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WHICH ONE IS SWEETER?

President Sweet lacks connection with students

Sarah Sole **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Though students will be getting a new president after June 2010, a non-scientific survey conducted by The Jambar shows that some of them may not know their outgoing president well at all.

Only 41 percent of 665 students surveyed were able to correctly write down Sweet's last name. Incorrect spellings and blanks meant that students didn't know their president's name. Additionally, 76 percent of 667 students said they have never seen the president, and 91 percent of 666 students said they have never talked to the presi-

A majority of students were correctly able to select Sweet's picture, however. Out of four black and white photos, 56 percent of 633 students chose Sweet's picture. Eighteen percent chose former YSU president Leslie Cochran, another 18 percent chose former Ohio Gov. Bob Taft and six percent chose Lyndon B. Johnson.

While Sweet said the survey results were interesting, he added that there should be benchmark comparisons at other universities.

"Many students don't pay attention to the president," Sweet said. Still, Sweet does interact with

students in a variety of ways. Besides working closely with the Student Government Association, Sweet held his "pizza with the president" events and also works with the Presidential Mentors program, which has between 20 to 25 students involved.

In addition to attending athletic functions and fine and performing arts events. Sweet also said he was the first president to attend Greek Sing, and said he's attended every Student Activities Awards Banquet



since 2000.

Still, he admitted that working on communicating with students is a challenge, especially when a large majority of students are commuters. These students often come to campus and leave right after attending class for jobs or family.

'They don't have a lot of time to devote to campus activities," Sweet said of commuter students. Once more students get involved with campus activities, they may have a better chance to know or meet the president, he said.

While Sweet said he is open to constructive suggestions about how to connect with students, he also will continue to be involved with campus much like he has before.

"We're continuing the next 14 months with what we've done in the

past," he said.

Sweet to do more.

Freshman Brad Olsen said Sweet needs to get more involved. "I don't ever see him or know who he is," Olsen said.

Junior Christine Newman agreed. "Dr. Sweet can do better," Newman said. "I've seen him but once. He

needs to worry less about his money and more about students.' Despite this, other students have noticed Sweet's presence on campus.

Sophomore Kristyn Mistovich has seen Sweet at a basketball game and on campus, and said she's sure he is doing a "good job."

Still, Mistovich also provided advice for the president.

"I do think he needs to get more involved because clearly people don't even know who he is or what he does," she said.

Some students, however, want Additional reporting Breanna Haupt.

New student loan requires payments while still in school

Doug Livingston REPORTER

Sallie Mae is replacing its alternative loan program with the Smart Option Student Loan. This loan will require students to make mandatory payments on the interest of their loans while still attending college. The plan is effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

The plan, which nullifies the accumulation of interest by making payments during college enrollment, will provide capital for Sallie Mae within 61 days of the first loan disbursement and will considerably lower the total loan amount for the student. In the backdrop of a national credit crunch, this program seems to be a practical way to revitalize Sallie Mae by allowing the credit company to collect payments on loans earlier than the previously proscribed due date of six months after loan disbursements terminate.

According to Elaine Ruse, director of the office of financial aid and scholarships, this move by Sallie Mae may prove to be the first of many private student loan agencies demanding payments on student loans while the student is still taking classes. Ruse wonders if students will be able to make such payments and says that a majority of students defer their loans.

'Students need to be reminded to exhaust their Federal Stafford loans before requesting private student loans," Ruse said. The Stafford Loan Web site defines Federal Stafford loans as "fixed-rate federal loans for undergraduate and graduate students attending college at least half-time." The site claimed that the loans are the "most common and one of the lowest-cost ways to pay for school."

As of July 1, students who qualify for and receive a subsidized Federal Stafford loan through the financial aid office will incur a lowered interested rate of 5.6 percent until June 30, 2010, at which point the interest rate will drop again to 4.5 percent and again one year later to 3.4 percent.

Furthermore, the total amount of money a student is permitted to take for a loan will be increased for undergraduate, dependant students by \$2,000 per semester allowing for more financial flexibility. Aggregate undergraduate total loan amounts will increase for dependant students from \$23,000 to \$31,000 and for independent students from \$46,000 to \$57,500 over the entire span of their studies. These efforts are greatly due to legislation, particularly the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008.

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Students turn to plasma, egg donations for fast cash

Emmalee C. Torisk

Some cash-strapped college students in the midst of a troubled economy are turning to alternative methods of earning money, including donations of plasma and

Youngstown's Bio-Medics Plasma Center, located on Rayen Avenue, has noticed a substantial increase in donor interest within the past few months.

Letonya Patmon, a Bio-Medics receptionist and screener, said the number of donors has been on the rise since approximately December. About 100 people donate their plasma at Bio-Medics each day, Patmon said.

"Donating plasma is a good way to supplement income," Patmon said, adding that donors are compensated \$30 for each successful donation. "Young kids tend to use the money on the weekend or for gas money. Older people use it more for bills, groceries or even gas money."

Donors can give plasma up to two times a week, or eight times a month; however, a one-day gap in between donations is required, Patmon said. The Bio-Medics Plasma Center is closed Sundays.

The process of becoming an eligible donor can be lengthy, Patmon said. Typically, although the actual donation procedure takes 45 minutes to an hour, first-time donors should expect a two-hour process. This includes medical screening and testing, as well as the donation time.

