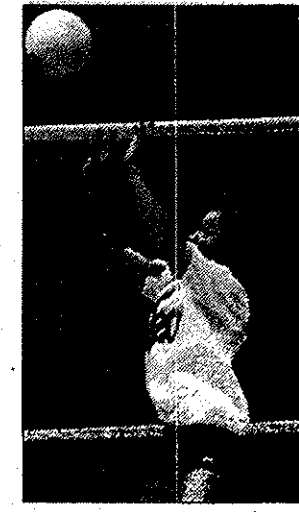


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Hospital nurses new YSU program

By PATRECKA ADAMS
Jambar Assistant Editor

Students desiring to become nurse anesthetists can now do so, thanks to the new nurse anesthetist track introduced to campus at an orientation luncheon Aug. 25 in the Debartolo Stadium Club.

The program is coordinated with St. Elizabeth Health Center and is in its first year at YSU. Dr. Patricia Hoysen, professor and coordinator of the program, said the luncheon was held to both honor the first class, made up of 12 students, set to graduate from the program and introduce them to the university administration.

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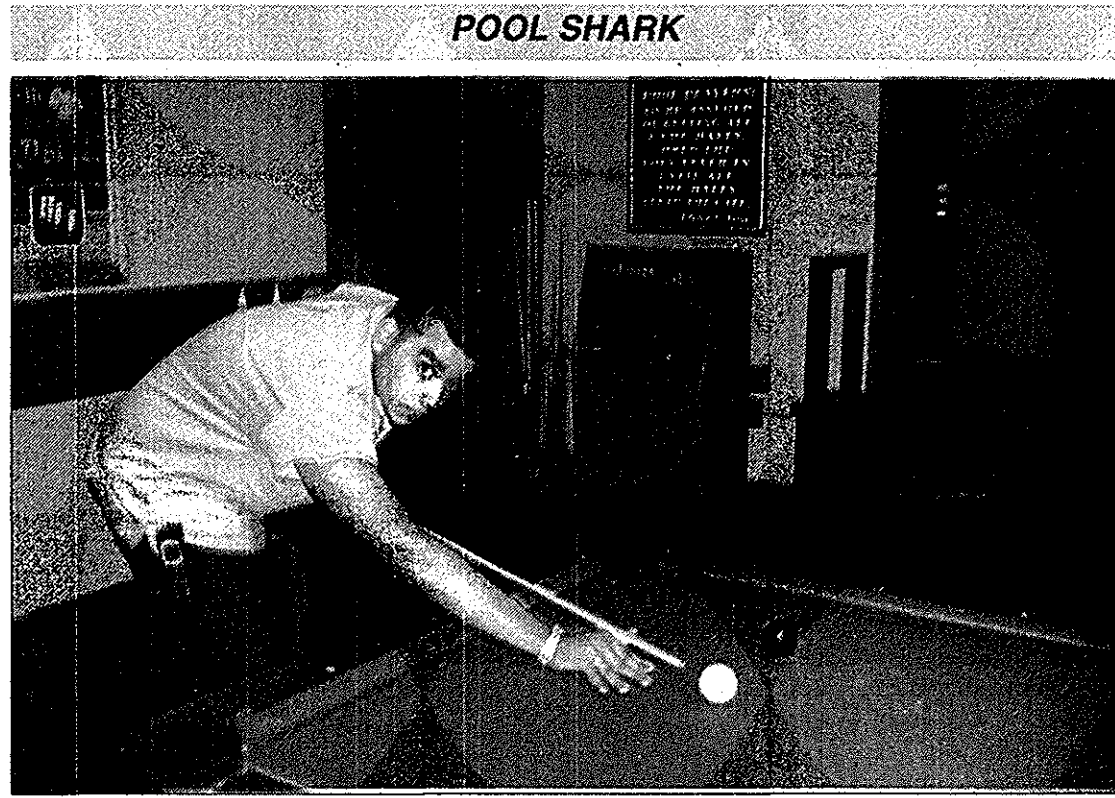
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POOL SHARK

TAKING A SHOT: Emad Aborahmad, freshman, criminology, shoots some pool Monday in Peaberry's in Kilcawley Center.

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Overcrowded dorms cramp students style

By VALERIE BANNER
Jambar Editor

Kenneth Lampley, Brian Raeakovich and Jimmy Moore are big guys with big shoes sharing one little room.

"All of us are over 6 feet 5 inches — we take up a lot of room," Lampley said.

"Our shoes are huge," added Raeakovich. "We all wear size 14 and above."

These three freshmen are roommates in Lyden House. Like several other first-year male students in YSU residence halls, they are sharing a room intended for two roommates.

Raeakovich, chemical engineering, said he's content sharing the small space, but he'd like to have his bed lofted to make more room underneath for storing items. Lampley, computer technology, and Moore, pre-business, already share a bunk bed.

Moore said he thinks they've got the situation under control. He said they're well organized and have room for everything they brought with them.

Moore, originally from Worcester, Mass., said he's just relieved to have a room at all.

According to Jack Fahey, director of Housing Services, there are 933 people living in

residence halls intended to hold 886 people.

Fahey said this is the third year in a row the residence halls have been overcrowded, and Housing Services has attempted to alleviate the situation by converting study lounges to residence rooms.

He said there are some "Local students are going back and telling their high school they've had a great experience."

— JACK FAHEY
Director, Housing Services

rooms available, but those are all in areas designated for women, and the overcrowding is occurring with the men.

Fahey said he attributes the overcrowding to an influx of local students and more students who don't live nearby.

"People understand the value of that experience of living on campus and being here 24 hours a day," he said. "Local

students are going back and telling their high school they've had a great experience."

Fahey said he thinks the problem will be lessened next year when the student apartment complex in Wick Oval is completed.

Construction on the complex is scheduled to begin Sept. 14, according to K.J. Satrum, executive director of student services.

She said the privately-owned complex should be completed and ready for students to move in next fall.

She said she expects this complex to attract mostly juniors and seniors.

For students who are looking for housing this year, however, Buechner Hall, located behind Dana Hall, still has 14 spots open.

Gail Keaty, director of Buechner Hall, said the residence hall hasn't been filled for a few years.

She said it's been less crowded since YSU has built more of its own dorms.

She said she's told Fahey she would be interested in helping with the overflow.

But he said the overcrowding is with male students, and Buechner is an all-female residence hall.

Students, landlord fight heated battle

Owner of the homes apologized for the happenings.

By SHANNON WALLS
Jambar Editor

"We want to hit the books not the streets." "Wanted: Two-bedroom apartment with electric." This is what can be read on signs hanging from buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Some YSU students living in houses in Youngstown were left without hot water and electricity for most of the month of August.

Shawn Lustig, owner, SL Properties of Warren, LLC, filed bankruptcy due to a dispute with Dominion East Ohio Gas Co. over payments owed to the company, resulting in a loss of utilities for some tenants who are not required to pay utility bills.

According to Lustig, he posted a letter on all of his buildings Aug. 6, informing the tenants of his financial situation and advising them of courses of action to take if they did not have gas service.

Some residents of 846 Pennsylvania Ave. said their gas was turned off before they received notification.

Rebecca Sylak, senior, management information systems, said her gas was turned off Aug. 1, leaving her and her roommate without hot water. She spoke with Lustig Aug. 3, she said, and it was at that point she learned of the bankruptcy. Sylak said Lustig told her he would take care of it and have the gas turned on.

Sylak and her roommate said they went without gas for a total of 23 days but did not lose electricity at any point.

Her roommate, Melissa Lyczkowski, senior, computer information systems, said she was on vacation at the time the gas was turned off. Sylak notified her of the letter.

"One day she woke up, and there was no hot water,"

said Lyczkowski of Sylak.

Lustig said he did not know the gas was off Aug. 1. He was in the midst of negotiations with Dominion East Ohio Gas Co. over outstanding balances on estimates only, not on actual bills. He and his attorney had previously offered a settlement to Dominion East Ohio Gas Co. for the outstanding balances, but it was refused. Because of this, Lustig said his lawyer suggested he file for bankruptcy.

He said he filed because "the rent did not support the debt the buildings incurred. The buildings could not support themselves."

