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Muslims fund faculty position in Islamic studies

By Peggy Moore
assistant news editor

Announcement of a major gift to support a full-time faculty position for Islamic studies at YSU was made by Dr. Leslie Cochran, president, and Dr. Nazir Ahmed, president of the Community for the YSU Chair of Islamic Studies.

Local Muslim benefactors are supporting the new position with an initial contribution of \$500,000. The Islamic specialist will hold the title "University Professor of Islamic Studies." Should the gift increase to \$1 million, as it is expected to over the next few years, the title will change to

"This gift will help the University advance its goal to produce graduates who are global citizens and who understand and value the diverse religious and cultural traditions in America and the world," said Cochran.

"YSU Chair of Islamic Studies." Under an agreement signed by Cochran and Ahmed, a selection

committee will be organized to recruit the new faculty member who will serve in a tenure-track position in the department of philosophy and religious studies.

"This gift will help the University advance its goal to produce graduates who are global citizens and who understand and value the diverse religious and cultural traditions in America and the world," said Cochran. "The generosity of the Muslims in our area will help to assure that Islam is better understood on the campus and the community."

The committee spearhead in the continuing fund-raising campaign includes Drs. Ahmed of

Warren, Abdul Ghani of Liberty and Saad Askkal of Greenville, Pa. All are practicing physicians.

Dr. James Scanlon, provost at YSU, said the leadership initiative of Dr. Thomas Shipka, chair of the department of philosophy and religious studies, made the agreement possible. "Through Dr. Shipka's efforts, our students will gain a better understanding of the diversity of our world."

Shipka said one of the main goals of his department is to promote understanding, appreciation and tolerance of diverse philosophical and religious viewpoints and traditions embraced throughout the world.

"The new faculty position will strengthen our curriculum in world religions, of which Islam is the second largest and help us to carry out our missions more effectively both on and off campus," added Shipka.

In addition to regular University duties in teaching, scholarship and service, the faculty member will be expected to provide extensive public service by serving as an ambassador to the community of Muslims and non-Muslims.

Shipka noted that there are few endowed positions here at YSU, but he sees far more under the leadership of Cochran.

Alumni Association offers graduates wide variety of benefits

By KIM MITCHELL
contributing writer

Students graduating from YSU can keep in touch with their alma mater by joining the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association, which offers a first-year membership at no cost, enables graduates to enjoy many benefits both on and off the campus. In addition, graduates, as alumni, are able to give back of themselves to the University and help the students who remain.

Lori Factor, executive director of the Alumni Association, said that many of the material benefits offered tend to attract the alumni (who have been out of college for a few years) as well as those who have just graduated. The reason for this attraction, she said, is that these two groups have a greater need to use certain benefits.

For example, Grad Med is a short-term medical insurance program offered to members of the Alumni Association. Factor said

that after students graduate, it may take them some time to find a job, and it is also possible that graduates may no longer be covered by their parents' insurance. Grad Med is the temporary solution that provides three, six, or nine-month coverage plans at very competitive prices.

Although this insurance may be valuable to graduates, it is also available later on if a person happens to be between jobs, or just needs temporary medical coverage.

Another useful benefit for graduates is the Alumni Association VISA Credit Card. Factor said that many students may not have established credit, or they may have had to co-sign for a card. With this VISA Card, though, people can have their own card and establish their own credit. Also, every time alumni use their VISA, additional income is given to the association.

Other alumni benefits include the use of on-campus facilities and equipment. Factor said that these benefits also cater to young alumni

because they are mainly the ones looking for jobs. Alumni can use the Maag Library and the computers in Kilcawley Center. They can also seek help from Career Services about finding a job.

In addition to these useful benefits, alumni can join the YSU Credit Union and the Seven-Seventeen Credit Union, purchase the Recreation Option in order to use the recreational facilities in Stambaugh Stadium and Beeghly Center, receive monthly newsletters from YSU and receive a 10 percent discount off of clothing at the YSU Bookstore.

A fairly new program offered to alumni is the Alumnet. Alumnet gives computer users access to the Internet for a very low price and for an unlimited amount of use. Factor said that "Most of the other [computer] services out there limit you; for instance, American Online charges \$9.95 per month, but it is only for five hours of use. We charge \$99.95 per six months, and you can use the Internet as much as you want."

The Alumni Association offers a great variety of benefits, but graduates can gain much more than just the use of facilities and programs.

Alumni have the ability to make a difference among one another, to the students who remain at YSU, and even to those who are still in high school.

Factor said that one of the things alumni can do is help recruit new students. Graduates are the best tools in recruiting because they have first-hand experiences to relate to people who are considering YSU for their education.

Another way alumni can make a difference is by being part of committees or task forces that aim to solve problems or generate ideas concerning YSU. Factor gave an example that if there was a committee formed to discuss ways of how to keep students at YSU, an "alum" would be a perfect person to sit on that committee because they have been there; they know what it is like to be a student. She added that many al-

ums have been on committees for the University because they want to become involved with what was going on.

While the Alumni Association aids many graduates, alumni can give back their time, talent and resources, and their financial backing. They can also become Alumni Ambassadors.

Alumni Ambassadors are graduates who live in other states and possess the qualities of good leadership. Factor said the ambassadors help other graduates who will be moving into the same state or area. They can help people find a place with really good schools, or they can find them quiet towns if that is what they want, or they can just be someone to know, a friend, who also attended YSU.

