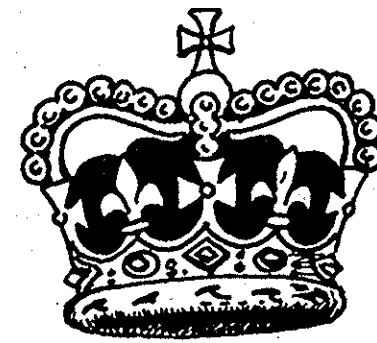




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Police investigate shooting

BY SOMOUD NISER
Jambiar Editor

One witness broke up a fight outside Smokey Joe's before hearing several gunshots from across the street.

A Youngstown man was shot and killed, and a woman and a girl were wounded during a weekend shooting outside Smokey Joe's Lounge on Market Street.

The victim's cousin told Youngstown police the shooting may be in retaliation to a Friday homicide.

Youngstown city policeman Carlos Rivera was patrolling the area shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday when he heard the gunshots.

According to the police report, Rivera noticed a crowd fleeing from the area of the old Uptown Theatre and tried to get through traffic to reach the theatre.

"I was too busy trying to clear the perimeter," Rivera said. "There were about 300 people crowding the streets."

Rivera found Terrance L. Green, 27, lying on the sidewalk with shots to the head, chest and shoulder. Green was taken to St. Elizabeth Health Center where he was later pronounced dead.

Jessica Tarpley, 22, and Nicole Moore, 15, were also shot and treated at St.

Elizabeth Tarpley was shot in the buttock, and Moore was slightly wounded on the stomach.

Rivera questioned witnesses on the scene who said a fight between two females broke out outside.

One of the witnesses broke up the fight and began walking across the street with a friend when they heard the gunshots.

According to the police report, after the two females noticed it was Green, they immediately went to find Elizabeth Green, the victim's cousin.

Elizabeth told police she thought the shooting could be in retaliation from a homicide

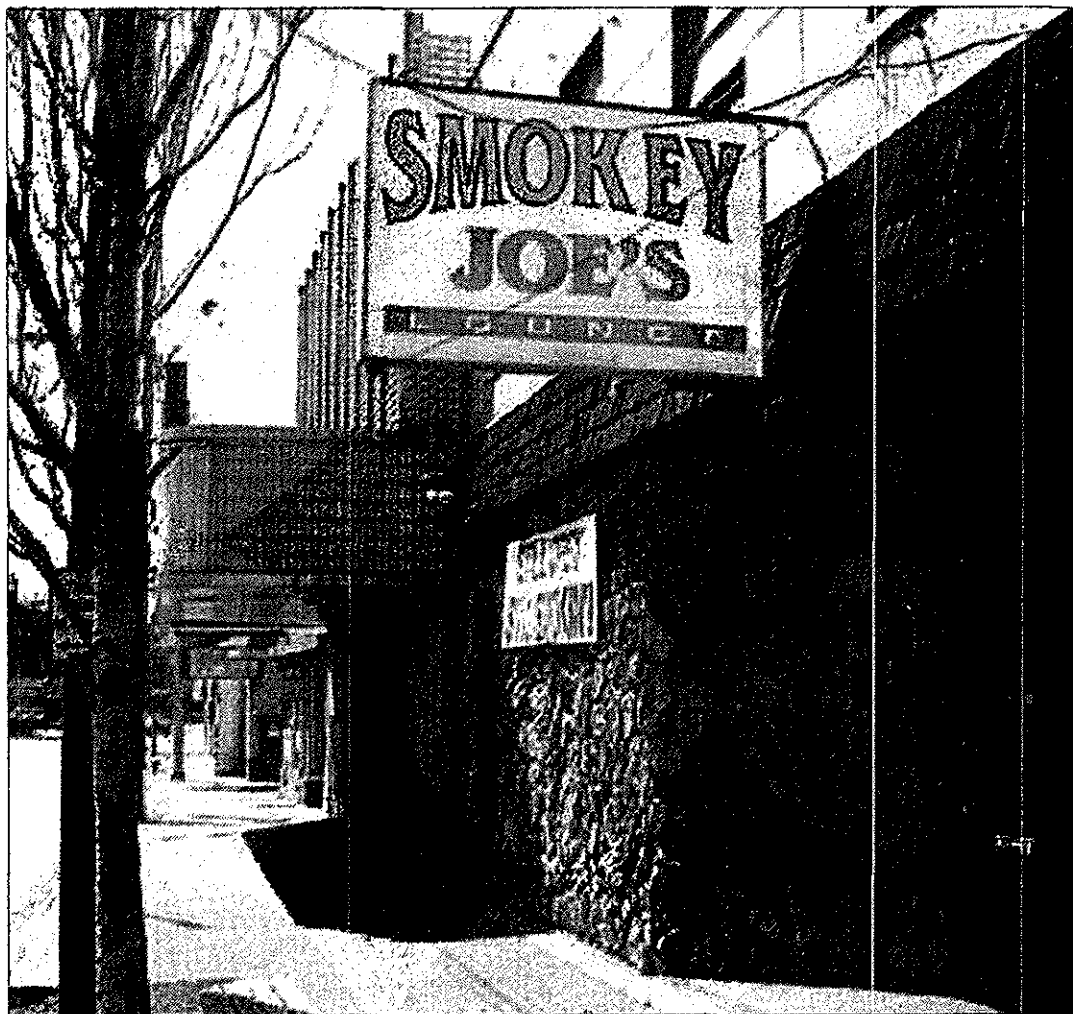
the day before. Scottie Hornbuckle, 22, was shot at his home on Friday. Elizabeth said there were rumors circulating that the victim might have something to do with the Hornbuckle homicide.

Another witness told police he was stuck in traffic at the corner of Market Street and Hilda Avenue when he heard gunshots coming from the Rite Aid Pharmacy parking lot.

According to the police report, the witness saw a man wearing a red flannel shirt, holding a gun sideways in his right hand, firing at someone.

He also saw another man in a dark, hooded sweatshirt firing down at the victim's body. An investigation is pending in the connection of the two homicides.

Police could not release information on any possible leads at this time.

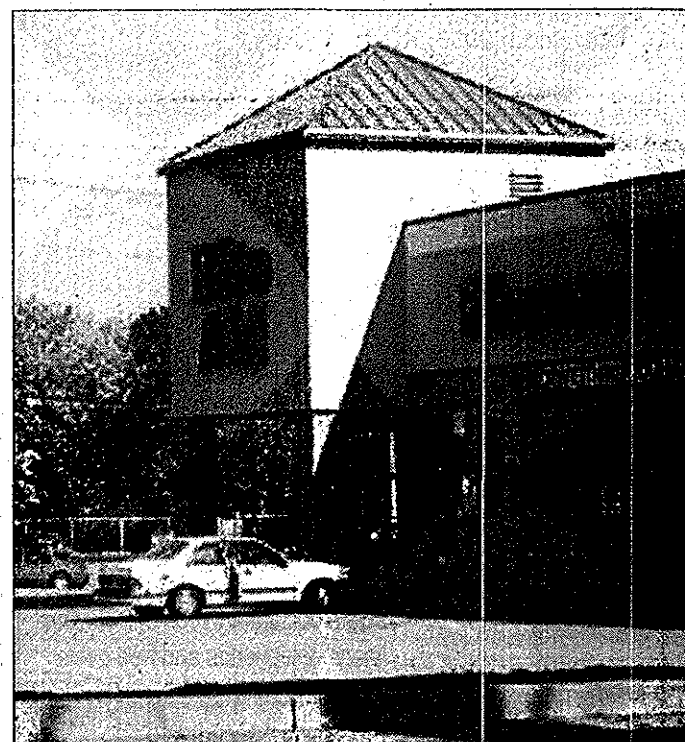


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Calm scene after the crime

Days after the shooting outside Smokey Joe's and the Rite Aid Pharmacy on Market Street in the Uptown, business continues as usual.

One person was killed, and two people were injured Sunday morning after 2.



Lepak to kick off war forum

BY HENRY GOMEZ
Jambiar Assistant Editor

The biweekly terrorism discussions are free and open to the public.