In order to be an eligible donor, a person must be at least 18 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be able to pass a physical examination. Identification, proof

of stable residency and a complete medical history must also be provided, Patmon said. Additionally, those who have gotten tattoos or piercings in the past 12 months are denied.

Some possible side effects of plasma donation include nausea, vomiting and light-headedness, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. These symptoms can be minimized if the donor is sufficiently hydrated and has eaten prior to donating. Soda and fried foods should be avoided, Patmon said.

Youngstown State University nursing professor Pamela Schuster said plasma is essentially "a replacement for lost blood." Plasma, which is the liquid component of blood and has a shelf life of 10 years, can be used for numerous medical purposes, including the development of pharmaceutical drugs, trauma victims who need blood

and plasma protein therapies.

"Donating plasma and eggs are excellent ways of helping other people who need blood or blood products or those who can't have children on their own," Schuster said. "It's a wonderful way of helping other human beings.

The number of college-age women interested in egg donation has also increased, partially due to the economy.

Sandra Chambers, office manager at Akron's Northeastern Ohio Fertility Center, said about 30 to 50 women donate per year through the center's egg donor program. According to the center's Craigslist advertisement, ideal donors are "healthy, non-smoking women between the ages of 20-32."

Women can donate three times and earn between \$2,000 and \$5,000 for each

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Meeting set for revitalization

Iulianna Hull REPORTER

On April 27 the WEAN organization will have a meeting about securing funding from the state and federal level for the Wick Park Revitaliza-

The Urban Design Center's design proposals for the Wick Park Revitalization will be presented to the public on Nov. 15 at the Park Vistas Community Room at 10 a.m. A survey will also be available for community

The design proposals, completed Oct. 8, were based on input from the

two community planning meetings run by the citizens and stakeholders as well as recommendations from

This will be the last community planning meeting where the timelines and final recommendations for the project will be discussed.

Phil Kidd, founder of Defend Youngstown, said it's difficult to determine when the project will be done because it depends on "how much funding" can be raised. Kidd said the project will require multiple sources

The total price of the project is 2.8 million dollars. Along with WEAN, Rep. Tim Ryan is working on trying to get funding for Wick Park



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News Briefs

Guitar Performance in Bliss

Award-winning classical guitarist Marcin Dylla will be in concert Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Bliss Recital Hall. Dylla is the 2007 winner of the Guitar Foundation of America International Competition.

Williamson Symposium focuses on Obama

David Kozak, director of leadership at Gannon University will be giving a presentation entitled "The Obama Presidency and the State of American Politics: Implications for Business" on Tuesday, April 14 at 8 a.m. in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. Kozak's speech is included in the Williamson Symposium Series at the Williamson College of Business Administration.

Biology Day

Sarah Giordano will be the keynote speaker at YSU's fourth annual Biology Day on Thursday. Her speech will begin at 12:15 p.m. in room 3022 of Ward Beecher Hall. Biology Day begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The event is held on the third floor of Ward Beecher Science Hall and several YSU students' work and research will be on display.

Police Briefs

Counterfeit money used

On Friday, the manager of Sodexho spotted a counterfeit 20 dollar bill. On Thursday, a male subject tried to use the bill to purchase a small coffee. Soon after, the employee was informed it was counterfeit. The bill was returned to Sodexho then given to the officer on duty as evidence.

Student leaves behind paraphernalia

An officer was dispatched to Meshel Hall on Friday in regard to a subject possibly sick in a stall. Upon arrival, the officer noticed a subject on the floor in the men's room. The subject stated that he was okay and hurried out of the restroom. Two officers noticed drug paraphernalia in the stall. The officers were then unable to locate the subject. The officers proceeded to take pictures and bag the evidence.

Stolen iPod

On Thursday, an officer was sent to Tod Hall in reference to a theft report. A female stated that her daughter's iPod was stolen on Friday at Beeghly Center during the Relay for Life. She later stated that it was stolen during the time frame that her daughter's friend had the iPod and placed it on the ledge while on the upper deck. A short time later it was missing.

Drexel University halves tuition for out-of-work grad students

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009

Anita Creamer MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Drexel University, which opened its graduate studies center on Sacramento's Capitol Mall in January, plans to cut tuition in half this fall for entering graduate students who have been laid off from their jobs.

According to the graduate center's dean and chief executive officer, Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III, the tuition reduction program aims to help the local work force prepare to rebound from the ailing economy.

"We don't want students to leave Sacramento for another place they think the grass is greener," he said.

"We want them to stay and use the time to bone up on their skills, so they can be ready to work at the highest possible level when the economy returns."

William Jessup University in February announced a 2.5 percent across-the-board undergraduate tuition cut beginning this fall at its Rocklin, Calif., campus, and a handful of other universities across the country have instituted similar reductions

But Oxholm said he's not aware of other graduate degree programs offering half-price discounts specifically for students who have already been slammed by the recession.

The Drexel discount will apply to students who enroll in the fall and have been unable to find new employment after being laid off since December 2007. Students can remain in Drexel's "Bridge to the Future" program as long as they maintain a 3.0 average and can't find work.

