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## Chlorine spills near Beeghly



Courtesy of YSU Association of Classified Employees  
YSU employees dilute the chlorine that spilled Monday near Beeghly Center. A 55-gallon drum of sodium hypochlorite was punctured as it was being delivered to the Beeghly pool. YSU officials said there were no serious safety concerns.

By: Bill Rodgers  
NEWS EDITOR

An accident caused two gallons of a corrosive pool-cleaning chemical to spill near Beeghly Center. The amount wasn't enough to cause any serious safety concern, but a union official says the incident is an example of how easily dangerous accidents could happen.

A 55-gallon drum of sodium hypochlorite was being delivered to the pool Monday when the deliveryman accidentally punctured the barrel with a dolly, a Youngstown State University Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety incident report said.

"One to two gallons" of the pool cleaner spilled out onto the ramp leading to the pool before the drum was tipped on its side to prevent more from spilling. The remaining chemical in the punctured drum was pumped into an empty drum. Maintenance employees then hosed the area down with water to dilute the chemical, the report said.

Chlorine-based chemicals, such as sodium hypochlorite, are respiratory irritants and can be corrosive in high concentrations, said a warning on the Chlorine Institute's Web site. The Chlorine Institute is a trade association of chlorine producing companies.

Still, YSU officials said the accident posed no danger.

"There's no safety concern at all," said Sandy Denman YSU's environmental health and safety director.

Denman said the chemicals were being used to clean the pool since the pool's current filtering system was being repaired.

Ivan Maldonado, vice president of YSU's Association of Classified Employees, said he hadn't received an official report of the incident, but that he hopes the environmental safety department continues to make sure serious accidents don't happen. The

ACE union represents campus staff, some of whom work to maintain the pool.

"I hope that they responded appropriately. This is an example of how easily accidents can happen," Maldonado said. "Problems could turn into serious conditions if we don't take the appropriate measures to prevent them."

The spill was small enough that YSU didn't have to report it to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Mike Setters of the Ohio EPA said certain high-volume spills have to be reported to the EPA. If a spill of a liquid or granular hazardous chemical

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### DINING SERVICES

## Bids in on dining services contract

By: Cheryl Thompson  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

State University will have two bid proposals from food service companies to consider when the university's current contract with Sodexho ends in June.

The proposal deadline for companies to bid on the dining services was Feb. 28.

Sodexho, the food service provider that operates Christman Dining Commons, The Market Place Cafe, Noodles and other campus eateries, will compete with AVI for future control of campus dining.

Richard Delisio, Director of Materials Management, said it's a close game so far.

"On one hand, we have Sodexho. They're the incumbent, so they have that going for them. And

then on the other hand, we have AVI, which is a local company. So it's a tight competition," Delisio said.

Both bids propose changes to the YSU's dining services.

If the university chooses to renew the Sodexho contract, restaurants Market Place Cafe, Christman Dining Commons and Noodles will be remodeled.

Sodexho's proposed changes to The Market Place

The Market Place Café would be renamed KC Court. Changes will be made to increase traffic flow. One of the problems listed in the proposal with the current setup is congestion during lunchtime. To cut down on this, Sodexho plans to remove the Soba station and add a cash register to divide traffic.

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## Survey tests students' YSU knowledge

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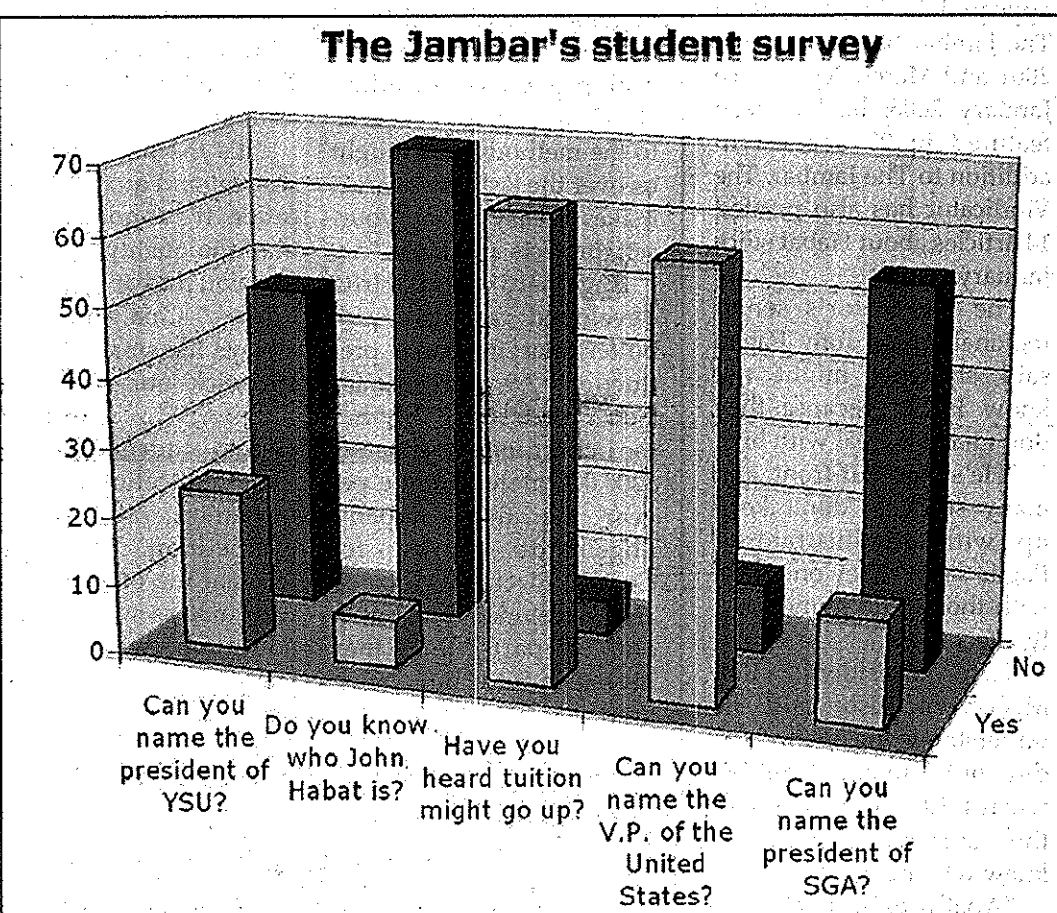
An informal survey on campus showed that Youngstown State University students generally cannot name the president of YSU and most have never voted in a campus election. However, most have heard tuition may be increasing.

