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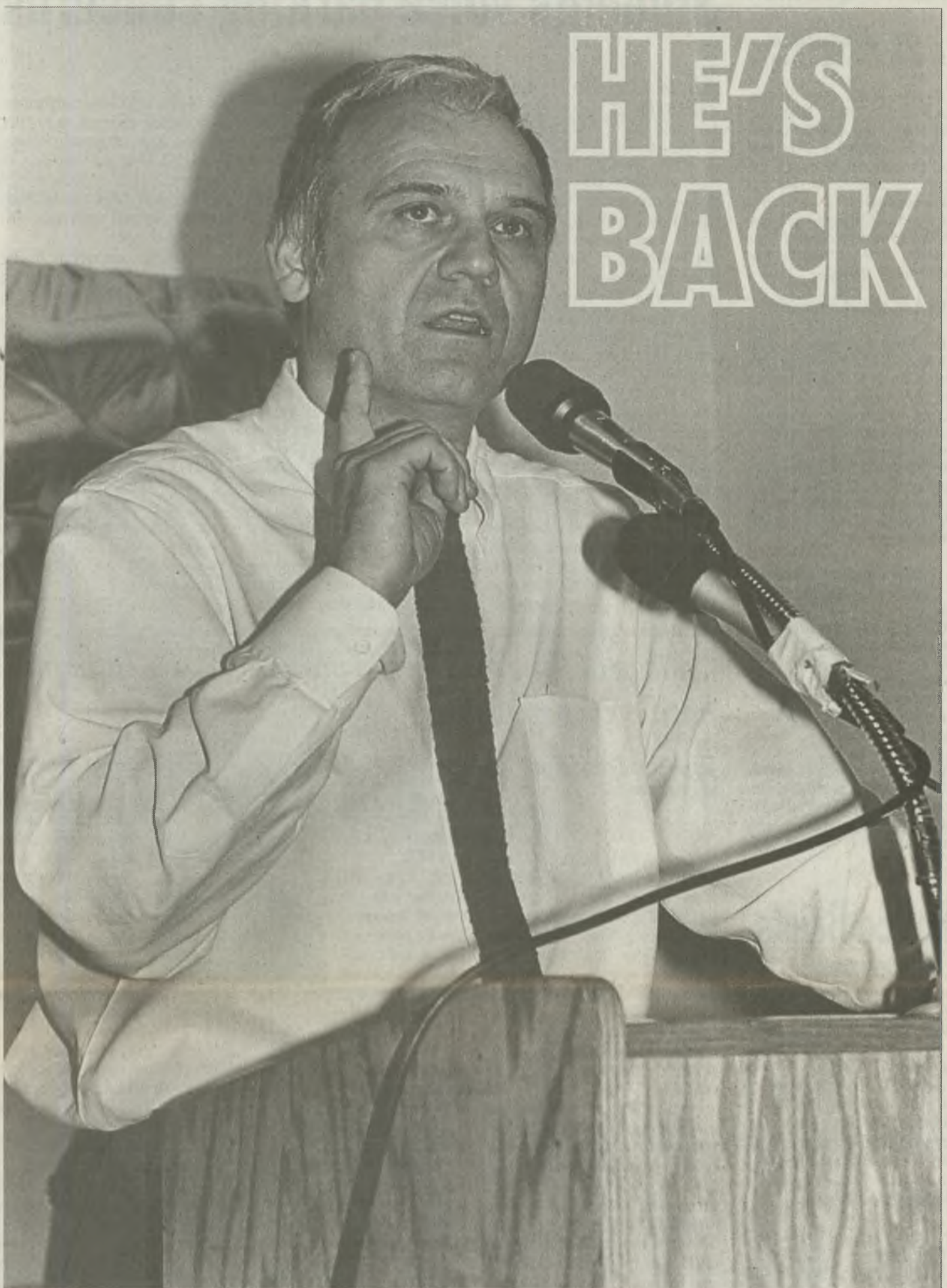
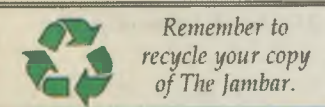
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## Traficant returns home to the Valley

Dan Pompili  
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Former U.S. Rep. Jim Traficant will be released from federal prison Wednesday after serving more than seven years of an 8-year sentence. The flamboyant Democratic congressman, well known for threatening to "stab people in the crotch," has claimed that the government persecuted him "passionately" out of resentment over the 1983 Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) case he won while defending himself; he is the only person in U.S.

history to accomplish that feat. He also claimed the government wanted to silence him because he'd "learned too much," citing insider knowledge of government secrets regarding the whereabouts of Jimmy Hoffa and details of the JFK assassination. As in 1983, Traficant acted as his own counsel in 2002, with a different result. Traficant was expelled by the U.S. House of Representatives for ethics violations in July 2002, after a federal district court convicted him on ten counts of RICO violations. The charges specifically included racketeering, bribery, obstruction of justice and tax evasion.