"It's nothing more and nothing less than a bankruptcy. I truly am sorry for anyone it did affect directly. Some of the people who claimed to be affected directly weren't affected directly," he said. "One of the people quoted in The Vindicator didn't live in any building of mine."

Lustig also had this to say: "To anyone who has made me public enemy No. 1: It is unfortunately a bankruptcy. My business failed. In the long run, I fail — more than anyone else. I lost over \$635,000."

According to Lustig, he had the responsibility of paying the utility bills of seven buildings, which cost him "[his] profit plus."

"I couldn't generate enough revenue to make it work," he said.

With the damage done to houses by the tenants, Lustig said he spent thousands of dollars out of his pocket making repairs.

He said, "There was never any time to build any equity."

Gas estimates of \$5,700, according to Lustig, were made July 31, but the actual reading amounted to \$2,000.

Lustig said he paid minimal amounts to keep the gas on and acquire higher occupancies.

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Long, Hettinga begin SG year

President hopes accomplishments overshadow controversy.

By PATRECKA ADAMS
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NEW LEADERS: SG President Joe Long, left, Vice President Michelle Hettinga and Parliamentarian Matt Vansuch discuss issues at the first SG meeting of the school year Monday.

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Highway signage causes confusion

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Incubator helps hatch jobs for graduates

By SHANNON WALLS
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The state Legislature, YSU and the Youngstown Business Incubator are working toward expanding high-technology businesses in the Mahoning Valley, but their success depends on YSU graduates.

The High Technology Start-up Business Committee is making tentative plans to hold a hearing in Youngstown in September to learn about high-technology issues in the area and how to improve them. No date has been set.

State Sen. Timothy Ryan (D-32) of Niles, a member of the panel, said the committee is traveling to different communities in Ohio to take testimony in order to learn what they need from the Legislature, including business incubators and tax incentives.

"We're looking to create the best business climate for high-tech start-up businesses," he said.

State Rep. John Bocchieri (D-57) of New Middletown, panel member, said, "We're trying to hear first-hand accounts from high-tech businesses as to what it would take to start new companies and keep them here in Ohio."

The types of high-tech companies being researched are those that create and design Web pages, write computer programs, create computer software, robotics equipment, cell phones, computers and biomedical equipment.

The committee has visited Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton in the past two months.

Bocchieri said, based on those visits, three basic elements for success must be in place for successful high-tech start-ups:

1. The clustering of businesses around major metropolitan areas and universities.

2. Mentoring programs that encourage older businesses to mentor fledgling businesses.

3. Access to venture capital, which is the solicitation of investors for a company to acquire start-up money.

Jim Cossler, director of the Youngstown Business

Incubator in downtown Youngstown, a state-funded venture that supports fledgling technology companies, said obtaining seed money from potential investors is difficult because of the risk of the new product not being accepted.

Ryan said seed money is available in Ohio, but there is not enough.

"We're working on trying to get those clusters of businesses," he said.

Both Ryan and Bocchieri said the committee has run into problems along the way.

First, the tax code does not favor small businesses, especially high-tech businesses, they said. Second, the incentives and abatements in Ohio are geared toward a manufacturing-based economy, not a technology-based economy, they said.

"We need to work on getting venture capital into the state of Ohio," said Ryan. "We're trying to transform the way our government is run."

Bocchieri said, "The tax code is detrimental to enable fledgling companies to survive. Clearly, this is a double-edged sword because technology is the future for the country."

Ryan said he was not aware of what changes could be made to the tax laws.

The committee wants to help start-up businesses by using business incubators to keep their costs down, said Ryan.

According to the incubator's Web site, its mission is "to accelerate the formation, growth and success rates of scalable, technology-based businesses in the Mahoning Valley."

Cossler said, "We try to deliver all services, equipment and resources a start-up business needs that it typically cannot afford."

The service is free to businesses, he said.

The incubator provides them with furniture, online access, high-end equipment, along with free and discounted accounting and legal services.

Currently, the incubator is

affiliated with nine companies, which are all connected to one another and, according to Cossler, share their talents and resources.

He said the majority of people running these young, technology-based companies affiliated with the incubator's are YSU graduates.

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Carla Clark is one of the YSU graduates running a business at the YBI. Clark is the corporate executive officer of Web Visions, a company that develops Web pages for major companies in the area.

She also created her own proprietary Web sites such as buyeproperty.com, forms4glorie.com, easytaxfilers.com, myastroworld.com and valleybaskets.com.

Clark said she worked as a programmer and technical writer before deciding to start her own business.

She offered this advice to graduates considering becoming entrepreneurs:

"First, develop a business plan. It can be rough going and tenacious, but don't give up," she said. "One of the best things I've done is to network with people. It's important to develop mentoring relationships with other companies."

Clark also stressed the need for supplemental income to fall back on when developing a business.

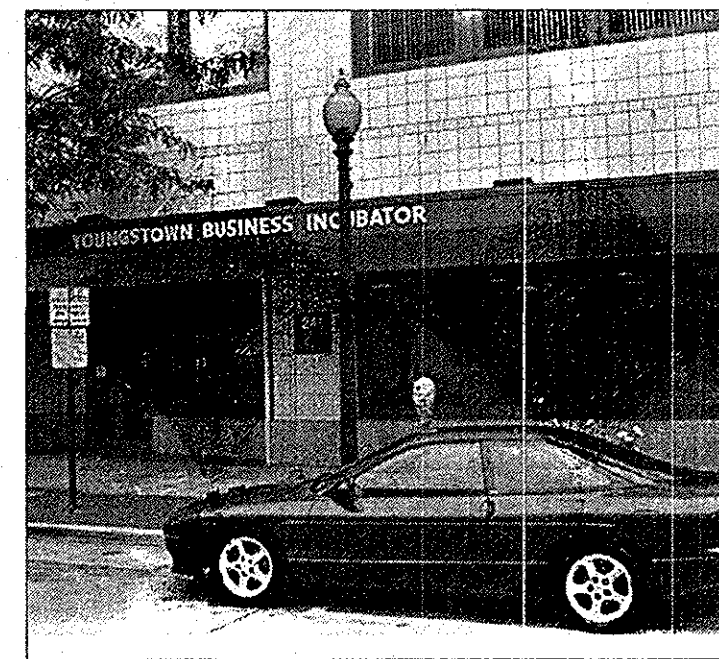
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Both Bocchieri and Ryan also stressed the importance of getting college graduates involved in high-tech businesses



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GRAD TURNED PIONEER:

Above: Carla Clark, CEO, Web Visions, runs her business with the help of the Youngstown Business Incubator. Left: The Youngstown Business Incubator, in downtown Youngstown, provides young companies the help they need to get started.

as entrepreneurs. Bocchieri said the biggest resource is people, and he said the universities should be used.

Ryan said, "We need entrepreneurs. We need them to create the jobs. We need YSU graduates to take a chance on a high-tech business. We've got to create our own high-tech venture."

"I can't encourage young people enough to take a shot - live the American dream," Ryan said.

Kevin Holtsberry, Legislative aide to Sen. Ron Amstutz, co-chairman of the panel, offered advice to college graduates interested in a career in the high-tech field.

"You've got to be willing to take risks, and go out and do it," he said.

According to Holtsberry, the committee is still in the information-gathering stages of improvement.

"We won't have concrete recommendations until the

report is complete," he said.

The report must be submitted to the General Assembly, and upon that submission, the committee will no longer exist, according to the mission statement at www.amstutz.org.

The original date for completion of the committee's report was set for this month, but that date has been extended to March 2002 to enable the panel to visit more cities in Ohio.

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SG President

Michelle, I hope they talk directly to us," he said.

"There really is no way to change the mind of dogmatic people, so we're just going forward to do good things," he added.

Long stressed the success of the financial path SG is taking in support of other campus

organizations.

Long, and Matt Stiffler, secretary of finance, collaborated over the summer to develop the financial path.

Some of SG's upcoming plans for this year were also announced at the meeting.

Those plans include tailgating activities, a speaker series aimed at both exposing students to "hot careers" and preparing them for exams such as the MCAT and LSAT, and a time capsule burial.