Tuition for local Drexel students varies from one graduate program to another, said Oxholm. The two-year master of business administration degree, for example, costs \$47,000 without the tuition cut. The school offers other tuition breaks based on academic record.

"The Bridge program is a short-term stop-gap for issues we all face," said Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President Steve Gandola.
"But I look at this as a long-term investment.

"As the aging baby boom generation retires and moves out of the work force, it's critical we have a high level of leadership prepared to step into the role."

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Philadelphia-based Drexel currently has 53 graduate students at its downtown center, but Oxholm said he expects fall enrollment to increase to 10 to 15 students in each of the center's 10 master's degree programs.

For more information about the Bridge grant program, go to www.drexel.edu/sacramento.

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According to Ruse, unsubsidized student loans usually are inhibited by an interest rate somewhere around 6.8 percent. Additionally, many of these private loans require the student to pay interest on not only the principal but also fees and penalties, a process that may snowball into an astronomical number.

Still, Ruse said that there are other lenders do not require these interest payments to be made prior to the loan termination, though

paying the interest of a loan, if possible, will significantly reduce the total amount of the loan by avoiding accumulated and compounded interest.

For further information on student loans, contact the Office of Financial Aid or visit http://www.salliemae.com/content/smartoptionstudentloan/guide.pdf to view the application for the new Smart Option Loan from Sallie Mae.

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donation, Chambers said. Young women are ideal donors since they typically produce more eggs; these are also frequently healthier than older women's eggs.

The extensive egg donation process takes approximately two months, but applicants must endure a thorough screening process, including medical and psychological tests, Chambers said.

Additionally, Chambers said

Additionally, Chambers said egg donation involves some risks, including possible damage to the ovaries, as well as the chance of infection and bleeding.

Despite the risks in donating plasma and eggs, some YSU students said they would consider the procedures, especially if they needed money. Many also said they knew a lot of people who have donated in the past.

Sophomore Mari Baker has considered donating her plasma, mainly for monetary reasons. Although she has researched the donation process, including compensation and the length of time the procedure requires, she has not actually donated. However, what she found most surprising was the increased interest in donating plasma.

"I drive past the donation center every day," Baker said. "I come to school at 8 a.m. and leave at 4 p.m. The center is consistently full, morning and night."

Sophomore Nicole Yereb said she has also considered donating eggs before.

"I am in the health field and I know a lot of people can't conceive children, so I would feel like I am contributing to more than just the economy," Yereb

Freshman Keith Stephens said he would probably donate plasma primarily for financial reasons.

"I would donate especially if I didn't have a job right now," Stephens said. "You gotta make money somehow, and a lot of places aren't hiring."

However, some YSU students said they never considered the procedures an option.

Sophomore Sarah Brocker said she would not "undergo unnecessary surgical procedures just to make money." Freshman Brad Wilson said

he would not donate because he doesn't like "needles or blood." Similarly, junior Shannon Lyle said she doesn't like pain.

Junior Ebony Dukes also said

he would not donate his plasma.
"I would feel like that would

be the absolute last thing I would ever do for money," Dukes said.

Yahoo shares rise following Microsoft ad-deal report

John Letzing MARKETWATCH

Inc. bucked the downward trend for technology stocks Monday and gained more than 7 percent, following reports late last week that the company is in serious discussions with Microsoft Corp. about teaming up in the online-advertising market.

The AllThingsD blog and The Wall Street Journal reported on Friday that Yahoo's discussions with Microsoft have included the possibility that Yahoo would assume responsibility for sales of the companies' display advertising, while Microsoft would assume responsibility for their search advertising.

An effort of some sort by the two companies to team up on online-advertising market leader Google Inc. has been anticipated since last year, when Microsoft made an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to buy Yahoo outright for more than \$47 billion.

Since then, Yahoo has hired a new chief executive, Carol Bartz, while continuing to see its share of the online search market stagnate in comparison to Google's. Microsoft, meanwhile, has managed only to retain a distant third place in the U.S. online-search market.

Gartner Inc. analyst Andrew Frank said much of the positive sentiment around the possible partnership with Microsoft is due to relief that Yahoo isn't considering selling off its search service all together.

Microsoft has in the past expressed interest in buying Yahoo's search business, though according to reports last week no acquisition talks have been part of the discussions.

"There's a sense there's more flexibility around figuring out a partnership, as opposed to something that people think might hobble Yahoo in the long run," Frank said.

Yahoo has argued publicly that it needs to retain its search

technology and related data in order to augment its display advertising business.

Stifel Nicolaus analyst George Askew told clients in a note Monday that a partnership with Microsoft would "be very positive for Yahoo," adding that Yahoo's "scale and sales" make a good match for Microsoft's "technology expertise and deep pockets."

Askew also said that according to recent research data, Yahoo and Microsoft combined to reach more than 86 percent of online unique users with their display advertising in February, compared with Google's 78 percent.

Yahoo shares rose 95 cents to close at \$14.42. Meanwhile the Nasdaq Composite Index spent much of the day in the red before closing marginally higher at 1,653.

Shares of Sunnyvale, Calif.based Yahoo had veered below \$10 a share late last year, after deal talks with Microsoft appeared to fall apart.