Traficant began his sentence at Allenwood Federal Correctional Institution in White Deer, Pa., on Aug. 5, 2002. He was later transferred to a similar facility in Ray Brook, N.Y., and remained there until his transfer to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., citing an unspecified illness. There was discussion in late December 2008 of Traficant being released to a Mahoning County

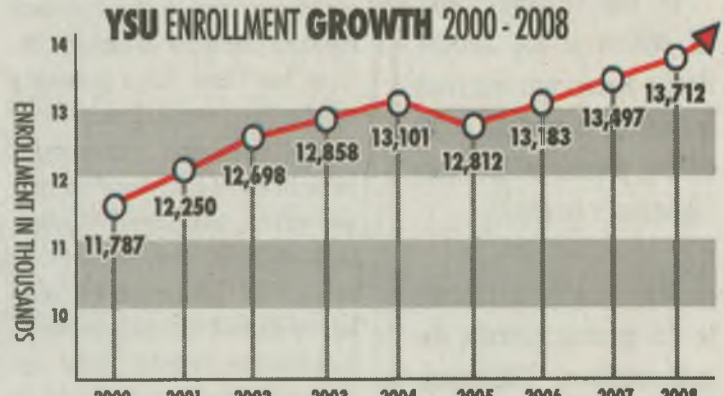
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## Other Ohio universities report enrollment increases

Julianna Hall  
NEWS REPORTER

This fall, enrollment numbers at Youngstown State University have reached 14,000 students, up from 11,787 students at the start of President David C. Sweet's term in 2000. Many reasons exist for the sudden jump in enrollment, yet YSU is not the only university that has noticed an increase in students. One reason for YSU's enrollment boost is the Western Pennsylvania Advantage, which discounts tuition for students in eight western Pa. counties. YSU Assistant Director of Admissions Maggie McClen-

don said it also has to do with some non-traditional students going back to school because of the "economic crisis." Additionally, Stark State, Ohio's largest technical college, has seen its highest enrollment numbers in all of its 47 years. They have 8,521 students; this is an 11.3 percent increase in enrollment from last year. Bill Kraus, vice president of enrollment management at the University of Akron, said enrollment could reach 27,000 students this fall. UA officials said this leap in numbers is credited to the "sweeping physical changes on campus," like the new football arena, InfoCision Stadium, which opens in September.



According to the University of Akron survey conducted this year, "More students are looking into the financial aid as a important factor in their choice of a college." Fall enrollment numbers at the Ohio State University have not been published yet, but they are expected to be up from last year's 53,715 students, according to the OSU Web site.

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## News Briefs

### YSU MathFest team extends winning streak

Twelve math majors continued the YSU MathFest team's winning streak to five at a competition in Portland, Ore., this summer. Four Penguins received "outstanding oral presentation" awards, setting a competition record. This was the fifth consecutive year in which YSU students won four or more awards.

### STEM dean honored

Dr. Martin Abraham, dean of YSU's STEM college, has been named to the inaugural class of American Chemical Society Fellows. Abraham is among nationally selected members, chosen for their contributions to chemical science, service to ACS and the chemistry community. Members were inducted on Aug. 17 in Washington, D.C.

### Rec Center Creates Monthly Newsletter

Campus Recreation and Student Programming has created a monthly newsletter to showcase and promote events for campus organizations and departments. "The Monthly Waddle" will allow readers to submit event previews, reviews and photos that will be saved and used in the Student Awards Banquet in April. The newsletter submission form can be found on the Rec Center Web site.

## Police Briefs

### Resident receives vexing voicemail

On Wednesday, a YSU police officer was dispatched to the University Courtyard Apartments in response to a disturbing voicemail a resident had received from a former roommate. After a quick assessment of the situation, the officer advised the subject to avoid further communication with the person.

### Injury occurs in Moser

On Friday, YSU Police were dispatched to Moser Hall in response to a victim who was on the floor and bleeding from his head. Found at the scene was a university maintenance ladder, which YSU Police confiscated. Paramedics at the scene performed first aid and transported the victim to St. Elizabeth Health Center. Afterward, YSU Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety conducted a bio-hazard cleanup.

### Computer stolen from DeBartolo

A YSU police officer was sent to DeBartolo Hall on Wednesday in response to a stolen computer, which was reported to have been stolen from its box. The investigation revealed no signs of forced entry.

## CLARIFICATION

In the Thursday, Aug. 27 edition of the Jambar, Hanna Kassis was incorrectly referred to as a she in the editing process in the story "Dreamer's Haven."

Also, due to a mistake in the printing process, the continuation of "YSU Republicans hold health forum" was not printed. The full story can be found online at [www.thejambar.com](http://www.thejambar.com).

We regret the errors.

# Students voice parking concerns

Alicia Pattillo  
REPORTER

With the high number of new students this fall, full classes are not the only indication of a backup. Students argue there is limited parking available at Youngstown State University.

Director of Support Services Daniel O'Connell said although enrollment is currently up, there are no real problems.

Though O'Connell notes that Monday and Wednesday are the toughest times for parking, he said in "the time frame between 10 and 12, you may have some trouble finding parking."

While others may believe YSU is at an all-time high for parking demands, O'Connell reports that in 2007, Parking Services sold more permits

than it has this fall.

O'Connell said with future plans to move forward, YSU students who purchase parking permits will have to present them beginning the first day of school. There will be no two-day grace period for students who have not yet purchased a parking permit to park.

O'Connell believes this will eliminate parking trouble.

"The transition will start the beginning of winter semester via email to inform students," O'Connell said.

For senior Robert Seals, the idea of having a parking permit is long gone after a mishap with Parking Services.

"Last year, I purchased a parking pass. I forgot and left my permit at home. Parking Services gave me a ticket, and still charged me for it,"

Seals said.

Seals, who now only parks outside the campus, said "the streets are extremely overcrowded and the parking is terrible."

Students who have purchased permits still seem to run into trouble.

"I didn't expect it to be this packed in the parking garages," said freshman Moe Ramani.

Ramani said as his alternative choice, the side streets close to campus, are extremely packed as well, especially around 9 a.m.

