

# YSU holiday season begins Monday

PEGGY MOORE  
News Editor

YSU's holiday season officially begins with a "Campus lights" lighting ceremony at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. The ceremony will be held under the verandah of Kilcawley Center, facing the campus core. Music will be performed by the Dana Chorale.

Thousands of lights have been strung in the trees across campus to decorate the University for a four-week period ending Jan. 12.

The campus lights will form the backdrop for a week of programs and festivities, many of them geared toward the community and their families.

A special presentation by the "Tailgate Choir," a student-athlete group directed by Jim Tressel, will be held at 6 and 7 p.m. Dec. 16, under the Kilcawley verandah.

"These are all student athletes who got together especially for this. They will be singing holiday songs under the direction of Coach Jim Tressel," said Pam Palumbo, administrative assistant of University Development.

Pioneer Trails Tree Farm donated 30 evergreen trees, which have been placed around campus and will be decorated by area school children. Elementary



TASHA CURTIS, THE JAMBAR

One of thirty trees festooned for the holidays.

classes are competing to win pizza parties with Pete and Penny.

"So far, 12 schools in the Tri-county area are participating by making ornaments. Five schools are decorating the trees themselves. The remainder will be decorated by University Scholars. These trees' roots are balled to-

gether in burlap and will be replanted later," said Palumbo.

The windows of the bridge spanning Wick Avenue will be decorated by different organizations on campus.

Palumbo said groups may contact her for details about participating.

The Campus Lights event was made possible through contributions from Ohio Edison and Joe Dickey Electric.

"Ohio Edison and Dickey Electric have donated all the lights and all the labor. No University funds were used," said Palumbo. Other events include the Dana

School of Music Madrigal Dinner Dec. 13 and 14; the Planetarium shows, "Skywatch" and "Kids Explore," also Dec. 13 and 14; and the Protestant Campus Ministries Open House, Dec. 16.

Campus Lights is free and open to the public. For more information contact the office of Special Events at 742-2750.

#### Schedule of Events

- Dec. 11, 5:15 p.m. First Lighting and press conference - Campus Core.
- 6 p.m. Reception for Williamson College of Business students and alumni - Cafaro Suite.
- 6 p.m. Polaroid photographs with Pete and Penny - Campus Core.
- 6:30 p.m. Akiva Academy singing the songs of Hanukkah - Campus Core.
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. Public Forum sponsored by the College of Education, "Children in American Schools" with video and panel discussion - Kilcawley Center Ohio Room.
- Dec. 16, 6 p.m. Tailgate Choir under the direction of Jim Tressel - Campus Core.
- 6 p.m. Polaroid Photos with Pete and Penny until 8 - Campus Core.
- 7 p.m. Tailgate Choir.
- Dec. 17, 6 p.m. The Rayen School Choir under the direction of Paul McConnell - Campus Core.

## Wages increased for student supervisors, research assistants

LYNN NICKELS  
Assistant News Editor

Student supervisors and research assistants got a 25-cent raise Nov. 24, but some believe the raise should have been proportional.

According to a Nov. 19 memorandum from Executive Vice President G.L. Mears, the President's Cabinet decided to give student supervisors and research assistants the same pay raise given to regular student employees. The 25-cent raise was given to all student employees no matter what their positions or previous pay rates.

**"I'm just glad we got a raise."**  
Valerie Greco

Nicole Gaia, a student supervisor at the YSU bookstore, said, "I think they should have made [student supervisors' wage increase] proportional. Students should be given at least minimum wage, but student supervisors have more responsibility and should be given a proportional increase."

Regular student employees' hourly wages increased from \$4.50 to \$4.75 per hour, a 5.5 percent raise.

Student supervisors' wages increased from \$5.25 to \$5.50 per



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Student Supervisor William Maze, Sophomore.

hour, a little more than a 4.7 percent raise, and student research

assistants' wages increased from \$6 to \$6.25 per hour, a little more

than a 4 percent raise.

However, another bookstore student supervisor, Valerie Greco, said, "I think [the raise] is fair because we're making more than minimum wage anyway and we're making more than the employee students. I'm just glad we got a raise."