A SG/Administration Gala is also scheduled to take place noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center.

Hettinga, senior, education, said her desire for the group this year is to have unity among all members.

"My goal is to have each member of SG do their job effectively. We would really like to see the different branches [working] together so that we may have an effective and enthusiastic cabinet and SG body," she said.

Angela Chasebi, senior, political science, and secretary of university relations,

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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think

Administration is pushing all the right buttons

Where is Cushwa Hall, Meshel Hall or Kilawley Center? How do I get to the Lincoln Deck? These are only some of the questions new YSU students face when they first hit the campus.

If students have questions about where their classes or buildings are, YSU has set up a system to assist students with those problems.

"Welcome to YSU. Ask me. I'll help you," is a somewhat new program set up by YSU. The system consists of help stations set up all around campus to help students get to where they are going. Some faculty and staff members are even wearing buttons to encourage questions by students.

We, at The Jambar, are happy to see YSU officials taking some action to help confused students get to where they are going.

We feel sympathetic when we walk around campus and see students confused and frustrated because they can't find the building they are looking for, the classroom they are looking for or even which parking deck they parked in that day.

So, to all those freshmen, we want you all to know that we have been there. That dazed and confused look on your faces is understandable, and we encourage you to take advantage of what YSU is doing for you.

We only wish that YSU would have started this program years ago when we were in freshmen shoes.

Dr. Cynthia Anderson, vice president of student affairs, said YSU wanted to give better quality service to students.

"Many students don't know who to approach when they have a question," Anderson said. "These buttons and help stations have been very recognizable and well received by many students."

According to Anderson, the system seems to be working very well. The administration plans to assess the success of the program to expand it for next year.

We want to applaud YSU on its efforts and success with the new program. We are looking forward to seeing the expansion of this project for next year.

The Jambar to host an open discussion of media issues

The Jambar is sponsoring a discussion of how news organizations make decisions about stories and advertisements.

The discussion, which is free and open to the public, will begin 4 p.m. Sept. 5 in The Jambar's offices in the basement of Fedor Hall.

Included in the discussion will be a debate about a recent advertisement developed by the Citizens' League of Greater Youngstown.

The question, "When should news organizations refuse advertisements?" will be discussed. Another question will be: "How do news organizations cover the news without making it?"

For more information, contact Alyssa Lenhoff, journalism instructor, at (330) 742-1649.

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What You Think

Do you think Jon Heacock can make YSU forget about Jim Tressel?



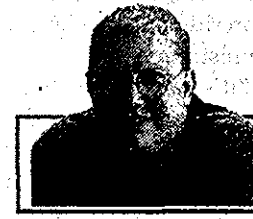
AMBER MOSS, freshman
Nursing

"No. He has to fill pretty big shoes. Maybe by next year, if he's still here."



JOSH MARSH, junior
Physical Education

"No way. They gave him a key to the city. he made ysu football great and put ysu on the map. he also cared about his athletes, not only on the field but also academically."



JEREMY WEINBERG,
sophomore, Nursing

"No matter what Heacock does, he's only building on the foundation that already existed."



TERRY MADISON, freshman
Criminal Justice

"No. YSU football was Jim Tressel."



DAVE SHIELDS, senior
Civil Engineering Tech

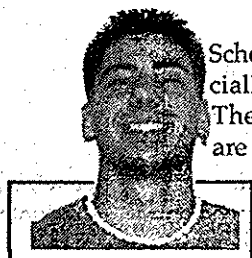
"No. Tressel brought so many championships to the school there is no way anyone at this school can forget about him."



MIKE MORGAN, sophomore
Biology

"No. Youngstown will never forget about Jim Tressel, because [Heacock] will just build on Tressel's reputation."

Big expectations await new coach



By MIKE SANTILO
Jambar Editor

excited. But should he be?

Should Jon Heacock have taken the job? Sure. More money and a better title. It makes sense. But what does he really have to gain by taking it?

Expectations for Heacock and his team will no doubt be high. Let's say he wins the national championship. Big deal.

People expect nothing less than a national championship, especially since he will be coaching Jim Tressel's players. Heacock's recruiting class won't

be on the field for at least two more years.

So even if he does win, people will say he's winning with Tressel's players. If he doesn't win, he will be considered the biggest disappointment in recent years.

He's in a difficult situation, but make no mistake about it - win or lose, he will lose either way.

Heacock may have the dream job now, but what happens when he loses his first game or makes a bad play call? Will the fans be as supportive as they

were for Tressel? Highly doubtful.

Heacock may never get out of Tressel's shadow, and that's a shame. Heacock is going to do some tremendous things for the football program, but he will never be able to live up to Tressel.

Heacock is to Scottie Pippen as Tressel is to Michael Jordan.

Even now, Tressel receives coverage in the local newspapers. Which university is considered hometown these days anyway?

It's tough to tell considering The Ohio State University gets just as much coverage as YSU.

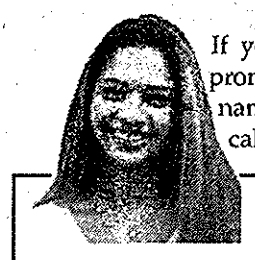
Do you really think Tressel is down at OSU thinking about the die-hard Penguin fans who supported him for so many years? Of course he's not, so why should we be so concerned with his new life?

Jon Heacock is the coach now, and it's time he starts getting some respect. I am on the Heacock bandwagon and will be one of his biggest supporters. I think he's going to do a tremendous job, and I don't think YSU will miss Tressel at all.

It's just a shame other fans don't see it that way.

Heacock is going to be compared to Tressel for his entire coaching career at YSU. There may never be a way out. He is simply going to be remembered as the guy who replaced Jim Tressel.

Don't call me, I'll call you



By SOMOUD NISER
Jambar Editor

If you cannot pronounce my name, do not call me.

If it is before 10 a.m., do not call me. You know what? Just don't call me.

I do not think there is anything more annoying than the courtesy calls I receive at home at all hours of the day and night.

There should be laws stating these people are only allowed to call between the hours of noon and 6 p.m. It is just not right for them to wake someone up from a deep sleep at 7 a.m. or even disturb anyone later in the evening. Haven't these people heard

of mail? Some might argue it would be putting people out of jobs if they were not permitted to call peoples' homes.

They can still have jobs, but instead of talking to people, they should be stuffing envelopes.

They should send out flyers for whatever they are selling, and if a person is interested, then he or she will respond. If not, leave that person alone.

I cannot count how many times I switched over our long distance carrier because I got the call at 7 a.m., and I was not quite awake. I honestly think the reason these people call so early in the morning is because they think that if a person just wants to go back to sleep, he or she will agree to anything. They are right.

I have officially become the member of so many clubs I have never heard of. It amazes me when I get the membership package in the mail and have no idea why.

When I call the number on the package, they try to convince me I agreed to become a member of their organization. Of course these organizations are affiliated with my credit card company and somehow trick me into joining.

I am only 21 years old and still live with my parents.

I may have my own phone line, but these people need to understand I am not interested in mortgage loans or financing a home.

Between switching over my long distance from AT&T Corp. to MCI to Qwest and back around again, plus dealing with

credit card retailers and crazy organizations, I probably get about four hours of sleep every night.

Not to mention how worn out I get buying homeowners insurance for the home I do not own.

You can hang up on these people as many times as you want, but they keep coming back for more. I have even begged them to take me off their lists. That did not work either. You can be mean and scream at them. I have done that too. It does not work.

All I ask is for all these people to use regular mail or even e-mail for whatever they are selling, and if it looks good, I promise we will respond. Just please do not call me.

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"It's an issue that Dr. Sweet wants to address," Habat said. We need to make sure that visitors to the university have good directions to the campus."

The first sign on I-680 northbound that mentions YSU is located on the right shoulder prior to the South Avenue exit. The sign reads, "Youngstown State University second right."

The second right is the US 62/Ohio 7 Hubbard exit, which is exit 6. From that point, there are no further signs mentioning YSU. Visitors and first-time YSU students may end up following the US 62/Ohio 7 Madison Avenue Expressway all the way to Albert Street, unaware that taking the Warren and 422 exit is the correct one for access to the university.