In light of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Dr. Keith J. Lepak, associate professor, political science, is announcing the start of a biweekly forum dealing with such issues.

The program kicks off 2 to 4 p.m. today in Kilcawley Center, Room 2068 with "Global Terrorism & The U.S. Response: What kind of war? What kind of peace?"

Lepak said the forum will allow for public discussion and examination of the causes and consequences of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The forum is free and open to the public as well as all members of the YSU community.

Lepak, who serves as director of peace and conflict studies, is sponsoring the program through his department with help from the Global Education Program, Center for Islamic Studies, Political and Legal Thought Society, Department of Political Science and Department of Military Science.

For more information, call Lepak at (330) 742-3437 or e-mail him at kjlepek@cc.ysu.edu.

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Youngstown State University Poetry Center presents Reading Series 2001-2002

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All readings will take place in the Kilcawley Art Gallery. The Penguin Review Celebration will take place in the Ohio Room.

Poetry series to begin Friday

By DEBBIE TUECHE
Jambiar Reporter

With so many activities to do on a Friday night it can be difficult to decide the best option.

The YSU Poetry Center presents one choice, as it features its first reading in the 2001-02 series. Kim Stafford of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., will serve as the first reader in the series.

Stafford explained he is excited to receive an invitation

to come and read as the first speaker.

"I have been hearing about Youngstown for years from friends, and their stories made me want to visit. It's my good luck that an invitation came from the English department to share my poetry there," said Stafford.

As a very diverse person, he is a writer, speaker, songwriter and performer. He said he plans to bring several assortments of his works to share with those in attendance Friday.

"On Friday, I will try for a variety of poems and songs, blessings, short meditations and stories," said Stafford. "I think a reading can be like a little library of different voices shared one by one."

Stafford started teaching at Lewis & Clark College in 1979 and is currently the director and founder of the Northwest Writing Institute.

"My niche is a program called the Northwest Writing Institute, which I invented

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Army students to guard airports

By SUSAN KELLY
AND PATRECKA ADAMS
Jambiar Assistant Editors

William Ramey has three semesters left at YSU before he is commissioned as an Army officer.

He said he feels bad that some of his friends and fellow soldiers have already been deployed, but since the current number of officers in the Army is low, there is little chance of him being called to active duty at this time.

If the United States launches a full assault resulting in a world war, however, Ramey said the Federal Aviation Agency would "come in and commission those officers in pre-training [who] they deem acceptable," and he would get deployment orders at that time.

Ramey said the FAA is currently training some of his friends for airport security positions.

"They will serve at either the Akron Canton Regional, Cleveland Hopkins International or Youngstown-Warren Regional airports," he said.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush urged governors to guard every airport until the federal government is able to send in federal sky marshals on a more permanent basis. Until then, students in the military are being deployed.

Lt. Col. Hosler, assistant professor, military science, said three students have been called into active duty so far, and they are at their Victoria Road unit, awaiting their assignments.

"We're really not sure exactly where all the students will be going, [but] they will be pulling airport security," he said.

Hosler also said the assignments could be short term, or they could possibly last over 200 days.

When major hijackings took place in the 70s, the federal government sent sky marshals to airports for security purposes. Since then, though, federal agents have not been present for airport protection. According to Ramey, it is in

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New position becomes Habat forming

By SUSAN KELLY
Jambar Assistant Editor

Being the middle child in a Catholic family with 11 kids helped John Habat, special assistant to University President David Sweet, develop a penchant for diplomacy.

Habat's appearance is youthful, and his ruddy complexion and blue eyes complete the picture of a healthy lifestyle.

Although he dresses the part of an attorney, which he is, he said he looks forward to Fridays when he chooses to dress more casually.

His office is one of several in a row inside the executive office suite in Tod Hall. The large window that parallels his desk faces Kilcawley Center and reflects off the computer screen on his desk. His bookcase is neatly lined with legal books, although there is room for more things.

His \$113,300 a year job as special assistant to the president involves trouble shooting

and problem solving, according to Habat.

"Basically I do what needs to be done on a daily basis — things like assessing and evaluating committees, programs and situations. I'm responsible for the president's talking points, briefing points, and I'm a sounding board," he said.

When Habat first came to YSU he spent all his time helping in the search process for vacancies in the administration. From there his role shifted to include enrollment initiatives and "is still evolving," he said.

After 15 months at YSU, he's still adjusting to a college atmosphere.

"It's unlike anything I've done before," he said. "Higher ed is a unique employment culture. There is so much protection for everyone built into the system that it impacts the speed with which you can make things happen."

"I like bringing people together to accomplish specific things," Habat said. "I guess

I'm good at combining people's synergy and asking the right questions."

He said he credits administration, staff and students with being tolerant and patient with him during the time he's been on campus.

"In addition," he said, "I think it's very beneficial for the university to have people here from the outside. It's a fresh perspective."

The "outside" for Habat has been anything but outside the city limits of Cleveland. He was a key player in developmental initiatives for the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, where he served as vice president, government and transportation, from 1994-99.

Habat did staff work that led to an increase in business by Continental Airlines at the Cleveland Airport.

Although he consults with other cities about revitalization and airline concerns, he said he doesn't expect these skills to be part of his responsibilities at

YSU.

He graduated from the Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University, with a juris doctorate in 1983 and holds a master's degree from Ohio University in European history. His undergraduate degree is also in history.

He worked as legal counsel and assistant law director for the city of Cleveland from 1979-83 and moved on to become executive assistant to the mayor.

Habat and Sweet met over 22 years ago, when Sweet worked in the urban program at Cleveland State and Habat worked for George Voinovich, who was then Mayor of Cleveland. Voinovich suggested Habat contact Sweet and work together on revitalization measures for the city of Cleveland.

"We worked well together and eventually teamed up to work on Municipal Energy Management measures," Habat said. "In the 80s, there simply weren't any programs

for relief or conservation of fuel bills."

"We worked to get grants to study energy efficiency and traveled to Europe to look at how Europeans did things. Then we came back and implemented an energy pay back system. We actually won an award for the work and saved the city of Cleveland thousands of dollars in energy bills."

When Sweet took the position as president of YSU, he called Habat, who had been working as an independent consultant on issues such as urban revitalization, air service, transportation and infrastructure.

"The timing was right," Habat said. "I was looking for something different and so I agreed to work part time to see how things went. After six months, David asked me to consider working full time, and I agreed," he said.

"The commute from Shaker Heights is about 65 minutes each way. I don't mind

the travel, and with teenagers in high school, it's more difficult to consider moving," Habat said.

Habat said he thinks the events in his life helped shape his destiny. "After I graduated with a degree in history I worked as an intern for the state Legislature. That's where I met my wife and went on to attend law school."

"I can't say that I had a specific job position in mind. One thing just led to another, and all of it has had a good purpose in my life."

"I'd like students to know that with a good, basic education they can do so many things. Writing is so important. I tell my daughters that they should learn to write well, no matter what," said Habat. "If you can write, you have so many options."

His personal time is divided between volunteering as president of the board of trustees for the Northeast Ohio Adoption Network, and work as a Hospice volunteer.

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these areas that those called into active duty will be utilized.

"Part of the training now being given includes operation of metal detectors and how and when to conduct searches of vehicles and so forth," he said. "Military personnel will obviously be armed."

Ramey said soldiers in the

military are trained to "obey commands" from their superiors and to "do [their] jobs." To him, part of his job is to go wherever he's needed.

Though recent opinion polls show that some Americans think no retaliation against the attacks on America should take place, Ramey said he thinks America has to act to

preserve Americans' freedoms.

"I personally disagree with [those who feel no retaliation should take place]. When someone comes into my country and hurts people, I consider that an infringement on my freedom."

"I think we should take a stand and defend our country," he said.

Weekend concert pays tribute

The Dana Concert Band, the Warren Junior Military Band and the Youngstown Connection will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday as an inspirational tribute in response to the Sept. 11 attacks. University President David Sweet and Dr.

George McCloud, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, will speak.

Admission and parking are free. Donations can be made to the Victim Relief Fund at the entrance.