Also, graduates don't have to live in the Youngstown area to become an alumni. Factor said that there are alumni all over the country. In some places there are even

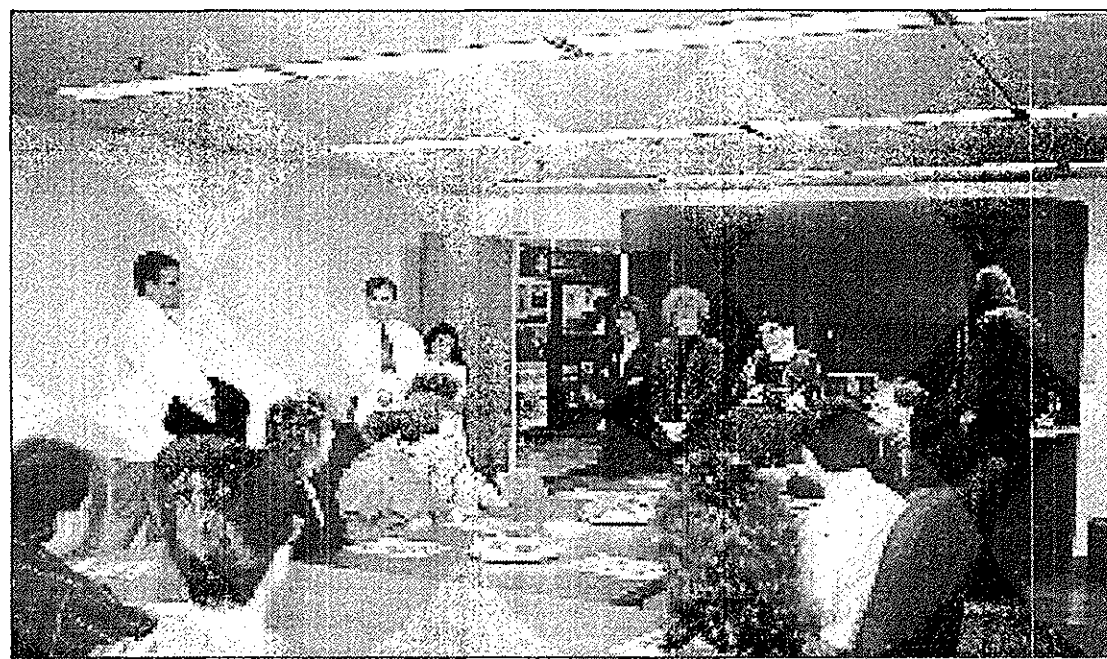
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Pre-Osteopathic Medical Society takes trip to Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

The officers of the Pre-Osteopathic Society Students, Michelle Thompson, Jason Ramos and Laura Shea, traveled to Erie, PA, to visit this country's newest osteopathic medical school, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) on Saturday, Nov. 11. Future medical students from the Youngstown area are fortunate to have an osteopathic school only two hours away.

After being warmly greeted, many of LECOM's faculty took

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YSU students learn new medical techniques and procedures from the staff members and professors at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM).

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John Vernon is a nationally renowned novelist, critic, and poet, whose work has been awarded a national Endowment for the arts Grant. *Publisher's Weekly* says of his fourth novel, *All for Love*, "Vernon has fashioned a classically American, true-grit saga of greed, dreams and delusions. His frisky prose races along like quicksilver, exuding vitality and quirkiness in equal parts." Vernon's third novel, *Peter Doyal*, was a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. He is the author of two other novels, *Lindbergh's Son* and *LaSalle*, as well as several works of literary criticism, and a book of poems, *Anne*. Vernon divides his time between Estes Park, Colorado and New York, where he teaches modern literature and fiction writing at Binghamton University.

Success is no mystery to author

By CLARA VALTAS
assistant news editor

The Schermer Scholar-in-Residence Program recently invited best-selling mystery writer Faye Kellerman to YSU to present a lecture to the faculty, student body and community.

Kellerman used the lecture as a way for everyone to get to know about her. Topics included why she writes books, especially why she writes mysteries.

Kellerman said that as a child she was very imaginative. "I would think up stories and talk to myself," she said. She said she read the classics in her youth. Her favorites were the Bronte sisters, Sir Walter Scott and Victor Hugo.

But as she got older, Kellerman said that her imagination began to fade. This experience was in part due to the increased workload of school. "Imagination and creativity need boredom," Kellerman commented.

In 1972, Kellerman married best-selling author Jonathan Kellerman. "Back then Jonathan wasn't anybody except Jonathan Kellerman," she noted.

Six years later, Kellerman graduated with a D.D.S. and was pregnant with her first child.

After the birth of her first child, she took a three-month leave from work. During this three-month break, Kellerman said she had time to be bored.

"I fully intended to go back to dentistry, but after the three months were over, I put off the leave to six months, then to a year, then to two years. Then I

discovered I was pregnant again."

"During the three to four years when I was at home with my children, I was allowed to be bored because my mind wasn't mentally occupied," Kellerman said. She added that it was during this time that she decided to try her hand at writing.

"My first attempt at writing was a 2,000-page coming-of-age story," she said. "First, I wrote it in spiral notebooks, then I typed it out. It was so horrible that I threw it out."

"There is a huge difference between thinking up stories and writing them down cohesively," she added.

After several unsuccessful attempts at writing, Kellerman said that she asked herself what she wanted to write about. She decided to write the books that she would like to read.

Consequently, Kellerman decided to write mysteries. "I chose mysteries because they appeal to my mathematical sense," Kellerman said. "Mysteries have a beginning, a middle and an end." She was interested in the social implications of crime.

With her influences being Raymond Chandler and Ross MacDonal, Kellerman had decided on a genre.

She then asked herself, "What do I have that is unique about myself that can be put into a mystery?" She created a female character that incorporated some of her own qualities—Kellerman is Jewish, a wife and mother.

"I wanted to write about a religious character who is stricter than myself, but I also wanted her to be appealing," she said. And so

the character Rina Lazarus was born.

Although the novel in which Lazarus was introduced, *Ritual Bath*, was not meant to be published, Kellerman created another detective to help Lazarus solve crimes—Peter Decker.

According to Kellerman, many Orthodox Jewish women take a ritual bath seven days after the completion of their menses as a form of spiritual purity.

In *Ritual Bath*, a woman bather is brutally attacked and raped. Kellerman said that the idea for the novel arose from her insecurities about the location of the place where she took her ritual bath when she was younger.

"Because my first book was accepted, I decided to try my hand at another. The result was *Sacred and Profane*, my second book," she noted.