John Hyden, director of facilities, said working with the Ohio Department of Transportation on signage is an involved process.

"Some signs are on state property, and some YSU signs are on city property. Both agencies operate differently and are complicated. We are working with the city regarding placing more signs, but working with the state is a lot more complex."

According to Charles Miner, Mahoning County manager for the Ohio Department of Transportation's Canfield garage, there used to be a YSU sign on the Madison Expressway, "just before the 422 exit. It's gone now, though. That would be the city of Youngstown jurisdiction."

City Engineer Carmen Conglose said, "I will check into the signage which may have been there at one time, and we will address that."

According to Conglose, the first step is to research the exit ramp to determine where signs might have been and then to find out why they are no longer there.

As for visiting sports teams, Trevor Parks, sports information director, said he isn't aware of any groups having problems with directions.

"We have good directions posted on our Web site, and the transportation teams have good communication. But I agree that the signs to YSU and the stadium are limited."

Hyden said there are plans for additional signs to be placed on campus property to identify buildings. Placing signs on Wick Avenue requires compliance with the uniform traffic control code, which means signage cannot interfere with safety for motorists.

"It means signs cannot be a distraction and must be considered a requirement for

Alumnus comes through for YSU

BY HENRY GOMEZ
Jambor Assistant Editor

Likening it to a YSU success story, Paul McFadden, director of university development, said Fifth Third Bank of Cleveland, at the suggestion of senior vice president and YSU alumnus Donald Graham, is donating \$100,000 to the university to be used for student loans.

"Don is an alumni champion in this case," said McFadden, who handled the initial stages of the allocation. "He built this relationship between the bank and the university. We are indebted to him."

Graham, a 1970 graduate of YSU, said allocating money to state universities is nothing new for Fifth Third Bank. However, he said this is the first time the bank will be helping out his alma mater.

"I raised my hand and said 'I think YSU should get the \$100,000 [available to give]' It's time for YSU," Graham said.

McFadden said, "It's fantastic. What makes it so special is Don ... we're so proud of our alumni, especially when they're successful like Don is. And for him to want to give back to the university is amazing."

According to Graham, the money will serve the university as a loan made possible by the Charles E. Schell



Photo courtesy of University Development

BIG CHECK: YSU alumnus Donald Graham, center, presents a \$100,000 check to university President Dr. David Sweet. At right is Lori Faur, business development and student loan representative for Fifth Third Bank.

Foundation. The foundation, through the bank, will ship the university the money in installments of \$25,000 over the next four years.

Elaine Ruse, associate director of financial aid and scholarships, said her department is still finalizing details of eligibility and application for the loans.

"It could work a lot of ways," Ruse said. "Right now we're a little behind because we just received the money and haven't been out promoting it."

Ruse said she envisions the loan being used by juniors and

seniors to make ends meet if they cannot afford tuition and other costs that pile up, such as books. The loan must be paid back upon graduation as is the case with federal Stafford and Perkins loans; however, Ruse said at no time throughout this loan process will interest be incurred by the student.

"In a way it's better than Perkins and Stafford because this is a loan that is absolutely interest free," Ruse said. "This program sort of helps bridge the gap between loan programs and fees."

Students seem to like the

idea.

"With \$25,000 I envision 25 students receiving \$1,000 awards," Ruse said. But since students must demonstrate and specify need in the application process, "It's possible a student may only need \$500. Then we can allocate more. We want to spread this to as many students as possible."

Ruse said some initial requirements were established by the Schell Foundation: applicants must be born in the United States and be a U.S. citizen, be between the ages of 15 and 25 and must be a state resident of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania or Indiana.

Additionally, Ruse said, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships already has some requirements in place.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid must be filed, and the student must demonstrate academic need. Applicants must also be either a junior or senior with at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Applicants cannot be in default on any other loan programs, and a promissory notice must be filed.

As final details are forthcoming, Ruse said all interested students should set up an appointment with her office to apply for the loan and learn more about it.

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Students desiring to become nurse anesthetists can now do so, thanks to the new nurse anesthetist track introduced to campus at an orientation luncheon Aug. 23 in the Debartolo Stadium Club.

The program is coordinated with St. Elizabeth Health Center and is in its first year at YSU. Dr. Patricia Hoyson, professor and coordinator of the program, said the luncheon was held to both honor the first class, made up of 12 students, set to graduate from the program and introduce them to the university administrators.

A major theme of the luncheon appeared to be teamwork. YSU President Dr. David Sweet gave the welcome address, which stressed the value of collaboration.

"I'm impressed with our opportunities in higher education. This new program is some-

thing I'm looking forward to working with," he said.

Michael Rowan, president and Corporate Executive Officer, Humility of Mary Health Partners, also expressed his outlook for further partnerships between YSU and the health care organization.

"Over the last couple of years, it's been our mission to involve the community [with] the educational process and work through our mission of helping the community. This is just the beginning of our collaborative efforts," he said.

Dr. John Yemma, dean, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, spoke of the program's addition to the university's appeal.

"The partnership has been so vital to YSU, and it's one I'm happy about. This shows what you can do when you work together," he said.

While in the two-year program, students enroll in class full time and get to work closely with certified registered nurse anesthetists at St. Elizabeth Health Center.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded their master of science in nursing degrees. Prior to their graduation, students in the program are known as student registered nurse anesthetists.

One such student, Greg Szweczyk, senior, SRNA, said the program goes beyond other nursing courses.

"It's very academically challenging, but it's just right because it needs to be that way. The courses aren't that much different from regular nursing courses, but they're more in depth," he said.

Like Szweczyk, Andrew Poulos, senior, SRNA, said he

PENN. AVE., continued from page 1

"We want to hit the books not the streets." "Wanted: Two-bedroom apartment with electric." This is what can be read on signs hanging from buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Some YSU students living in houses in Youngstown were left without hot water and electricity for most of the month of August.

Shawn Lustig, owner, SL Properties of Warren, LLC, filed bankruptcy due to a dispute with Dominion East Ohio Gas Co. over payments owed to the company, resulting in a loss of utilities for some tenants who are not required to pay utility bills.

According to Lustig, he

posted a letter on all of his buildings Aug. 6, informing the tenants of his financial situation and advising them of courses of action to take if they did not have gas service.

Some residents of 846 Pennsylvania Ave. said their gas was turned off before they received notification.

Rebecca Sylak, senior, management information systems, said her gas was turned off Aug. 1, leaving her and her roommate without hot water. She spoke with Lustig Aug. 3, she said, and it was at that point she learned of the bankruptcy. Sylak said Lustig told her he would take care of it and have the gas turned on.

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Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment means high price for circus animals

By KELLY WASLH
Jambar Editor

It is almost inevitable that spending money and entertainment go together.

For instance, a night out to the movies will cost at least \$7 for the ticket and then about \$6 for popcorn and a drink. If you are on a date and paying, you could easily be broke by the end of the night.

Going to a concert is usually far worse. The ticket will be at least \$20. Buying just water will be \$3 if not more, and by the time you get a chance to look at the merchandise tables, you are most likely going to be out of cash.

However, there are some forms of entertainment that sell for a higher cost — a cost that money cannot put the price on.

This form of entertainment is the circus, and the animals in the circus are paying the cost of their lives as free-roaming wild animals. Instead of being with their families in

the wild, circus animals must endure a life of traveling, learning difficult and dangerous tricks and performing on exhausting schedules.

Many people don't think anything of going to the circus. It is in good fun because the circus is presented as all-around fun, where even the animals enjoy doing tricks. But circus animals live their lives in fear of their trainers as a result of grueling and harsh discipline.

Dan Kuzma, president of YSU's Earth and Animal Rights Coalition, said, "Circuses are not entertaining or educational because they teach children that it is all right to displace animals from their natural environment and

cage and enslave them in parts of the world they are not accustomed to."