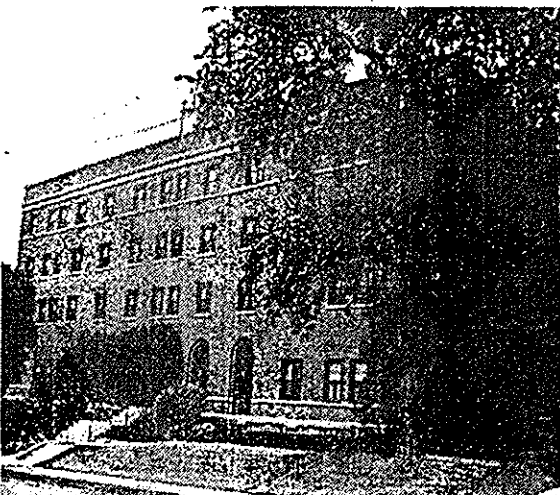
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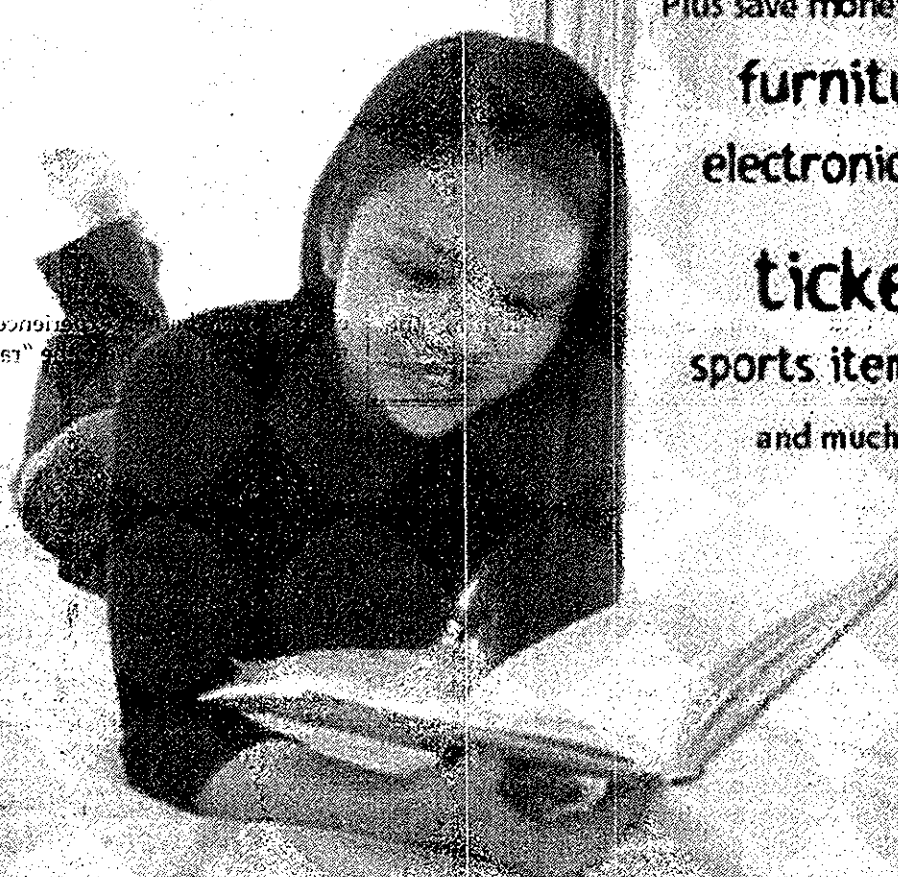
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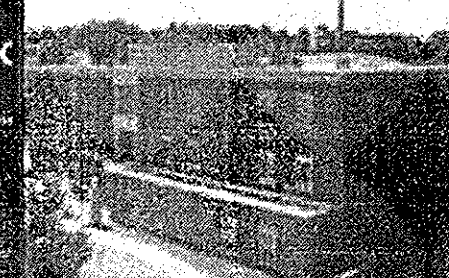
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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think Safety concerns at Y-town bars

There aren't that many options when it comes to YSU nightlife.

Ernie McDoogal's and Pogo's, located just off-campus, are the closest choices. Several places in Austintown, Boardman and Niles have also become popular with students.

But YSU students are also heading uptown to bars and clubs on Market Street in Youngstown, such as Smokey Joe's and its neighbors, Jay Jay's and Varsity Club.

Yes, there is a selection. But the safety factor is what really narrows down that list.

Are the bars located near campus really a safe place for students to hang out? Is it possible to go out for a night and not have to worry about potential violence?

Considering the shootings of last weekend, safety has become an even bigger concern.

It shouldn't take one man to be killed and two other people to be wounded for students to realize how dangerous the area is. We need to become more aware of our surroundings.

We need to be alert to signs of danger. And we need to know how to react when faced with such a situation.

It should be a wake up call for bar owners too. It's time to tighten security and make sure no one can get into the bars with a gun or weapon of any kind.

Bartenders should be aware of how their customers are acting and know when it's time to stop serving someone who is getting dangerously out of control.

And it's time for police to take more action. Smokey Joe's has a history of problems and was closed once before.

Now it's been reopened. Why?

It's time to shut it down. A place with its only attracts trouble.

Although some students know to steer clear of Smokey Joe's, it doesn't mean they will be able to completely avoid trouble.

People often park in the same lots to go to the other bars neighboring Smokey Joe's. And the two girls who were wounded Saturday were shot in the parking lot of Rite Aid across the street.

It only goes to show that there is no place nearby that is truly safe.

Bars in the Uptown that rely heavily on business from YSU students must rethink policies and actions, as students could easily move to bars and clubs in outlying areas.

Until Smokey Joe's is closed and other bars take extra safety precautions, we as students need to find other places to go on the weekends and be cautious when frequenting the Uptown locations.

Part-time faculty are overlooked

By THOMAS J. BURNS
Jambar Contributor

When University President David Sweet ordered a review of YSU's departments and functions, I was impressed with his sense of mission: A refreshing commitment to revitalize the university. Having earned my BA and MA in English from YSU and being a part-time instructor since 1998, I welcomed this.

The report summarizing the exhaustive research of Auditor of State teams, Performance Assessment/Summary Recommendations seems to consider every important aspect of university life.

Yet, one major aspect of the university was intentionally ignored; there's no reference to the part-time faculty except in abstract statistical summaries of university employees.

I know this with certainty since I spoke with Robert Evans, the project manager; he said that evaluating the university involved prioritizing hundreds of issues, and the evaluation

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tion of PTF wasn't included since it was not a high priority issue.

Clearly, we are not thinking, contributing human beings. We are only statistical abstractions.

I'm not sure who made that decision, but since PTF outnumbers full-time faculty

428 to 396 and teaches a high percentage of the university's courses —

particularly foundation courses (such as the English composition, research, and documentation that I teach) on which advanced courses are necessarily based — it was an astonishingly arrogant decision.

By doing so, the university is saying PTF plays an insignificant role. If true, why does everyone agree that should PTF suddenly strike or quit, the university would be unable to

operate? YSU isn't unique in treating PTF like untouchables in steerage; most schools have the same attitude of designed neglect.

Students, however, should know that the hard-working, dedicated, fully-qualified teaching professional standing before the class receives no benefits whatsoever, hasn't had a pay raise in approximately 15 years, has no realistic hope of gaining a full-time position and has virtually no influence in decision making.

This rude indifference extends to even job-related communications. When Sweet delivered his address to the faculty at the beginning of the semester, PTF wasn't invited.

Apparently, he didn't care if we heard his advice, insights and directives although we are expected to demonstrate loyal support of YSU's policies and

the highest degree of professionalism as instructors. It's a shame that the university cannot demonstrate the same degree of loyalty and professionalism.

Obviously, YSU's financial/institutional gains trump human needs. However, no pain is greater for PTF than the indifference of the full-time faculty union.

Because of our academic training and roles, we should be viewed as legitimate colleagues, worthy of their support.

Beyond the warm smiles and friendly greetings, however, there is an awkward and significant silence in negotiations with the administration. If the union really cared, the lowly status of PTF could — would — be made an issue, even if we are not members.

Again, the answer to this apparent contradiction is simple: Pay raises for PTF would drain money from its potential raises.