Students in an advanced reporting journalism class Wednesday morning surveyed 71 students on campus about their awareness, with most of the focus on campus-related issues.

Chad Miller, parliamentarian for SGA, said he is not at all surprised by the survey results.

"We don't even get a good turnout to vote for the president of our country," Miller said. "Why not get involved?"

The survey showed that



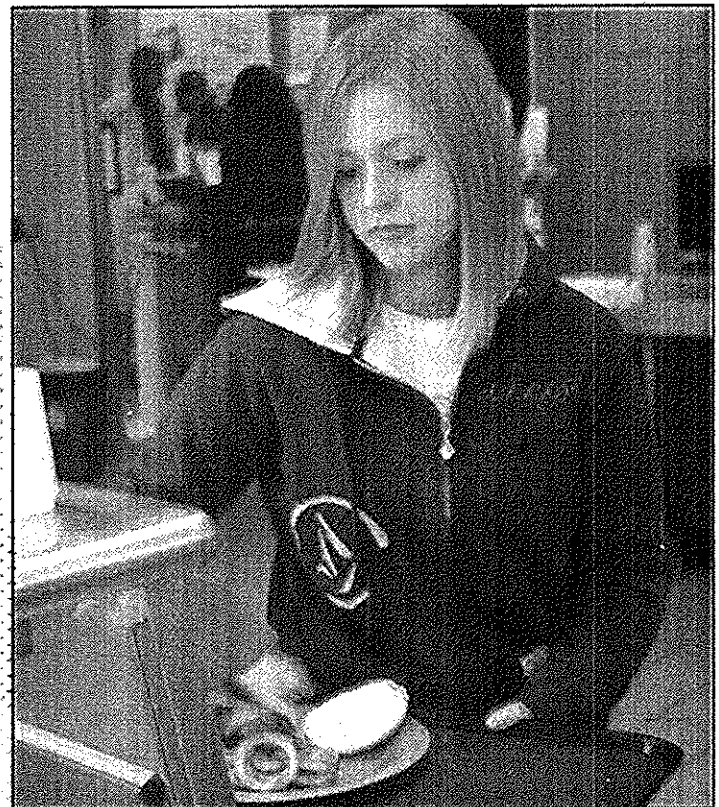
51 of the 71 surveyed had no idea who served as president of YSU.

But in an interview in his

Tod Hall office, Sweet said he is thrilled if even some students know who he is. Walking into an outer office

to greet the interviewers, Sweet smoothed his red

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Jambar / Katie Libecco  
YSU freshman Natalie Burick gets food from food service providers Sodexho's Christman Dining Commons on Wednesday night. YSU's current contract with Sodexho ends in June.

## Workshop trains for sensitivity

By: Steve Lettau  
REPORTER

Signs that read "YSU SafeZone" can be found on Sandra Stephan's door in the English Department and across Youngstown State University.

Stephan, a YSU English professor and the YSUUnity advisor, said the workshop is for faculty, staff, administrators and students to help train them in understanding and supporting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning students.

"It's essentially an awareness raising effort. We talk about some of the issues that students deal with," Stephan said.

Many LGBTQ students need to have a place that they can go and talk about issues like coming out and finding their sexual identity, Stephan said.

The contract for being a Safe Zone member states that positive support should be given to all those struggling to understand gay LGBTQ issues and provide appropriate resources for those students who seek help.

Stephan said YSUUnity's goal is to make YSU at safe place for LGBTQ people to call home.

"It's for those dealing with how to come out, dealing with harassment and the problems they encounter," she said.

In a national survey by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network in 2005, 3,400 students between the ages of 13 - 19 found that 33 percent were harassed based on their appearance. It also found that 90 percent of LGBTQ students were harassed or assaulted within the last year.

One way to prevent this kind of treatment is to have more people become allies to LGBTQ students. The workshop sets up role-playing between panels to gain first-hand experience on some of the issues they might have to help students with, with the help of LGBTQ students.

"The students are gracious and willing. They're really good kids," Stephan said.

Stephan said she expects 20 people to attend today's workshop and hopes more come to experience the event.

"My goal is to see as many of these diversity signs across campus as possible. Twenty more flags is a good thing," Stephan said.

The SafeZone Training workshop will occur 2 - 4 p.m. in the Bresnahan I and II suites in Kilcawley Center.

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### Writer celebrated in play

Karen Eterovich, writer, director and actor of play "Love Arm", Aphra Behn and Her Pan," will perform the story of the British writer at Youngstown State University tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Friday in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater. The performance is free and open to the public. Call (330) 941-3105 for reservations.

### News Briefs

#### Piano week celebrated

Dana School of Music's piano week will feature performances by Dana students at 8 p.m. at Stambaugh Auditorium. "Piano Duos in Concert" will begin at 11 a.m. in the Bliss Recital Hall. The Inauguration of the New Butler North Education Center, 562 Wick Ave., will be presented by the Dana Jazz Faculty at 8 p.m. Friday.

#### Dance ensemble seeks donations

YSU's Dance Ensemble is seeking donations for the New Orleans Ballet. Any new or used dance wear, costumes, shoes or supplies will be accepted in the box outside of the dance room on the lower level of Beeghly Center. For more information contact Erienne Raib at (330) 219-8362.

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striped tie and extended his hand in greeting.

"Students engaged in student activities is a primary goal. It enhances their experience on campus and this includes internships," Sweet said.

Sweet offered an explanation for why students on campus may seem apathetic or uninformed.

"Administration is separate from the student body. This is not surprising. The average student goes to classes, goes to work and studies while the students who live in the dorms and on campus have more time to get involved," Sweet said.

The question that nearly all students answered correctly was: "Have you heard tuition might go up?" A total of 66 of the 71 students questioned knew of the possible tuition increase.

