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SWEET'S REQUEST DENIED

Trustees forego contract negotiations for university president

Michael Bury
REPORTER

Scott Schulick, chairman of the Youngstown State University trustee board, sent President David Sweet a letter on April 1 telling him that his job will end June 30, 2010. In the letter, Schulick wrote, "Following these discussions it is clear, and you are so advised, that the Trust-

ee's position regarding your employment contract remains unchanged."

The board sent Sweet the letter to inform him of the decisions that were made during executive sessions. Executive sessions are meetings held by the Board of Trustees to discuss private matters. The letter and meetings were in response to a letter that Sweet's attorney John F. Burns sent to Holly Jacobs, General Counsel for YSU.

A source close to the matter said that Sweet is trying to renegotiate his deal because he feels slighted by the university. When Sweet began his term as president of YSU, his contract was broken into three parts: salary, housing and car. In 2004, Sweet renegotiated his contract so salary, housing and car were lumped in under salary. Sweet hoped to retire with the renegotiated contract with the higher amount of all the

components of the contract lumped into salary. The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio put a stop to this when they got wind of it, forcing Sweet to retire under the 2000 contract salary. Sweet appealed this, but was unsuccessful. Sweet has been trying to renegotiate such items as bonus structure and the amount YSU is willing to pay for his house.

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YSU student faces weapons charges

Dan Pompili
REPORTER

A Youngstown State University student Desmone Relaford faces criminal charges for carrying a concealed weapon and also faces disciplinary proceedings from the YSU student conduct board.

On March 26, YSU police responded to a "third-party call" informing that a man was in possession of a gun at the Ambling Court Apartments.

When police responded, apartment residents said Relaford was displaying the gun in a shoebox in a "show-and-tell" fashion.

Police learned that Relaford was a YSU student and a resident of the apartment complex. When they confronted Relaford at his apartment, he cooperated with police and gave them the gun, which was a .32 caliber revolver.

Police said that although Relaford did not seem to be a perceived threat at the time, police were called because the gun caused concern to the residents who saw it.

Relaford is not in custody at this time.

Marty Manning, assistant director for student life at YSU, said this isn't the first time the university has had to deal with this kind of situation.

"We have a strong concern for the safety and security of the overall university," said Manning. "We take these kinds of cases very seriously."

Manning said he wouldn't be surprised to see Relaford suspended or expelled.

YSU Police Lt. Mark Adovasio said students caught with guns on campus will face disciplinary proceedings and criminal charges.

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Marty Manning, assistant director for student life

NICKEL AND DIMED

City meters cheaper than those owned by university

Emmalee C. Torisk
NEWS EDITOR

Rate and length discrepancies among parking meters located on Youngstown State University's campus can partially be attributed to differences in city and university ownership.

Dan O'Connell, YSU Director of Parking Services, said the city of Youngstown owns all meters on city streets, including those on Lincoln Avenue, Wood Street and various side streets, while the university has parking meters at three campus property locations.

The first university-owned location is on Elm Street, between Kilcawley Center and the Service Road; there are approximately 16 parking meters in this area.

On Spring Street, between Fifth Avenue and Veterans' Plaza, there are about five or six parking meters. However, these meters will be shut down beginning Monday until the start of fall semester because

of renovations; a few more meters will be added for fall, O'Connell said.

Additionally, approximately 20 meters are located south of the M1 parking deck on Wick Avenue. These meters are in a pay lot and are three-hour meters, unlike those on Elm and Spring Streets, which have 30-minute limits, O'Connell said.

The 30-minute meters are "designated for short-term parking," O'Connell said, adding that their purpose is meant for "running into the bank or bookstore." Additionally, the three-hour meters are also not meant for extended parking, and are geared toward campus visitors.

"Anyone who's here for the day, for classes, should use a parking permit or a day pass meant for a longer parking lot," O'Connell said. "The meters are used to run in and run out. That's the whole point."

All university-owned parking meters cost a nickel for three minutes, a dime for six minutes and a quarter for 15

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Moonbuggy Mayhem

YSU senior Amy Melchert and junior Mark Macali, among others, participated in NASA's 16th Annual Great Moonbuggy Race this past Friday and Saturday in Huntsville, Ala. Sixty-eight teams from 20 states competed with Puerto Rico, Canada, Germany, India and Romania. The goal of the half-mile course is to encourage students to think like NASA engineers and make their own buggy out of spare lightweight tires, chains, struts, gears and suspensions.

Child abuse statistics addressed during national prevention month

Erika Trekur
REPORTER

Throughout the years, Oprah Winfrey has repeatedly said that love doesn't hurt. Most recently, she has made this remark about the infamous Chris Brown and Rihanna dispute, yet the phrase encompasses all domestic violence issues, including child abuse and neglect. According to Childhelp, a nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of abused, neglected and at-risk children, four children die every day from child abuse or neglect. Thus, April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the first Wednesday of every April is known as the National Day of Hope by Childhelp.

Childhelp encourages all Americans to light a four-wick candle and observe four minutes of silence for the four children that will die each day. During the entire month, Childhelp will travel the country creating awareness and understanding of abuse.

"With the typical abuser, it seems to be more than just quick spouts of aggression. The abuse also comes from social background of the abuser."