Nonetheless, I take comfort in knowing PTF isn't always forgotten. During university fundraising drives, our mailboxes are always filled with donation forms.

GUEST COMMENTARY

ever. Increasing levels of congestion on the roads have played a role in the rising tempers of drivers.

In a national survey, a Michigan firm, EPIC-MRA found that that 80 percent of drivers are angry most or all of the time while driving.

Road ragers are usually angry and impatient before they even put their keys in the ignition.

To prevent this, drivers should be

Drivers everywhere are in a hurry. And you're in their way! So step on the gas! Speed up! Get going. The light isn't going to get any greener!

Sound familiar? Of course. Almost everyone has had an experience with road rage, whether they were the "rager" or the victim.

According to a recent poll for the Coalition for Consumer Health and Safety, 64 percent of people say they are driving less courteously and more dangerously than they were five years ago.

And the problem is only getting worse. Innocent people are getting hurt, and even killed, when they become the victims of road rage.

We must develop a solution to stop this road recklessness. Experts have suggested we legislate by lowering speed limits and building more roads.

Others have suggested we regulate driving by developing more elaborate licensing procedures.

Although these options may force drivers to be more cautious behind the wheel, it does not prevent them from losing their tempers.

Instead, impatient drivers must learn how to reduce their stress so simple misunderstandings between drivers do not become dangerous conflicts.

Today, roads are more crowded than

relaxed before they hit the road. Taking just a few minutes to forget about other problems while driving will keep the roads safer for everyone involved.

Most cases of road rage occur when drivers are running late.

You know the scenario. The soccer mom or dad has 15 minutes to get their children to practice.

In their rush, they steer out of the driveway and into their residential neighborhood at 42 mph.

Along the way, they tailgate other

drivers who are going too slow and use red lights as suggestions.

The tenseness and hurriedness that comes along with aggressive driving can easily be prevented.

Instead of waiting until the last minute to take their children to soccer practice, mom or dad should allow for a little extra driving time.

Although it won't make people who are in a hurry drive any better, extra time will allow mom or dad more time to deal with other bad drivers.

It's also a good idea to know an alternate route to the destination before getting on the road.

No one wants to be stuck in rush hour traffic when they have somewhere important to be.

Knowing how to avoid traffic congestion, if necessary, will make aggressive drivers more at ease and more tolerant of other drivers.

Too often, aggressive drivers have unreasonable expectations about driving.

Road ragers sometimes believe the "perfect commute" means there are no other cars in sight.

While it may seem ideal to have territorial rights on the highway, roads are not — and will never be — reserved for just one driver.

Drivers must be more realistic when they anticipate driving situations.

Doing so will help them realize there is very little they can do prevent the traffic jams and other annoying delays.



Corrections and Clarifications

Dana Reuter, one of the candidates who ran for homecoming court this week was misquoted in Tuesday's paper.

Reuter's sister works at an on-campus Comdoc copy store where donations were made for her campaign.

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Letter to the Editor

Student: Queen candidates are royal nuisance

Editor:

I rediscovered this morning why I hold cynical views of humanity.

As I walked to Kilcawley Center to kill time between classes, I noticed a cult of advocates staring and smiling directly at me with a look of purpose on their faces that I thought meant they had word of the Second Coming of Christ.

I focused on getting to the entrance before these people got to me. I failed.

A still smiling, cute blonde girl wearing a trendy short skirt blocked my path and queried, "Are you going to vote?"

I thought to myself "what a stupid question; elections

aren't for another month." Confused, I asked what I was supposed to be voting for today.

She responded with her best ditz voice that "today is the ONLY day to vote for Homecoming queen."

Before I had time to respond, she continued "and my friend is running and I thought that maybe you could vote for her."

My first response was to slap myself and make sure I wasn't back in high school. Then I thought I'd score some cash out of the deal.

I said, "Sure I'll vote for her ... my vote only costs five bucks."

It was her turn to look confused (and trust me she did a

good job).

"Well I can't give you money but she is a really nice girl," she mumbled. "What's her platform?" I asked. I was hoping for at least a save the whales response. I didn't even get that.

She instead offered "She doesn't really have any plans, but I am in her sorority and she is a nice girl."

Miss December is "nice" too. I voted for the girl, only because of the tight dress she was wearing in the flier.

But isn't that what it is really all about anyway?

The only thing the queen does is walk out in front of everyone and wave like Vanna White, while putting on the plastic smile as hordes of men

check out her a--, and crowds of women talk about how slutty her dress is.

So to the queen, whoever you are, you don't have to thank me for your vote.

All I ask is that you continue to strut around campus everyday keeping the only two duties of your reign: to smile and be the object of my lust.

And to all the students who didn't cast your vote this year, when the next queen wannabes ask for your vote, remember to be sympathetic toward them.

For "there are no stupid questions," only stupid people.

Rob Smith
sophomore
secondary education

Students' study habits differ

By ROBERT DEFRANK
Jambar Reporter

A high GPA opens a world of doors for college students: Grants, scholarships, awards, job opportunities.

YSU students said they find the problem is how to achieve and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, while still having some kind of a social life, although some students say they have been successful so far.

Alexia Cross, freshman, pre-med and biology, had a 3.6 GPA at Warren G. Harding High School.

She said her study habits include tape recording her classes and five hours of reading and studying per day. She said this still leaves plenty of time for social activities.

"I just schedule my time wisely," she said.

Cross said she only needs to work one day a week, which gives her the time she needs.

She said she is determined to graduate in four years or less, and her main strategy is determination.

"I set goals and stick to them," said Cross.

Paul Morocco, senior, journalism, said he had a 3.29 GPA at Walsh University in North Canton.

Morocco said Walsh is a private university, and the U.S. News and World Report found it the second most difficult school in Ohio. Morocco said doing well is a part of his nature.

"I'm competitive, and I take pride in what I do," said Morocco.

He said he owes his good performance to his learning style. He said he prefers being given a free hand to pursue his education. Morocco said he almost never attended class but rather did his studying and research on his own.

Morocco said his social life, for all intents and purposes, didn't exist. He was in bed by 11 p.m. had no cable television and a minimum of distractions. His favorite use of free time: Playing chess.

He cites economics as his main motive for pushing himself so hard.

"I was paying \$17,000 a year; I needed to get out of there," said Morocco.

He said he hasn't done as well since transferring to YSU. His GPA has dropped to a 2.93. He said this is due to more

restrictive teaching methods and lack of freedom at YSU.

"They expect you to attend classes," he said.

He is also working 40 hours a week, as opposed to the 20 hours he said he worked while at Walsh. He said illness and personal problems have also caused his grades to drop.

Matt Jackson, sophomore, business management, has a 3.6 GPA, which he keeps up by rewriting all his notes the week of a test and cramming the night before.

He also said he studies whenever he's not working at one of his three jobs. He goes out about twice a week, and he said he would like to produce music after college.

"I pay for my own schooling. If I don't come to class I'm wasting money," said Jackson.



Anthony Mitzel / The Jambar

HITTING THE BOOKS: Students in Moser Hall squeeze in some study time between classes Wednesday afternoon.

Ryan Edward Craig, freshman, political science and pre-law is in his first semester at YSU. His high school GPA was 3.95.

He has been awarded the Dean's Scholarship and Moen Faucet's Scholarship. Craig said he plans to attend law school after college.

He advises other students to keep their priorities straight. He also said spending time with school-oriented people will help college students in their studies.

"I'm looking out for my future," he said. "What I do now will affect me in the future."

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long ago. We get people together to write as a form of cultural activism," said Stafford.

As an out-of-towner, Stafford offered a trade of information. He will share some of his stories in turn for some about Youngstown.

"I would say to my friends in Youngstown, I would barter some stories from my place for some of your own," said Stafford.

Dr. Philip Brady, professor, English, and head of the Poetry Center, explained why the center asked Stafford to visit YSU.

"I have been a big admirer of his work and wanted to bring him to campus," said Brady. "He is very contemplative, calm and has a warm

demeanor.

Brady explained there are several aspects to Stafford that make him an enjoyable person to hear.

"His poetry benefits from being read aloud and heard. It becomes three-dimensional when heard. Also, to listen to the author gives a unique perspective," said Brady.