The question that stumped the most people was "Who is John Habat?" Only seven of the students surveyed offered the correct answer that Habat is the controversial vice president for administration.

Habat has become the target of faculty animosity and a panel appointed by Sweet to study labor-management problems on campus recommended that he be fired.

Habat's name has appeared in 145 articles in The Jambor between March 2001 and March 2006. Since January 2006, he has been featured in 23 articles. In addition to The Jambor, The Vindicator has also printed 14 articles about Habat since January.

The Vindicator's senior regional editor Tony Paglia said students might not know Habat because they don't have to deal with him. "He's not out-front and many students don't keep up with administrators," Paglia said. "They only deal with those who immediately affect them."

SGA President Bob McGovern also said he understands the apathy and did not appear troubled when told that only few of the survey respondents knew who he was.

"Apathy exists in all campuses. But it's not that we shouldn't do anything about it," McGovern said.

McGovern said SGA is attempting to cure the apathy through a series of mass cue-mail e-mails that remind students of elections and campus events. He said he felt non-traditional students tend to be more aware of what is happening on campus.

University spokesman Ron Cole said he believes the Office of Marketing and Communications is addressing what is going on at all levels of YSU. Cole cited the YSUupdate, a newsletter that his office publishes, as a critical communications vehicle for the campus.

"Students should know what is going on on campus because administration makes decisions that will affect them financially and academically and the administration should know what the students feel as well," Cole said.

Cole said it is not necessary for students to know the name of the president of the university but it would be important for the students to know the name of the man who makes the decisions on their education.

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# Engineering students win conference

By: Steve Lattau  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University industrial engineering students won an award at a regional conference for their creation of a buffer that helps the main flowline of carriers at a local General Electric plant.

Seniors Ryan Engelhardt and Chris Hritz participated in the Institute of Industrial Engineers Student Region 4 Conference Feb. 10 - 12 at Purdue University.

Engelhardt and Hritz competed against schools such as Ohio State, Michigan, Toledo and Cincinnati.

"This is great. It shows we're as good as anyone. Purdue is considered a premiere engineering school," Hritz said.

Receiving a near-perfect score on their paper "General Electric Ravenna Lamp Plant: Utilizing Buffers in a Manufacturing Facility" and the presentation of the material, Engelhardt and Hritz said they were thankful for the help they received.

"A lot went into it," Engelhardt said. "This is all possible due to the industrial professors including Dr. Cala, our advisor. Due to the methods they taught us over the last four years it makes it easy to sell yourself, projects and ideas."

Engelhardt and Hritz developed a push/pull buffer that increases production 2.9 percent for General Electric. This has the opportunity to generate \$200,000 more revenue per year for the company. Engelhardt works for General Electric as a co-op and developed the buffer out of parts that they invested into but never used.

Hritz said when breakdowns occur in a flowline the buffer "helps the machine on bad days so they are not so bad." He said people also get confused as to what an industrial engineer is.

"Engineers make things but industrial engineers make things better," he said.

Martin Cala, professor of industrial engineering and coordinator of the industrial and systems engineering program, advised the students. He said the team put a lot of work into the project to polish it completely before heading to Purdue.

"They really sat down and looked at the requirements, the presentation has to be polished you can get a good score on the written but you can't bomb the presentation," Cala said.

Engelhardt and Hritz said they spent 40 to 50 hours on the project. Engelhardt practiced the presentation five times in front of his peers to make sure everything was ready.

"He wore a suit and tie to get the feel of it," Cala said.

Cala credits the engineering department for educating high caliber "blue collar" students such as Engelhardt and Hritz.

"It's the high quality of student and quality of education. It's as good or better than the quality of student that you find at larger institutions," Cala said. "We're always the smallest group, we stick out like a sore thumb."

Both students agree that their education was an important factor in the competition. They could tell that the other students were not as well balanced education wise as they were.

"It all makes since finally, all the time I was cussing out homework I know why I was doing it. It showed my why I'm learning all these things at the same time," Engelhardt said.

Engelhardt and Hritz will move on to compete in the National IIE conference in May in Orlando. Engelhardt says he cannot wait to compete even though the competition will be big.

"I feel that we've got a strong project, for a strong company. If we don't win no big deal. We feel that we've already won. If we do though it's good for YSU, good for GE and good for America," Engelhardt said.

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exceeds 100 pounds and leaves the property line, the accident must be reported.

The chlorine accident in Beeghly comes a few weeks after the environmental health and safety department received a report analyzing a potential lead hazard near Beeghly. A grievance filed by ACE in the fall raised the concern that an un-

tered exhaust fan over the Beeghly firing range could release hazardous lead into the air. In response to the report, the environmental safety department said they would hire a company to clean the roof of Beeghly, removing the lead poisoning risk to YSU staff.

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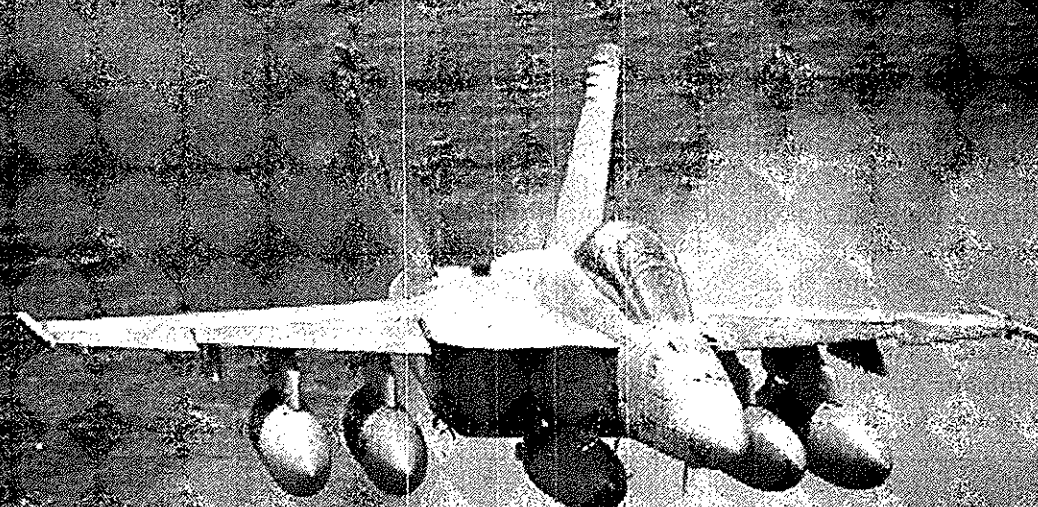
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## OUR SIDE

### In Sudan genocide, 'never again' an empty promise

As children, most of us learned about the horrors the German Nazis inflicted on Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals and other "undesirables" during World War II. "Never again" was the rallying cry for Holocaust survivors who vowed never to let the world dip into such genocidal madness again.