Krista Nardella, a student employee in the English department, "It's fair because if they're going to give a raise to student employees, then everyone should get a raise," said.

According to the memorandum, a further increase of 40 cents per hour for student supervisors and research assistants will be effective Sept. 1, 1997.

WEATHER TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
38	37	35	34	38
Chance of flurries	Snow showers	Chance of flurries	Chance of flurries	Mostly cloudy

## Teachers bring collaboration to the University classroom

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YSU students are being treated to one of the newest concepts in education, said two Arts and Sciences professors.

Drs. Rochelle Ruffer, economics, and John Holcomb, mathematics, said collaborative learning is a relatively new innovation in teaching.

Both professors use the method, which entails grouping students to solve problems and work on projects. Also, Ruffer said, a faculty discussion group has grown out of bringing the concept to the University. That is one of the positive byproducts of teaching classroom collaboration, she said. The idea may encourage teachers to come together over teaching in general.

"I thought I needed to talk with other teachers about what I teach,"

**"I'm a little fearful about negative feedback about taking the time to get together."**

Dr. Rochelle Ruffer

Ruffer said remembering why she formed the discussion group.

Ruffer said she began using collaborative education while teaching for three years at Ithaca College in New York. She said the small-college environment supported asking students to come together inside and outside the classroom.

YSU, known as a commuter school, is a different case. Ruffer said she is wary of asking students to meet over projects after class hours because they usually are burdened with work and home responsibilities.

"I have not gone there, yet, but it's a goal," Ruffer said chuckling.

"I'm a little fearful about negative feedback about taking the time to get together."

When using the concept, Ruffer said the key to success is to get students to work on problems that are not easily resolved by individual effort.

Still, individualism may come into play and cause problems for collaborative education proponents. Evaluating groups can be tricky, especially when one or two students decide not to cooperate. Sometimes, as in the workplace, a couple may take a free ride on the efforts of others.

Ruffer said, then, the rest of the group may dole out a failing grade to those who sit out on work. Just the threat of failing sometimes keeps the others in line, she said.

Ruffer said the concept reflects real life on the job and better prepares students to go out into the world. More learning takes place and students remember information longer, she said.

Holcomb said he uses the concept to help students learn to construct bar graphs recording statistical information.

He agrees that students often balk at working in groups outside class, however, he uses the method in all of the two to three classes he leads per quarter.

"What I have to do is make it clear to the students that this work is important," said Holcomb, who is in his second year at YSU. "Going to school is a difficult decision. They have to make all of their resources available."

And that includes time, he said.

## Article assesses trends and attitudes about euthanasia

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Assistant News Editor

**A** YSU professor addressed the controversial issue of an individual's right to die in an article published in November.

The article by Dr. James R. Rogers, chairman of the counseling department, assesses the current trends in social attitudes concerning euthanasia. It was published in the *Journal of Social Issues: Special on Psychological Perspectives on Euthanasia* and titled "Assessing Right to Die Attitudes."

In order to understand and develop an attitude on the right to die, people must understand the different levels and definitions of euthanasia, said Rogers.

"There is a lack of specificity, and a lack of clear definition," said Rogers. "Over the past 10 to 15 years there has been a social push to develop social policy [concerning the right to die]."

Rogers attributed this "social push" to medical technology that unnaturally prolongs life, the growth of AIDS and other terminal illnesses and a "graying society" that is growing older.

Rogers said that, as a society, we need to define acceptable forms of choosing to die.

Rogers' article set up a model to clarify these definitions. The model is based on two crossing continuum scales. The horizontal scale represents the decision to die. On one end of the horizontal continuum, the individual decides to die. On the other end, someone else decides that the individual will die.

The vertical continuum compares who carries out the decision. On one end of the scale, it is the individual's own action that results in death. At the other end, death is caused by another's action.

If a death is the result of a decision and action committed by one's self, the death is considered suicide or rational suicide.

No distinct definition of "rational suicide" exists. According to

Rogers' article, "the primary difference between suicide and rational suicide ... seems to be related to the decision process."

Roger said rationality is based on free will.