Her most recent novel is *Justice*. "It is a novel about ruthless teenagers in Los Angeles; teens with too much time on their hands, too much money and not enough chaperones."

Kellerman spends between two to four hours per day writing. She said that even if she doesn't have anything to write about, she'll write just to write. During her writing periods, she usually ends up with about 20 to 40 pages per week.

When asked where she gets her inspiration, she commented, "You can pull so many things from the Internet, the newspapers or anything that feeds the imagination."

"But when you write, write to please your artistic expectations," she added.

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Environment issues are concern of YESS Program

By ROBERT SMALLWOOD
contributing writer

A new Student Government Organization, YSU Environmental Studies Society (YESS), has been active since its inception in February 1995.

The need for an organization of this type was created by the enactment, in January 1995, of the environmental studies (ENST) curriculum, the newest major at YSU.

Coordinator Nanette Donithan said, "This student organization was established in response to the interest shown by associates in the ENST program who were anxious to become involved in environmental concerns."

The membership has increased from a few charter members in February to more than 35 today. Each meeting brings new persons and most request affiliation.

The meetings are scheduled every two weeks; the next will be 1:30-2:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, in room 2069, Kilcawley Center.

The office of YESS is located on the second floor of Kilcawley Center at Student Government Offices (desk 418b). The phone number is 742-3596.

Often, interesting speakers with knowledge vital to the success of students in this major, such as internships available and various environmental news, are scheduled. These have included Laura Lyden, director, Technical Development Center and Dr. Lauren Schroeder, director, YSU Center for Environmental Studies.

Different environmentally related activities are held regularly.

Most members planted numerous trees in varied locations on "Earth Day" 1995.

A successful flower sale was held in Kilcawley Center on Sweetest Day.

Visits to health food stores/restaurants as well as such places as a solar-heated home, plus the expert speakers associated in these areas of expertise, are taken advantage of often.

Donithan stated, "Currently we are embarking on a new phase of growth."

The group is utilizing the resources of the Campus Outreach Program offered by the National Wildlife Federation to become more professional and productive.

This unit of the NWF assists groups such as YESS develop and deploy many environmentally conscious programs, including campus recycling centers, land reclamation sites and butterfly gardens.

Member Kim Fusslemen said, "As a result of our partnership with NWF, I foresee many great and exciting events will transpire."

Junior attends school at sea

By CLARA VALTAS
assistant news editor

Heidi Swegan, junior, food and nutrition, is one of 400 students participating in the Semester at Sea program, which is administered by the Institute for Shipboard Education and is sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.

Semester at Sea uses the *S. S. Universe*, an 18,000-ton ship, that has been equipped as a "floating university." It includes classrooms with closed-circuit television capabilities, a library, theater, a student union and cafeteria. It also includes a swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts and a weight room, which provides a campus atmosphere for participating students.

This semester, the *S. S. Universe* is visiting Japan, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, India, Egypt, Israel, Ukraine, Turkey and Morocco.

When in port, students can choose from a wide range of structured travel opportunities that are developed by the institute and the faculty. Activities in port can include home stays with families in the countries, visits to universities, travel to places of historic, cultural and religious significance, or students can travel to experience life in the cities and rural areas. Stays in port can range from three to six days.

Swegan began Semester at Sea in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Sept. 13 and will return to New Orleans, LA, on Dec. 23, 1995.



Heidi Swegan travels to many different countries aboard the *S.S. Universe* while participating in the Semester at Sea program.

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chapters of the Alumni Association. Chapters are run by alums with leadership qualities, and there are different events and outings for the alumni who belong.

The Alumni Association currently has 15 chapters.

Factor said that if alums have a problem or a complaint, or if something is not sitting right with them, they can call the Alumni Association. The association will try to explain why something is the way that it is, or the staff will find someone who can explain a decision that was made.

Factor also said that the current alumni really seem eager to become involved in all sorts of different things. She said, "It's really nice to see how excited our alumni are. They want to know about academic programs and the Campus 2000 plan, and where that

is headed. They can really feel good about themselves and the value of students' degrees." Factor concluded that the Alumni Association is the "only representation of a group that will always be here. Students come and go, faculty come and go, administrators come and go, but once you're an alum, you're an alum forever. We will always have an Alumni Association, and our alumni will always be the driving force behind it because they are the only group who will always be here."

Members of the Alumni Association will provide graduating seniors with their free membership card (which serves the same purpose as the current student ID) and package of information and materials when they pick up their caps and gowns at the YSU Bookstore a week before graduation.

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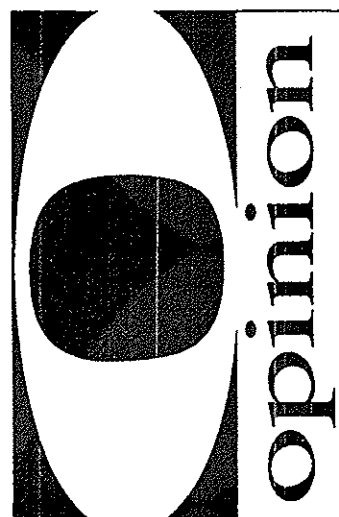
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Editorial

Who will be laughing in 1996?

It is real easy for politicians to laugh it up in D.C. over the recent Federal government shutdown when they are still collecting a paycheck.

Americans have had the opportunity to see their tax dollars at work on their TV sets since the whole fiasco has started. If we aren't subjected to Clinton commercials on how it's all the fault of Republicans, then we are captives of Republican senators laughing it up at press conferences while monitors play tapes of Clinton propaganda.

Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans seem to care that 80,000 Federal government employees are laid off and cannot collect unemployment because the government doesn't have access to any money.

National parks and sites ranging from the Grand Canyon to museums are closed because they don't have money to open and maintain the facilities.

Even though it is an election year, neither side believes that this Federal government shutdown will hurt their chances in the upcoming Presidential election. But early polls show that voters blame House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) and the Republicans most for the shutdown.