Linda Strom, professor, English, also said she thinks hearing Stafford's poetry will greatly benefit his audience.

"Listening to the work makes it come alive on the page," said Strom. "It is so different to hear a reader read their writing."

Strom said she knows Stafford on a personal level and thinks anyone in attendance will

find him a great performer.

"I know him personally. His readings have so much spirit," said Strom. "In his work, he is always telling stories. He is a grand story-teller."

She encourages the YSU community to attend Friday, explaining Stafford is a great person to hear, especially for a first reading experience.

"If they have never been to a reading, they will have a great first reading," said Strom.

Stafford explained he has received several prestigious awards, including the National Endowment for the Arts and a Western States Book Award.

"I have been awarded creative writing fellowships now and then. Such things mean that someone thought it would

be good for me to keep writing. I already knew that, but it was nice to get confirmation," said Stafford.

Brady elaborated on exactly what awards Stafford has won. This includes the Flagship Award for the biggest creative writer. Also, he explained the National Endowment for the Arts Award comes with a \$20,000 cash prize that Stafford has won twice.

The reading is open to the public and will take place in the Kilcawley Art Gallery on the second floor of Kilcawley Center.

For more information on The Poetry Center or any readings, contact Dr. Philip Brady at (330) 742-1952.

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Speaker Info:
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By CHRISTINA VANOVERBEKE
Jambar Reporter

It all started last September.

His friends had all gone to Columbus, leaving Nick Geidner, sophomore, telecommunication, at home in Youngstown with absolutely nothing to do. He thought there had to be something more exciting than just sitting around. That is when the spark ignited his imagination.

When Geidner's friends came back, they came back to a mission. Seek out anything and everything to do in the

Youngstown area, and post it on a Web site so that everyone can find it.

This was the conception of *youngstownscene.com*, a Web site devoted to bringing area nightlife to the people.

"Youngstown, as a whole, has a lot of stuff going on,"

Geidner said. "We have a music scene like some of the bigger cities, but until now the only way for bands to get the word out about a show was to put a flyer up on a telephone pole at YSU. We wanted to make it easier to find out when these bands were playing."

Getting the word out involved a lot of footwork. The group spent the next five months gathering the information it needed to get

started.

"We tried to go to all the bars and to go and see every local band. We needed to find out about them and get familiarized with their music. We also had to find a way to get our site hosted, and we had to register a domain name," said Kevin Povec, the computer brain behind *youngstownscene.com*.

Povec said one of the biggest difficulties they have run into is keeping the site current. Right now there are only six people on the staff, two of which only write occasionally.

Ryan Krispinsky, sophomore, education, plays percus-

sion and sings in the area band Six Months from Famous.

He said being covered by *youngstownscene.com* was a really cool way for their band to gain some recognition and get more people to check them out.

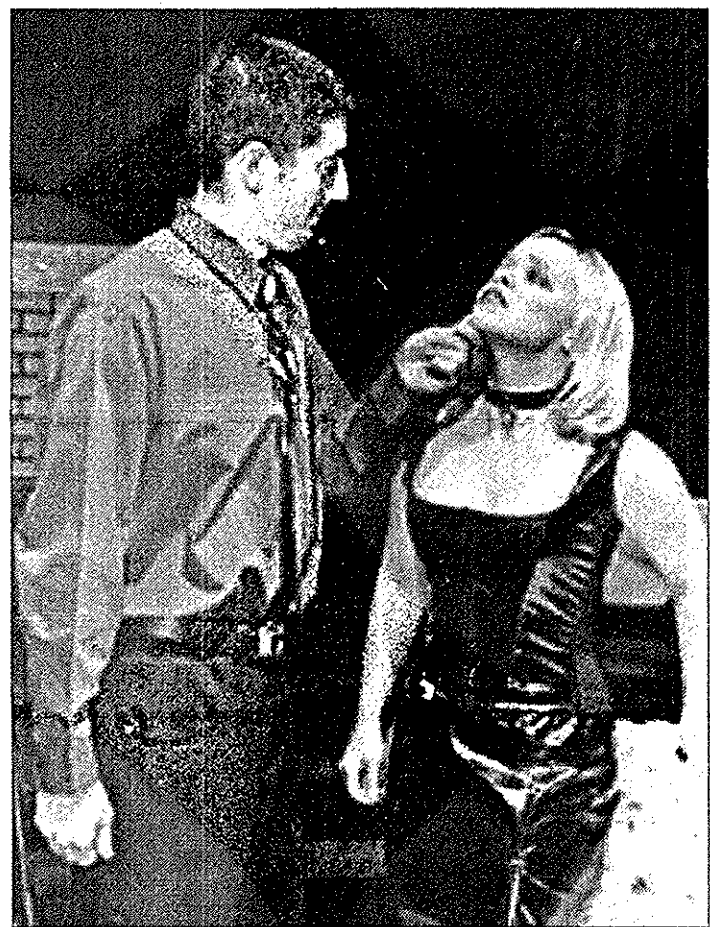
"It's also a great way to get some feedback about your music instead of just asking your friends," Krispinsky said. "Sometimes I think they could be more critical, though."

Geidner said they try to always give honest, uncensored opinions about the bands, and whether the band gets a positive or negative review depends on a lot of factors, including who is writing the review.

"We haven't said any group is the perfect band, but we try to find the good aspects of every band. We are supporting local music," Geidner said.



YOUNGSTOWN'S SCENE: *Youngstownscene.com* has a large bank of local band photos on its site, including the above picture of Tilt 360.



FARCE: Julian, played by Chris Casanta, orders Poopay, played by Rachel Peteritis, to help him out.

University Theater to open first performance of year

By JEN CREED
Jambar Editor

Sex, murder and time travel are just part of the plot of "Communicating Doors," the first University Theater production this year.

The play, written by Alan Ayckbourn, takes place during three time periods: 2021, 2001, and 1981.

Poopay, a dominatrix hired to witness a confession by a dying Reece, travels back into time and meets his first and second wives, both who have been murdered. The three women comically attempt to rewrite history and prevent their murders.

Rachel Peteritis, senior, theater and English, plays Poopay (also known at times as Phoebe), the dominatrix, and Alisa Mae, senior, theater,

plays Jessica, Reece's first wife.

The play is directed by theater professor Dr. Dennis Henneman.

"The cool thing about this show is some of the characters have to be aged," Peteritis said.

The actors apply their own makeup, but someone else designs the look.

One of the class requirements for theater majors is one in which students learn how to put makeup on for performances.

Auditions for the play were held the first week of school, and the cast has been rehearsing five days a week and some weekends ever since.

Adam Thatcher, sophomore, theater, who plays Reece commented, "It is a

thought-provoking show of time travel through laughter."

Peteritis has been doing shows here since her freshman year. She says "Communicating Doors" reminds her of Shakespeare because in one scene, someone gets killed and then in the next, there's a lot of laughter.

Bruce Harrington, sophomore, early childhood education plays Harold Palmer, a security guard. Although he acted in high school, this is his first performance at YSU. "I am blown away by the professionalism here," he said.

Nichole Polumni, senior, theater and accounting, plays Reece's second wife Ruella. She says the play is physically hard for some of the characters because some people are thrown off balconies.

Chris Casanta, freshman, art and technology, plays Julian. This is his first big show although he's been in one-act productions before. He also designed the poster for the play and the cover of the program.

The play opens at 8 p.m. Thursday, with productions also scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week and next.

The Sunday performances begin at 3 p.m. The rest begin at 8 p.m. The Spotlight Arena is located in Bliss Hall.

Tickets are available at no charge with a current YSU I.D. at the Box Office in Bliss Hall or reservations can be made by calling (330) 742-3105.

Although it is not necessary, students are encouraged to reserve their tickets in advance because seating is limited.

Fine and Performing Arts October events calendar

Music

Oct. 3

12:15 p.m.

Bassoon Ensemble,
Butler Institute of
American Art

Oct. 3

8 p.m.

Dana Brass Ensemble,
Bliss Recital Hall

Oct. 5

8 p.m.