In the aftermath of the WWII, most countries signed onto the United Nations' genocide convention, which obligated signatories to intervene and stop genocide — the mass murder of a people with the intention of exterminating them like so many cockroaches — whenever and wherever it occurred. In a better-late-than-never move, the United States ratified the convention in the early 1980s.

Of course the genocide convention has not once been invoked by the United Nations and genocide has happened again and again, in Cambodia in the 1970s, Rwanda in the 1990s and the ongoing massacres in Sudan.

The Sudan conflict, centered in that nation's western Darfur region, began in February 2003 when three African tribal groups clashed with the Sudanese government. The African tribes enjoyed significant early victories, which prompted the government to set loose the janjaweed, a brutal group of Arab marauders with no objections to killing and raping civilians as a method of war.

It's fairly safe to say that, with over 300,000 Sudanese Africans dead and 2 million made refugees in just over 3 years, the Darfur region of Sudan is probably the worst place on earth.

And now that Darfur has been more or less ethnically cleansed, Sudan is sending the janjaweed into the neighboring country Chad to attack members of the same tribes targeted in Darfur. Nicholas D. Kristoff, writing in The New York Times Tuesday, recounted what happened to one family in the Chadian village of Karmadodo:

"[A] force of several hundred janjaweed had suddenly attacked the village. Mr. Haroun and his wife had run for their lives, with his wife carrying their 3-month-old baby, Ahmed.

"The janjaweed raiders overtook Mr. Haroun's wife and beat her so badly that she is still unconscious. They also grabbed Ahmed from her arms.

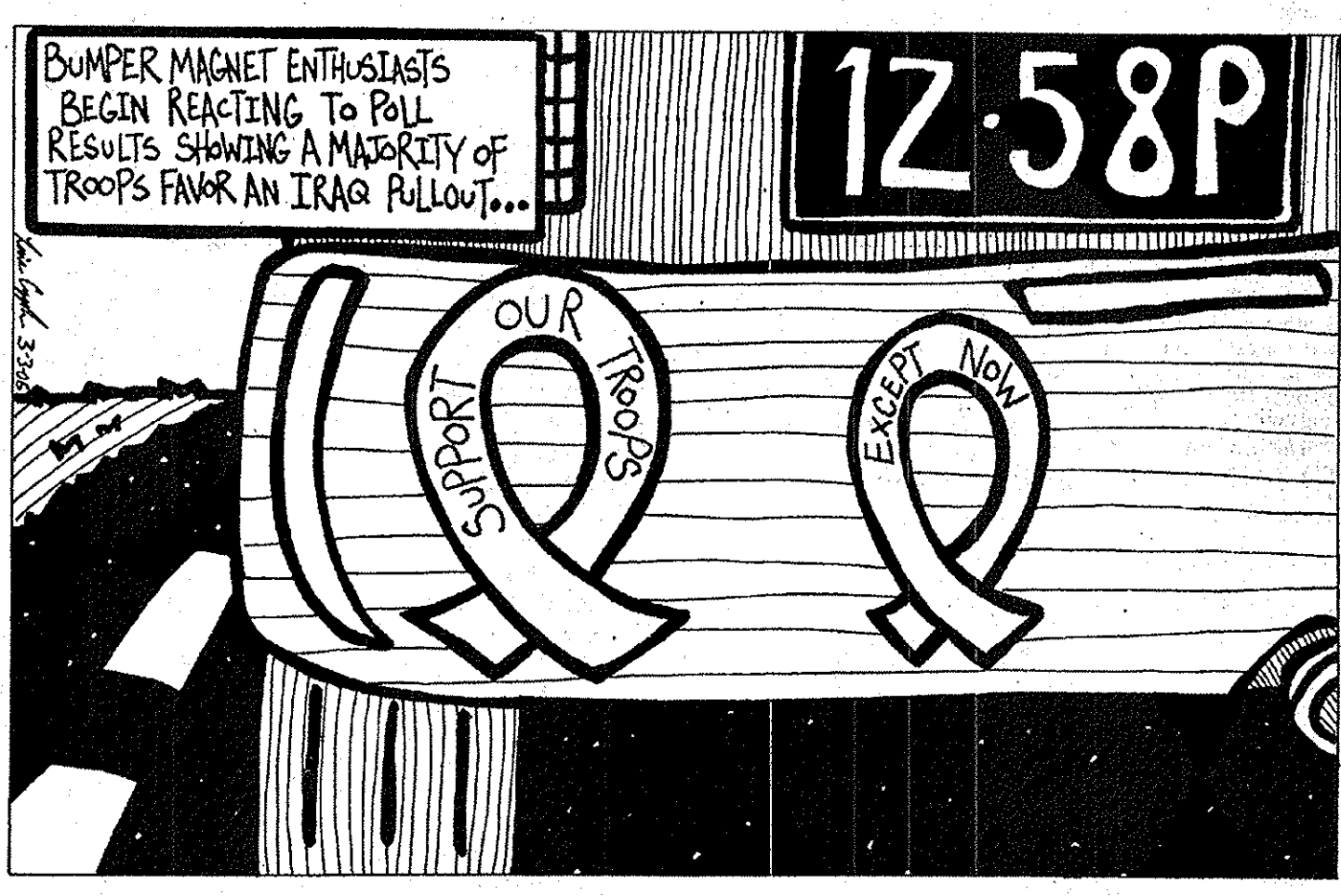
"They looked at the baby," Mr. Haroun added, "and since he was a boy, they shot him."  
The world needs to wake up. The violence is spreading.