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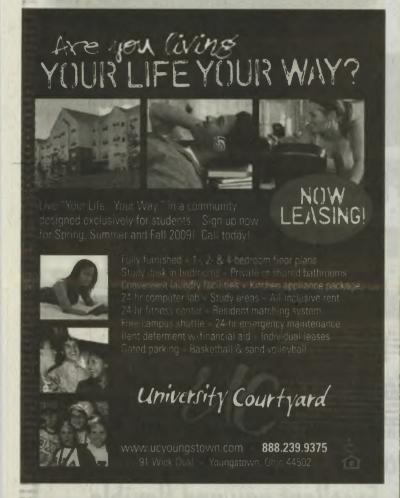
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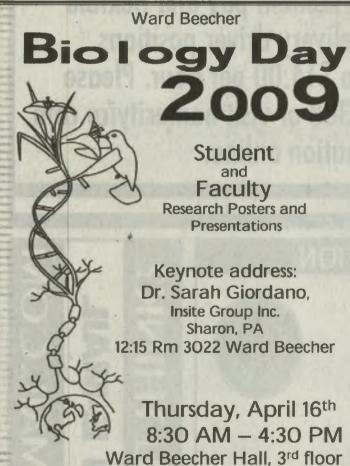
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G1 TAKES ON PHONE

T-Mobile's new device offers cutting-edge apps and features

Emery Boyle-Scott

There's a phone that's creating competition for Apple's iPhone: the G1. The touch screen device, which is supported by T-Mobile's network, features a full QWERTY keyboard, 3G support, Wi-Fi, GPS, Bluetooth, e-mail, more downloadable applications than the iPhone and access to Amazon's mp3 store, YouTube and applications

However, both the G1 and the iPhone lack support for Flash content online and the G1 lacks a standard headphone jack. It does have a jack for proprietary headphones manufactured by HTC, according to the specifications

for each phone.
Paul Carrier, Youngstown State University tech desk employee and computer technology sophomore, uses an iPhone and has seen the G1.

"I think it's right on the heels of the iPhone, but not quite there,"

Carrier said. "No Flash video is annoying. A lot of people ask 'why don't they just do it?' What they don't understand is that it's a technical issue," Carrier said. Running Flash requires extra hardware and memory that can't be incor-

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porated in the small phone. None of the phone's memory can be spared for anything else.

Sun Microsystems is working on a mobile version of flash that is slated to be available in 2010.

G1 does have multimedia messaging, which the iPhone didn't originally have. It will soon, however, with the free update for iPhones.

The T-Mobile G1 is manufactured by HTC and is similar in appearance to the company's other smart phones, such as the **I-Mobile** Wing and the Sprint Mogul. The G1 measures 4.6 inches tall by 2.1 inches wide by 0.6 inches deep and it weighs 5.6

Some people may consider the GI to be less attractive than the iPhone because it is larger and not as sleek in appearance, but the GI offers some functionality the original iPhone and the current iPhone 3G doesn't have: copy-and-paste capabilities, multimedia messaging, a better camera and Google Street View.

Carrier said one of the big things about the G1 is that its software is open source, which is an advantage and a disadvantage. Open source software has core coding that's viewable and able to be edited by anyone. Still, the problem with open source software is that there may not be support available or there might be more software bug issues.

Carrier said he doesn't appreciate the G1's appearance. "It looks nice but it's not as aesthetically pleasing as the iPhone or the BlackBerry Storm."

The GI has a soft-touch finish on the back that provides a nice rubber-like texture. Part of the G1's larger size is the full QWERTY keyboard hidden beneath the touch screen.

"I think the physical QWER-TY keyboard is a step up over the iPhone; that is one of the things I miss, but it's a bad thing and a good thing," Carrier said. The tactile keyboard makes texting easier, but it adds bulk.

"It is hard to text message on the iPhone if you're not looking. With the iPhone you have to look at the buttons, you can't feel

them," he said. The touch screen measures 3.2 inches diagonally and has a 320 x 480 resolution. The screen only responds to the touch of a finger, and not other objects, like a fingernail, a stylus or a gloved finger, just like the iPhone and the BlackBerry Storm.

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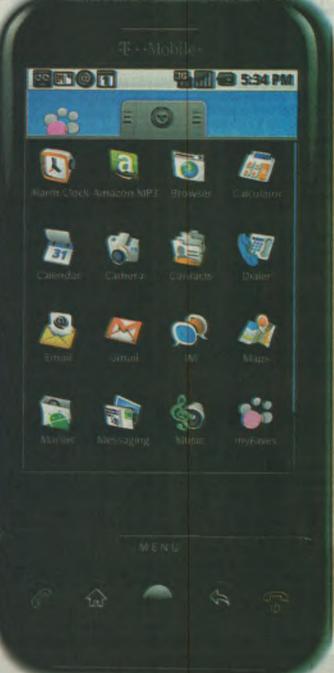
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The credit crunch that has been the byproduct of the global economic crisis is a hard truth, but it is real none-

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Then the bubble burst. Now, loans are exceedingly hard to obtain, and the requirements attached to them are far more stringent than they have been in the past.

This includes private student loans, such as those offered through Sallie Mae. The move to make students pay on the interest from these loans while still in college is one of the many corrective measures the financial system will need to undergo in order to return to some type of normality.