Freshman Derryus Hicks feels the same. "The parking is horrible, really bad. There's never anywhere to park."

Junior Andrew Patrick doesn't necessarily think the parking is that bad this fall, but said, "I do notice it fills up pretty quickly."

## College of Fine and Performing arts gets Indiana native for new dean

Jennifer Tomerlin  
REPORTER

Dr. Bryan DePoy, a native of Indiana, began his new deanship at the College of Fine and Performing Arts at Youngstown State University July 1. The Jambar recently had the opportunity to sit down with him and discuss his future plans and his first impression of the campus.

The Jambar: Describe your college career and experiences.

DePoy: I viewed college as a way to explore the method of education. I was a trumpeter in college and grew up in Indiana. By growing up in Indiana, I was had the pleasure of attending the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington. Right out of my undergrad, I had the opportunity to perform, teach, and receive my master's degree at the University of New Mexico. From there, I joined the faculty at Delta State University in Mississippi and became the assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. I received my doctorate from Florida State University, and became an assistant professor of music then assistant dean and eventually interim dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences until the job opportunity at YSU presented itself.

Q: How were you ap-

proached about the position of dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts at YSU?

A: I applied for the job on the Internet. Dean positions are a nationalized search. I was looking specifically for fine and performing arts. My previous positions were very broad and I wanted to get back to my first love.

Q: What enticed you most about the position?

A: What was most appealing was the community and university had a long-standing tradition of support for the fine and performing arts. Fine and performing arts teaches that the quality of life is integral. YSU keeps the quality of life alive. The College of Fine and Performing Arts is the community thread that ties us all together.

Q: What pre-existing notions did you have about the area and YSU?

A: I was looking forward to the strong bond between the college and the community. I enjoy promoting what we do in fine and performing arts, and the faculty and staff here have a long-standing reputation of quality.

Q: What plans do you have in store for the College of Fine



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and Performing Arts?

A: I plan to promote the economic impact our college has on the entire region. People underestimate the fine and performing arts. Fine and performing arts can drive the regional economy. I want to continue to build the community support and continue to serve our students with the best education and discipline in this field as resources become scarce.

Q: What is your policy regarding student relations?

A: I want to feed the enthusiasm of the student. I started in higher education to help students develop skills in music. Any decision I make has one test-What will this decision do for the students? I want every decision to enhance a world-class education at YSU.

Q: What do you look forward to most at YSU?

A: As we make the transition into an urban research institution, I look forward to promoting the need for fine and performing arts. I look forward to being a representative in what we do and also advocate for the faculty, staff and students.

Q: What is the best advice you can give a YSU student?

A: Follow your passion.

## College Turmoil increases need for financial planning

Matt Krupnick  
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

Families have always agonized over how to save money for their children to attend college, but these days planning can be even more difficult.

Colleges and universities have been raising fees sharply and often, making it particularly difficult for families to plan. The phenomenon also has widened the gap between low-income families who can secure enough student aid to pay for college and wealthier families who can pay for school themselves.

For the middle class in particular, priorities may have to change, said Sean Connors, founder of College Planning

Specialists in Concord, Calif.

"They have to be realistic," Connors said. "Where can the student go? And what's realistic for the pocketbook? People generally look at one or the other. Now, more than ever, you have to be on the same page."

Every family, experts said, should check its eligibility for government need-based scholarships: California's Cal Grant and the federal Pell Grant. That exploration should begin during a student's early high-school years.

But grants and loans likely will not cover everything, especially if fees continue to rise.

"Student loans have an annual maximum per grade level that has nothing to do with

fees going up," said Barbara Hubler, San Francisco State's financial-aid director. "I think it's really very hard for middle-class families to meet that extra little bit."

Families often use what are known as 529 plans - named after a U.S. tax code - that provide tax breaks on money set aside for college tuition. But, like all investments, 529 plans can be unpredictable.

Students and parents need to decide whether additional costs should be covered through loans or a student job, Hubler said.

"Either you borrow now and work later, or you can work now," she said. "Working isn't a bad thing, but there needs to be a balance (between work and school)."



How long did it take you to park today?



"10 seconds; I drove at a reasonable speed."

Isaac Newton, senior



"Man, I got a ticket, but it took me like 10 minutes."

Aaron Reynolds, freshman



"Pretty long. There was a lot of traffic!"

Chris Klug, freshman



"About three minutes."

Mazhorell Johnson, junior

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Community Corrections Association halfway house in Youngstown, but the former statesman said he would feel "unsafe" there because the agency director, Richard Billak, testified against Traficant at his criminal trial. Traficant remained in Minn.

Throughout his incarceration, many Mahoning Valley residents have decried Traficant's punishment, calling for his release, and even referring to him as a "political prisoner," a nod to the claims of government conspiracy against him. Independent organizations have circulated petitions and printed "Free Jim Traficant" T-shirts.

As Traficant's release date neared, plans began developing for celebrations. Most notably, the Mahoning Valley Scrappers publicized a "Traficant Release Night" promotion for Wednesday, which achieved national recognition when it was mentioned on "Hardball With Chris Matthews" on Aug. 11. The event was canceled, however, after the Scrappers' office was overwhelmed with e-mails and phone calls in objection to the event.

Linda Kovalchik, a former Traficant congressional aide, was among those strongly incensed by the ball club's decision.

"Scrap the Scrappers," Kovalchik said.