Guest Artist: Washington
Garcia, piano,
Bliss Recital Hall

Oct. 10

12:15 p.m.

YSU Jazz Combos,
Butler Institute

Oct. 7

4 p.m.

Ronald Gould, organ,
St. John's Church

Oct. 17

7 p.m.

YSU Marching Pride &
Intercollegiate Athletics,
Beeghly Center

Oct. 19

8 p.m.

Guest Artist: David
McClune & Terry
McRoberts,
Bliss Recital Hall

Oct. 22

8 p.m.

Symphonic Wind
Ensemble,
Boardman High School

Oct. 24

12:15 p.m.

New Music Annual Fall
Concert,
Bliss Recital Hall

Oct. 28

10:30 a.m.

Youngstown Musica Sacra,
St. John's Episcopal
Church

Oct. 28

4 p.m.

Guest Artist: Benita
Meshulam, piano,
Bliss Recital Hall

Oct. 31

12:15 p.m.

Dana Percussion
Ensemble,
Butler Institute

Theater

Oct. 4-6, 13

8 p.m.

"Communicating Doors,"
Spotlight Arena Theater

Oct. 7, 12, 14

3 p.m.

"Communicating Doors,"
Spotlight Arena Theater

This is the diary of... Sonia Ewell

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

The entertainment section started "The diary of..." in an attempt to highlight some of the students' uniqueness on this campus that may have been otherwise unrecognized.



KELLY WALSH/ THE JAMBAR

Sonia Ewell is a junior who is majoring in Africana studies.

My dad told me not stress out over bills because they will be there for the rest of your life.

1. Why is Africana studies important to you and the world around you?

It's important to me because it's not part of mainstream education, and I think it should be. It's important that it [Africana studies] is thought of as a part of American history and culture. That's what my goal is for the educational curriculum.

4. What is your favorite past-time?

Reading. My favorite book is "Their eyes were watching god" by Zora Neale Hurston.

2. What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to go to graduate school, but I'm not sure where yet. I'm not sure if it will be for teaching or as an advocate.

5. Do you plan to stay in Youngstown after graduation?

No because I can't see very many career opportunities for me here. I don't see this as an area where I want to raise a family.

3. What's the best advice you have ever received?

6. Who had the most influence in your life?
My parents and grandparents because they provided the structure and grounding that makes me who I am today.

Campus Calendar

Today: The Christian Fellowship will be holding "Thursday Night Live" at 8 p.m. in Peaberry's, Kilcawley Center. For more information contact Amber Tisdale at (330) 480-8116 or Ambo810@aol.com

Friday: The ISA (International Student Association) will have a meeting at 3 p.m. in Cafaro Suite, Williamson Hall. For more information contact Kinga Orban at (330) 629-9943 or kinga36@aol.com.

Monday: Campus Bible Study invites you to a presentation on Creationism from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center. Guest Speaker Dr. Jobe Martin, Founder of Biblical Discipleship Ministries. For meeting information, contact Matt Magerat at (330) 792-6467. For speaker information, visit Dr. Martin's Web site www.biblicaldiscipleship.org.

Chi Alpha Fraternity will be showing Jesus Video at 12:10, 12:45 and 1:15 p.m. in Peaberry's backroom, Kilcawley Center.

Tuesday: "Focus" on WYSU, 88.5 FM: "The Milkman Cometh: Quick and Easy Nutrition," with Ryan Karam of the Dairy Council. 7 p.m. Host Dale Harrison.

Notices: October is National Therapy Month and the Physical Therapy Department at YSU will be collecting "pocket change" for the American Red Cross. Students, staff, and faculty are invited to stop by Cushman Hall, Bo80 often - no contribution is too small. Help us "change" the world for the better.

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Penguins look to bounce back after first loss of season

The YSU football team will be striving for its first road win of the season this week, after losing to Northern Iowa last week.

By MIKE SANTILLO
Jambar Editor

The YSU football team will try to earn its first road win of the season when it travels to Terre Haute, Ind., to play Indiana State University on Saturday.

The Penguins will try to rebound from a 30-11 loss at Northern Iowa last weekend.

YSU has not lost consecutive road games since losing three back-to-back in November 1998.

The odds of bouncing back

are in YSU's favor. The Penguins have won 9 out of 10 against the Sycamores and are a perfect 5-0 at Memorial Stadium in Terre Haute.

Of those five games, three have been decided by six points or less.

Last year, the Penguins beat ISU 42-7 at Stambaugh Stadium after losing their first game of the 2000 season the week before.

ISU is coming off a 31-13 home opening loss to Stephen F. Austin. The Sycamores fell behind 15-0 early and trailed 31-0 by halftime.

So far this year, ISU has lost to Stephen F. Austin, Tulsa, and Eastern Illinois, while beating Eastern Michigan.

On offense, ISU is averaging 234 yards and 12 points per game, while its defense is allowing 430 yards and 35 points per game.

ISU quarterback Julian Reese leads the team with 172 yards rushing and has completed 46 of 85 passes for 422 yards and two scores.

Reese, wide receiver Chris Lewis and tailback Jake Shileds are the only Sycamore players to see the end zone this year. ISU has forced only one turnover the entire season.

Last season, junior tailback P.J. Mays scored twice against ISU, and Jeff Ryan and Colby Street set a school record 13-for-13 passing performance for 234 yards in the air.

Kickoff for the Gateway Conference's television game of the week is set for 2:37 p.m.

News and notes

Senior cornerback LeVar Greene ranks fifth in the nation, averaging one interception per game.

Mays ranks 14th in the nation, averaging 125.5 yards per game and is 23rd in the nation, averaging nine points per game.

YSU is second in the nation in kickoff returns (31.78 per game), sixth in scoring defense (11 points per game), and fourth in rushing offense (288.25 yards per game).