This is not a bad thing. The fact is the entire economic mess the country finds itself in is the natural effect of having lived too easy for too

It will be difficult to adjust to a new way of life, but we will be better for it. All it really means is that we will have to do the things that we should have been doing, anyway. If it's harder to get a credit card, we will relearn the value of a dollar. If it's harder to buy a car, we will appreciate the hard work and responsibility we had to show to finally get it. Student loans are no different. It's never been mandatory to pay the interest as we went, but it's still good idea. Ultimately, we should be striving for as little debt as possible.

If we see this as a burden, we will never learn the lesson it provides. If we see it as an opportunity, we will be less likely to repeat the mistakes of the last generation.

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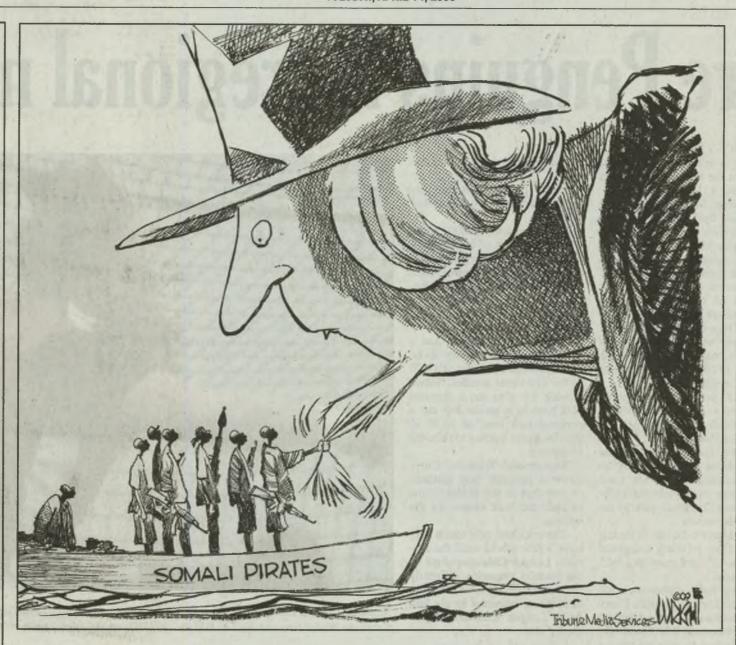
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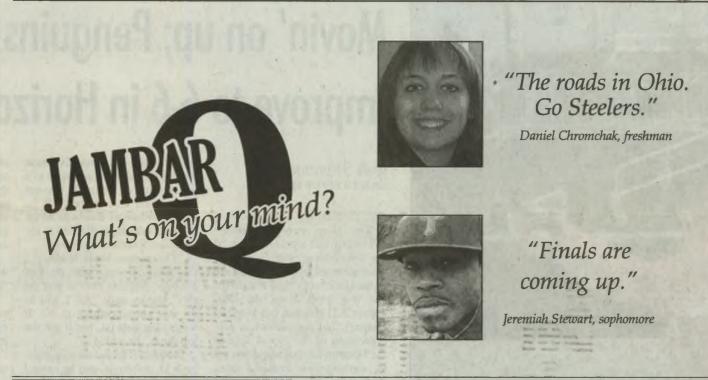
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Communication is key for President Sweet

Erica Trekur REPORTER

As a student of Youngstown State University, I'd like to thank The Jambar's Editorial Board for the public invitation extended to President Sweet. I am not surprised by the politics that seem to consume the university as a whole, but shocked by the lack of communication between the very man who represents us and the student body.

After five consecutive years at this university, a diploma will reach my hands on May 16

of this year. Unfortunately, during my time at YSU, my hand has never met that of President Sweet. My main question is this: How does a president of a university act on behalf of the student body, when communication and interviews are denied?

The answer is simple: A person cannot make decisions for a student body, without interaction and interpersonal communication. The nature of this situation is saddening, and as a student, I feel I have been deprived of information pertinent to my education and my right to know as a citizen.

granted, not only will it be a miracle, but the missing piece to The Jambar's puzzle.

The student newspaper is not only here to inform students of news regarding the school, but also a means of communicating with the student body. An interview is the very least a president can do, and should not be seen as a favor but an obligation to students.

At several universities, the president lives on campus and frequently interacts with students. This provides an example of the deliberate neglect posed by President Sweet and

If a face-to-face interview is also the audacious request to purchase his home in a town unaffiliated with our university. We as students, citizens and the people paying salaries, should demand communication from our leaders. As I have learned through my education at YSU, our leaders work for us.

With that said, my last comment is directed to our president: Your duty as a school administrator is to fulfill our need for knowledge, make us aware of who you are and where you stand on issues, and most importantly, not to cowardly hide behind the walls of your of-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On April 15, Tax Day, thousands of Americans will gather together in cities across America to protest what they believe are wasteful spending programs and poor tax policies by the Obama administration and the Democratic Congress. These protesters are paying homage to the Boston Tea Party which itself was a protest against what the American colonialists saw as an unfair tax levied by the British parliament. I commend these Americans as they stand to say what they believe in, and I am glad that many will be college students finding their political voice.

However, I would be remiss if I did not also say what I believe. On April 15, the protesters will claim that the United States is headed toward socialism, or "wealth redistribution," because the Obama administration has decided not to renew the Bush tax cuts, meaning the income tax on those in the richest bracket will go from 36 percent to 39 percent.