It seems, though, that Americans should realize the overconfidence, inconsideration and just plain childishness that we are seeing today is partly our fault. We ignore and even sometimes encourage the political clashes that lead to standoffs like the present one.

Remember when Clinton and George Bush and Al Gore and Dan Quayle battled in several Presidential debates on TV in 1992? People just sat back and laughed. Remember when Ross Perot just sat between Clinton and Bush and watched them go back and forth? People also just sat back and laughed.

Well, who is laughing now? It is not the thousands (maybe millions) of people who have to wonder how they will survive during this governmental temper tantrum. The politicians seem to find it amusing and not the least bit inconvenient, for they continue to collect their paychecks.

Gingrich is willing to sacrifice Americans for 90 days in order to get his way; Clinton refused to back down at all; and Sen. Bob Dole is just sitting back tallying the votes.

This week, Americans got to see our great democratic government at work. Although we were very judgemental when we criticized the Communist Soviet Union, at least Russians didn't have to worry about not getting paid.

Americans need to remember this sad episode when they cast their votes in the upcoming election. Remember the politicians who sat there laughing at the expense of the taxpayers, and let us have the last laugh — vote them out of office so they can struggle and wonder how they will survive till the paycheck.



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Commentary

Assistant news editor wishes more Valtases lived nearby

By CLARA VALTAS
assistant news editor

I have always considered myself unfortunate because I don't have any relatives that live nearby. My closest relatives live about 50 miles away, and I very seldom see any of them.

My next closest relatives (distance-wise) live in Toronto, Canada; the state of Georgia; and in Greece. So, as you can imagine, distance often poses a problem when I want to visit my family.

When I was little, I was so envious of all my friends who had relatives who lived nearby. My friends could have slumber parties with their cousins and could go to their relatives' houses to play.

When we became teens, many of my friends went to high school with their cousins. They could go to games together, go shopping together and strengthen their relationships by spending time together and talking about shared experiences.

Now that we are adults, many of my friends are either settling down and having families or completing some form of post-secondary education. Once again, my friends are sharing this with their relatives. When my married friends need help with their children, they can turn to a cousin for help. My friends who are still going to school can help each other study for classes when one understands the material and the other doesn't.

I didn't realize how much I missed not having relatives nearby until this weekend when my cousins from Toronto came to town. Five of my relatives came — my cousins Jason and Steve, Steve's wife Miriam and their two children, Alexander and Magdelaine.

For a brief amount of time, there was more than one Valtas family in Warren, OH. This fact never occurred to me until everyone went to a local icon festival to buy icons for our homes. (We are Greek Orthodox.) Jason, Steve, Miriam, my mother and I each made several purchases. When I

went to pay for my last purchase, the nun who was filling out my receipt asked for my last name. When I told her what it was, she said, "Another Valtas?"

Although my family was in town, I still had to attend class and work. So, in order to spend time with my cousin Jason, who is my age, I made him come to class with me on Friday.

Jason and I had the chance to talk in the car while I drove to school. Then I took Jason to my logic class. I have been thoroughly confused in class, and every night I am almost in tears when it comes time to do my homework. But after only five minutes in class, Jason knew exactly what it was that I didn't understand.

"I didn't realize how much I missed not having relatives nearby until this weekend when my cousins from Toronto came to town. . . . For a brief amount of time, there was more than one Valtas family in Warren, OH."

He knew how to do the problems in my logic class that I was having so much trouble with.

To be truthful, I admired Jason even more because he understood logic. Unfortunately, Jason never had the time to tutor me because he had to go home. But, if Jason lived nearby, he could have tutored me in logic.

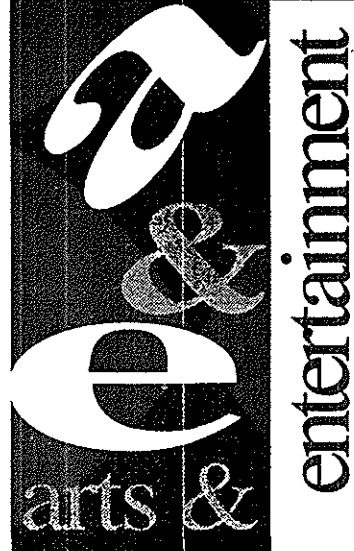
Not only did I drag Jason to class with me, but I dragged him almost everywhere I went. He had the fortunate experience of hang-

ing out at the Warren library where I worked for a while, come with me when I had errands to run and waking up at an insane hour so that we could go to a monastery together.

If Jason lived nearby, I probably wouldn't drag him all over when he came to visit. Instead, we would most likely be wrapped up in our own lives and would not spend as much time together as we do when we visit.

Perhaps the reason that I feel so close to my relatives is because during the times that we do see each other, we spend a lot of time talking and getting to know each other better.

For the four days that I had my relatives in town, I enjoyed every minute of the time we had together. I really enjoyed spending time with my family, and for a brief moment of time, I was no longer envious of my friends who have local family members.



Events Calendar

Fiction Reading by John Vernon - 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17. Kilcawley Art Gallery. Vernon is the author of four novels, including his latest, *All For Love*, and a book of poems titled *Anne*.

Dana Collegium Musicum - 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19. Bliss Recital Hall. Directed by Laura Bush.

An Evening of Chamber Music - 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20. Bliss Recital Hall. Concert featuring Dana School of Music faculty. Free and open to the public.

Mad Monday at the Pig Iron Press - 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20. Pig Iron Press, 26 N. Phelps St., Youngstown. Monthly poetry reading and performance series. Call 747-6932 for details.

Monday Musical Club Concert: Landsberg and Yount - 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20. Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 Fifth Ave., Youngstown. Call 743-2717 for ticket information.

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Annie - 8 p.m., Nov. 17, 18, 24 & 25; 2 p.m., Nov. 19 & 26. Youngstown Playhouse. Call 788-8739.

The Gin Game - 8 p.m., Nov. 17, 18, 24 & 25; 3 p.m., Nov. 19. Trumbull New Theater, 5883 Youngstown-Warren Rd. Niles. Call 652-1103.