Derrick Poppelriter, junior

Cery Globeck, a Youngstown State University nontraditional student and mother of a toddler, said there is a distinct dif-

ference between abuse and discipline. Although varying methods of discipline should be used, including time-outs or taking toys away, Globeck said the main difference between discipline and abuse is decided by the parents.

"I think that abusers get some sort of emotional gratification or satisfaction out of abusing their children, like they use them as an outlet for aggression," Globeck said.

Globeck said that discipline means teaching the child what he or she did wrong; it also creates an opportunity for the child to learn from the situation.

Child abuse or neglect can be explained as intentionally or unintentionally hurting a child physically and/or emotionally. Neglect can be seen as verbal abuse or complete disregard for a child's welfare. The descriptions of child abuse are endless; however, the most important element to keep in mind is the child's physical safety and emotional well-being. Developmentally, children need love, nurtur-

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News Briefs

YSU alum and UN ambassador to speak

Riyad Mansour, ambassador for Palestine to the United Nations and a YSU alum, will be coming to YSU to take part in a Model United Nations meeting. Mansour has been a part of the UN since 2005. He earned a Bachelor's degree in philosophy and a Master's degree in education counseling from YSU. Mansour also earned a Ph.D from the University of Akron. Mansour will address guests in an open session at 8 a.m. in the Chestnut Room of the Kilcawley Center on Wednesday.

Students celebrate Quest

YSU undergrads will have an opportunity to showcase their academic prowess at the annual Quest celebration Tuesday in Kilcawley Center. More than 300 students will be representing all areas of academics at the 19th annual event.

Northwestern prof to lecture

Regina Schwartz, a professor of Literature, Religion and Law at Northwestern University will present a lecture entitled "Holy Law and Holy Terror." The lecture will take place Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Schwartz is director of the Northwestern University Justice Institute, a past president of the Milton Society of America, co-director of the Newberry Milton Seminar and director of the Chicago Institute of Religion, Ethics and Violence.

Police Briefs

Student's phone stolen

On April 2, an officer was dispatched to Smith Hall in reference to a theft report involving a male subject's phone. The victim stated that an unknown subject either removed his cell phone from a desk on the third floor of Maag Library or it fell out of his pocket, was retrieved by an unknown suspect and never returned. The victim was advised that he would be notified of any activity on his bill.

iPod stolen on campus

An officer was dispatched to Maag Library on April 2, in regard to a report on a stolen iPod. The victim advised he last saw his iPod March 28 on the third floor of Bliss Hall.

Women injures knee

On April 2, authorities learned of raised concrete just south of Maag Library. A female subject had tripped and fell to the ground causing knee injury. An officer checked the area and found the raised concrete. Photos were taken and Grounds was notified.

2009 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION

Lindsay Lipp

STEM Representative

In continuance of my position as STEM Representative, I plan to improve communication between students in the STEM College and the members of SGA. By voicing the interests, ideas and concerns of STEM students, I aim to fulfill any request and resolve all matters of concern that are brought to my attention. I commit to working with — not just for — my fellow peers. Overall, the actions and efforts I make will be focused toward benefiting the experiences, needs and goals of the students in STEM at Youngstown State University.

Derek DeMaiolo

STEM Representative

I want to connect with students and refocus SGA's efforts back on the represented rather than representatives. I want to create more awareness of who the representatives are and what they can do for students. To do this, I plan on focusing my time and effort on making SGA centered in the public's eye so students know where to go for questions and concerns. One suggestion I have is shifting representatives into open forums for students with ideas or questions, rather than remaining unknown. I also would like to send mass e-mails several times to STEM students throughout the semester.

Joni Koneval

CLASS Representative

I am running for re-election as a representative for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences to ensure that students of both CLASS and YSU have the best possible college experience. Academics are at the forefront of the college experience, and therefore YSU's academic excellence must be a top priority for the SGA. Focus must be centered on ensuring that students receive the education that they pay for and that a four-year college education is the expected outcome at YSU. Furthermore, I will work with SGA to continue the betterment of YSU's campus and its connection with the surrounding community, focusing on the involvement of student organizations, Greek Life and athletics.

Justin McIntyre

CLASS Representative

My name is Justin McIntyre, a freshman political science major running for CLASS representative. Being a freshman, I hope to get involved in SGA early so that by the time I am a junior or senior, I will have more experience. Living on campus gives me the opportunity to be more involved with the dealings of YSU and also makes the campus and the university as a whole one of my top priorities. Thanks for reading, and make sure you come out on Election Day.

Donovan O'Neil

CLASS Representative

As student representative for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, I plan to take a twofold approach to addressing the needs of my constituents. First, I am a commuter student, so I will work to encourage other commuter students to become active members of the university. Second, I will promote participation by all students in the student government process and other student life activities. I will achieve this twofold approach by educating my constituents about the availability of moneys for student activities as well as try to promote organizations and clubs on campus that are little known. By doing this, I will help increase the diversity and overall penguin spirit at YSU.