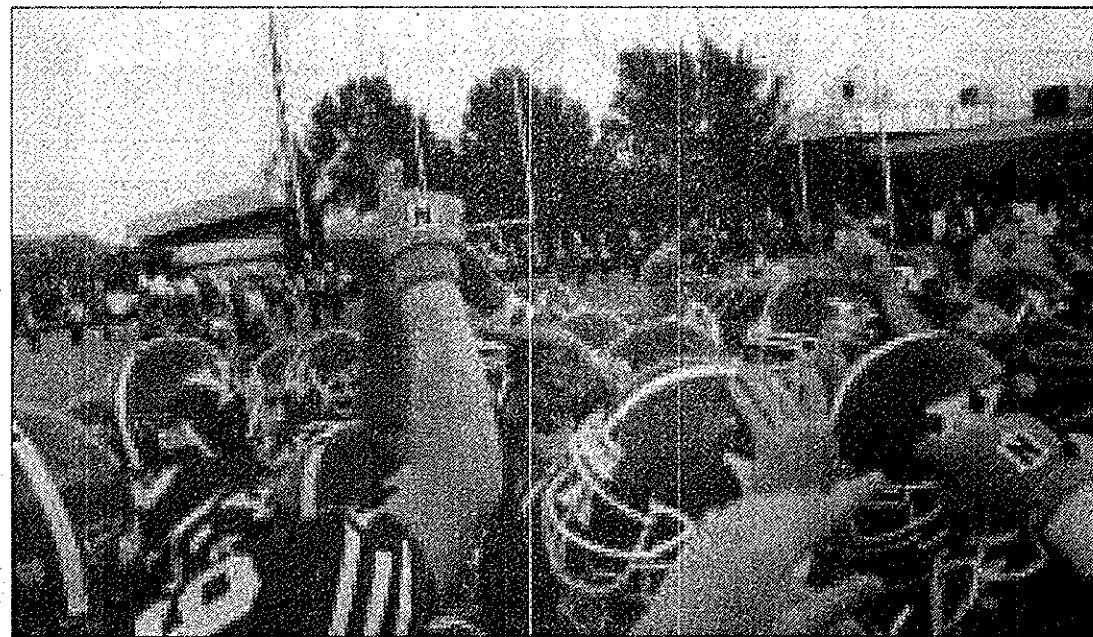


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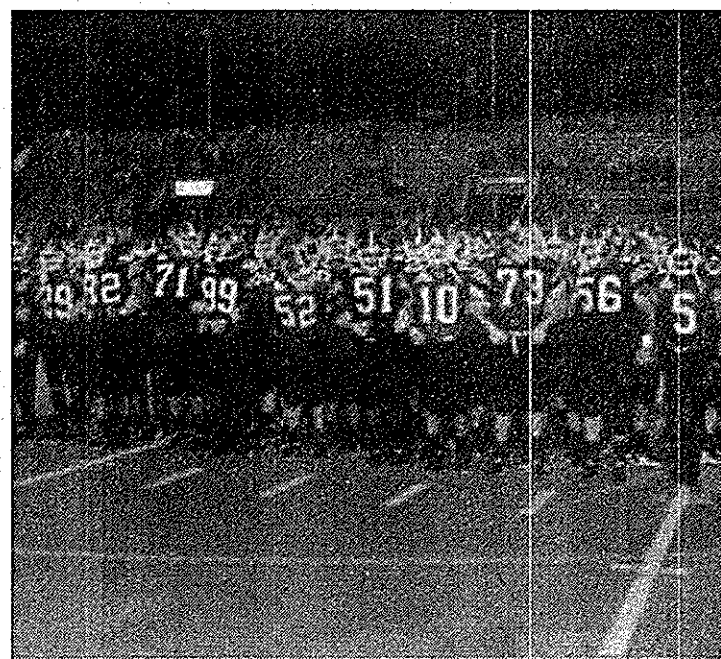


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ON THE ROAD AGAIN: THE YSU FOOTBALL TEAM WILL BE TRAVELING ON THE ROAD FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK BEFORE COMING HOME FOR A THREE-GAME HOME STAND. AFTER THIS WEEK, THE PENGUINS WILL ONLY LEAVE STAMBAUGH STADIUM TWO MORE TIMES THE REST OF THE YEAR. THEY HAVE A GAME AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ON NOV. 3 AND WILL PLAY AT MARSHALL ON NOV. 24. THE PENGUINS ARE 5-0 LIFETIME AGAINST ISU AT MEMORIAL STADIUM.

Student determined to bring rugby to YSU

By CHRISTINA VANOVERBEKE
Jambar Reporter

At six feet two inches tall, Christina Bees, junior, psychology, can be intimidating to many people.

Perhaps this is why people told her she was crazy when she began trying to start a women's rugby team on campus last spring.

"When I asked people if they would be interested in playing, a lot of them said, 'yeah right.' They were afraid they weren't big enough and would get hurt," said Bees who

played rugby with the women's team at The Ohio State University for a year before transferring to YSU.

"What they don't realize is that you don't have to be big to play rugby; that's a misconception. What's great about rugby is there is a position for every shape and size of girl.

Bees's love for the sport is what motivated her to take on the task of starting up a team all on her own.

"There was no team here, but I still really wanted to play. I asked my friends at Ohio State how they got that team going and then I just started,"

said Bees.

Rugby is not yet an official collegiate varsity sport. Any rugby team at the college level falls under the description of a club sport.

The first step to starting any club or organization at YSU is to go to student activities and fill out the appropriate paper work. The next

step is finding a base of at least

"When I asked people if they would be interested in playing, a lot of them said, 'yeah right.' They were afraid they weren't big enough and would get hurt."

—CHRISTINA BEES
Junior, Psychology

six people who are seriously interested, according to student activities at YSU.

After this, one can become an official campus organization and be eligible for university funding.

"I put up flyers all over campus. I called people, I e-mailed them. I even stopped random people on campus and asked them if they would be interested in playing," said Bees.

"After the first two weeks I had a list of almost 45 women who were interested, but at the first meeting only five or six showed up," she said.

There are fifteen players from a team on the field at once in rugby.

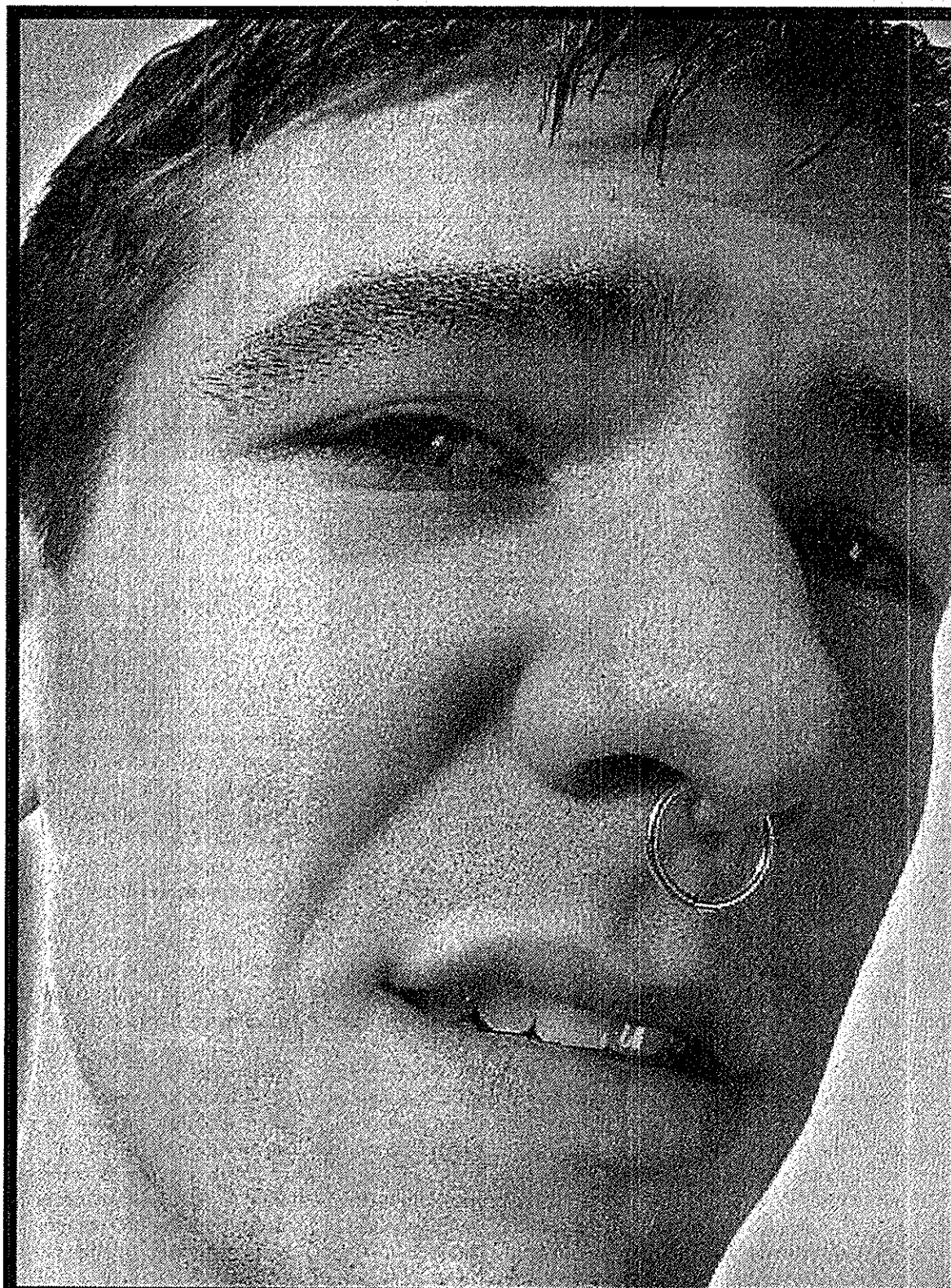
"It's a lot harder than I thought it would be to get this going. At first everyone was all psyched up and wanted to

play," said Bees, "but when it came down to it, not a lot of people have shown genuine interest."

"When we were little, so many of us wanted to play football or some other sport with the boys and were told we weren't allowed. Rugby is one of the few contact sports we can play, officially, on a team. I would really like to see a team at YSU," she said.

Bees said she will not give up trying to get the women's rugby team started.

Anyone interested in playing can contact her at (330) 559-7470.