"There is a push to consider if someone can rationally plan suicide or not," said Rogers. "Some have argued that it should be termed a 'reasonable suicide' because basically, every decision we make is influenced by outside forces, making them irrational."

In order for a suicide to be considered "rational," the individual must have been examined by several mental health physicians and must have held the same opinion of suicide over a long period of time.

If a death is the result of a decision made by the individual but carried out by others, it is considered either active or passive voluntary euthanasia. If a death is the result of a decision made by others but carried out by the individual it is considered one of many socially sanctioned practices carried out in other cultures. One example is the Indian practice of "suttee." In this practice, a woman throws herself on her husband's funeral fire as a part of the socially accepted grieving process.

The fourth type consists of active and passive involuntary euthanasia and homicide. An example of active involuntary euthanasia would be a terminally ill patient being administered a lethal dose of medication by someone else. Passive involuntary euthanasia involves the removal of life support from a patient without that patient's consent.

Before legislation concerning euthanasia can be initiated, an attitude assessment of the general public is necessary. However, Rogers is unsure if this can ever be accurately accomplished.

"I'm not sure if we can have legislation because this is such an individual decision," said Rogers. "Everyone has their own personal, religious, ethical and moral issues. I know I would want to be able to make that decision."

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## Student Government money available to University organizations

PEGGY MOORE  
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The Financial Appropriations Committee of Student Government is encouraging all organizations to apply for funding.

To be considered for Student Government funds, each organization must complete the Annual Budget Request forms by the last school day in February.

Budget procedures and budget request forms will be distributed to registered student organizations during the middle of winter quarter. Forms also may be picked up in the Student Government office.

The deadline for submitting the forms is Feb. 21. Any group needing a form should contact the Student Government office immediately.

Budget appropriations will be based on the organization's original application. Any amendments to the original request must have prior approval of the Appropriations Committee and must be accompanied by the signature of the advisor.

If anyone has questions or needs assistance with the forms, they can call Student Government at 742-3591, said Hana Kilibarda, chair of the Financial Appropriations Committee. "You can also

stop by the office or leave a message."

Kilibarda said groups planning to host upcoming events must fill out a request for funding form and turn it in at least five weeks before the event.

"If you want us to discuss your request at a Wednesday meeting, the deadline to apply is Monday by 5 p.m.," said Kilibarda. "We request that you be at the meeting. It is helpful but not mandatory," she added.

The Financial Path, a reference guide for student organizations that wish to use University funds, is available in the Student Government office.

## Olympic sports move to new home

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Because of overcrowding in Stambaugh Stadium, YSU's Olympic sports offices are relocating to Beeghly Center.

Olympic sports are sports that do not charge spectators admission. They include track, softball and baseball. This year the University added three new Olympic sports for women: soccer, golf and swimming. The new sport categories and the track office will make the move this month, officials said.

Assistant Athletic Director Floyd Kerr said Stambaugh Stadium is crowded. There are two coaches sharing one office, and another office is occupied by three coaches.

Since the health sciences department recently moved to Cushman Hall, there are 10 to 12 offices available in Beeghly, leaving space for the Olympic sports department.

"We need our own home. Most YSU employees don't share offices," Kerr said.

Associate Executive Director of Athletics Pauline Saternow said the department is "spread out all over the place."

"We thought this would be a good organizational structure for them to be located in one area with their secretary," she said.

Since Beeghly originally housed the athletic department, she said, "It just makes sense."

One of the issues addressed by the relocation is student and athlete confidentiality. Kerr said the new office will provide a place where students can receive academic counseling or ask questions in private instead of in open areas.

Kerr also said, until now Olympic sports have basically been promotional. He said the move will help "solidify" their identity. The target date for completing the transfer from Stambaugh to Beeghly is early December.

The softball and baseball offices will remain in Stambaugh because their staffs are small enough to occupy one space, Kerr said.

### HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

#### At school

- Do not leave belongings unattended while studying for final exams.
- Lock car doors and do not leave items out in the open.
- Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention.
- While shopping
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Hide shopping bags and other belongings in the trunk of your car or under a blanket.
- Hold purses and wallets close to your body.

- Teach children to go to nearest security guard if a separation occurs.