I was startled to find out that people believed the Obama administration was socialist or communist for doing this. During the Cold War, when we were supposedly fighting socialism and communism, the same tax bracket stood at 91 percent. The protesters will also complain that our taxes will be spent on "frivolous" projects. It was former Justice of the United States Supreme Court Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. who upon being asked if he hated paying taxes replied, "I like paying taxes, with them I buy civilization."

And so it should be with us. Our taxes will actually be used for one of the primary purposes of government - to pay for those things that benefit society but are not inherently profitable on their own. In his televised response to President Obama's address to Congress, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal criticized President Obama for

spending money on volcano monitoring. I was startled by that remark too. I wondered if Jindal did not realize that it was the National Weather Service, which is funded through federal tax money, that warned residents of his state that hurricane Katrina was approaching in 2005. Finally, I was startled by the event that the Tax Day protesters have decided to emulate. The Tea Act of 1773 was passed by people that no one in the colonies elected and was levied to help fund the East India Tea Company, which was not an American business. Those colonists, those Sons of Liberty, who ventured into Boston Harbor on Dec. 16, 1773 did so because they opposed oppression in the form of being taxed by a body they had not elected.

On April 15, some Americans will choose to remember this event by protesting against the democratically elected Congress and president who

are doing their utmost to help Americans with smart spending and fair tax policy. It is my belief that we have government so that we may solve problems together that we cannot solve as individuals. Wars abroad, devastating hurricanes, economic crises, poverty, forest fires, floods: these are problems that affect us all and yet neither you nor I could solve them on our own. This is why we have taxes, and this is why the government spends money. I respect that some Americans will choose to voice their discontent on April 15, but I am startled to think that maybe they believe we should not be solving these problems together. I am started to think that they believe the difference between socialism and capitalism is 3 percent on the wealthiest tax bracket. And I am startled to think that maybe they truly believe they are being oppressed.

Michael Quigley

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The energy of entropy

Doug Dierkes COLUMNIST

When Barack Obama was campaigning for the presidency, he made some hefty promises about changing America's power grid. He promised he would increase the amount of electricity produced from renewable resources, and yet he also claimed to up the manufacturing of domestic fossil fuels to reduce our dependence on the foreign stuff. This semi-contradiction in policy has been the crux of recent arguments from all sides of the political spectrum (OK, maybe five minutes on the end of CNN's State of the Union news program), and it doesn't appear that anyone has found a middle ground for the rest of the program to build from.

This doesn't sound like a job for me at all, and yet I can't resist throwing my hat into the ring. Here are some of my modest proposals for making our country's energy policy not suck any-

Cutting the Clock

Americans burn through massive amounts of electricity in a 24-hour day. What would happen if we made the days shorter? Removing four hours from every day would go a long way to reducing our energy consumption, as there would be less time to plod around in a brightly lit office staring at a power-sucking computer screen doing nothing of importance. It would also increase our productivity, as it would finally force a larger portion of us to get off our ass and do the important work that needs doing. Will the rest of the world agree with this plan? Probably not. Then again, we here in the United States are known for not caring about the rest of the world. Why start now?

Flipping Off ... the Switch

If making 10 p.m. the new midnight seems like too harsh a solution, what else is left? I say we make like the Amish and learn to shut the lights off after dark. As soon as Thomas Edison figured out the right 11 herbs and spices to put into a light bulb, we've been shifting into a more nocturnal society. Also, most of our electricity use seems concentrated on turning these naturally serene hours into happy hours. At night clubs, my solution is simple: Require any business that wishes to operate when the sun don't shine to pay a nominal fee to state and national government offices. Everyday citizens, your nighttime power consumption will be rationed by the power company, and the plug will be pulled if you go through too many kilowatts an evening. This might get rid of the 11 p.m. news, but at the same time, it might also save the newspaper industry. That's a chance I'm willing to take.

The Hamster Wheel Idea

Not only are we a nation of energy hogs, we also waste food like it's going out of style. Let's kill two birds with one stone and turn our exercise equipment into electricity generating machinery. I'm not talking about simple pedal-powered generators, either. There's got to be a way to change the kinetic energy one goes through using a Bowflex into electrical power. I'm convinced that a Thighmaster with a cell phone charger is also well inside the realm of possibility, not to mention the infomercial circuit. If I can power a flashlight by jiggling it for a few seconds, what's to stop me from turning my nonexistent morning jog into a power burst for my laptop?

I'm sure that none of these ideas have passed through the minds of the average Congressperson, which is why I'm so convinced that at least one of them has to work. They have to be better than any of the ideas we've gone through in the past 30 years, if for no other reason than they haven't gone through the cycle of deal-making that normally miles our policy decisions. And we still get to keep our petroleumfueled cars with these plans, so I don't have to worry about any oil executives hiring assass ns to silence my radical solutions.

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Two more Penguins hit regional marks

Keith Langford Jr. sports editor

The Youngstown State University track and field team had another successful venture down south as the Penguins performed well by hitting the regional marks and personal best times head coach Gorby always strives for. The trip to the Knoxville, Tenn. for the Sea Ray Relays was another great meet for the Penguins

"It was a tremendous accomplishment to go up against SEC schools like Kentucky and Tennessee and compete. We were extremely happy," Gorby said. "It's just proves YSU can go down to SEC country and be successful," Gorby also said.