Other SGA Candidates:

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Zachary Brown / Abbie Twyford

Education Representative

Jacob Rafidi

CLASS Representative

Jack Daugherty

William Macomber

STEM Representative

Madeline D Orio

Marissa Cullen

Brittany Sujka

Graduate Representative

Cassandra Doinoff

Business Representative

Nicholas Meditz

Ken Oyler

Tara Thomas

Sarah Stafford

Fine and Performing Arts

-Vacant-

Health and Human Services

Phil Rauscher (Write-In)

DISCLAIMER:

All candidates were given the opportunity to send a platform summary to the Jambar. The above were those that responded.

Classifieds

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ABUSE page 1

ing, affection and support. Any unwelcomed physical touch or excessive emotional damage can constitute abuse and/or neglect, according to Prevent Child Abuse Ohio.

For many abusers, the line between abuse and discipline may be blurred, said YSU junior psychology major Derrick Poppelriter.

"With the typical abuser, it seems to be more than just quick spots of aggression. The abuse also comes from social background of the abuser," Poppelriter said.

Poppelriter also said abuse is a subconscious imitation of the abuser's own childhood experiences.

"There is a connection between how they were treated by their parents, compared to the abusive nature they perform on their own children, just like how some alcoholics typically have or had an alcoholic parent. A person's past can be just as, if not more, significant than genetics," Poppelriter said.

Child Abuse Facts

National

• Since 1990, more than 10,000 American children have died at the hands of their parents or caretakers. Four children die every day in the U.S. from child abuse and neglect.

• In 2000, more than 3 million children were reported as abused or neglected in the United States.

• Eighty percent of violent juvenile and adult prisoners were raised in violent homes.

• The U.S. spends an estimated \$258 million annually on foster care, incarceration and other societal costs because of the abuse and neglect of children. This amounts to \$1,460 per family per year.

• Survivors of abuse are six times more likely to become abusive parents.

• One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before the age of 18.

• Abused children are 25 times more likely to repeat a grade.

• Seventy-five percent of high school dropouts have a history of abuse in their families.

• Forty-five percent of abused children become adult alcoholics.

Ohio

• Ohio's rate of child abuse and neglect ranked eleventh in the nation.

• In 2002, there were more than 100,000 reported cases of child abuse and neglect in Ohio and 50,140 of these children were determined to be victims of abuse and neglect.

• Over a four-year period, Ohio has seen the number of children abused and neglected double.

• Based on the best available research, as many as 2,006 of the 50,140 Ohio victims of abuse and neglect will grow up to become violent criminals who would never have become so if not for the abuse they endured as children.

• Shaken Baby Syndrome is one of the most violent forms of child abuse and accounts for the majority of severe head injuries in children under one year of age. It is the most common cause of mortality and long-term disability in infants and young children due to physical abuse.

Source: Prevent Child Abuse Ohio

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The letter reiterated that the Board of Trustees will not renegotiate any of these items in his contract.

"... There will be no modifications or side-arrangements to the terms of your employment and/or employment agreement prior (or after) their conclusion on June 30, 2010."

The board plans to fulfill the terms of the current contract. They plan on continuing to rebuff any attempts made by Sweet to enhance his retirement.

Additional reporting by Sarah Sole & J. Breen Mitchell

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minutes. O'Connell said \$25 is the fine for an expired meter, or which frequently occurs, a meter that was never paid for in the first place.

In contrast, some city-owned parking meters, which are located on city streets within YSU's campus, are a nickel for 15 minutes, a dime for 30 minutes and a quarter for 75 minutes. These rates are for Lincoln Avenue, the most expensive street on campus for city meter parking, said Youngstown Superintendent of Traffic Engineering Bill Glenellen.

"The further away you are from the university, the less it costs to park," Glenellen said. "The city owns the streets. The

university has no meters on city streets."

Additionally, parking lengths also vary for city-owned meters. For instance, at one point on Lincoln Avenue outside of Moser Hall, a two-hour limit is enforced. However, further down Lincoln Avenue, in front of Ward Beecher Hall and across from Williamson Hall, the meters have a 30-minute limit.

Glenellen said the city of Youngstown has contracted the meters out to Ampco System Parking, which manages parking meter collection. YSU Parking Services maintains university-owned parking meters, O'Connell said.



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CRAFTING CHARACTERS

Local artist's characters displayed at SMARTS

Britney Perkins
REPORTER

A local Youngstown artist's work will be on exhibit at the Students Motivated by the Arts Center through May 9.

The exhibit — which took 63 hours over a course of three weeks to set up — showcases the work of comic writer and artist, Chris Yambar.

"The show is all about subversive topics like love, peace, joy, coffee, candy and happiness," Yambar said. The exhibit displays new work that Yambar created from scratch. Two of Yambar's signature characters will be featured.

The first character is Mr. Beat. Yambar describes him as "the caffeine-fueled king of the beats who has an interest in art, music, the spoken word and all things highbrow." Mr. Beat magically appeared in Yambar's sketchbook while he was drinking a

triple espresso at The Beat coffee house. Later, Mr. Beat started to appear on coffee mugs at Peaberry's in Boardman. The exhibit will be celebrating Mr. Beat's 15th anniversary.

The second character is Itsi Kitsi-Happy Adventure Cat. Yambar describes Itsi Kisi as "an abstract manic H-Bomb on a sugar rush." She was inspired by Yambar's cat, Sam.

Yambar travels throughout the country lecturing about aggressive art marketing, pop culture and practical theology. "When I'm not on the road, I'm writing scripts, publishing my own work and whipping up paintings. I also like

barbecue and Wedgewood pizza," Yambar said.