#### If you travel

- Put a timer on house lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home.
- Have a neighbor shovel your driveway or make snow tracks once in a while.
- Have mail and newspapers picked up.
- Make a list
- Inventory the valuables in your home. Include: TVs, VCRs, stereos and jewelry.

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Dec. 2, 8:30 a.m. - Found personal check in Cushman Hall Office 1070.

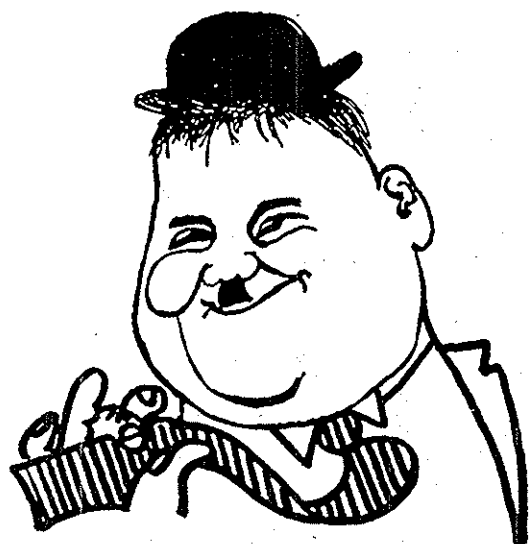
Dec. 2, 3:24 p.m. - Parking attendant of a subject with a gun on Elm Street. Investigations did not find a gun on the suspect.

Dec. 4, 12:49 p.m. - Trespass warnings issued to two young people making a disturbance on the first floor of Williamson Hall.

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## Editorial

### Only global action can stop spread of virus

Tonight, members of the Student Art Association will remove the shrouds that cover the artwork in Bliss Hall art gallery. The students covered the works with black cloths and red ribbons to mark National AIDS Awareness week. The week intended to educate people about the threat of AIDS concludes today.

Across the nation, people wore red ribbons, viewed the AIDS quilt or passed out condoms and AIDS education literature. Unfortunately, these efforts were not enough because not everyone was involved. It will take worldwide effort to stop the spread of this insidious, but preventable, disease.

Since 1981, Mahoning County has reported 155 AIDS cases with 107 people known to have died from the disease. Current statistics show that reported AIDS cases are decreasing. However, Leanne Douglas, administrative assistant at the Youngstown Board of Health, said, "These figures don't include those who have tested HIV positive."

Worldwide, more than 17 million people are infected with the AIDS virus according to the World Health Organization. They estimate that by the year 2000, 30 to 40 million people will be infected. That is 5,000 people a day and more than 300 people a minute.

Is there a solution? Yes, several.

Condoms have been hailed as a protection by safe sex advocates — but according to *Time* magazine are effective only 85 to 90 percent of the time.

Abstinence is a definite solution, but one that is viewed as unrealistic in this "feel good" society.

Putting a stop to intravenous drug use is a solution, but again, is unrealistic.

If enacted globally, these measures would virtually halt the transmission of the AIDS virus. They could not succeed if just 100,000 or even 10 million people put them into practice. The shrouded artwork in Bliss Hall is a reminder of the lives lost to a senseless disease. The only way to make sense of that loss is for everyone to take personal responsibility for halting the spread of AIDS.

## Letter to the Editor

### Groundskeeper isn't poisoning anyone

After receiving a B.S. in Agronomy from Ohio State, I worked 9 years as an Agronomist for a lawncare company in upstate New York. For the next three years as a Research Assistant at the Experimental Farm in Canfield, I observed the role of pesticides in field crop production and also in the orchard. After Ohio State relinquished control of the farm, I landed here on the Grounds Crew.

The lawncare experience allowed me to interact with a large portion of the general public and to view their perception of the risks associated with pesticides. Once, while working, I was threatened by an irate neighbor to make sure no pesticides were applied onto his yard. All the while I was noticing the cigarette he had in one hand and the cup of coffee in the other. The LD50 of Nicotine is 65 and Caffeine 192, while the LD50 of 2,4-D is 1000, (LD50 = the lethal dose or quantity of a compound required to kill 50% of a test population of lab organisms, usually expressed in mg./kg. of body weight). So his perception of the risk associated with this situation was actually the opposite of the real risk, in that the pesticide was 15 times less potentially harmful than the Nicotine and five times less than the Caffeine. Some other LD50 values are: Pendimethalin (our crabgrass control) = 1200, Glyphosate/Round-up (non-selective vegetation control) = 5600 and Table salt = 3000.