Two more Penguins punched their tickets to the NCAA Regional Championships by hitting their regional marks

Freshman Kiplangat Tisia punched his ticket in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Tisia ran a time of 9:05.86 in the race, besting the regional mark by over

Another Penguin who hit a regional mark was senior thrower Joe Lahmon. Lahmon threw the hammer a distance of 58.23m to regional mark by the end of the finish in the top spot at the Sea Ray Relays. Lahmon joined junior Aaron Merrill as throwers who made their regional mark for the Penguins.

Despite Merrill already earning a regional mark, he hit his regional mark again in the shot put. Merrill threw the shot put distance of 17.30m, which was good enough for seventh place at the Sea Ray. Merrill also threw in a personal best time in the discuss throw to boast. Merrill threw the discuss 49.68m, which ranks him second in school history.

"Three people hitting regional marks is a credit our coaching staff," Gorby said about Merrill, Tisia, and Lahmon.

Coach Gorby feels despite having three athletes already hit their regional marks, his team could have as many as eight athletes reach a regional mark by the end of the season.

"You have to be one of the top five in Ohio to reach a regional mark, so it's not easy to [do]," Gorby said.

Gorby feels sophomores Alisha Anthony and Danielle Curry on the women's side and seniors Harold Jones and R.D. Goodright have a legitimate shot at hitting a

Plenty of Penguins ran personal best times at the Sea Ray

The Penguins 4x800 team, which comprises of seniors R.D. Goodright, James Sheppard, Harold Jones and sophomore Rick Lape, faired well at the Sea Relays. The team finished with a time of 7:41.81, which ranked them sixth at the meet.

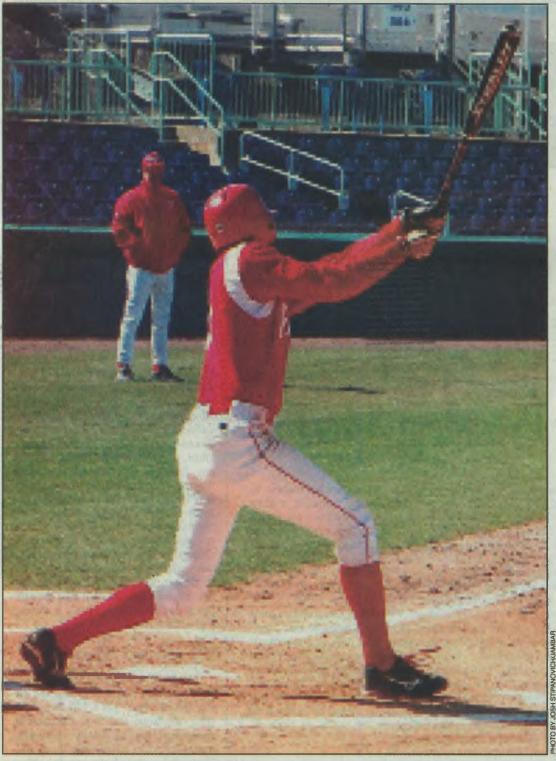
Sophomore Jerril Hall had a good meet for the sprinters as he ran a personal best time of 14.70 in the 110-meter hurdles. Senior Yandeh Joh also ran a personal best time in a sprint. Joh ran a personal best time of 14.57 in the 100-meter hurdles to pace the

Sophomore Danielle Curry threw a personal best distance of 144 feet in the discus throw to pace the field events for the women.

The track and field teams only have a few weeks until the Horizon League Championships so the team is preparing diligently for that important meet. "We are turning our attention to the Horizon League Championships," Gorby said.



Sophomore Danielle Curry throws a shot for the Penguins. Curry posted a personal best throw of 144 feet in the discus throw at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.



Senior Joe Koehnlein takes a rip at a pitch for the Penguins.

Movin' on up; Penguins improve to 6-6 in Horizon League

Josh Stipanovich SPORTS REPORTER

The clean sweep of Butler University last weekend allowed the Youngstown State University baseball team to move up to fifth in the Horizon League standings, and one week later, the Penguins (9-21 overall, 6-6 Horizon League) find themselves in sole possession of the No. 4 spot in the Horizon League standings after winning their weekend series against in-state rival Cleveland State University.

The Penguins took game one of Saturday's doubleheader 6-5. but came up short in game two 6-3. The series finale, which was scheduled for Friday afternoon, was rescheduled for Easter Sunday due to last week's inclement

YSU sent the Vikings (10-19 overall, 3-6 Horizon League) home with a bad taste in their mouth on Easter Sunday in a pitchers duel, as they held off the Vikings 1-0 winning their second straight conference weekend series of the season.

Junior Aaron Swenson got the nod for game one, and he faced off against CSU ace, senior Josh Hungerman. Hungerman was selected in round 50 of the MLB First Year Player draft last season as the 1,499th pick by the Colorado Rockies.

Both pitchers went the distance and threw a combined 276 pitch-

es, but in the end it was Swenson who recorded the win thanks to a late, bottom of the ninth, two out rally which was capped off by freshman Jeremy Banks as he hit the walk-off single that led to the Penguins fourth straight win.