This exhibit is benefiting the SMARTS Center as well as the community.

"This exhibit will give us a great deal of exposure to the community and many opportunities for K-12 students to connect to a professional artist who luckily lives in their community," SMARTS director, Becky Keck said.



Exhibit Dates- March 17-May 9
Signing and Lecture- May 9, 1-3:00 pm
Gallery Hours- Tues.-Thurs. 9-4:30 pm

PHOTOS COURTESY CHRIS YAMBAR

Fork-lifted To Fame

Youngstown's Realtime Digimob

Gary S. Angelo
REPORTER

On Saturday at Youngstown's Royal Oaks Bar and Grill, The Realtime Digimob will host their self-titled CD release party along with local post-punk act Third Class, as well as a few surprises. The show will begin at 10 p.m.

At Saturday's show, instead of just sonically pleasing club goers alone, the Digimob will present an "Array of Electronica Visuals."

"Listeners will not only see our scrub gear, which insinuates operating the music as if performing a surgical procedure, but a change from the usual trends," Labeledz said, adding that club goers will witness a hair removal procedure. "We try not [only] keeping ourselves on our toes, but our audience as well."

The Digimob has shared the stage with many of its local music contemporaries and played at The Zou's 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' at Cedar's. Delving into the vintage electronica influences of the solo work of Thomas Dolby and the post-modern dance punk of Trans Am, The Digimob's main mission is to stray away from

Youngstown's staple guitar-driven indie rock, which took shape during the days of the '90s.

Instead, they strive to tinker with electronics and discordant jazz grooves. The Digimob provides a post-punk, cinematic-electronic approach similar to Youngstown's Gil Mantera's Party Dream. The band also draws influences from the progressive neo-psychedelic influence of The Flaming Lips' later material. Ul-



imately, their electronic, progressive vibe appeals to indie rock fans and mainstreamers alike. The Realtime Digimob lineup includes Andrew Labeledz on vocals and keyboards, Alan Williams on Drums and Dave Knowlden on synthesizer, saxophone and keyboards.

Frontman Andrew Labeledz found inspiration to form the Realtime Digimob in 2001 while driving a forklift at a Toys R Us warehouse. The dynamic noise and industrial atmosphere of the warehouse inspired Labeledz to experiment with electronics in his music. Labeledz continuously processed these sounds in his head, and through forming the Digimob, he channeled them into the ultimate electronica stage show. Since then, the band has experienced about two years playing in the Youngstown club circuit, and said their sound has evolved since their start. For instance, Labeledz said their sound on the new CD differs from previous material.

"On the new CD, we pay closer attention to the recordings," Labeledz said.

Listeners are in for a treat of organized synthesizer arrangements, ranging from landscaping pads, to hooky synth leads layered with raw drumming.

"I would say half of the songs are instrumentals, and the other half have lyrics that range from fantasy themes to personal happenings in my life," Labeledz said.

The band will also take the stage April 25 at the Nouveau Rock Festival at Cedar's.



Malcolm X Abram
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

As the clock neared midnight Saturday and the final jam of the evening signified the end of the 2009 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction, music fans spilled into the streets of downtown Cleveland while the ticketless waited across the street and hoped to catch a glimpse of their heroes.

The crowd was a mix of classic rock, metal, soul and hip-hop fans of all ages who came to praise inductees Bobby Womack, Metallica, Run-DMC, Jeff Beck, Wanda Jackson, Spooner Oldham, DJ Fontana, Bill Black and Little Anthony and the Imperials.

"It's been truly exciting the way this whole city has been energized and the way they really stepped up and really done everything they could to make this show successful.

It's the first time we've done this event at this really beautiful venue," Rock Hall Foundation Chief Executive Joel Peresman said before the show.

He cited Public Hall's place in rock history, playing host to early tours by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

"To have fans be able to come to this event, which is something we've never been able to do before, is great," Peresman said. "It's incredibly successful, and we're looking to come back every three years."

Cleveland spent an estimated \$5 million on the ceremony. About \$500,000 was spent to beautify the 87-year-old Public Hall, with the bulk of the funding coming from the city, sponsors and civic organizations.

The city also worked to keep downtown clean during the week of events leading up to the induction by fixing sidewalks and removing graffiti, Public Service Director Jomarie Wasik told the Associated Press before the ceremony.

The ceremony itself was mostly glitch-free, with an excited crowd of nearly 5,000 music fans adding energy and a rock 'n' roll atmosphere.

There was considerably less between-induction downtime. The entire event ran only

40 minutes past its scheduled 11 p.m. conclusion. After the ceremony, fans exited Public Hall with smiles.

"I came to see Jimmy Page," Kathy Kelly of Bishop, Calif., said while sitting outside Public Hall and trying to figure out how she and traveling buddy Laurie Whitecloud of San Diego would get back to their hotel.

"It was awesome," Whitecloud said.

The two were making their first visit to Cleveland.

"It was long overdue. The energy (in the hall) was great. Everybody was clapping for everybody and their speeches. It was real community in there."

Both said that they'd happily return to Cleveland in 2011.

"If Jimmy Page is here, we'll be here," they said simultaneously.