Ringling Brothers and Barum and Bailey, one of the biggest big-tops in the world, has many citations against it for acts of animal cruelty and failure to care for their animals properly. Just this year, this circus has had at least seven citations against it. Some of these citations include the lack of meeting the minimal standards set by the Animal Welfare Act for the care of animals, neglecting needed veterinary care for animals as well as not keeping records of veterinary

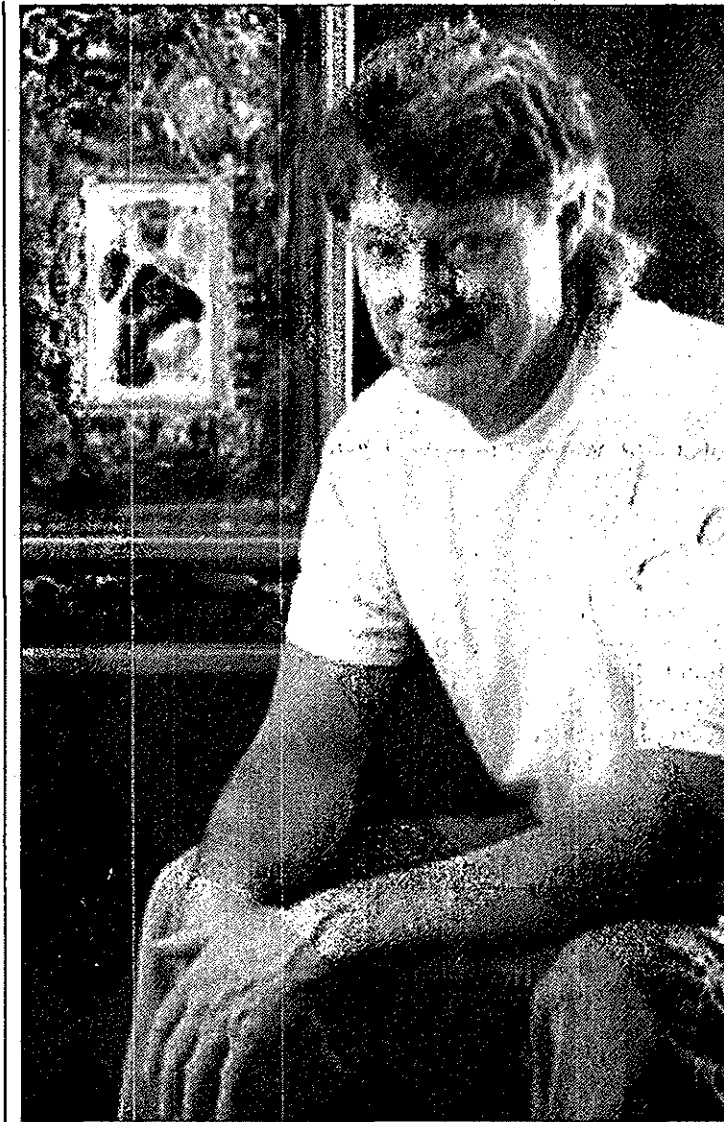
care, not providing enough space for the animals, and not allowing the animals to have the exercise they need.

Not only is it bad for the animals, but human lives are in danger when they are near animals from the wild.

Circus animals have been known to "go bezerk" and attack trainers and audience members, resulting in injury or death. On some occasions, animals that have escaped their pens or performance areas were somehow injured in order to control the situation.

"I support circuses that do not use animals but rather rely on humans to put on a show," said Kuzma.

There are safe and humane alternatives to cruel ones, and boycotting those that are cruel is the first step in stopping the cycle of cruelty. Spending money on something more worthwhile, or at least something that does not promote danger and cruelty, helps put circuses out of business.



BRUSH WITH FAME: Michael Moseley, YSU art professor, is representing the United States in an international art show in Yoju, Korea.

Fifth-year Dana Vocal Performance Clinic to perform at Canfield Fair

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

This summer marked the fifth year of the YSU Department of Fine and Performing Arts Dana Vocal Performance Clinic. It took place Aug. 3 through Aug. 10.

The clinic is run and was created by YSU students. It was started because students found a need to reach out to the community and help young vocalists get acquainted in performance.

The clinic is made up of area high school students and incoming freshman.

The students must submit an application and a tape before being selected for the clinic. They focus on singing, acting and performing.

"It's really great because every year the students are very excited and enthusiastic. It makes the clinic even more worthwhile," said Amanda Beagle, senior, vocal performance.

Beagle and Stena J. Buck

are the two student directors for this year. Their responsibilities include sending out fliers to high schools, recruiting kids and traveling to high school shows in order to promote the clinic.

Dr. Misook Yun, Dana School of Music, is the faculty advisor who helps them stay organized and on track.

Throughout the week of the clinic, students have different lessons in the area of vocal performance.

They get a chance to show off what they learned by performing throughout the community.

This year, their performances were at the Butler Art Institute's Music at Noon

series, Park Vista Retirement Community and a Sunday morning service at Trinity Methodist Church.

The finale of the week's work always ends with a large performance at YSU's Ford Theatre.

"The clinic is a really good way for YSU students to have an opportunity to put to use what we have learned."

— AMANDA BEAGLE
Senior, Vocal Performance

This year's final performance was a concert that featured a musical revue of George and Ira Gershwin's "Crazy for You."

Highlights of this year's performance included solo selections, a choreographed grand finale medley of Broadway performance and choral literature pieces.

"The clinic is a really good way for YSU students to

have an opportunity to put to use what we have learned. It's also a way to test the waters and reach out to the community," Beagle said.

Right now, the clinic is run mostly by students who study theater or vocal performance, but Beagle would like to get students from other areas to share their skills with the kids.

"I don't want this to be some kind of exclusive organization. Just about everyone has something to offer, and anyone is welcome to volunteer."

This is the first year that the Dana Vocal Performance Clinic will be extending performances past the week of the clinic. The group will be singing at the Canfield Fair, 7 p.m., today, at the YSU tent, which is in front of the Grandstand.

Anyone who is interested in helping out with the clinic should contact Amanda Beagle at www.danavocalclinic@hotmail.com.

YSU professor takes part in worldwide show

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

Michael Moseley, a YSU art professor, has been chosen to represent the United States in the first Biennial World Contemporary Ceramics show. The show began Aug. 10 and will continue through Oct. 28. It is taking place in Yoju, Korea.

The event's theme is "Taking Measure: American Ceramics at the New Millennium," and it aims to display the current state of ceramics today.

Moseley's sculpture, "Dusk," a dimensional organic relief piece that was created in 1998, is being featured in the exhibition.

The materials in the piece include steel, glass, ceramic, wood, plastic, and acrylic lacquers.

"The repeated use of layering in my work is reflective

of geological processes such as sedimentation and erosion," said Moseley of his artwork.

Much of Moseley's work is inspired by memories from childhood. "Dusk" was inspired by his memories of a Texas ranch.

"The nature of my work has always been rooted in glimpses of images and remembered experiences from growing up on a working ranch in Texas," said Moseley.

Moseley came to Youngstown in 1977 and now lives in Poland. He received a grant last spring for research.

The professor is currently working on a piece of art that will be displayed in March in Kansas City.

His artwork will also be displayed at the Riverside Arts Center Invitational Exhibition, April 24, 2002 in Chicago.

Web site offers options for concert goers

By GINA AMERO
Jambar Reporter

For the avid concertgoer, finding out about a concert after it has already happened can be a devastating thing.

Imagine being a die-hard Britney Spears fan and finding out her brigade of bubble-gum pop and fun strolled in and out of your town without you even noticing.

Yes, it is a tragic thought, but checking out the Web site, www.pollstar.com could prevent this tragedy from ever happening.

Pollstar is one of the best and most complete concert sources on the Internet. The site has a simple layout that lets even the newest browser search for concert listings like a pro.

Pollstar gives the option to perform a search by artist, venue or city. This quick and easy feature means no more listening to the radio for hours just to hear two seconds of concert information. Pollstar lets you control the flow of information and puts you in

control.

Just to give you an idea of the gigs scheduled in our area, a Pollstar city-search for Cleveland and the surrounding cities pulled up several pages of concert listings. The entries range from upcoming concerts at Gund Arena to local shows at Nyabinghi Dance Hall in Youngstown. It's highly unlikely any radio station would ever provide listeners with the amount of concert dates that can be



newly-listed acts and performers. Both of these features can help the most indecisive music fan get an idea of what shows are currently touring.