To Kill a Mockingbird - 8 p.m., Nov. 17, 18, 24, 25; Dec. 1 & 2 and 2 p.m., Dec. 3 & 8. Call 746-0404.

The End of the World: Play Reading and Discussion Series - Sunday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m. Youngstown Playhouse Actor's Arena. Second in the Reading Aloud! Talking Aloud! series.

Night life

Amy's - Saturday, New Combination, 10 p.m.
Cedar's - Friday, Daddy Longlegs. Sat., Slackjaw. 10:30 p.m.
Hot Rod Cafe - Friday, Hypnotic Clambake. Sat., The Works. 10 p.m.

Under the bigtop

By JOE SIMONS
contributing writer

Move over Barnum and Bailey. Take a back seat Ringling Brothers. There's a new circus coming to town. The Lenny Kravitz *Circus* that is. So forget the smelly elephants and corny clowns: this *Circus* is nothing but pure rock-n-roll.

On Dec. 9 at the A. J. Palumbo Center in Pittsburgh, Lenny Kravitz will be appearing live in support of his new album, *Circus*, for an evening of electrically charged soulful rock.

Circus, Kravitz's fourth LP, is a combination of glossy pop ballads and explosive rockers. All 11 cuts on this album reflect Kravitz's influences, which he openly pays homage to.

With a love for rhythm and blues, gospel, funk and reggae, Kravitz is not afraid to admit that Hendrix, the Beatles and Sly Stone are among some of his musical heroes.

Circus's first single "Rock-n-Roll Is Dead" sets the stage for the rest of the record with its sonically charged riffs that Kravitz says he came up with while on tour in Japan. He said the song attacks "the giant corporate white-bread bubblegum machine that we're all apart of" and "the cliched rock-n-roll lifestyle."

In addition to hearing most of the cuts from *Circus*, fans can expect to enjoy some of Kravitz's older material from his 1989 debut *Let Love Rule*. Highlights from this disc include the title song "Let Love Rule," the trippy "Freedom Train" and the social lyconscious "Mr. Cab Driver."

Let Love Rule's vintage sounding nostalgia trip takes a step forward into straight Hendrix-influenced psychedelia with his second 1991 effort, *Mama Said*. This album includes the hits "Mama Said" and "Always on the run." Both songs produced chart success for Kravitz, but weren't as successful as his 1993 release *Are You Gonna Go My Way*, which included the popular ballad "Believe."

With each subsequent release Kravitz has expanded on his love for rhythm and blues, funk, rock and reggae to create his own unique version of these genres. *Circus* is no exception. So forget the man on the flying trapeze and hop on the Freedom Train. Next stop is Lenny's world.

World-renowned percussionist to perform in Youngstown, YSU

Bob Becker, a founding member of the Nexus percussion ensemble, will conduct a percussion master class at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 in Bliss Recital Hall.

A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Becker has been a soloist with the New York Philharmonic, the Israel Philharmonic and the London Symphony and appeared as a tabla soloist in India.

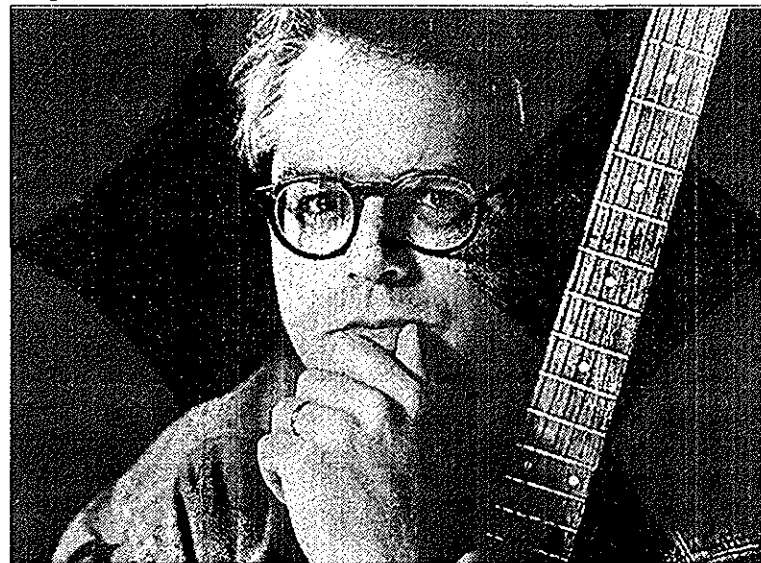
Becker is rated as one of world's premier virtuoso performers on the xylophone and marimba. His solo compact disc, *There Is a Time*, was released in 1995 on the Nexus Records label.

The percussion master class is free and open to the public. The class is being presented by the College of Fine and Performing Arts. For additional information contact Becky Keck, coordinator of special activities at 742-3624.