Along with Tony Trolio of Trolio's T-Shirts in Poland, Kovalchik has organized an appreciation dinner to be held at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center in Boardman on Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m.; 1,000 tickets have already been sold for the event. It is uncertain if Traficant will be present, but Kovalchik said she is optimistic.

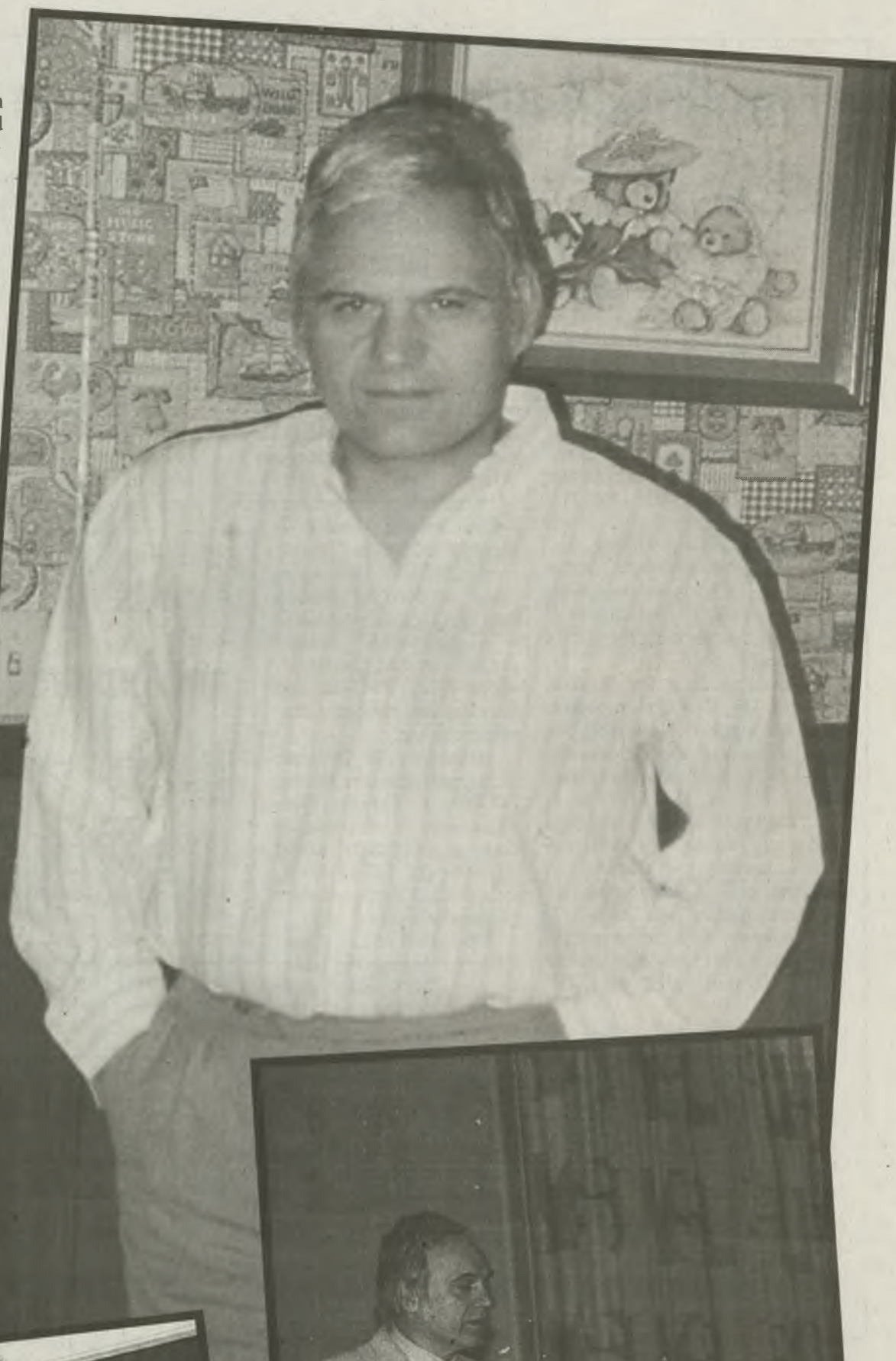
Mahoning County Democratic Chairman Dave Betras said the Democratic Party has no official involvement with any events relating to Traficant's release. Betras did provide an official statement to the Jambar last week.

"I know that many people hold great affection for [Traficant] and are anxious to welcome him back, but it is my hope that they will respect his privacy as he rejoins our community," Betras said.