President Bush has recently indicated a stronger willingness to react to these unspeakable atrocities, and that is exactly what he must do. At minimum, he should encourage the U.N. and the African Union to send peacekeepers to the region. Ideally, he would honor his nation's moral pledge of "never again" and send U.S. troops to a country that truly deserves to be included among "an axis of evil."

Unfortunately, with the U.S. stuck in the quagmire that is Iraq, there is little hope that the United States will put morals above oil any time soon.

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COMMENTARY

## Avoid death this spring break

By: Katie Libecco  
COPY EDITOR

Alright, so you worked those extra hours all winter for this one week to get away from it all. Good job.

But no matter where you and your friends may choose to spend your spring break (you probably won't remember where you went anyway), there's always the threat of ending up naked and tied to a mattress, floating in an unknown body of water.

Avoiding this situation is easy to moderately easy to avoid. Let's run through some of the basics.

The first step to avoiding death during spring break is the use of sunscreen. Those sunrays are getting stronger every year, and I heard rumors that they've actually taken human form near some parts of the Equator. So apply the sunscreen with the biggest number you've ever seen on the bottle and apply it every time you look at your watch. Trust me, it'll be time.

Without mentioning a certain blonde tourist who's captured the media's attention lately, make sure you don't leave any club drunkenly with radio DJs who speak broken English. At best, you'll have to listen to foreign music that they'll try to convince you is the "next hottest thing." What was the last great Caribbean band? The Baja Men?

Water is very important. Almost everyone recommends you should consume it. I agree. However, foreign waters often lurk more when they come out of the faucet



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than when you get the spontaneous idea to skinny dip in the hotel's pool. Drink bottled water and avoid getting disastrous illnesses, such as Montezuma's Revenge. Or do it anyway, and at least you'll have your name linked to Montezuma for awhile.

For those of us in the media, we've learned a valuable lesson in the past few years about exactly what can happen when you participate in wet T-shirt contests in strange and foreign lands. Just about the same thing that happens here, because naked photos are going to find their way home eventually anyway. Just avoid that drunken-urge to remove your clothing completely off-rhythm for the blatantly ironic prize of a free T-shirt. Bad things will happen.

Cruise ships. Oh, where to

start with this one. For all you can eat buffets, all you can drink beverages and getting to see the world, I highly recommend this. However, cruise ships have been getting a bad rap lately. People are encouraging the government to start imposing stricter laws on cruise ships, and forcing them to report all of their crime activity. So if you haven't yet taken advantage of the massive amounts of food, alcohol and people available on a cruise ship, this is your time to raise hell. That way you'll be guaranteed to have a "back in my day" story to tell your grandchildren.

Make sure you bring home lots of silly souvenirs for your friends and family, with more PG-13 tourist photos than anyone can possibly endure in one day. That

should make it easier to convince everyone you really were doing something other than getting trashed on every drink mentioned in a Jimmy Buffett song.

But in all reality, traveling overseas for spring break is a lot more daunting than any self-confident college student will admit to anyone. Being careful, using some common sense and trusting your instincts are proven time and again to be simple and effective ways to ensure safety. Every time you turn on the TV there are reminders of the dangers you'll face, so pay attention and make sure Spring Break 2006 won't be your last exotic get-away adventure.

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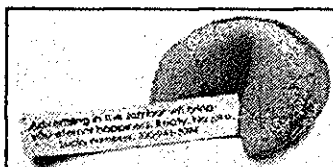
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There would also be new food choices for students. Including a SubConnection and Freshen's Premium Frozen Yogurt that will replace Mesa Jakes, Grill 155 replacing Peck's and marketing the existing Grab and Go as the Smart Market. Pete's Arena Pizza would also be renovated. SubConnection will stay open until 7 p.m.

In addition to the Sodexho brand eateries, the contract calls for an on-campus KFC Express. KFC Express scored second in Student Government Association conducted student surveys.

Sodexho's proposed changes to Christman Dining Commons

Also Sodexho's bid calls for some addition and improvement in the variety of food served, including the addition of Red Hot Chef and a made to order sandwich station in Christman Dining Commons.

Red Hot Chef will replace the Top Hits station and take up the entire corner of the servery. According to the proposal, the menu will focus on international and cultural cuisine along with student's favorite recipes. There would also be emphasis on healthy eating and wellness.

The proposal will phase out standard four-week menu cycles that will instead be replaced by 16-week menus.

The bid also calls for aesthetic improvements, such

as lighting that is more contemporary and a brighter color palette.

Sodexho's Plans for Noodles, Jazzman's Café and The Bagel Stop

Noodles would remain YSU's sit-down restaurant, but be renamed Pete's Place to brand it to the university. Jazzman's Café in Maag Library would be moved from the third floor to the ground floor for more visibility.

According to the proposal, the only change being made to the Bagel Stop in Kilcawley is to the menu board. It will be redone to match the awning.

AVI's Proposed Changes for The Market Place

Like Sodexho's proposed changes, AVI's include an overhaul of The Market Place. The Market Place will offer Montana Joe's, a Western-themed grill; Jump, Asian cuisine with vegetarian options; Papa Chicago Pizza Grinders and Pasta offering pizzas and Express Yourself, designed to serve the hurried pedestrian crowd, would feature a Byrnes and Taylor Coffee Bar.

AVI also takes into consideration traffic flow and plans to include six cash registers in the Market Place.

AVI's Proposed Changes to Christman Dining Commons

Changes to Christman focus on adding more variety and healthier choices for students.

One notable addition will be Inspirations, a sta-

tion designed to help international students feel less homesick. It will feature recipes made with ingredients from specific countries international students hail from.

AVI's bid will also include changes to the Time-Out C-Store, the venue will be renamed C-Zone and will have expanded service to the skywalk bridge.

AVI's Proposed Changes to Noodles, Jazzman's, Café a Ja Carte and The Bagel Stop

Jazzman's Café in Maag Library will be replaced with a Taylor and Byrnes Café. It will be a full service coffee shop featuring gourmet coffees and pastries.