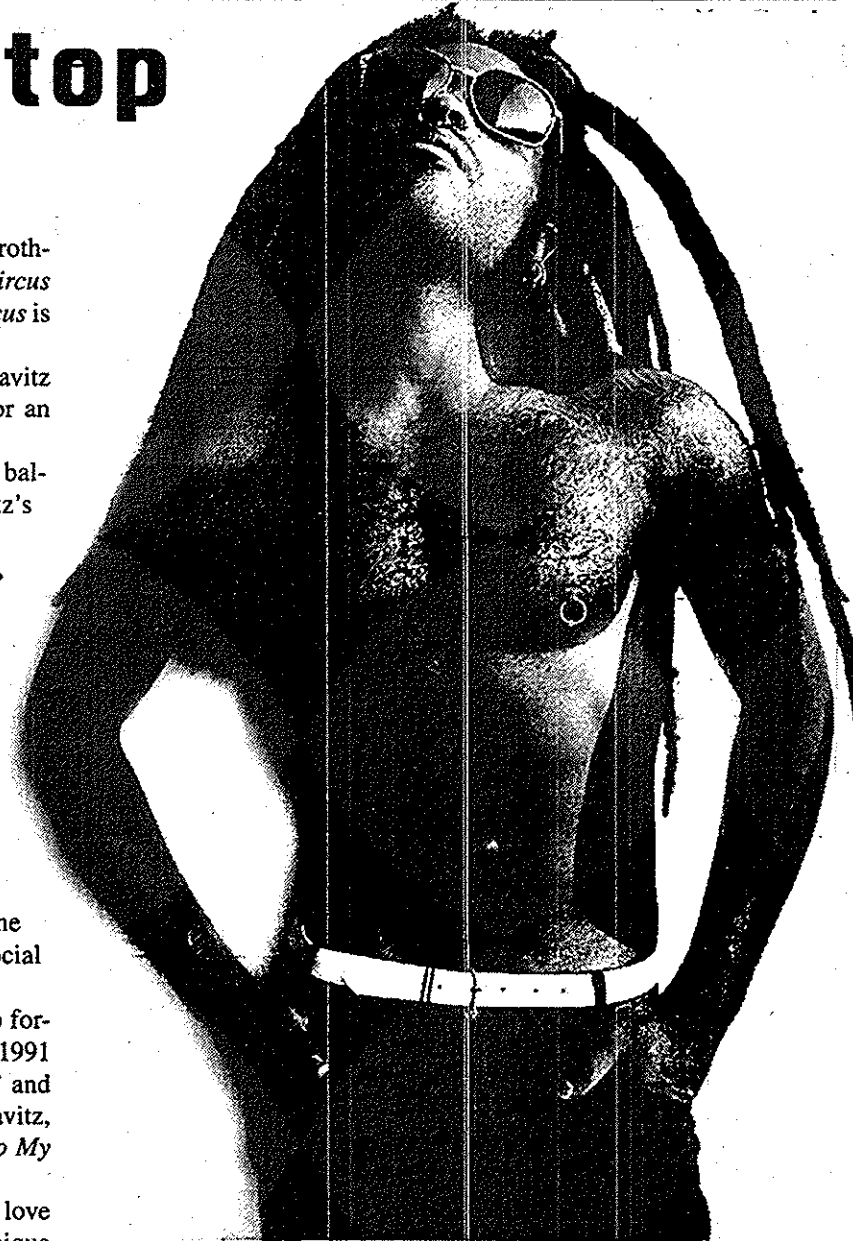
Bob Becker

The class is in conjunction with Nexus' performance on Saturday, Nov. 18 with the Youngstown Symphony at Powers Auditorium. The group will join the symphony to perform an improvisational piece by Japanese composers Toru Takemitsu called "From Me Flows What You Call Time." Tickets can be reserved by calling the Powers Auditorium box office at 744-0264.



Electric guitarist Bill Frisell will perform at a screening of three Buster Keaton films on Friday, Nov. 17 at Columbus' Wexner Center for the Arts. The feature length *Go West* and the shorts, *The High Sign* and *One Week* will be shown.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. Call the Wexner Center at (614) 292-0330 for details.



The ringmaster: Lenny Kravitz will be appearing in Cleveland to promote his new release 'Circus.'



Theater Review: A Little Night Music at YSU

By CHALET SEIDEL
contributing writer

Sex, love, lust and intrigue was the topics when the University Theater presented Stephen Sondheim's musical *A Little Night Music* last week on Friday. The production follows the exploits of its characters as they pursue the many forms of love; a pursuit often ending in the bedroom.

Strong vocals and a good sense of physical comedy made the University Theater's production a success, despite a volume problem that made it impossible to hear large chunks of the performance. Whether it was overenthusiasm on the part of the orchestra or bad projection by the actors, much of the play's dialogue was lost in background music.

However, the cast managed to come through in the musical numbers like Sondheim's famous "Send in the Clowns." All of the voices were good; however, Carla Jacobs voice shone, as did Michael Black's.

Erika Marie Thomas showed wonderful stage presence as the seductive Desiree. She managed to appear elegant even while leading other women's husbands astray. Nicole Walsh was equally successful playing the opposite kind of character. Her sex-crazed housekeeper stole more than one scene with a well-timed but vulgar hip wiggle or show of leg.

A Little Night Music will be performed at this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. YSU student tickets are free. Call the theater box office at 742-3631 for details.



Movie Review Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls

By Jamie Williams
contributing writer

"All righty then, take care now, bye bye." It's been a year in the waiting to hear that expression again, and it was well worth it.

Ace Ventura, When Nature Calls opened this past weekend and, to my surprise, wasn't a disappointment. I usually find that when I deem a movie one of the best comedies of all time, the sequel sputters in the original's wake. That wasn't the case with this movie. The only problem I had with this movie was the

many jokes recycled from the last movie as new ones. Covering regurgitation, snot-filled lugies and masturbation, Carrey ran the list of his standard gross-out jokes.

The highly coifed pet detective is out to recover a missing bat, which, when returned, will keep two African tribes from going to war. I was surprised to find out that this movie cost \$50 million to make. Then I remembered Carrey, now gets \$20 million a movie, and I certainly see this movie making back its money.



Recruits

Basketball

*** David Brown, a 6'8", 215 lb. forward/center from Steubenville Big Red High School has signed an early national letter of intent to attend YSU on a scholarship for the 1996 season.

Brown averaged 10.6 points, 8.1 rebounds and 4.2 blocks per game and set a single season record with 200 rejections as a junior a year ago.

***Leslie Ann Majewski from Solon High School has inked an early national letter of intent to attend YSU next fall on a scholarship.

Majewski has earned the S.H.S. Scholar Athlete Award, the Rising Star Award and the Academic Achievement Award, a host of MVP, tournament MVP and Player of the Week honors.

She was a member of the N.E. Ohio Hoopsters A.A.U. squad and lifted them to a 28-2 overall mark a year ago, while Solon's three-year record with her running the point is 55-12 (an .821 winning percentage).

Softball

*** Holly Royal, an infielder/outfielder from Poland High School and Rachel Zehnder, a first baseman/pitcher from Franklin High School have both signed early national letters of intent to attend YSU.