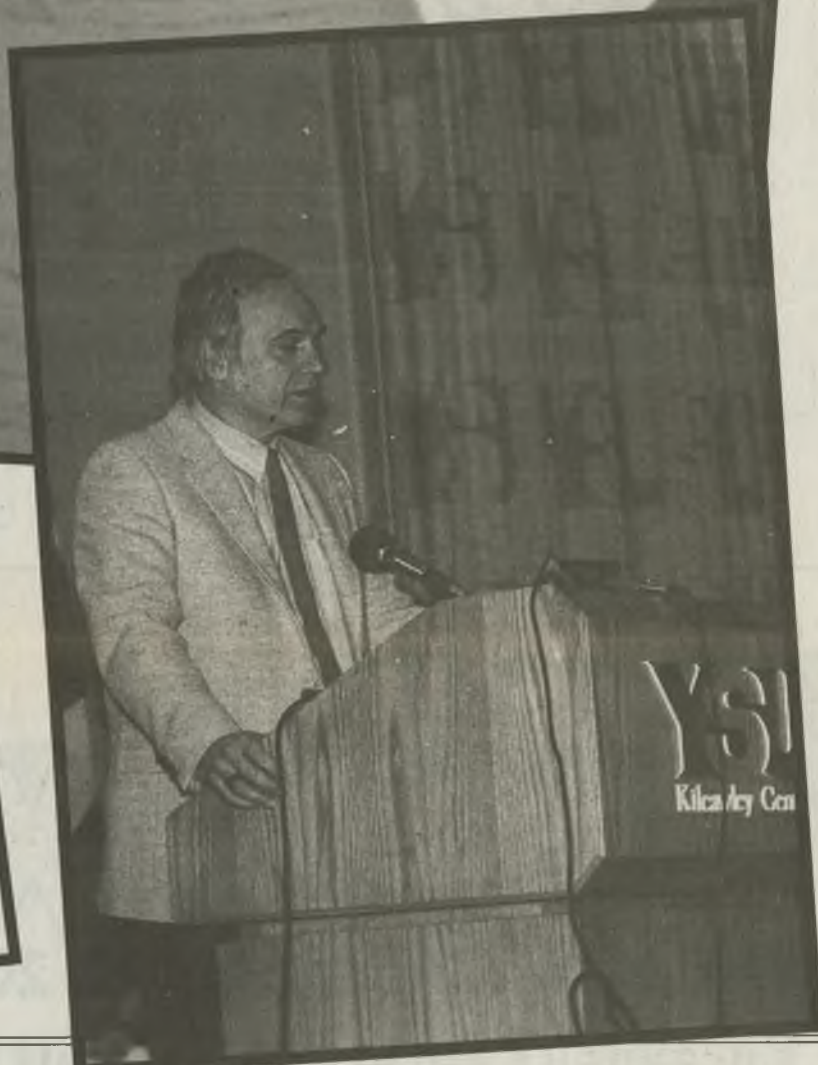
Youngstown State University student political leaders also weighed in on Traficant's release.

YSU College Democrats President Ken Oyler said he agrees with Betras' official statement and added that "it will be interesting to see what influence, if any, Mr. Traficant will bring to the area."

"Jim Traficant did a lot for this valley," said YSU College Republicans President Jim Shaw. "His willingness to work with both sides, and not just be a party man, showed he really was working for us. I look forward to see what he will be doing in the future."



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## Enrollment increase may propose future problems

Josh Stipanovich  
NEWS EDITOR

It was 1957, and enrollment was at an all-time high for, at the time, Youngstown University. The William Rayen School of Engineering had 1,542 students enrolled, while the greatest enrollment increase was of 168 students in the department of education, according to the Oct. 25, 1957, edition of The Jambar.

Since then, enrollment surpassed the 14,000 mark for the first time in 16 years, and with it comes many challenges of adversity for the campus and its personnel.

Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Cynthia Anderson said the biggest challenge YSU had to deal with this fall was the availability of freshman courses.

"The Provost's Office worked diligently to open additional course sections and add seats to existing classes where possible and appropriate," she said.

Anderson said the extraordinary increase in students for the fall made that task "very difficult."

The increase also brings another major challenge for the university in the near future.

"Our major challenge will be retaining the students through to spring semester and beyond," Anderson said. YSU could continue the success by offering programs that meet students' wants and needs, she added.

With the economy in the midst of a recession, many uni-

versities with a lower tuition rate have gained enrollment, but Anderson said new projects such as the Office of Veteran Affairs, which assists veterans with their transition from the armed forces to college, would help tremendously with the success of enrollment that YSU has seen.

The increase in students proposes the question of whether or not there will be enough classroom space, and Anderson is aware of this.

"One task which we must undertake for the future is to identify additional classroom space so that additional sections of courses may be offered," she said.

Along with course availability and classroom accessibility, YSU Parking Services has noticed a dramatic change.

According to Director of Support Services Danny O'Connell, Parking Services saw a decrease in parking permits of about 1,000 in the fall of 2008, thus leading them to better prepare this year.

"We tried to do a better job of promoting better services," O'Connell said. Parking Services now offers numerous services for students who purchased a parking permit for fall.

O'Connell said since the changes were made for this semester, there has been an increase in parking permits sold.

"We've got back up, but we're still not at our highest amount that we've had," O'Connell said.

O'Connell said the increase in enrollment has affected how he deals with staff training. He made sure employees with Parking Services were better prepared for the first week of classes.

Along with these changes, O'Connell said they are decreasing the amount of time allotted to students parking without a permit during the first week of school, and that it's possible because of the new computer system that was recently installed.

Because of the new system, there will be no open parking beginning spring semester.

"Because we have more students with parking permits than we had last fall, it holds the spaces for those who chose to buy a parking permit," O'Connell said.

Despite the increase, O'Connell said that everyone will do what has to be done to avoid any further problems.

## Center for Student Progress hustling and bustling under surging enrollment

Doug Livingston  
REPORTER

With enrollment numbers for Youngstown State University climbing beyond 14,000, the Center for Student Progress is feeling the added pressure of students seeking mentoring and tutoring.

"We're busting at the seams," assistant director for the CSP Robin White said. "We're always really busy in the fall."

Historically, the CSP is busier this fall than spring and summer. Last year, 170 appointments were scheduled for 135 students in the first week alone. This year, 215 appointments were made for 177 students.

The CSP has 30 tutors on staff, with two recently added to help with the demand. White estimates the center will have 35 to 40 tutors on staff by the end of the semester, but claims even with this increased faculty, "There will probably [still] be 100 requests for tutoring that we will not be able to meet."