The YSU approach to grounds care is based on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). This program is essentially a holistic approach to provide healthy landscape plants and turf while using pesticides (natural or synthetic) on an as needed basis, and usually on Fridays throughout the Summer to minimize non-target exposure.

Please, feel free to come and discuss I.P.M. with us.

Bob Bero,  
Groundskeeper

## Letters to the Editor

### A democracy is no place for affirmative action

Editor,

In response to the Nov. 22 editorial titled "Affirmative action is still necessary in the business world," I would like to take a look at the negative aspects of affirmative action. I would also like to take a look at the meaning of democracy to see if affirmative action is justified by a democracy.

In "Campus Affirmative Action office fears ripple effect," (Nov. 22) affirmative action was praised with many twisted facts concerning the subject. The article stated that proposition 209, which eliminated affirmative action in the state of California "was supported by twice as many white voters as black and Hispanic voters combined." This may be true; however, the author fails to mention that whites outnumber blacks and Hispanics by approximately a 2:1 ratio in the state of California. They also fail to mention that approximately 50 percent of blacks are against affirmative action. It is also important to state that affirmative action is not only a racial subject — it includes women and the handicapped as well. In my eyes, affirmative action is a step backwards for minorities because they do not have to work as hard to get a job. I think minorities would feel much better if they knew they earned a job rather than thinking they were part of a quota.

The author of the previous article also states, "It is clear that affirmative action would never have been started if it wasn't a needed measure." It may have been needed in 1964, but it is no longer 1964 and with time, needs change. If we lived in the past there would be no progress, and what good is a country with no progress. Getting a job in the United States should have nothing to do with race or gender, because this shows only the double standards of people in society. Everyone wants to be treated equally, but then they also want to have special rules set aside for them.

According to democracy, everyone has the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." In a democracy, everyone has a fair chance, no matter what their race or gender. From this perspective of democracy, affirmative action doesn't seem to fit. Democracy has been around much longer than affirmative action, and just as there was a need for affirmative action, there was also a need for democracy. Affirmative action is killing democracy and our hopes of fulfilling "The American Dream." So why change democracy and leave affirmative action untouched? Finally the previous author states, "Let's not allow our companies to move backwards in time by eliminating the country's efforts to permit all qualified individuals to move ahead." The key words are "qualified individuals." Being qualified has nothing to do with race or gender.

Jeremy Williams,  
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### Student asks, "What kind of University is this, anyway?"

Editor,

I recently questioned the type of university I attend while trying to get a homework assignment finished on the computer. This homework consisted of completing problems by computer in DeBartolo Hall. This was the only place on campus which had the program containing the problems already loaded into the computer, and the place where we were told to do it by our professor.

Getting these assignments done should not have been a problem. A few students being in the lab at the same time a class was being held there should not have been a problem. Regardless, it was a problem for a couple of different professors. Apparently the students not in the professor's class would disturb the rest of the class by quietly working on the problems. I found this was the case on three separate incidents, when I was told I could not stay by two different professors. The number of computers not being used by the class in each instance ranged anywhere from five to fifteen.

The professors of the University need to realize that the equipment of this University is for everyone. It is not just for the select few, or to be used only during class time.

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Theater Arts & Music Entertainment Art

Local band releases multi-faceted album

TASHA CURTIS  
Photographer

The new band Ivet has such a violent and imposing sound that people won't be able to help but turn around and listen. The soul of Ivet's new album *Failure Boy* is in its musicians who hold a power that is unlike any other band out there.

Lead vocalist/rhythm guitarist for the band Frank Silver rips through the songs like "Disease" and "Shelly" with a vile intensity that is staggering to the ear. He possesses one of the most versatile voices in music offered today. His voice - at first, as innocent and pure as a lost boy - will deafen your mind with such a raw, harsh sound you have to look twice to make sure it's the same person singing. But Silver's voice is not where the talent ends.