"Down one, bases loaded the pressure was more on [the Vikings' pitcher] than it was on me," Banks said. "All I had to do was get something to hit. It wasn't the best hit, but it got the job done," he added.

Swenson recorded a careerhigh 11 strikeouts, and he earned his third win of the season. Hungerman was charged with the loss giving him a record of 2-5 on the

YSU was not as fortunate in

game two. Sophomore Cody Dearth started for the Penguins, but early trouble led to his departure in the fourth inning.

Junior Corey Vukovic relieved Dearth, who gave up three earned runs and three walks in four in-

The Vikings tallied two more runs off of Vukovic, and the Penguins headed into the bottom of the ninth down 6-2, forcing the Penguins to put on their rally caps

for the second straight game. After two groundouts to lead off the inning, YSU was down to

their last out. A bad throw by Vikings shortstop Tom Carter allowed sophomore Jason Reitenbach to reach first base and gave the Penguins life. Sophomore Greg Dissinger

reached base on a walk leading to an RBI double by freshman Jonathan Crist. The Penguins' second straight two-out rally came up short after junior C.J. Morris grounded out to shortstop to end

Head coach Rich Pasquale was proud of his team after their never give up" performance. "Our thing is finish," Pasquale

said. "It was the offense just digging in and making something happen," he added.

Offense was not relevant in the series finale on Easter Sunday.

Sophomore Phil Klein and junior Eric Marzec combined on a five-hit shutout, and Penguins catcher Jonathan Crist took care of two Vikings runners at the plate to help the Penguins earn

Klein, who allowed all five of the Vikings' hits, struck out a career-high eight batters in only seven innings of work.

Marzec followed his performance by retiring the last six batters to earn the save. YSU's only run came in the

second inning on an RBI groundout by C.J. Morris.

Sunday's win gave the Penguins their fifth win in six

YSU will be looking for their tenth win of the season, as they will be traveling to Kent State University for one game. The first pitch is scheduled for Tuesday at 3 p.m.

A tradition unlike any other; another year, another great Masters tournament

Keith Langford Jr. SPORTS EDITOR

Another year, another great Masters tournament has come and passed. Every single year I get jacked up for the quintessential Super Bowl of golf. Any golf fan or golfer knows when the Masters comes every April, it's something to behold. I stopped everything I had planned for Sunday to watch the Masters.

Living in northeast Ohio means I never know when the golf season is going to begin. Sometimes it begins early and most times it truly does not begin until the later part of April,

like this year. But for one weekend every April, despite the iffy weather, I get to enjoy golf, even if it is on television.

This year's Masters tourna-

ment did not disappoint. Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson were paired together in the final round on Sunday. The two combined have won six green jackets and Sunday they were looking to add to their collection. Woods and Mickelson both began the day a full seven strokes behind third round co-leaders Angel Cabrera and Kenny Perry.

Mickelson would jump out of the gate early as he tied a Masters front nine score of 30. Mickelson's 30 was culminated by an unreal shot on the seventh hole. Mickelson drove the ball into the right pine straw off of the second cut of rough. He would proceed to make one of the greatest shots of his life. Mickelson hit the ball within two feet of cup and tapped in for birdie. However, Mickelson would struggle on the back nine. Mickelson hit a tee shot on 12 into Rae's Creek and made double bogey. He had a short eagle putt on 15 that he missed as well. He finished at nine under par.

Woods had a solid opening nine as well as got around the front nine in 33 shots. Woods would get all the way to 10 under par after his beautiful approach to the 16th hole. Woods hit the ball to within five feet and proceeded to make birdie. Woods would

stumble in the last two holes as he bogeyed both holes to finish at eight under par.

Three men at the end of the day would have a chance to win the coveted green jacket.

Cabrera, Perry and Chad Campbell battled all day. Despite the gigantic galleries following the Woods and Mickelson pairing, the tournament would come down to these three golfers.

Perry had a chance to win the Masters at the end. Perry had a portion of the lead almost the entire final round. Perry had gotten his score up to 14 under par with only two holes left. Perry, 48, would be the oldest major championship winner if he could hold on. Perry would bogey the last two holes and leave the door open for Campbell and Cabrera to win. Campbell had a birdie putt on 18, which, if he made, would have won it in hindsight, but he missed. Cabrera would make a six-footer for par to end at 12 under par.

The Masters would go to a sudden-death playoff as Cabrera, Perry and Campbell all finished at 12 under par.

Campbell would be disposed of after the first playoff hole as he bogeyed, while Cabrera and Perry pared. Cabrera hit the ball in the woods on the playoff hole but gutted out a par.

Perry and Cabrera would go on the next playoff hole. Both men found the fairway on their

tee shots. Perry would proceed to hook his approach shot. Cabrera would step to the plate and hit a laser iron shot to within 25 feet. Cabrera would two-putt for par and win the Masters. Cabrera win was his second major victory and first Masters conquest.

Yahoo posted that Perry choked away the Masters. I hate the word choke in golf. Perry admitted afterward he lost the Masters and congratulated Cabrera on his win. He lost the Masters. He did not choke. He played well the entire week and the nerves got the best of him in the end. Congrats to Angel Cabrera for winning the