Out-of-towners weren't the only ones praising Cleveland and the ceremony. Inductees Little Anthony and the Imperials also gave the city high marks.

"From when we were kids, it was the 'mistake on the lake,'" the Brooklyn-bred "Little Anthony" Gourdine said to the press.

"But today, it's not a mistake, it's Cleveland, Ohio, and it's a very, very nice place, and I think the (ceremony) should stay right here."

That sentiment was echoed by sideman inductee keyboardist/songwriter Oldham.

"I'm glad to be getting this in Cleveland," he said. "Maybe they'll stay here or come back again. They should."

Even the British guitar gods had positive remarks.

"This hall is very conducive to playing. It sounds really good," Page said to the press corps after jamming on Led Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song" with 2009 inductee and childhood buddy Jeff Beck.

"It's Cleveland, it's all rock 'n' roll and rubber tires, isn't it?" Beck said.

Shortly after the final jam featuring Metallica, Flea, Page, Beck, Aerosmith's Joe Perry and Rolling Stone Ron Wood, the crowd dispersed into the warm spring evening with memories of seeing musical heroes honored in a once-in-a-lifetime setting.

CLARIFICATION

In the editing process of "YSU Camp Counselor Packs Bags for Summer Job" ...

Was:

There's never a dull moment, he said. For instance, last year he had a girl hot glue her fingers together while she was playing with the hot glue gun. Rauschenbach said he had to sit there and explain to her that she shouldn't have done that. She said she was sorry for her "accident."

Should Have Been:

There's never a dull moment, he said, for example; "last year I had a girl hot glue my fingers together while she was playing with the hot glue gun. I had to sit there and explain to her that she shouldn't have done that," said Rauschenbach. She was sorry for her "accident."

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Youngstown State University usually has the best interests of the students in mind. They just have a terrible way of showing it.

A case in point is the university policy on parking meters. It has been made clear that the meters are only to be used for short-term parking, and that students who will be on campus for an extended period of time are to purchase a parking permit.

This sounds to many, on its face, to be an attempt by the university to drum up money in sales of the permits. A simple running of the numbers proves that this can't be the case, though. Students taking 12 credit hours would spend approximately \$180 on parking meters for an entire semester, as opposed to the \$78 a permit costs.

So why doesn't the university say this?

Routinely, officials within the YSU administration do an abysmal job of getting their message out, a fact that leads to suspicion, which is often unwarranted.

The image of YSU suffers from this lack of public relations ability. There is no reason to be secretive when you aren't doing anything wrong. When the university continually answers every question vaguely, if they answer at all, they tarnish their own image.

Straightforward answers are the best practice. On a primarily commuter campus, parking expenses, including permits and meter tickets, are understandably a significant source of frustration. It would make sense for university officials to simplify access to this information to lessen complaints.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the April 2 edition of the Jambar I read a letter to the editor that I thought was an April Fools' joke.

The joke was on me, as I read on, and found another student that promotes the negative image of YSU; something an involved student fights very hard against.

First, I would like to address several factual errors Mr. Ramos makes in his commentary. First, student academic senators are elected, then appointed to fill vacancies (which you applied for); they are therefore as autonomous as they want, only accountable for meeting our attendance rules. Second, as of Wednesday, the

Academic Senate has now addressed a student resolution concerning the "YSU 101" project, something you yourself worked on at one point but could not have known about at the time of your writing. Third, SGA itself is not meaningless by any means.

Our meaning is exemplified by the work we have done with the recreation center, the "Save Our Bookstore" campaign, the preservation of the Wick Pollock Inn, our involvement with the 2005 strike, YSU 101, DARs, curriculum sheets, and even a report on academic advising that you helped write.

Where did you go? You cam-

paigned for the presidency, lost, and then were never really seen or heard from again, save a half-written Senate appointment application. You did not so much as attend a single meeting this year, in fact, by all accounts you now want to destroy the very thing you had hoped to lead. Napoleon Bonaparte said, "A leader is a dealer in hope."

This notion was present in your campaign, now time has wrought a person that is incapable of hope; instead begging for the destruction of the SGA in the Jambar. I find this quite peculiar because you posit that the students do not care about SGA, yet

you have written to a student publication that calls itself an open forum for our campus. If you had really intended this to cause the Trustees to revoke SGA's charter you might have addressed them directly instead of pandering at the demographic you seem to dismiss.

Therefore, Mr. Ramos, I would like to ask you to stop perpetuating the notion of YSU meaning, "you screwed up." SGA may have been late with the parking resolution, but you, my friend, were late with your complaints.

David Spatholt
Student

COMMENTARY

It's a small world, after all

Frida Ghitis
MCT

In the days after 9/11, Americans rediscovered the world. The need to understand an act that seemed incomprehensible became visceral even among people who had never given much thought to what goes on beyond the U.S. borders.

World events have a way of pounding us out of drowsy obliviousness. At the G-20 meeting in London and at the series of summits President Barack Obama attended last week, the global crisis is grabbing world leaders by their lapels and shouting in their faces that what happens in one place matters everywhere.

That's a reality that finds much resistance in the United States. In his news conference recently, Obama faced almost no questions on international affairs. The drought of interest was so complete that, with no questions about Iran, the president had to sneak his careful words on the subject at the end of the event.