Lead guitarist Mike Roberts, almost at odds with the band's spit-in-your-face feel, almost sounds like he went to music school. He plays with a level of

precision and complexity, as in the songs "Reign" and "Uncle," that is comparable to Steve Via and Joe Satriani. Robert's dynamic force plays a lightning counterpoint to Silver's growling thunder.

Drummer Mark Grabowski looks the part of a college prep student but plays with the ferocity of a mad artist on "Speed." He is the driving foundation for the pissed-off sound of Ivet. This hard hitting machine pounds the listener into a bloody pulp and then picks him up and pounds on him some more.

Bassist Sam Papa has only been playing for a year and has progressed at such an amazing rate that he can't be described as a novice. Songs like "Uncle" and "Melt Master" show how much of a groove Papa really has. His presence, though not as commanding as the other, is quickly reaching a level where it will feel like a slap in the face.

Ivet's new album is a multi-faceted work that comes together to make all the parents cringe and leave everyone else panting for more. *Failure Boy* will be released at Peabody's Down Under in Cleveland Saturday at 9 p.m.



Ivet: (from left to right) Mike Roberts, Mark Grabowski, Sam Papa and Frank Silver, Jr.

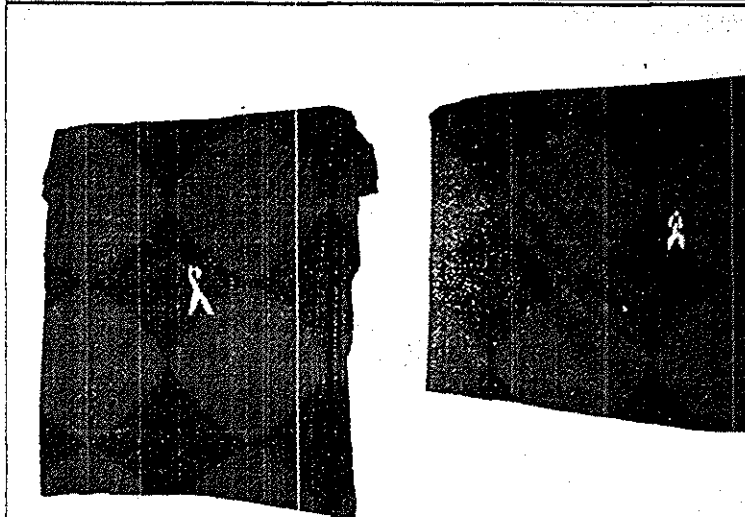
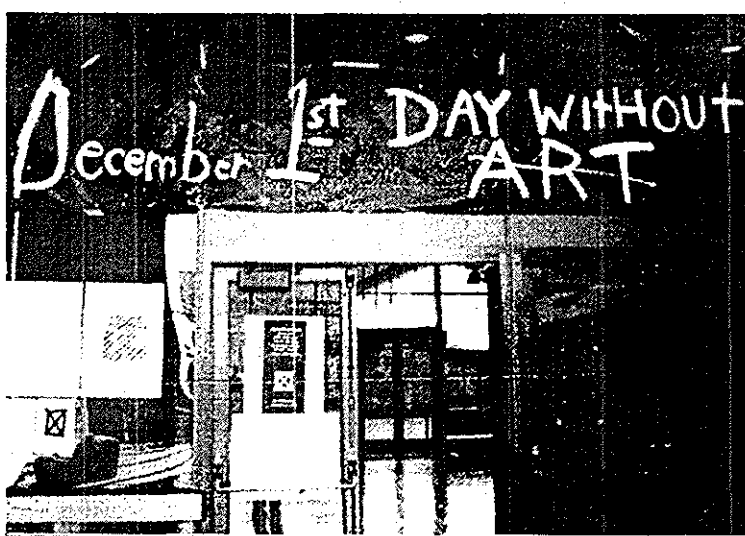
Christmas Concert Sunday

The New Music Society is holding a Christmas Benefit concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in Bliss Recital Hall. The concert will feature the Sobieski family. The concert will benefit the Festival of Polish Music, which is the topic of this year's Dana New Music Festival in April.