"We are very fortunate to add two players the caliber of Holly Royal and Rachel Zehnder to our softball program," Head Coach Julie Croft said. "Both players will give us much needed depth," she added.

Volleyball News

Junior Jamie Pirotte has been named the Mid-Continent Conference Setter of the Week for the second week in a row.

She recorded 74 assists (a YSU single-game record) against Kent State, while averaging 13.8 assists in eight games. Pirotte ranks second in the Mid-Continent Conference in assists with 10.7 per game.

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Nov. 17th
Volleyball championships at Beeghly Center at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18th
Football vs. Illinois State at Stambaugh Stadium at 1 p.m.
Volleyball championships at Beeghly Center at 5 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Cleveland Panthers at Beeghly Center at 7 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. B.C. Benston European team at Beeghly Center at 9 p.m.

Christian Muddle, YSU's number 1 tennis player, plays from the heart

BY MICHELLE HOGUE
contributing writer

For YSU's number one tennis player, Christian Muddle, practicing his tennis game takes a serious commitment. Playing tennis since before he was seven years old, Muddle knew that he wanted to make a career out of playing the game.

He is from Melbourne, Australia where he lived with his parents and younger sister. He is here on a four-year visa sponsored through YSU. His family is in Charlottesville, VA and will remain there until they return to Australia in December.

It was through a friend, Matthew Davis, that Muddle was recommended to play tennis for YSU. Coach John Wendle recruited the 17-year-old tennis player in April of this year. Muddle won a four-year sports scholarship to attend YSU and is majoring in economics.

Davis, from Albury, Australia, came to YSU over a year ago, also on a sports scholarship. He went back to Australia because of personal reasons and told Muddle about the sports scholarship. Muddle then wrote a letter to Coach Wendle expressing his interest and was recruited "sight unseen."

Australia doesn't have inter-collegiate athletics like the U.S. and because of his strong desire

to play tennis, Muddle came to YSU.

As an amateur, he is an intimidating player. Before coming to YSU this summer, he won 17 matches with only one loss in Charlottesville, VA.

His major wins there include the Charlottesville Tennis Patrons Junior Championships, the



Freshman Christian Muddle

Jefferson County Tennis Championships and the Virginia State Championships.

Prior to these wins, Muddle participated in his first major tournament, the Victorian School Boys Championships, at the age of 11. At 15, he was ranked number 43 in Australia after an accumulation of points through tournament results. At 17, he won his first major tournament in

Wheeters Hill, Australia.

From 4 to 6 p.m. every day, Muddle practices with the team. "Practice doesn't make perfect, practice makes permanent," according to Coach Wendle.

While Muddle agrees with his coach's theory, he also believes that "if you are taught to do something the wrong way, and you continue to practice that way, you will play a bad game of tennis."

The right-handed player has played on most surfaces except for clay. Muddle feels his strengths are his forehand and serve and finds that playing the game in front of spectators is not as "nervewracking" as it used to be.

According to Muddle, "You have got to have a very high level of God-given talent and be extremely dedicated" if you want to be successful at tennis.

"You have to want tennis for the right reasons," he stated. "You can't want to be the best because you can make a million dollars a year." Muddle defends today's top players by saying that "the desire to be the best" is more important to them than the money.

Muddle likes the U.S. and he doesn't find himself getting homesick too much. "I live wherever I am," he said, although he does miss his mother's cooking.

Trivia corner

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A Detroit Lion from 1980-1991, he was one of the league's most accurate kickers.

This wide receiver has played for the Seattle Seahawks since 1988, the same year his younger brother, a safety, signed with the Detroit Lions.

In 1992, the Cincinnati Bengals drafted this quarterback from Houston as the heir apparent to lefty Boomer Esiason.

This Houston Oiler wide-out led the league with 100 receptions in 1991.

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Friday's Answers

After quarterbacks Joe Montana and Steve Young were felled by injuries in 1991, this no-name third-stringer stepped up to lead the 49ers to a 10-6 season.
Steve Bono

The Indianapolis Colts have little to brag about during the past few seasons, except for the perseverance and promise shown by their "franchise" quarterback.
Jeff George

This running back has not achieved the success the Jets had hoped for when they selected him with the second pick overall in the 1990 draft. Some speculate that his slow start and propensity for injury are a result of an improper recovery from a college ailment.
Blair Thomas

Source: *The All-New Ultimate Football Quiz Book*; 1993

Penguin volleyball players earn Mid-Con laurels; coach honored

BY MICHAEL GRAZIER
sports editor

For the second straight year, things have gone quite well for Joe Conroy and his volleyball team.

Last year his team finished 22-12 and was, at the time, the finest record in the history of the school. This year the lady hitters are even better.

Helping to solidify the Penguin's place in history this season is senior Jill Raslevich. She has been named as the Mid-Continent Conference's "Player of the Year" and has left behind her a trail of records and accomplishments that is quite impressive.

She heads into the post-season as the Lady Penguins' all-time record holder in total hitting attempts with 2,810 swings. She also has 1,472 digs and 1,000 kills and is the only volleyball player ever to have 1,000+ digs and kills for a career.

In 1995, Raslevich has been no less effective as she has registered 306 kills on 713 attempts, a .288 hitting percentage, while averaging five digs per game in 82 games played. She also has 27 assisted blocks, 10 solo blocks, 16 service aces and a team-high 408 digs in earning her "Player of the Year" honor.

"It's great to see Jill earn top honors this season," Head Coach

Joe Conroy said. "Our team played with plenty of heart and soul all season long, and without their dedication and support, we wouldn't be in the championships this weekend."

Junior Jamie Pirotte and sophomores Angie May and Amy Hermann were selected to the Mid-Continent Conference's second team and all three have played extremely well for Conroy all year long.

May is second on the team in kills with 276 and her 324 digs is also good for second on the squad.

Hermann's 243 kills, 295 digs and .266 hitting percentage are another reason why the red and white were able to turn this season into another record-breaking affair. Pirotte is the all-time assist leader in Penguin history and was responsible for 929 of YSU's 1,214 total assists for the 1995 season.