Probably one of the most unique qualities is one that caters to even the busiest concertgoers. Even if you can't check the Web site on a regular basis, Pollstar makes sure you stay updated through e-mail. After creating a personal profile, Pollstar sends you alerts when the artists, cities or venues in your profile update their tour rosters.

Not only does Pollstar provide concert information but also Billboard chart standings and industry articles and photos. The only information Pollstar does not provide is ticket pricing and availability.

Pollstar.com truly is a one-stop wonder for ravenous concertgoers. It's easy to use, fast, complete and makes the whole concert experience a hassle-free process. Unlike other music Web sites, Pollstar is definitely the most user-friendly concert database on the Internet.

Death of Aaliyah shocks industry, students

By LARISSA THEODORE
Jambar Reporter

At the peak of stardom, singer and actress Aaliyah died Saturday in a plane crash. She was 22.

Aaliyah Dana Haughton was killed in the crash along with seven others shortly after take off from an airport in the Bahamas.

She was reportedly returning to the United States after shooting a video with director Hype Williams for "Rock the Boat," according to MTV's Web site.

Aaliyah recently dropped her third R&B album in July self-titled *Aaliyah*. The first single, "We Need A Revolution," is being heavily rotated on radio stations.

The sultry songstress was just beginning to live up to her unique name.

"Aaliyah" is Arabic for "the highest, most exalted one, the best."

She had the voice, the look and the performing skills to take her up to the top. The talented performer was in the midst of proving herself as one of the best in the realm of singing and acting.

She had already appeared

onscreen in her breakthrough role in the film, "Romeo Must Die."

And she was set to perform in others, including both sequels to the "Matrix" opposite Keanu Reeves and Lawrence Fishburne; and Anne Rice's "Queen of the Damned."

The hit performer was already pegged to become a huge superstar. Self-assured and confident, she already possessed an artistic maturity, which stars strive for.

Surrounding her newly-released album, the hit performer had graced the covers of many magazines last month.

She also recorded a taping of her life story on MTV's "Diary," a show that takes viewers into the glamorous lives of superstars.

Aaliyah was a protégé of hitmaker R. Kelly and collaborated with such performers as Timbaland, Missy Elliot and Naughty By Nature's Treach.

She arrived on the music scene when she was 15 years old and produced her first album *Age Ain't Nothing But a Number*.

Her second album, *One In A Million*, was released in 1996

and featured the double platinum single "If Your Girl Only Knew." She also recorded the hit from the Dr. Doolittle soundtrack, "Are You That Somebody."

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Detroit, she graduated from the Detroit Performing Arts High School in 1997 with a 4.0 GPA. Besides being educated, attractive and talented, Aaliyah had everything else going for her.

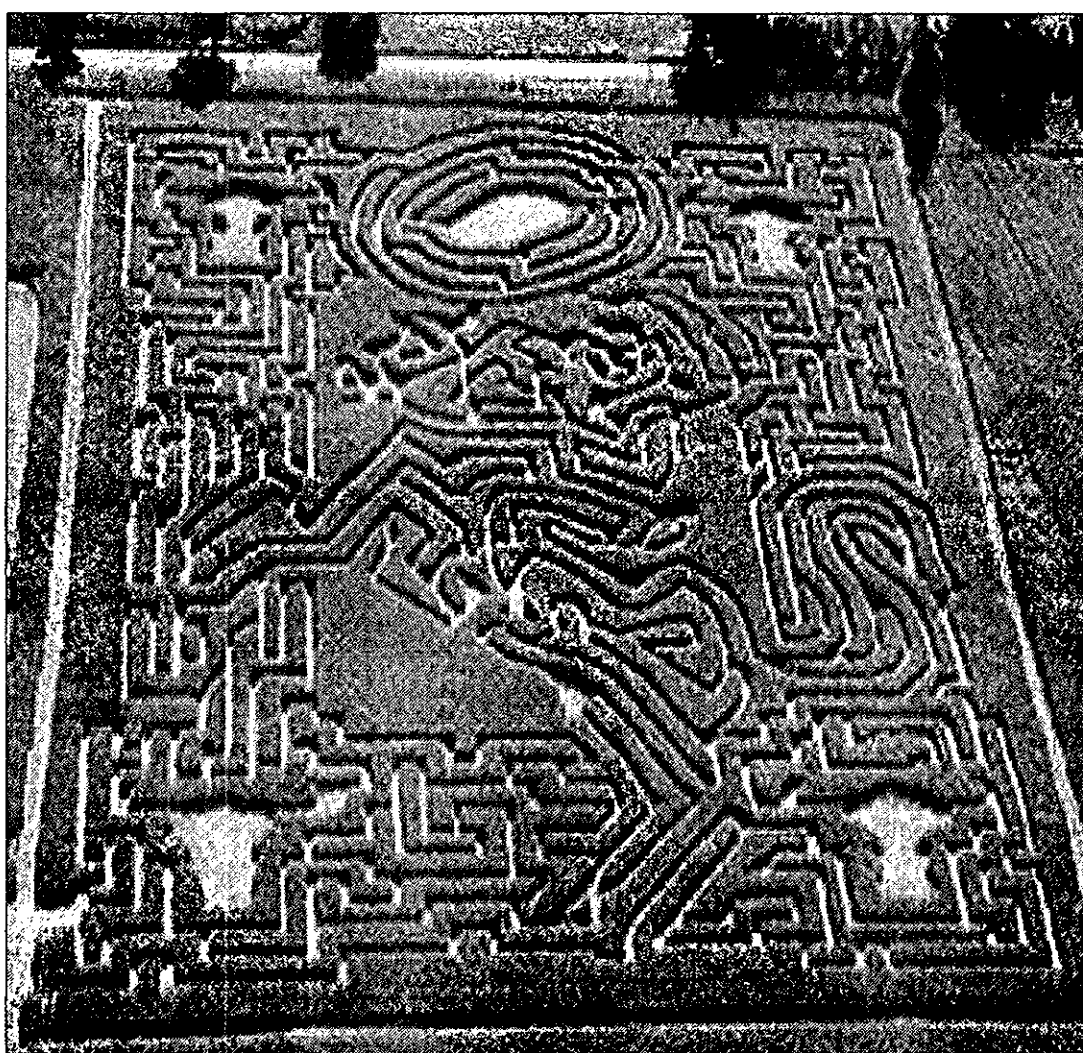
Notice of her death reached many solemn ears Sunday morning.

One YSU student, Sam Robison, sophomore, telecommunication, said he "felt bad" when he heard the news Sunday morning about the young starlet's death.

"Her death made me believe in the old saying, 'only the good die young,'" Robison said. "It seems unfair that a life so promising, got cut so short."

Micah Anderson, freshman, music education, was also shocked when he heard about the crash.

"I was crushed. This is the saddest thing that happened since somebody I personally knew died."



MAIZE QUEST: The corn maze is cut in the shape of Bronco Billy, and those going through get the opportunity to learn about the life of cowboys and cowgirls.

Corn maze leaves visitors up to their ears in fun

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

As the weekend approaches there is always the dilemma of what to do. It's not as if there is nothing to do at all, but there is just not anything new to do. Sure, you can go to your favorite bar, see a movie or go to a party. Or there is the option of trying something new this weekend.

That new something is called "Maize Quest," located at Pilgram Farms in western Pennsylvania. Maize Quest is a 16,000-foot, life-size, cornfield maze in the shape of Bronco Billy, four steers and additional western motifs. Also on the farm are hayrides, an obstacle course and a paintball field.

Chris Pilgram, owner of the maze said, "It's more than just a cornfield maze. It's an interactive adventure that allows guests to have a totally unique experience."

When entering the maze, Questers are given a game sheet that provides a story line and clues on how to make it to the end of the maze.

Questers start off in a section called Dodge City and then brave the large section of Bronco Billy. They then must make it to the four corners of the maze, which are shaped like steer heads, before exiting.

Those walking through can also ask for help by signaling the staff members with a flag that is given to them at the start.

Throughout the maze, there are opportunities to learn about the life of a cowboy or cowgirl on the open range.