Dorota Sobieska holds the Artist Diploma in voice from the Fryderyk Chopin School of Music in Warsaw, Poland. Jacek Sobieski has composed music to 10 productions staged by Polish theaters including the National Theater. Wanda Sobieska recently won the competition for the Gingold-Majeske Scholarship in Cleveland, and her composition was performed by the Davey Middle School orchestra in Kent. Although she is a sophomore in high school, she plays in the first violin section of the Kent State University Orchestra.

The program will combine works by Polish composers and Polish Christmas Carols. The Polish community will hold a reception following the concert with Polish treats.

YSU students, faculty and staff may enter free on presentation of an ID card. All other tickets are \$7.



Art: The scene in Bliss Hall's Gallery. TASHA CURTIS THE JAMBAR

YSU participates in AIDS Awareness Week

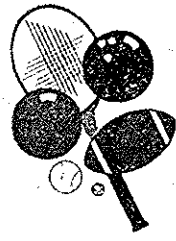
YSU's Student Art Association continued its participation in AIDS Awareness Week, beginning with the International Day Without Art, designated as Dec. 1 each year. All the artwork in the gallery of Bliss Hall was covered in black cloth Sunday, and red ribbons were placed over them in remembrance of all the people who have died of AIDS.

International Day Without Art was started in 1989 and is intended to educate people about the growing crisis of AIDS in the art world.

The proliferation of red ribbons unifies the many voices seeking a meaningful response to the AIDS epidemic. It is a symbol of hope - the hope that one day soon the AIDS epidemic will be over.



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## Hauger passes milestone, Penguins stay perfect

**JEREMY HARPER**  
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Senior guard Liz Hauger scored career point No. 1,000 as the Lady Penguins spanked Akron 87-58 Tuesday.

Hauger's milestone came at 12:34 in the first half when she needed only three more points to reach the career mark. She took an inside jumper — the shot fell, bringing her career total to 999 — and she was fouled. Hauger stepped to the line with the poise and confidence that has made her one of the top players in YSU history. As the crowd at Beeghly Center remained quiet with anticipation, Hauger sank the free throw, giving her

point No. 1,000.

Assistant Coach Carol Nee said taking a pressure shot is nothing unusual for Hauger.

"She gives us points at a crucial time of a game. She's definitely a clutch scorer," Nee said.

Although Hauger is proud of her accomplishment, she remains focused on how well the team performs — and the team is performing well.

While Hauger leads YSU in scoring, averaging 24.0 points per game, junior forward Shannon Beach has been instrumental in the team's early success, averaging 14.0 points and 9.7 rebounds per contest. Beach was named Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Week and has helped the



Liz Hauger

Lady Penguins jump out to a 4-0 start.

Junior guard Caroline McCombs and junior center Anne Marie Martin are also scoring in double figures, averaging 14.5 and 12.7 points, respectively.

With five solid shooters on the court, opposing teams must do more than simply try to stop Hauger.

"Everyone on our team can score," Martin said. "There's not just one person you can key on."

Junior point guard Colleen Cook is the only starter not averaging double figures in scoring — but the way the other starters are finding the basket, she is able to run the offense without having to create shots for herself.

"It makes my job a lot easier. I can just pass the ball and know that it's usually going in," Cook said.

The shots were definitely going in against Akron Tuesday. The Lady Penguins tallied 87 points, 24 coming by way of

three-pointers.

As well as breaking the 1,000 point mark, Hauger tied her career high by scoring 31. She went nine-of-11 from the line and knocked down four-of-five three-pointers.

Martin and McCombs contributed with 14 and 13 points, respectively, and Beach added 12 to go along with her 10 rebounds.

The YSU defense was dominant once again as it held Akron to a 31 percent shooting performance from the floor and a dismal three-for-20 from three-point territory. The Lady Penguins also came away with 13 steals, including five by Cook.

YSU will try to keep its unbeaten streak alive Saturday when Robert Morris comes to Beeghly Center. Tip off is scheduled for 5:20 p.m.