Another seeming constant for the Penguins has been Conroy, who has managed to earn his second straight "Coach of the Year" award in 1995 in just his third full season as head mentor.

Conroy's award is the second such honor given to a YSU coach this fall. Brian Gorby was named the men's cross country "Coach of the Year" for the second year in a row as his harriers won the conference championship a few weeks ago.

Write for *The Jambar*; call 742-3095 and ask for Mike

Quad Cities to be site of 1996 men's basketball championship

BY MICHAEL GRAZIER
sports editor

The 1996 Mid-Continent Conference Men's Basketball Tournament will be held at The Mark, in Moline, IL, under an agreement reached by conference officials earlier this year.

The site was unanimously chosen and the three-year contract calls for the Mid-Continent Conference to begin their post-season play in the Quad Cities on March 3-5.

The Mark of the Quad Cities opened in May 1993 and is a world-class arena that has hosted a variety of concerts and sporting events.

The 12,000-seat arena has seen the likes of the Chicago Bulls and Michael Nunn, former world-lightweight champion. It is also the home of the Quad City Thunder of the CBA and the Quad City Mallards, one of the newest members of the Colonial Hockey League.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to bring Mid-Continent Conference basketball and the tournament to The

Mark and the Quad Cities," said Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher, commissioner of the Mid-Continent Conference.

"The Mark is one of the finest facilities I have ever been in, and the Quad Cities is a vibrant and enthusiastic community that will serve as a perfect home for our men's basketball championship. I look forward to building a long-term and lasting relationship with the Quad Cities," he added.

Steve Hyman, executive director of The Mark, is very pleased with the Mid-Continent Conference's decision to hold the tournament in Moline.

According to Hyman, "It will be the first time that basketball at this level will be available to our metropolitan community. I am quite confident that the community will adopt the Mid-Continent Conference Men's Tournament as their own."

This year's tournament will spotlight the top eight teams in the Conference competing for the championship and the right to receive an automatic bid into the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

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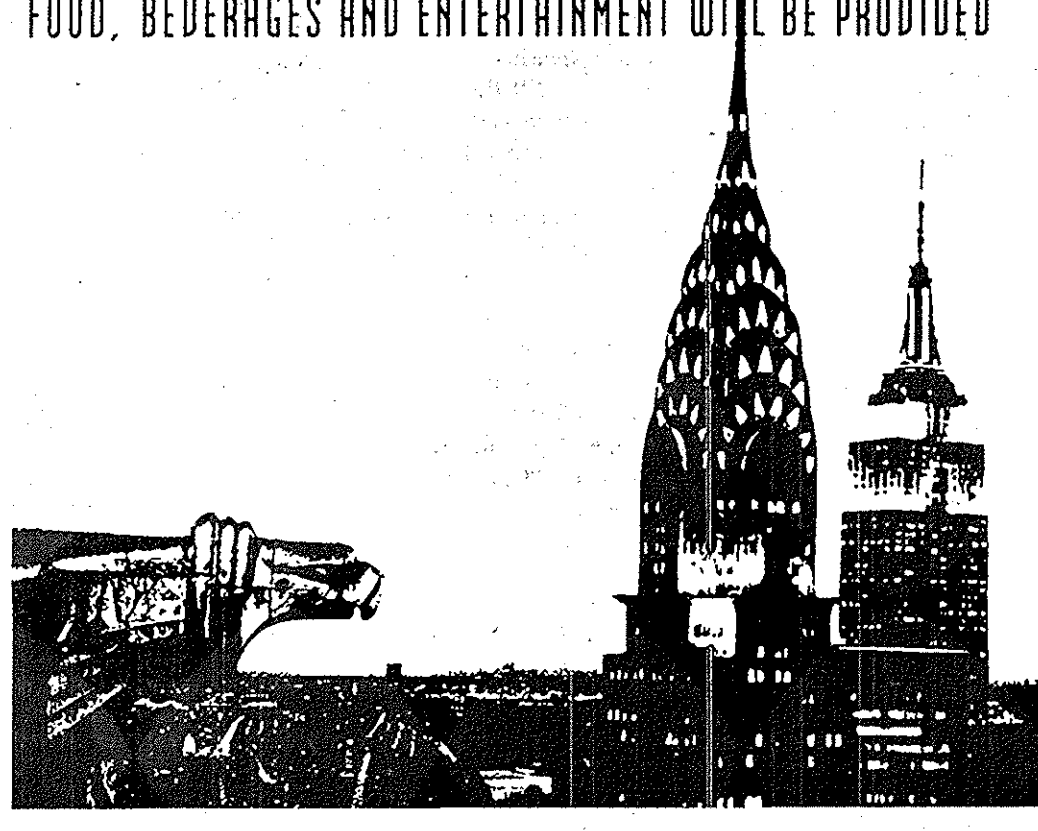
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time out of their busy day to talk to the YSU students and to answer questions about medical education.

Silvia M. Ferrett, D.O., vice president, dean of Academic Affairs, began the day with a discussion about LECOM. She explained to the students how the Systems Approach blends the basic sciences with clinical disciplines to provide a more coherent approach to medical education.

The students were given a tour of the campus by Laura Mangano, LECOM admissions recruiter, and four second-year students. The YSU students were escorted through their state-of-the-art lecture halls, microbiology/

histology lab, gross anatomy lab and osteopathic manipulative methods laboratory.

There were a number of classroom demonstrations offered by Lake Erie College professors to the visiting YSU students, which deal directly with the methods of laboratory and educational procedures within the classroom.

The day ended with a question-and-answer session with Susan Lazzaro, director of Student Affairs and professors on staff. The YSU students learned much valuable information at their visit.

The students are appreciative of the time and efforts Lake Erie College of Medicine staff, which made their visit a success!



Wednesday, Nov. 17

□The Pan African Student Union will be holding a meeting in Kilcawley Center in room 2069 at 5 p.m. For more information contact Traci Cain at 742-3598.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

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