Appointments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Eighty appointments were scheduled at the end of spring semester for fall tutoring because of expectedly higher demand.

Five hundred forty-five students, due to academic probation, are on mandatory counseling with a coordinator. One such coordinator, Becky Varian, could not recall the exact increase in students she has seen this week but states that, "it sure felt like a lot more." Varian claims that 545 students is twice as many as there were last semester.

Pat Shively, associate director for the CSP, heads the peer-mentoring program. The program connects first time students with mentors and other students who help on a one-on-one basis. There are over 4,000 students signed up for mentoring this semester, with an additional 120 to be added to the roster.

Shively claims that, "more space would make it easier," as she has been forced to set up two cubicles in the hallway for peer mentors.

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Youngstown was just named one of the top ten cities to start a business. YSU is in a period of great transition and looking toward the future along with the rest of the city.

When former Rep. Jim Traficant returns to the Mahoning Valley Wednesday, he will find a city considerably progressed from what he left seven years ago. While representing this district in Congress, he involved himself in negotiations, which brought the Covelli Centre, the 711 Interchange and the Mahoning Valley Scrappers to the area. Jim Traficant has himself to thank for much of the modern image of this newer Youngstown, and so do we. But is Jim Traficant — and the reputation associated with him — too reminiscent of “old Youngstown?”

While many valley residents claim support for him in whatever he does, some forget or ignore that he was convicted of several felonies. Whether he was “rail-roaded” or not is irrelevant when we consider that Youngstown was tarnished by his conviction, on top of our already notorious reputation.

If the area aspires to progress, as we have been slowly but steadily, perhaps we should learn to draw the distinction between “old Youngstown” and “new Youngstown.”

We should thank Jim Traficant for the growth he engendered in our area. We should also thank him to let us continue that progress, even if it means he does not have a hand in it.

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## Letters to the Editor

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown will speak on “The Health Care Crisis and Working-Class Communities” at Kilcawley Center, YSU, on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m. More information is available at <http://www.cwcs.edu>.

Cowboy up, Sen. Brown! Here’s what I want you to say: “Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming tonight. I had prepared remarks with me, but I threw them away.”

“I want to talk to you tonight about something that’s gone wrong in America. I call it wrong, because I’m not ready yet to call it evil.”

“That’s health care. It’s wrong, it’s just plain wrong, top to bottom, side to side, front to back.”

“Health care has been wrong for more years than I’ve been alive, more years than most of you have been alive. The miraculous cures and surgeries that are available to most of us at what seems to be very little price

have blinded us.”

“Over the course of the next few weeks, I will be in consultation with leading economists and mathematicians. They have already assured me that it’s just plain foolishness to believe that so-called individual health insurance markets can ever remedy the problems caused by the very flawed group health insurance that most of you are covered by. That group health insurance depresses wages, accelerates disinvestment, diminishes industry and organized labor and wrongly creates permanent excesses and wrongly creates permanent shortages.”

“Just as important, our system wrongly tells us it’s more important to keep a bad system that confounds right and wrong when we ought to have a good, plain system everybody understands. We’ve been conned into thinking there’s a halfway point between price-regulated medicine undergirded by

a strong charitable ethos and government-insured medical purchasing parity. There is no halfway point. We’ve been playing that political game for 40 crappy years.”

“After conferring with Gov. Strickland and leaders in the General Assembly, I will return to Washington. There, I will meet with Senate and House leaders, and President Obama and his domestic affairs team.”

“I will propose a constitutional amendment that calls for the abolition of all commercial health insurance. My arguments for that amendment, including opposing arguments, will be available from my office shortly.”

“I will be addressing other issues connected with that amendment in a forthcoming press conference.”

“I won’t be taking any questions. Thank you very much for your time.”

Jack Labusch  
Support Services

On behalf of the YSU Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, I am writing in response to your Aug. 27 editorial entitled “Money well spent?” which questioned the rationale behind the engagement of a search consultant to assist the YSU Board of Trustees in the selection of the next YSU president. First and foremost, I believe that the presidency of YSU is one of the most important, if not THE most important, positions in the region.

The university president provides leadership not just to the campus community but to the community at large. While the professional fee being paid to a search consultant may appear to be expensive, I believe that it is an investment in the university’s future, which we cannot afford to get wrong. The Board of Trustees is keenly aware of the budget challenges that the university faces, but has also properly planned and budgeted for the presidential transition, which has an impact on all aspects of university life for students and employees.

Further, with an institutional budget of more than \$150 million, a fee of \$109,250 is 0.07 percent of the university budget, an investment that is negligible in light of the importance of the position. The Board of Trustees solicited proposals from

three firms specializing in executive search for higher education. No such firms are headquartered in our region. Second, a consultant brings expertise in terms of current recruitment and hiring practices; provides advice on contracts and compensation; manages the inflow of applications, nominations and actively pursues candidates across the nation, who meet the criteria established for the president’s position.

University trustees and search committee members are volunteers who receive no compensation for their services, and most maintain full-time employment in their own profession. While it is flattering to assume that the Board of Trustees and search committee contain the expertise to operate the search without a consultant, it is impractical to assume that the process would be completed as efficiently, effectively and within the designated time without the use of a consultant. The board and search committee members, however, do provide the much needed local input and guidance that will assist the consultant throughout the process. A search consultant facilitates the process with the advisory committee and presents finalists to the Board of Trustees. The final decision and selection of a president rests solely with the Board of Trustees. Final-

ly, a search consultant brings objectivity to the process.