As the economy contracts and the sense of crisis grows, attention has reverted home. In the consciousness of many Americans, the rest of the planet is drifting away from U.S. shores. In the face of job losses, foreclosures and evaporating savings, the reflex to focus on our immediate surroundings is understandable, but it is also misguided. The world is keeping a close eye on the United States. America should reciprocate.

In the first of only two questions even mentioning another country, during a presidential news conference, a Univision reporter asked whether Washington would send troops to the U.S./Mexico border as a drug war escalates in Mexico. Clearly, a conflict just outside the border can easily bring a wave of violence to this country. And, as Mexican officials complain that Mexicans are killed with weapons bought in the United States with money gained selling drugs to Americans, the problem in Mexico will influence U.S. discussions on gun control and illegal drugs.

Interest in Iran's nuclear program may take a backseat to pressing economic problems, but what

happens in Iran can affect all of us. If Iran successfully produces nuclear weapons, the impact will be felt here even if the Mullahs refrain from detonating a bomb. Iran's Arab neighbors are already looking at jump-starting their own nuclear programs, kicking off a dangerous arms race in the most unstable part of the world. The possibilities of weapons falling into terrorist hands or of renewed armed conflict could well materialize. Washington would not remain a mere bystander.

Not only would U.S. troops face the prospect of another Middle East conflict, gas prices would surely shoot into the stratosphere once again.

In the case of China, we may not find it terribly interesting that its economy is hurting because of the world recession. But what happens in China impacts this country enormously. Without strong growth there, the Chinese will not have the cash to finance Washington's budget deficit, just when that deficit is morphing into a monster. If Beijing stops buying U.S. debt, interest rates will skyrocket. American lifestyles will change.

The traditional, realist view of U.S. foreign policy dictates that American should pay only limited attention to foreign problems unless they have a direct impact on U.S. interests. In today's world, however, nothing happens in isolation. When a government slaughters its own people in a place such as Darfur, it matters not only because as human beings we should care what happens to other human beings.

We have a responsibility to stop the outrages that cause suffering in such a catastrophic scale. But there's more. Dictators the world over are watching. If Sudan gets away with it, and it looks like it will, we will see more instability in other countries. Political turmoil has a tendency to spread. It spreads suffering and economic disruption. It affects where American soldiers fight; how much the government spends on defense and what prices Americans pay for the products we consume.

It is, after all, a small world. We don't need a 9/11 catastrophe or a G-20 summit to remind us how what happens overseas can come crashing into our lives.

COMMENTARY

Protecting Antarctica

Gerry Leape
MCT

In 1959, a dozen nations agreed on the peaceable use of the Antarctic subcontinent "forever" and "in the interests of all mankind" a landmark pact that created the Antarctic Treaty System. This agreement marked the first cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Now, however, the combination of global climate change and new fishing technology threatens the Antarctic and many of the species that call it home including krill, the bedrock of the Southern Ocean food chain.

As diplomats and scientists gather in Baltimore for consultative meetings and to celebrate the treaty's 50th anniversary, however, they have a unique opportunity to collaborate on new measures that could ensure the health of the Antarctic ecosystem for decades to come. While they lack the prominence of penguins and other creatures in the public eye, krill have attracted scientific attention for some time.

Serving as perhaps the most crucial part of the Antarctic food web, these shrimp-like crustaceans act as nature's link between plants and larger animals such as seals, penguins and whales. Indeed, many of these large animals rely on krill as their primary or sole source of nutrition.

According to an analysis of data from over 40 summer seasons, Antarctic krill densities off the Western Antarctic Peninsula have dropped roughly 80 percent since 1976. While a number of factors may have contributed to this dangerous trend, global warming has imposed a particularly harmful set of effects.

As temperatures rise, ocean circulation suffers, hindering upwellings the natural flip-flop of waters that brings to the surface the deep-sea nutrients required by plants and algae. Such microscopic plants fuel krill populations, and without those upwellings krill have less to eat and populations suffer. Another source of nutrition for krill has been the algae that grow under sea

ice, just as plants on land grow in soil. These large areas of sea ice also act as "safe harbors" for krill, sometimes housing five times as many of the small crustaceans as open water. But because sea ice is thawing as a result of climate change, krill's pantry threatens to grow increasingly bare.

Commercial fishing companies have begun casting their eyes toward krill, which are rich in the omega-3 fatty acids used in aquaculture fish feed and nutritional supplements for people. In the past, it was comparatively easy to harvest krill while keeping the populations viable. But recently, commercial fishing engineers have achieved a new level of exploitative efficiency with the vacuum trawler. While the world's entire commercial krill fishing fleet harvested about 100,000 tons of krill two years ago, today one new vessel might extract that quantity by itself in a single year. Although only one vacuum ship currently operates, the commercial fishing industry has its sights set on expansion.

Fortunately, in 1980 the member states of the Antarctic Treaty System formed the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Living Marine Resources to protect plants and animals in the Southern Ocean, especially krill. The month marks the first meeting, in Baltimore, of the scientific committees of the larger treaty system and the smaller protective body. In light of the important role krill play in the marine ecosystem, managing the Antarctic krill fishery should be at the top of the summit's agenda.