AVI plans to expand the Starbucks brand already offered at the Bagel Stop. According to the proposal, the Bagel Stop will become a fully licensed Starbucks operation. Starbucks will also include the Corner Café in the skywalk.

The bid calls for Café a la Carte in Williamson, Beeghy and Cushwa halls to be replaced with Carte Blanche, with similar services.

Depending on cooperative cite approval for Subway, AVI plans to couple either Subway or Quiznos with a Freshens to be housed in Noodles. If AVI were to gain control of campus dining, major bank cards would be accepted at every venue.

Jack Fahey, the Director of Auxiliary Services, deals

with companies like dining services that the university contracts. He was able to confirm that if Sodexho loses out on the bid that the current workers would be able to work for AVI.

"The requirements the university sent out during its search for bids included stipulations that would give Sodexho employees the opportunity to seek employment with the new company," Fahey said.

In January, two foodservice companies, Chartwells and Aramark, sent representatives to tour the campus and survey students but have decided not to submit contract proposals.

Student Government Association Parliamentary Chad Miller, who served on a board to represent students on the matter, said he understands why a company might not submit a proposal.

"Youngstown's a tough market. We're not as mainstream as some of others. Personally, I like it like that, but I can see where a company might not be able to serve us," Miller said.

However, Youngstown's market situation isn't the only reason Chartwell didn't bid. Delisio, speculates another factor involves Kent State University's dining services going up for bid at the same time.

Miller added that it's quality of the contracts not necessarily the quantity.

"I'm glad that we have two strong proposals than poor proposals that are

dressed up nicely but consist of nothing," Miller said.

He sent an e-mail survey to students in January to gain insight about what they would like to see change with the new contract.

Miller said many of the students who responded to the email would like to see YSU's dining services become more like the dining services offered at Kent State University.

Although Miller says there is a difference in the types of food service provided at KSU, both Kent and YSU use Sodexho.

"Students were saying we should get rid of Sodexho and be more like Kent State," Miller said, "Kent State is Sodexho."

The difference, Miller said, has to do with KSU's high enrollment numbers and the higher number of residents.

"The resources come from residents. Because Kent State has a larger on-campus population, they can do things there that they can't do here," Miller said.

Miller said while he is happy the two companies are proposing, he would have liked to see Chartwells bid.

"Chartwells actually deals with a campus in Kentucky that is similar to YSU. It has 12,000 students, 2,000 of which commute. I would have liked to see how they would have handled YSU," Miller said.

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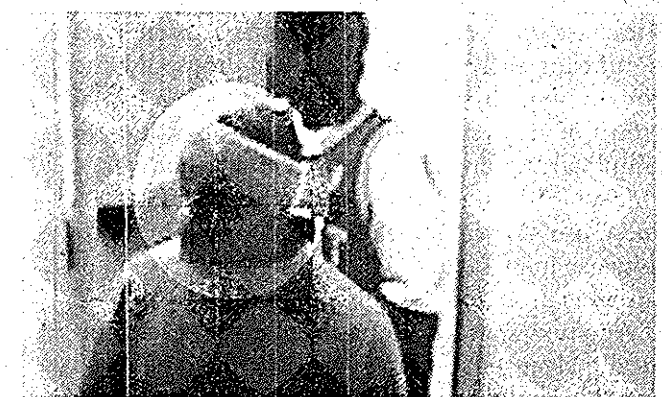
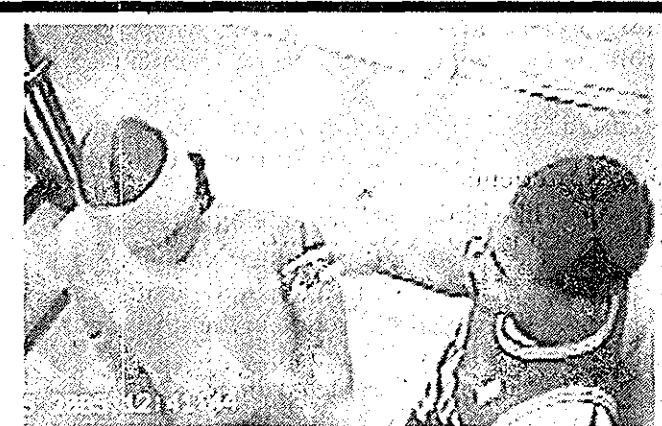
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YSU BASKETBALL

# Hill takes a look back on the season

By: Justin Smolkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

Perhaps the best aspect of having freshmen on a squad is that they soon become sophomores, and the best aspect of having sophomores on a squad is experience.

Women's basketball coach Tisha Hill learned this lesson this season as she was forced to utilize a roster that sported six young freshmen ripe with inexperience.

After a tumultuous 8-20 season that had several losing skids including one such stretch that lasted five games, Hill said she is excited to see the development during this trial by fire period.

"Their growth has been phenomenal. We are excited as a staff to see their

growth," Hill said. "I am extremely excited."

That excitement Hill has for the upcoming season stems from the play of the freshmen class, led recently by Monique Godfrey who scored a team high 13 points in the Horizon League tournament loss.

What has Hill even more excited for next season is that her veteran floor general, Lauren Branson, will be back to full health after suffering a season ending knee injury in late December during a conference match up against Butler.

Hill said that losing a seasoned veteran guard made her, as well as her staff and team, adjust on the run.