In our own history, various methods, both successful and unsuccessful, have been used in the selection of our university presidents. A search consultant helps to ensure that the process is open, transparent, and inclusive of all university constituencies. Both Dr. Leslie Cochran and Dr. David Sweet were selected through processes that engaged search consultants and I would argue that both of these presidents have increased the notoriety of the university and led YSU in positive and innovative ways. I strongly urge all members of the YSU community to attend the forums scheduled during the site visit to voice your thoughts on the qualities you believe are important for our next president and the opportunities and challenges that YSU’s next leader will face.

This will provide an opportunity for everyone to see firsthand the value and perspective that an independent and objective consultant brings to the process. I look forward, with the entire campus, to celebrating the legacy of Dr. David Sweet and selecting a new academic year unfolds. We’re in this together. Thank you.

Scott R. Schulick  
Board of Trustees

## Petting Zoo



## What’s that? Robot blood.

Melissa Mary Smith  
COLUMNIST

One late night in 2007, I was feeling restless when I decided to flip through the movie channels to see if something else was on that wasn’t “Busty Cops.”

What exactly did I find? “Chopping Mall.”

Both being suckers for bad movies (and appropriately named bad movies), my brother Mat and I agreed to give this low-budget, Jim Wynorski-directed movie a chance.

Needless to say, “Chopping Mall” is one of the worst movies I’ve ever seen.

Despite all of the strikes against it, including poor editing, trite plot, horrendous special effects and cockamamie characters, “Chopping Mall,” produced by B-movie legend Roger Corman, has become one of my all-time favorite awesomely bad movies.

Sometimes I wonder if Wynorski intended on creating a serious science-fiction/horror film, espousing the dangerous implications of futuristic, robotic technology on civilian populations. Then I recall the movie’s tagline:

“Chopping Mall: Where shopping can cost you an arm and a leg.”

The movie centers on a group of horny teenagers who spend the night at a local mall to party and engage in tasteless sex. Their high school orgy is quickly brought to a bloody end when they are massacred by the mall’s three “Lost in Space”-looking security robots.

Most, if not all, of the film’s erratic humor is found in its violent, terribly constructed scenes and repetitive ‘80s synthesizer music.

So if you’re in the mood for a good laugh or a nice helping of gore and nudity, and don’t feel like wasting \$9 on the “Halloween II” remake, “Chopping Mall” is the movie for you.

## FALL ENTERTAINMENT PREVIEW

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## ARROWS GO INDIE

Gary Angelo  
FEATURES REPORTER

Cleveland's indie pop sextet Sparrows and Arrows lay well-textured pop harmonies in their nest with a dash of mid-90s emo on their newest album "Up and Back Down Again," self-released on June 1. On Saturday, Sparrows and Arrows will conquer the Indie Wax Records stage with Sam Goodwill and Flotation Walls.

The band's charming pop ethic is in the vein of Regina Spektor, Death Cab for Cutie and Straylight Run, while their angular approach follows traditions set by the Promise Ring, Sunny Day Real Estate and Braid. Sparrows and Arrows includes Matt Hectorne on vocals/guitar, Jenna Fournier on vocals/guitar, Jeff Sutton on bass and Jordan Valentine on drums/percussion.

During pre-Sparrows and Arrows days, Hectorne and Fournier were involved in numerous solo projects.

"I was playing more Ryan Adams and Bright Eyes type of alt-country, while Jenna was playing pop songs influenced by Tegan and Sara and Regina Spektor," Hectorne said.

Hectorne and Fournier often collaborated with each

other on songs and even toured together. For a while, Hectorne played in Fournier's backup band up until early 2007 when Fournier suggested they start their own project. Within a few months, the band had a five-track demo recorded.

"We had a few lineup changes since then, but that hasn't really stopped us," Hectorne said.

Sutton played in the acclaimed math rock band Azimuth Dream, while Valentine played in the indie project the Singular.

The band said they do not fit into the post-emo genre, even though they have shared stages with numerous hardcore bands. Hectorne said that this is a blessing, yet an obstacle at times.

"We don't set out to be different; we just write songs that we like," Hectorne said, adding that the band has been compared to Modest Mouse. "When we started out, many people compared us with bands with females in them such as Paramore, Mates of State and Easley."

Hectorne said the band's new material sounds slightly different from their previous work, and that the reason for

the band's many Paramore comparisons during the early days was because of their former drummer's straight-up rock style.

"I think recording 'Up and Back Down' was a good move for the band. We had a different lineup for our previous 2008 release 'The Search for What's in Front of Us,'" Hectorne said. "I think we have a better understanding of songwriting now. Whether it's guitar work or vocal layering, we've gotten a little softer."

Although the band might be drifting into mellower territories, they're not planning on abandoning their dynamic rhythms.