Just as they collaborated 50 years ago, setting aside their considerable differences for the greater good, member nations must now work together to establish stronger precautionary rules to conserve krill.

Safeguarding just this one species would provide a boon for the whole Antarctic ecosystem, including endangered penguins and whales.

Facing formidable opponents increased harvesting capacity, a shrinking habitat and a dwindling food supply these small creatures need to be protected before it is too late.

COLUMN

Making demolition derbies tax-deductible

Doug Dierkes
COLUMNIST

With the state of the American car industry, there is talk of adopting a program patterned after the following system used in Germany, where at least 20 percent of the population works in the automotive field. Basically, you sell a car more than nine years old for salvage, and provide proof of its destruction to the government. They in turn give you a 2,500 euro discount (about \$3,300 in American money) on your next purchase of a new car. There are still kinks to be worked out regarding how this policy affects the used car market, not to mention the logistics of building vehicles only to intentionally break them at a later date, but there are more pressing issues on my mind if this is put into place in our country.

First off, what will happen to the car customization market? Will gearheads really want to pimp their rides if they're going to scrap their unique whips at a later date? Will hot rod enthusiasts and tuner freaks run out of vintage autos to fill with unhealthy amounts of nitrous oxide and neon lighting? Will Xzibit have to go back into the studio to pay the bills? The horror ...

Perhaps more importantly, a government-sponsored auto wrecking program could spell the end of the third most American form of entertainment: The eve of destruction. Not just the straight-up demolition derbies, but the short-track race styles that are built purely for the purpose of turning old Gremlins and Pacers into flaming wrecks. The figure eights, the boat and trailer races, and even the suicide race where half the field drives in the opposite direction will all go the way of the dodo with the increased competition for cars no one wants. And if we allow vehicles destroyed in these events to be converted into government checks, then who should get paid: The driver who bought the car, or the opposing driver who wrecked the car?

There's a good chance most of my concerns are unfounded and completely irrational. There's also a chance they could be rendered irrational with the help of strong policy design by those in Washington. There's even the strong possibility that conservatives will call this a New Era-style make work program, paying someone to fill in the hole someone else was paid to spend the day digging out. Such statements will enrage the public to the point where the policy never gets implemented. All the same, I'll still worry about this, as I'm all but finished with my senior project and desperately need something else to weigh on my mind.

Oh, and for the record, number two on the American fun time list is professional wrestling. Number one might be football, but I suspect it's more along the lines of shooting mannequins dolled up to look like contemporary political and societal figures. Once you've blown off Fake Dick Cheney's head with your sawed-off, seeing the Browns score a touchdown doesn't really stack up.

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SPORTS EDITORIAL

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Championship or bust for the Cleveland Cavs

The Cleveland Cavaliers are on a terrific ride. It may be a surprise to some, but to most die-hard fans in Northeast Ohio, this has been a season many have expected for a while.

With a record of 62-15, the Cavs have the best record in the NBA. They are ahead of the Boston Celtics in the Eastern Conference standing by four games and hold a razor-thin margin of one game over the Los Angeles Lakers for the best overall record. The best overall record is a must for the Cavs because, if they hold off the Lakers, the road to the NBA title will have to go through Cleveland, granted they make it to the NBA Finals.

The dream season started in the offseason when the Cavs got rid of Damon Jones. Although he was a favorite player, he was becoming a cancer to the core nucleus of the Cavs. He whined about playing time and he had to go.

Insert point guard Mo Williams. Williams has been Robin to LeBron's Batman. Williams has filled the necessary "Robin" role the Cavs have been desperately searching for since LeBron arrived in Cleveland. Many have tried to fill the role and many have failed trying. Larry Hughes tried to fill the role and failed. Ricky Davis tried as well but also failed. Williams has been perfect for the Cavs this year and he will have to be exactly that come playoff time.

Now, to the business of the MVP race. It's a three-horse race between the Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, the Lakers' Kobe Bryant and LeBron James. If LeBron does not win the MVP trophy this season, I think I might stop watching the NBA. LeBron could have arguably won the MVP trophy two or three times already in his young career. This year may not be James' best statistical season, but he is the best player on the best team in the NBA this season. James' 28.4 points per game ranks him only behind Dwyane Wade, while his 7.4 assists rank him 10th in the NBA.

If you take LeBron away from the Cavs, the Cavs do not make the playoffs. I am not sure they could even win 40 games without LeBron. In my book, an MVP is a vital part to a team; without that part, your team cannot win. LeBron fits that description to a tee.

The Cavs will do fine if they have the home-court advantage throughout. They are 37-1 at home, and have three more home games to improve on their home record. Cavs fans will find out soon if this dream season for the Cavs continues into and throughout the playoffs, or if it turns out to be a nightmare. Anything less than a championship banner for the Cavs will be seen as a disappointing season.

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Bustin' out the broom sticks

Baseball sweeps Butler over weekend

Josh Stipanovich
SPORTS REPORTER

On paper, the Butler University Bulldogs and the Youngstown State University Penguins would seem to be two identical teams.

Although the Bulldogs carried a one-game lead in the Horizon League standings over the Penguins, both teams came into the series with the same overall record, and both teams, to this point, have been struggling.

Butler (4-23 overall, 2-7 Horizon League) have not been able to score runs while the Penguins, on the other hand, have lost eight of their games by only one run.