Questers must also gather clues to uncover secret plots. There are educational questions to be answered, and those going through the maze must also create their own maps along the way.

Maize Quest costs \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under the age of 12. It is open

now through Nov. 4.

The hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Visitors must bring flashlights Friday and Saturday nights.

The farm is owned by William, who goes by Chris, and Sandy Pilgram. It has been passed on through each generation of the Pilgram family since 1894.

"Maize Quest and the other entertainment options offered at the farm are sure to put smiles on all faces," said Chris.

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For more information, visit the web site at www.corn-maze.com or call at 724-253-2003.

"It's more than just a cornfield maze. It's an interactive adventure."

-WILLIAM PILGRAM
Pilgram Farms Owner

It is that time of year again

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

The Canfield Fair is going on, so there is plenty to do this weekend.

Be sure to show some support, and swing by the YSU tent, which is located in front of the Grandstand.

Also, there are some new

attractions at the fair this year. There is a new roller coaster called The Zyclon. It was featured at the IX Center this spring.

There is also a new building that features new technology. Many companies are signed up to display their latest technological advances.

The Grandstand attractions are huge this year. Eight

p.m., Sunday, September 2, STYX and REO Speedwagon will be performing. Memorial Day, same place, same time, Brooks and Dunn are scheduled to perform.

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Campus Calendar

TODAY: Commentary Cafe with Bill Binning and Bob Fitzer at 7:00 p.m. on YSU-FM 88.5 FM. The topic will be Ohio politics with Senator Robert Hagan.

TUESDAY: "Best of Focus" on WYSU 88.5 FM: "The Union Made Us Strong: Steel Unions in the 50s," with Jack Metzgar. 7 p.m. Host Sherry Linkon. (originally aired Nov. 28, 2000.)

WEDNESDAY: There will be a History Club meeting at noon in Room 2069, Kilcawley Center. Dr. Lowell J. Satre, history, will give a slide lecture on his recent visit to the Greek Peloponnese. The public is invited. Please feel free to bring a lunch.

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Sports & Recreation

Tough soccer year is on the Horizon

By MIKE SANTILLO
Jambor Editor

The YSU soccer team had a difficult season last year, but head coach Liz Bartley and her team put that behind them and are very excited about this upcoming year.

The Penguins were bitten by the injury bug last year and often played short-handed.

Meagan Gibson, April Pankewicz and Jessica Tait all saw limited action due to injuries.

This season, YSU carries a roster of 26 players, including 13 newcomers, 12 of them freshmen.

The Penguins will be young and will ask their youngsters to contribute right away.

"Our incoming freshmen will have a major impact on this year's season. There are a few right now fighting for starting positions. I'm not concerned with the 'freshmen' title," said Bartley.

The team will face a challenging 20-game schedule that features tournaments at Akron and Idaho State and tough opponents in its first year in the Horizon League.

Some of the opponents include, Detroit, Butler, Wright State and UW-Green Bay.

So was the switch to the Horizon League a good thing for the Penguins?

Team captain Jessica Tait, said, "The Horizon League is definitely a tougher league. By playing in this league we will earn more respect and have a better opportunity for a NCAA Tournament bid."

Bartley agreed. "The Horizon League definitely presents a challenge to us," she said. "There are several schools in the league which have a strong tradition of winning, and hopefully we can join them."

Senior Christine Handte, said, "I think the switch will

benefit us tremendously. We want to prove to all of Ohio that women's soccer is for real here at YSU."

Handte will have to provide leadership; she is the only senior on the team.

"Staying healthy is the key to having success this year," said Handte.

Handte led the nation in 1998 with 10.53 saves per game and owns most of the YSU goalkeeping records.

The strength of their team will be far come at the mid-fielder position.

YSU has 10 players listed at midfielder on the roster, which include three letter-

winner from a year ago.

Leading the attack will be Jenny Jacobs who led the team in scoring last season. Roseman, a two-year starter, and Rachel Wilds are also returning to solidify the middle.

So what are the team goals?

Team captain Lauren Roseman, said, "We want to have a winning season and most importantly stay healthy. We just want to get that first win and build over the .500 mark."

"Our ultimate goal is to win the conference and eventually earn a NCAA bid," said

Tait.

This year's team may be young, but they all have faith in each other and play as a team. There are no individual stats with this group.

"We have one big strength, and that is unity. We are more of a family than a team," Handte said.

The Penguins begin the season against Akron in the Akron Zippy Tournament Aug. 31.

The contest will be the first women's soccer game in Akron history. YSU will face Canisius or Howard in the second game of the tournament.

Season serves up changes for team

By MIKE SANTILLO
Jambor Editor

A new conference with a new name and two rule changes are on the horizon for the YSU volleyball team in 2001. Although the Penguins are new to the Horizon League, they will have a veteran team.

The Penguins have five starters returning, including four that have earned all-conference honors during their careers. Also, they have 10 letter winners coming back. YSU head coach Joe Conroy is excited about the switch and this years team.

"The switch will be a challenge. It's a major step for our program," Conroy said.

With the likes of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Loyola (Chicago) each advancing to the NCAA Tournament and Butler and Illinois-Chicago each winning 18 matches, the Penguins will have their work cut out for them.

"We are heading into a league that sent two teams to the NCAA Tournament last season and had four teams win at least 18 matches. So we are going to have our hands full."

With rule changes in 2001, the game of volleyball will be played in a different way than it has in the past. The first change is how the game will be scored.

Beginning this season, teams will still play best-of-five matches, but all games will be rally scoring. In the first four games, teams will play to 30 and to 15 in game

five. The second change for the 2001 season will be on the serve. If a serve hits the net but still reaches the opponent's side of the court, the ball is playable. In previous years, if the serve touched the net at all, the server was credited with a service error.

"I'm a traditionalist, but I'm mentally prepared to play this style of volleyball," said Conroy. "We are preparing our team for this style."

Leading the way for the Penguins for the fourth straight season will be two-time all-conference selection Melissa Lyczkowski.

Last season, Lyczkowski put her name in the YSU record books, becoming the school's all-time assists leader with 3,781 career assists.

Lyczkowski, the 1998 Mid-Con Newcomer of the Year, also holds the top two single-season assists marks at YSU.

"We are very big this year. This is by far the biggest team in school history," said Conroy.

Sophomore Beth Boscarelli, who averaged 1.84 assists per game last season, will see more playing time in 2001.

Junior Michele Batton, outside hitter, a 1999 second-team All-Mid-Continent Conference selection, returns 100 percent healthy after a severe ankle injury forced her to miss most of the 2000 campaign. In 1999 Batton set the school freshman kills record with 358.

Joining Batton at outside

hitter are junior Cameran Drake, sophomore Colleen Royer and freshman Debbie Koenn. Drake, finished the 2000 campaign with 1.44 kills and 2.35 digs per game. Royer recorded 1.29 kills per game while battling injury throughout the season.

Koenn, a 5-foot-11-inch outside hitter, was named all-state and all-district in 2000.

Kristin Meech, who led the team with a .311 hitting percentage, overwhelmed opponents with a 3.19 kills per game average and 1.22 blocks per game. Meech also owns the YSU single-season and career blocks records with 207 and 446 blocks, respectively.

"Setting and blocking will be our strengths this year," said Conroy.

Meech and Lyczkowski will be the backbone of this year's squad.