"It is a tough position to fill. That is irreplaceable," Hill said of losing her starting point guard. "Monique stepped in, but she wasn't

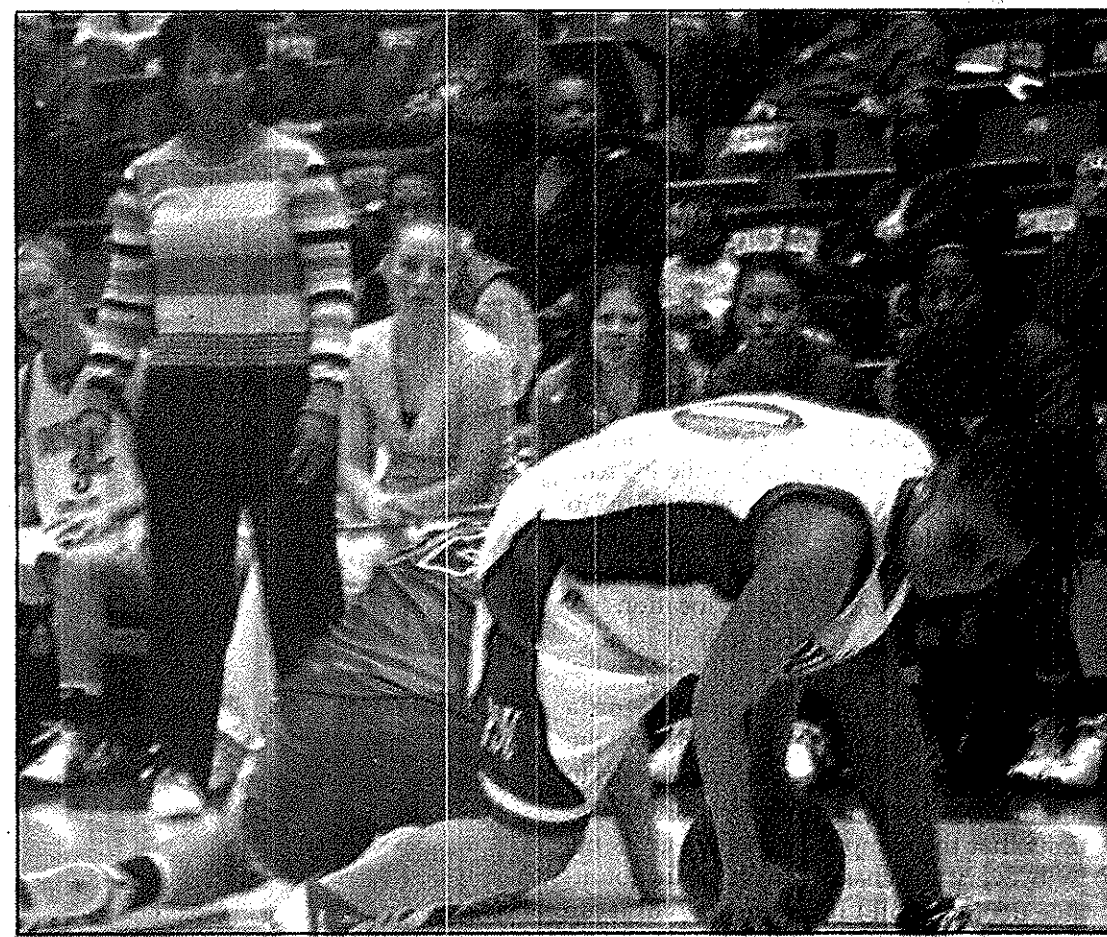
ready for that leadership role as a freshman."

The good news for Hill and the rest of the Penguins squad is that Branson is well under way to the road to recovery.

"She is well ahead of schedule. She is already out of her brace and coming along well shooting," Hill said. "She is chomping at the bit."

The tough position that Hill now finds herself in is replacing three seniors. Hill said the Penguins have already signed three players in the early signing period, inking two post players and a guard. The three seniors leaving this year's team are guards Ashlee Russo, and Aliyah Sabree and post player Michelle Holmes.

The Penguins will return five upperclassmen to the roster next season.



YSU women's basketball coach Tisha Hill looks on as junior guard Kristen Gaudiose fights for control of the ball during their last home game of the season.

Jambar/ Katie Libecco

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## YSU students help build homes

By: Cheryl Thompson  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Spring break. College students are migrating south like birds. No doubt to enjoy a blissful week of nothingness, an escape from the pressures of school, work and Ohio weather. A chance to relax with friends and get away from it all.

But not all students traveling south this year have such lackadaisical goals in mind. Students from two Youngstown State University organizations, the Catholic Campus Ministry and the University Scholars, are headed to Florida and Mississippi to rebuild houses.

Tom Bagola, Director of the Newman Center, said the Collegiate Challenge builds and repairs houses with Habitat for Humanity in the south, because the weather is more predictable.

"The climate is definitely more stable down there, not like up here where we can have beautiful weather one day and snow the next,"

Bagola said.

In addition to more conducive weather, Bagola said it also entices students fed up with blustery Youngstown weather.

"The only white we hope to see is sand," Bagola said.

Bagola said spring break is the ideal time for the Collegiate Challenge because different schools have varied weeks without school.

"We get a lot done with Collegiate Challenge because there's eight total weeks of spring break," Bagola said.

Students with the Catholic Campus Ministry will, for the fourth year, be traveling to Jacksonville Fla. for the Collegiate Challenge and the University Scholars will be in Long Beach, Miss., repairing areas hit by Hurricane Katrina. The trip to Long Beach is not affiliated with Habitat for Humanity.

Sixteen students are traveling via van to Jacksonville with for Collegiate Challenge and five University Scholars are leaving for Long Beach

tonight.

Initially, Justin Truitt, Dave Slanina, Ben. Martin, Adam Cocco, senior business majors and Marty Mayer, a junior at the University of Akron, were supposed to be accompanied by the Reverend Katherine Adams as part of the YSU Protestant Campus Ministry. However, she had to cancel after becoming ill.

The group petitioned Government Student Association for funds to go on trip, representing the University Scholars.

Truitt said Rev. Adams forwards volunteer opportunities to Amy Cossentino, Assistant for Programming Operations in the Honors Department so scholars could meet community service requirements.

Slanina said planning for the trip became challenging because Rev. Adams served as a liaison to the Long Beach Presbyterian Church.

"When we visited the website, we saw pictures of people in carbon fiber tents. We're thinking maybe we should pack for camping conditions,"

Slanina said.

Despite their coordinator's inability to attend, the Scholar's said the trip was something they just had to do.

"Come Hell or high water we're going," Truitt said.

The group said because communications have been hampered, they aren't exactly sure what type of work they'll be doing.

"We've done different volunteer work with local Habitat for Humanity groups, so we have some experience," Truitt said.