The numbers spoke well for each team after the weekend series, and the Penguins swept the series winning 6-1, 12-2 and 8-4, outscoring the Bulldogs 26-7.

Due to inclement weather last week, game one of the series,

which was scheduled on Friday, was pushed back to Saturday, forcing a Saturday afternoon doubleheader.

Game one was the Aaron Swenson show for the Penguins.

The 2008 Horizon League Player of the Year began the game strong, striking out the side.

That would be the way game one would go for the Bulldogs, as they could only muster up five hits and one run off of Swenson.

Swenson's gem of a game is all that the Penguins needed to earn their fifth win of the season as they scored one in the third, two in the fourth and three in the fifth.

With the in, Swenson earned his third consecutive complete-game victory over the Bulldogs.

He also was able to match his career high in strikeouts, earning 10. After the win, Swenson acknowledged the importance of his performance.

"It was a huge win because we're scratching and clawing, and we were only 4-20 coming into this game but that's not really a reflection of how we've been playing," Swenson added.

The Penguins were able to ride their wave of momentum into game two of the doubleheader.

Sophomore Cody Dearth got the start for game two, and was flawless, only allowing two earned runs on six hits in his first career complete game.

The Penguins' bats got off to a quick start in game two as they scored twice in the first inning to take an early 2-0 lead.

Heading into the sixth inning, the Penguins held a 6-0 lead, and put the game out of reach scoring five more runs prevailing over the Bulldogs, 12-2.

Head coach Rich Pasquale could not have been happier with both of the pitching performances on Saturday afternoon, especially Cody Dearth.

"The thing with Cody was that we started to notice that he was struggling, and we were

looking to take him out in the fifth, but that's going to be him," Pasquale said.

"It seems like with [Cody], when he gets tired, it seems like more things are working better, and he just got stronger," he added.

After two complete game wins courtesy of the Penguins pitching, sophomore Phil Klein had a big shoe to fill as he got the nod for the finale with Butler Sunday afternoon at Eastwood Field.

Jeremy Banks and Anthony Porter each contributed to The Penguins' third consecutive win getting two hits and two RBIs each.

Eric Marzec retired the Bulldogs in order in the ninth to put the finishing touches on Butler.

The series sweep moved the Penguins (7-20 overall, 4-5 Horizon League) from last in the Horizon League to fourth, as they jumped Cleveland State University and Butler University.

Senior
John Koehnlein

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Running game seals win for Milwaukee Iron

Sam Marhulik
REPORTER

Led by an impressive rushing attack, the Milwaukee Iron ran for five touchdowns and added another two through the air en route to a 59-39 trouncing of the Mahoning Valley Thunder.

The Iron scored early on in their opening drive, but the Thunder came right back and matched the score. The Iron capitalized on a Thunder fumble and didn't look back. Milwaukee's passing attack was led by quarterback Tyler Donovan who was 20-of-29 for 219 yards with two touchdowns, one interception and one sack. The most impressive stat of the night came from the Iron's running game, which accounted for 59 yards and five touchdowns, led by fullback Tyre Young who gained 46 yards on nine at-

tempts with one touchdown.

The Thunder tried to match pace, but a lack of run production hindered the team. Thunder quarterback Davon Vinson went 19-of-30 passing for 182 yards, four touchdowns, two interceptions and zero sacks. Vinson's four scores against the Iron was the fifth time he has thrown at least four scores in as many games.

Turnovers proved to be another major factor in the game in that one of the two fumbles resulted in a touchdown, while defensive back Lavar Stepter returned one of Vinson's interceptions for a touchdown and Vinson's other interception resulted in another score for the Iron.

The Thunder are now 1-1 on the season and are on the road this week at the Tulsa Talons looking for their second win of the season and their first road win.

Wide Receiver Clarence Curry makes his entrance for the Thunder.
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Leson has his eyes focused on the Horizon League championships



Junior Chris Leson

Doug Philibin
REPORTER

With just five matches left in the spring season, Youngstown State University tennis player Chris Leson has his sights set on the Horizon League tournament. The tournament is held April 24-26 in Indianapolis. Leson will be depending on his relentless serve to carry him through the rest of

the season and into postseason play.

"My serve is big," Leson said. "It kicks out wide and it's hard to handle. I don't get broke very often in doubles."

Leson has contributed to the Penguins' tennis team since his freshman year in 2006 and is thankful for the opportunity to compete in a Division I program.

"YSU has been great for me and so has tennis; it has given me the opportunity to receive a great education and meet new friends

on campus," Chris said.

Chris first picked up a tennis racket at the age of 10. He credits his mom for introducing him to the game and his previous coach, Anoop, for pushing him to take his game to the next level. A four-year letterman in tennis at Boardman High School, Leson has relied on a solid racket and an intense pre-match routine throughout his career to make sure he is prepared before every match.

"Before a match, I try to be as calm as possible; then I twirl

and flip my racket, dance on the court, do a few push-ups, some sit-ups, and then I use my jump rope [that] I keep with me. That puts me in the zone," he said.

While Chris is considering teaching tennis after graduation, he also has other ideas for the future. The junior marketing major aspires to be in the entertainment business.

"Ideally, I would like to work on the set of a television show or in the music industry," Leson said.