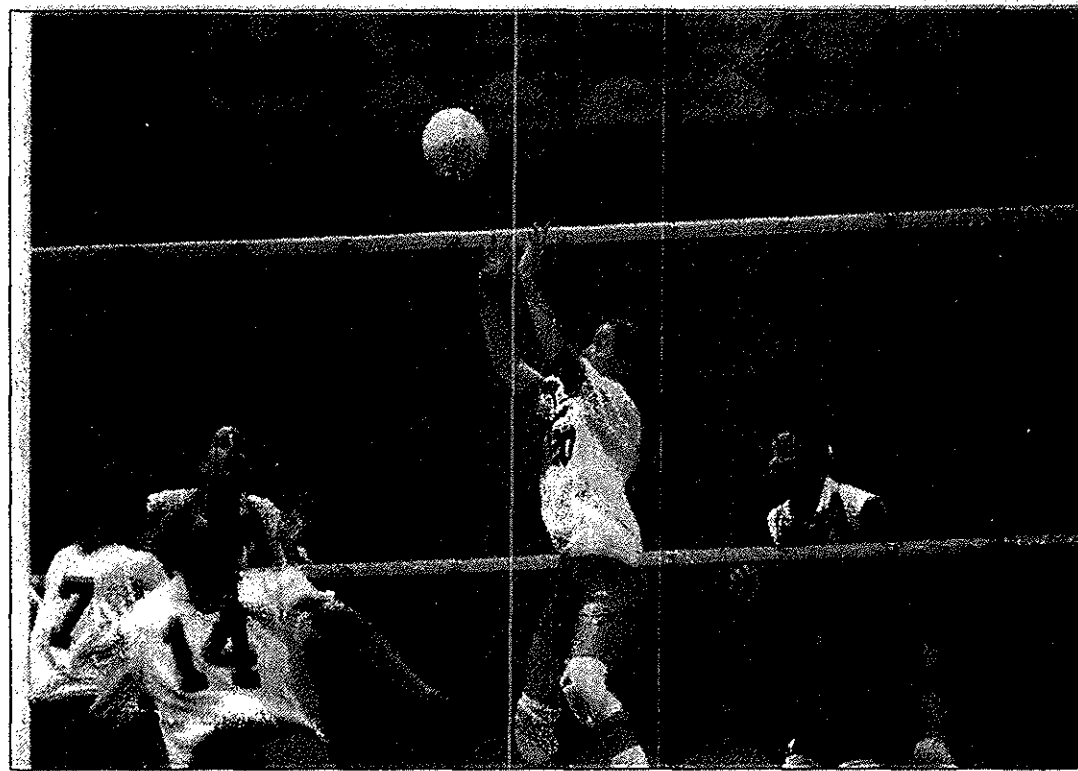
Freshman Melanie Pounders, who was a two-time all-district performer at Midview High School, is also expected to get some "pt" in the middle.

The position with the best combination of speed, power and versatility is at the opposite side hitter.

This group is led by first-team all-conference selection Rebecca Sylak, who led the squad with 365 kills for an average of 3.61 kills per game.

Sylak also ranks seventh all-time at YSU with 818 career kills.

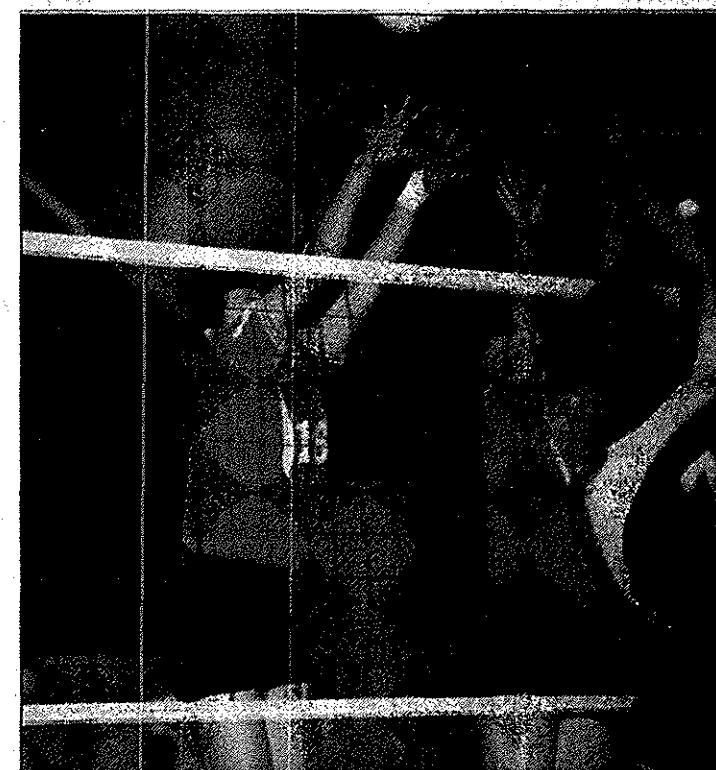
Along with Sylak, Virginia transfer sophomore Laura Svetter and freshman Lori Lyman will see a nice



VOLLEY IT: The YSU volleyball team kicks off the new season with some familiar faces leading the way including: Melissa Lyczkowski (above) and Becca Sylak and Kristin Meech (right). The girls have one last practice, which is today from 2 to 5 p.m. in the gym at the Beeghly Center.

chunk of action.

The schedule consists of three NCAA Tournament participants, including USA Today preseason No. 3 Penn State and league members Loyola (Chicago) and Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and opponents from the Atlantic Coast Conference (N.C. State), Conference USA (Memphis), and two from the



Big East (Pittsburgh and West Virginia).

"We want to win the Horizon League, and go to the NCAA Tournament," Conroy said. "We have alot to be excited about and we're ready to start playing."

The Penguins open the season with four matches in two days at the Duquesne Tournament, Aug. 31-Sept. 1 in Pittsburgh.

The first home game will be Sept. 29, against Cleveland State.

Cross country schedule

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001	Miami Classic, Oxford, OH
Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001	Penn. St. Spiked Shoe Invitational, University Park, PA
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001	Roy Griak Invitational, Minneapolis, MN
Friday, Oct. 5, 2001	All Ohio Championship, Delaware, OH Notre Dame Invitational, South Bend, IN
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Two teams cross over into new season

By GINA AMERO
Jambor Reporter

Both the men and women's YSU cross country teams share a lot of optimism going into the 2001 cross country season entering into the Horizon League with two young teams.

Head coach Brian Gorby said he is excited about the future of the program.

"This is the most talented and hard-working team I have coached in the 14 years of the program," Gorby said. "They are young, unbelievably close and hard working."

When the Penguins won four consecutive Mid-Continent Conference Championships from 1994-98, the level of excitement was high, and the level of optimism was even higher.

According to Gorby and assistant coaches Matt Folk and Brian Laraway, much of the same buzz is circling

around this year's group of athletes.

The men's team will go into the season with team captains Adam Belmonte, Will Edwards, Kurt Michaelis, Tony Orcena and Paul Robinette leading the way.

As the lone senior on the team, Belmonte will be returning to provide some much-needed experience to the young squad. Showing some great improvements over the past few years, Belmonte holds a personal best time of 33:11 on a 10,000-meter course.

Also bringing to the team some well-rested mentality and legs will be five athletes who sat out last year as red-shirts. Edwards, who has been a foundation of the program during the past three years, will be vying for the top spot on the team with a time of 30:30 in the 10,000-meter run.

Michaelis, Orcena, Tim Tatarka and Robinette will also be contending for top spots after having logged between

80-120 miles a week over the summer.

Although the eight incoming freshmen on the men's team will be lacking collegiate experience, they are definitely no strangers to winning. Nick Buzek, Mark Hogenbirk, Nick Smith and Mike Yankey will all be running for the Penguins this year.

"We feel we have one of the top two distance and cross country recruiting classes in the state," Gorby said. "I am expecting each of them to make an immediate impact."

Team captains Andrea Bardy, Lindsay Frontz, Melissa Ruffner and Jen Moore will lead the women's team. With the lack of team depth being a problem for the women in the past years, Gorby said he is hoping they can turn the corner and improve on last year's performances.

Moore, who transferred from the University of Akron last year, will be returning to her position at the forefront of

the team. With a personal-best time of 18:41 in the 5,000-meter run, Moore will be making the next step in her athletic career and shooting for an individual title.

Also ready to advance in her athletic career is Bardy, who spent her first year as a Penguin fine tuning her mechanics. With a year of experience under her belt, Gorby said she is ready to challenge her 5,000-meter best time of 18:36.

Emily Schnitkey, one of the most decorated recruits coming into the program this year, will also be contending for the top spot on this season's team. With a personal-best time of 18:10 in the 5,000-meter run, which is the fastest time ever held by an incoming recruit, Gorby said Schnitkey has the capabilities to win most races.

The YSU cross country teams will put their optimism and endurance to the test Sept. 8, at the Miami Ohio Classic in Oxford.