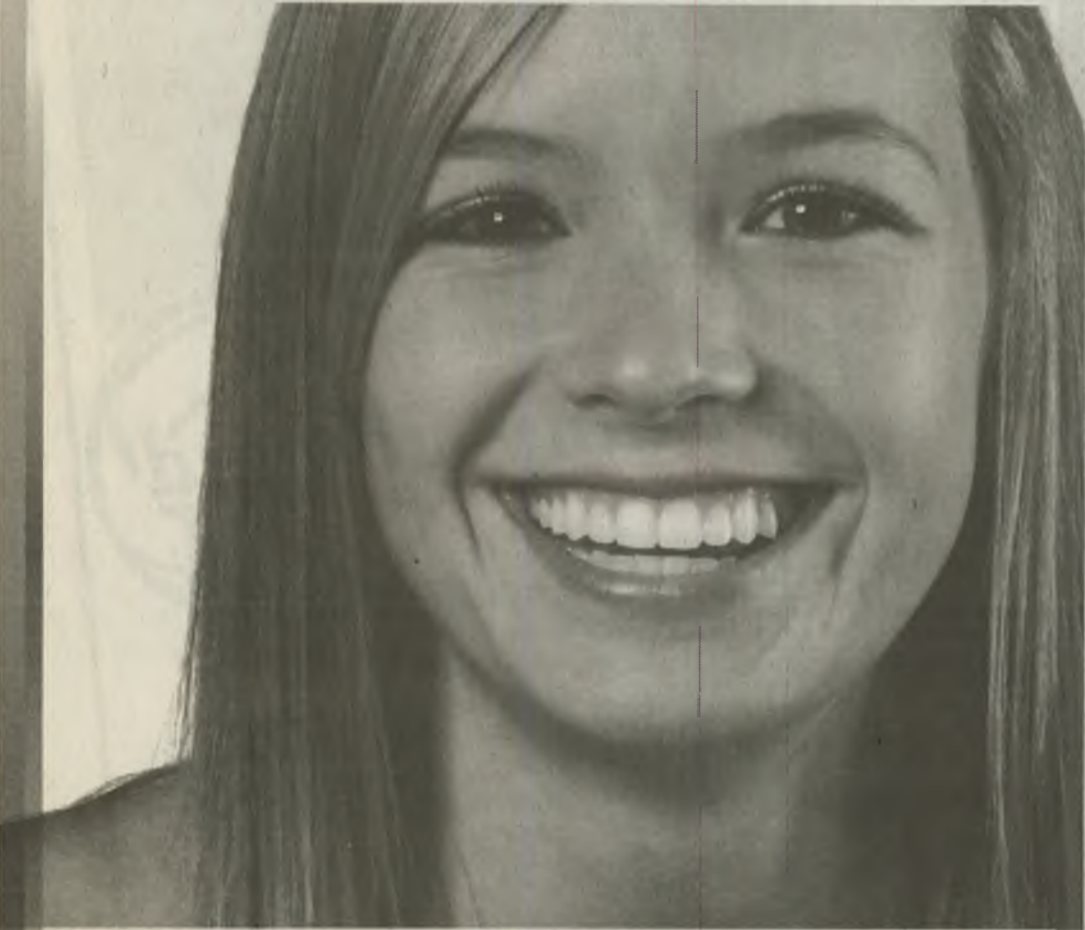
The band is working on a new repertoire of songs, and they hope this set of tunes will become an album soon. Although Sparrows and Arrows just completed its summer tour, the band members want to stick to fall weekend tours, but are also planning some winter tour dates.

"We are really starting to get everything in place, to just put our heads down and go for it. This is what we all want to do for a living, and this is what we intend to do all our lives," Hectorne said.



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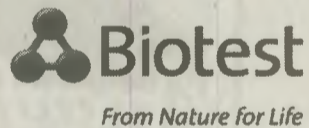
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## FRESHMAN SPOTLIGHT



**Cori Stark**

**SPORT:** Soccer  
**POSITION:** Midfielder  
**HOMETOWN:** Belle Vernon, Pa.

**HONORS:** Set school records for most goals (124) and assists (53). Four-year letterwinner and two-time captain of her high school team.

**BIO:** "College is a faster game compared to high school, it's also a lot more of physical game," Stark said of the college game. Mia Hamm is Stark's favorite athlete despite Hamm being retired.



**Brittany Holland**

**SPORT:** Volleyball  
**POSITION:** Defensive Specialist  
**HOMETOWN:** Dayton

**HONORS:** Division 1 Third-Team All-Ohio, Greater Western Ohio Conference Player of the Year, three-time All-GWOC selection, first-team all-district honors, set the career digs record at her high school, and posted a single season record in digs

**BIO:** Brittany played basketball as well as volleyball in high school. She says to prepare for the upcoming season she is, "learning offense and defense" and "working really hard to learn as much as I can."



**Suzanne Lasseigne**

**SPORT:** Volleyball  
**POSITION:** Outside Hitter  
**HOMETOWN:** Virginia Beach, Va.

**HONORS:** High School All-American honors by PrepVolleyball.com, Group AAA Second-Team All-Virginia, first-team all-district and all-region honors, Beach District Player of the Year, set the Beach District single season kills record, and set the career kills record at her high school

**BIO:** Suzanne's major influences that she looks up to are Misty May and Kerrie Walsh. She says that college volleyball is difficult and much more demanding, but has been working hard in practice, getting in the weight room, and watching videos to prepare for the upcoming season.



**Angela Roidt**

**SPORT:** Volleyball  
**POSITION:** Setter  
**HOMETOWN:** McFarland, Wis.

**HONORS:** Named to Prepvolleyball.com Senior Aces list, Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association All-Academic Team, all-time leader in in aces and assists at her high school, set single season records in aces, kills and assists

**BIO:** Angela participated in basketball and track in high school, as well as volleyball and is excited for the upcoming season. She says of the transition from high school athletics to college, "I think it's really different. It's fast-paced and there's always something to be doing."

### Cooper saves day with last second goal



Freshman Cori Stark shows she belongs on the field as a freshman as she shows great hustle driving past an IPFW defender.



Sophomore Kara Cooper tries to maneuver around a defender. Cooper scored both Penguin goals in the 2-1 win.