## Teammates display abilities both on and off the hardwood

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Sports Editor

Having the opportunity to watch the YSU Lady Penguin Volleyball team this season was a pleasure. Having the opportunity to watch seniors Heather Luben and Jaime Pirotte finish out their careers was sheer delight.

And what careers they were.

Pirotte graduates the YSU volleyball program as the career assist valedictorian with 3,724 total sets, while Luben places second all-time in kills with 1,020.

Luben also owns the single-season record for kills, posting 468 winners and smashing the previous mark by more than 100.

But records and accomplishments do not entirely define this dynamic duo.

Describing themselves as a modern-day "Odd Couple," their personal relationship extends well beyond the service line. Living on campus together for the past two years, these two have accomplished as much as friends as they have between the lines.

"Nobody ever sees us like we really are," Pirotte (Oscar) said. "Nobody sees us paying



Heather (left) and Jaime in New York early this season

bills or hanging out with our friends."

And just like Randall and Klugman themselves, these two compliment each other in ways that are beneficial both on and off the court.

However, Luben and Pirotte's relationship on the court was anything but "odd."

With every shot that Luben swats to the floor, Pirotte adds another assist to a mark that, for a career, stands among the very best in the nation. And it is this reliance and faith in each other that makes them not only great friends, but great players.

And according to Head Coach Joe Conroy, this year's team far exceeded his

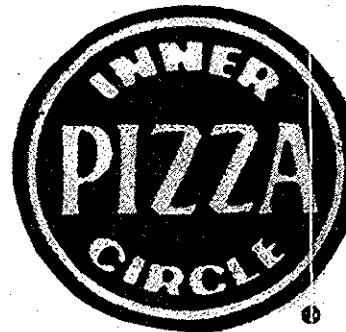
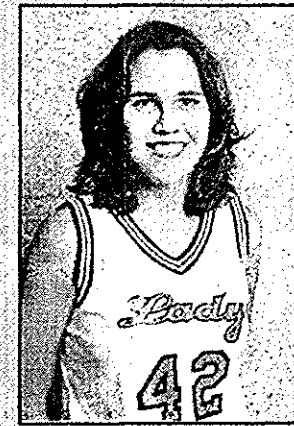
expectations in the win column in large part due to Pirotte and Luben's contributions.

Luben, a nursing major, also ranks 4th all-time in digs with 1,156 and has cracked the top 10 in YSU history in service aces, collecting 86.

A criminal justice major, Pirotte's 985 digs and 108 service aces place her 4th and 8th all-time respectively, while ranking 9th in blocks with 148.

For those of us lucky enough to see these two in action, we can be thankful that their paths crossed not only each other's, but YSU's as well.

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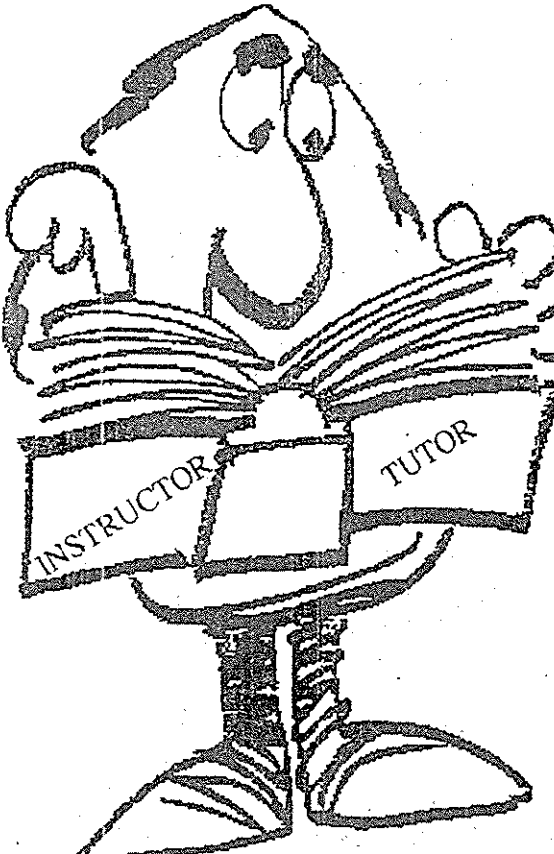
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