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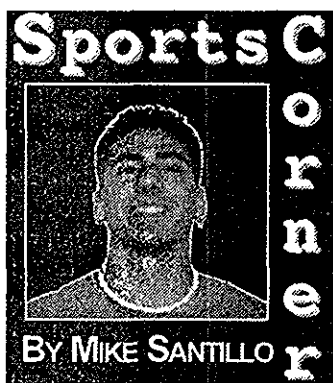
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Sports & Recreation



Jordan's return out of bounds

Last week, Michael Jordan announced he would return to play the game he loves.

Thank God he wasn't talking about baseball.

Three years ago, Jordan went out as a champion and as the greatest player ever to step foot on the court.

Once Jordan leaves the game this time, he's going to go out just like any ordinary hooper: A guy playing on an average squad, fighting to make the playoffs and will get trounced in the first round.

Jordan's biggest problem is that he thinks he can still come back and be the Jordan of old. He thinks he still can dominate like his good pal Mario Lemieux.

The truth is Lemieux was playing on a Stanley Cup-caliber team; Jordan is playing for the Washington Wizards.

There is a big difference from running with Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman to running with Tyron Lue and Richard Hamilton.

Jordan can never ruin his reputation, but he can damage it, and he will by making this comeback.

Jordan will be the Joe Namath of basketball.

I understand Jordan loves the game, but he has nothing else to prove.

He has six championships, MVP awards, defensive player of the year awards — the list goes on and on. We all know that.

So what can he possibly gain by coming back?

Jordan will hold his own; he will pump in about 25 points per game, but he will get abused on defense.

Players like Allen Iverson, Kobe Bryant and Ray Allen are the stars of the game now. They're younger, quicker and will be even more determined than ever to embarrass Jordan.

It's time we give these young superstars some credit. As much as I disagree with Jordan's decision to come back, I am happy about it.

I'm happy because he is finally going to see what it's like to be on the other side of the ball. A losing team, no supporting cast and other players not fearing him.

Jordan had guys beat before he stepped on the court, but that is not going to be the case any more, and I can't wait to see it.

I know, a lot of people have gone broke betting against Michael Jordan. But this isn't Mike, and this time, I'll bet against him.

Interested in writing sports? Contact Mike at 330-742-1811.



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FREE FALLING
Above, Ashley Costlow rappels down the side of Stambaugh Stadium with the ROTC. Left, Kathi Rose pulls down the rope for one of her fellow cadets. Bottom, Joe Sobnosky swiftly shuffles down the side of the cement wall.



HANG in there!

Cadets in the ROTC rappel off Stambaugh Stadium.

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The cadets stand in straight lines, arms crossed behind their backs, feet shoulder width apart, positioned at ease. Their faces stare forward, expressionless. "Let's go!" shouts William Ramey, one of the cadets.

Ramey, junior, criminal justice, begins to instruct the cadets on how to tie their ropes for rappelling.

"The tighter it is, the better!" he yells. "And you don't want to criss cross it [over the groin area] or you'll be in trouble."

The cadets laugh nervously. "I know it's gonna be a little uncomfortable, but it will be better in the long run," Ramey says.

He walks around, checking to make sure the cadets have tied their ropes tight enough.

"Very good. Very good." Ashley Costlow, freshman, math, tightens her rope confidently around her waist.

"I'm not afraid," she says. "I've been wall-climbing before."

The ROTC instructors watch their students from the sidelines, looking closely at their moves.

Watching from those sidelines was, Lt. Col. Roderick Hosler, assistant professor, military science, who said one of the main goals the ROTC has for its cadets is to achieve self-confidence.

"Rappelling, water survival and the rifle range all help build their confidence," Hosler said.

"When they know they can accomplish a task, that helps develop self-confidence. The hands-on training helps them achieve this."

Nathan Gray, sophomore,

education, said joining ROTC has helped him in several ways.

"ROTC has helped me conquer some of my biggest fears and has made me a more confident person," he says. "And it's fun."

Ramey begins addressing the group again.

"How's your legs feeling? Pretty numb?"

Kathi Rose, sophomore, nursing, takes a pull at her ropes, making sure they're secure, but not too tight. She says she's not nervous about rappelling, even though she was the year before.

"I was pretty scared at first, but then it's totally awesome, like a thrill ride," she says.

"My ropes were pretty tight, though, and I got bruises last year," she says with a laugh, pointing to the sides of her waist.

Each cadet fastens a silver clasp to the rope twisted around his or her body.

"Bling, bling — and there you go!" Ramey belts out.

The group marches to the south end of Stambaugh Stadium and looks down to the courtyard below, a drop of about 40 feet.

"Yeah baby!" Ramey yells out.

Joe Sobnosky, junior, criminal justice, volunteers to rappel first to show the other cadets the proper technique.

Sobnosky climbs over the cement wall separating him from the 40-foot drop and lets loose the slack on the rope until his body is parallel to the ceiling of the stadium. He grins at his fellow cadets and then pushes off the wall with a giant leap.

With two rappelling stations set up, the cadets eagerly begin jumping down the side of Stambaugh Stadium in pairs.

Epsilon Nu begins organization at YSU

Sports club starts new school year with new enrollment on campus.

By ROBERT DEFRANK
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A fraternity promoting health and fitness is moving into YSU.

The Phi Epsilon Kappa fraternity is a nationwide organization devoted to promoting physical education, health and human services, exercise science and related fields, said Tony Candel, junior, exercise science.

Candel is president of Epsilon Nu, YSU's chapter of Phi Epsilon Kappa.

Candel said he originally came across the fraternity's Web site in March 2001, and after learning more about the goals and activities of the organization, he began working toward bringing Phi Epsilon Kappa to YSU.

Candel said he sees the fraternity as a way of unifying dif-

ferent health-related fields of study and reaching out to the campus and community.

"We want to help these different fields interact and share information and to promote fitness," he said.

The organization is planning several social events such as canoeing, rock climbing and mountain biking, Candel said.

He also hopes members will represent YSU's Department of Human Performance in local health fairs. They also plan to visit community high schools on career days.

Brian Reinhard, senior, exercise science, is treasurer of Epsilon Nu.

Reinhard said these social activities are good ways for members from different fields to bond.

He said being active in the community is also very important to the organization.

Some of the social services the fraternity plans to participate in include Sunday's diabetes walk, fund raising for disaster relief in New York and a program to help clean Wick Park.

Reinhard said he sees this

organization as the next step to improving health-related majors.

Most departments have their own clubs, and he said he hopes the fraternity will help them interact more.

Although it is technically a fraternity, the organization functions more as a national honor society.

Candel said the criteria for membership is an overall GPA of 2.75, a core GPA of 3.0, and the applicant must be at least a second-

semester freshman who has participated in a social service and a social activity the previous semester.

Reinhard said these conditions are valuable in ensuring that members are both serious about their studies and that they will be active in the fraternity's projects.

"We don't want people to join just for something to put on a resume," Reinhard said. "We

focus on spreading the message of health and well-being to everyone."

Tracy Murray, senior, exercise science, is vice president of Epsilon Nu. She said the social activities the organization will be involved in will unite many departments and students.

Murray said this fraternity's entrance into YSU is especially timely, considering the large numbers of people everywhere who are becoming

aware of the importance of good health.

"This is the best time in the world to be involved in health and fitness," said Murray.

She said the fraternity standards and the fact it is an honor society will send a positive message to the rest of the student body.

"The cream of the crop will be pushing health," she said.

Rick Walker, Chair, Department of Human

Performance and Exercise Science, said being part of the nationally-recognized fraternity will be valuable in furthering its members' professional goals.

"Members can engage in activities related to their fields of study," said Walker.

Phi Epsilon Kappa was founded in 1913 in Indianapolis.

The first chapter opened in the Normal College of the American Gymnast's Union.

Candel said there are 34 undergraduate chapters in colleges such as Kent State, Slippery Rock and Ohio Northern. The fraternity went co-ed in 1975.

Candel said there are 41 charter members of YSU's chapter.

Currently, women constitute the majority of Epsilon Nu, with a ratio male-to-female members of 17 to 24.

Epsilon Nu does not have a frat house.

Candel said there is no gender inequality or bias in the organization.

With regards to membership, Candel said membership doesn't matter if someone is male or female, "it's the desire behind it."

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