book or those sociopath blockheads. Goliath, on the other hand, is there to make Davey's boring adventures even more boring. Using his knowledge of The Bible, Goliath constantly reminds Davey that certain things wouldn't be a good idea. Actually, everything Davey does isn't a good idea, because that kid is a majoscrew-up.

I have never seen anyone retain less information than Davey. He immediately makes the wrong choice with every decision, only to have it fly back in his face toward the end of each episode. Then his sanctimonious dog rubs it in his face; this is the formula for any given "Davey and Goliath" episode. Davey seems to take everything in good humor, but you can tell that beneath his happy facade is a seething



cauldron of rage, bellowing, "WHY DID WE HAVE TO GET A TALKING DOG THAT KNOWS SO MUCH ABOUT THE BIBLE?!"

The episode I saw while doing research for this article featured the rather pedestri-

an "pick up after yourself" moral. Davey was excited about building a soapbox racer, because this is all kids did for fun in the 1960s.

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