Truitt, Slanina, Martin, Cocco and Mayer said they have known each other for years and look forward to helping out.

Martin said he expects this year's trip to be entirely different than last year's recreational journey to Myrtle Beach.

"This trip will definitely be more fulfilling, but we're still going to have a good time," Martin said.

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YSU SPORTS

## Spring break short lived for spring sports

By: Justin Smolkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

While many Youngstown State University students will be out and about enjoying sun and scenery for spring break, there will be a small section of students who will remain in Youngstown to do work. These students are athletes; spring sport athletes to be exact.

While most are out gallivanting with other like-minded college students, this group of Penguin athletes will either be playing or practicing, missing most of the festive spring break atmosphere.

Lacy Hess, a senior infielder on the softball team, said she doesn't mind having to miss out on the fun of traveling to a spring break hotspot.

"Well, it is in the middle of the season," Hess said about the week off from classes. "I'd rather play than take the time off."

Time off is not an option for most spring sport athletes, most of whom either compete or are in the middle of rigorous training sessions.

Men's baseball will be the most active during spring break, playing in eight games during the week off, while softball has three contests on the horizon and both men's and women's golf will be entering themselves into invitationals.

Hess said that losing a spring break is easier to swallow given the fact that most spring sport athletes are able to enjoy a winter break without demands of their respective sports.

"We are disappointed that we can't have a spring break," Hess said. "But we travel somewhere warm and we get to see the sun, and get out of Ohio. We do get a month off for winter break so it's nice."

The women's golf team will enjoy the most sun as they have two tournaments in Florida, making stops in both Jacksonville and Tampa Bay. The men's team will make a stop in Fort Lauderdale, the Mecca of most spring breakers.

Some however, like the baseball squad, will only travel as far south as Tennessee.

Hess said that before she became a college athlete, she knew the rigors involved and fully expected the loss of precious down time.

"Yes, I did know becoming a college softball player that I would have no spring break," Hess said.

## WEEKEND EVENTS

### Friday:

Arthur Miller's classic "Death of a Salesman" opens at the Oakland Center for the Arts, 220 W. Boardman St. The show is directed by Michael Hinge. The show deals with soul-searching and the quest for happiness. It received a Tony in 1949 for best play. The show starts at 8 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling (330) 746-0606.

Boston rockabilly Lamont local rockers Low Divide at The Nyabinghi, 1229 Salt Springs Road. The rock show starts at 11 p.m. (18+)

Play "Move Over, Mrs. Markham," will be presented at the Youngstown Playhouse. It is directed by the Youngstown Playhouse artist in residence, Bob Gray. Reservations may be made by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 330-788-8739.

Rock 104 presents Blush at The Cellar, 162 S. Bridge St., in Struthers. Local groups December Son, Southcott, Gates

Called Beautiful, and Another Found Self are slated to open. Tickets are \$12 and \$15 the day of the show. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:45 p.m. (18+)

### Saturday:

"Move Over, Mrs. Markham" at the Youngstown Playhouse. Reservations may be made by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 330-788-8739.

Nashville's punk group Big Nurse takes over the Nyabinghi, 1229 Salt Springs Road. Show starts at 11 p.m. (18+)

"Death of a Salesman" at the Oakland Center for the Arts, 220 W. Boardman St. Reserve tickets by calling (330) 746-0606.

Want to be included in the Weekend Event Calendar? Let us know what's going on by e-mailing thejambar@gmail.com.



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COMMENTARY

## Spring break on a budget

By: Bob Mackey  
COLUMNIST

There's no doubt that you've seen the many promotional fliers that seem to go up on bulletin boards the second week of spring semester, offering first-rate fun at Third World prices. These posters portray the young, firm, glistening, supple bodies of people you wouldn't mind climbing all over during one week-long drunken fog of beach activities and minor vandalism. Even though they'll never call you again when they say they will, and while it's true that after blacking out you may end up in a bathtub full of ice — with kidneys intact, but still, you'll be cold and annoyed — spring break in some tropical location has never been more palatable than it is now, in early March.

But who can afford to spend \$59 on a trip to Mexico, or perhaps one of the "party states?" I surely can't, and thanks to the many subscription cards and applications that the campus bookstore gives me with every purchase, I'm in insurmountable debt, and all I have to show for it are 10 years of "Elle," multiple bottles of Proactiv Solution, and credit cards with 30 percent interest rates.

There's always the chance that these incredible deals I can't avoid seeing are actually terrible scams with horrific outcomes built on the backs of naïve college students, so even if I had the money I would be too terrified to invest in a trip to Key West that costs less than a Bloomin' Onion from The Outback. After all, I could be sold into human slavery — or worse — I could be forced to eat centipedes while "Fear Factor's" Paleolithic Joe Rogan egged me on and ogled the contestants with breast implants who surrounded me. As I would lift my face, covered in centipede errata, my voice would curse all things Rogan, as well as spring break.

Nuts to that. I find it safer to stay on the tundra of Youngstown, and bring the charm of both Mexican and Floridian tourist traps into my home. Now you can,

too; with just a few steps, you will find yourself in what looks like an equator adjacent environment!

The preparation begins by acquiring some sort of sand to simulate your artifi-

Get in your car, truck, or Prius and begin to circle your block. A good 800 to 900 laps should provide for the full spring break parking experience. Just remember that if your car overheats, or if you run out of gas

The soundtrack to beach-going is — unexpectedly — not the crash of waves or the cries of gulls, but rather the most insipid music produced by mankind, and in many cases pop musicians. Luckily, tapping into the musical septic tank of humanity is as easy as turning your FM dial to HOTFM 101, which has been providing the kickin' tunes for the downfall of Western Civilization since the age of parachute pants. Two radios tuned to this station should suffice, providing the right amount of auditory numbness needed while you soak to match your state of drunken numbness. I know I didn't mention alcohol, but when talking about spring break, it's a given. In a pinch, you can always chug some benzene; it WILL kill you, but as a result of this you will no longer have to listen to Nickelback. The ball's in your court.

After about a week of submersion, your skin will have reached maximum prunage, and it's a possibility that many of your fingernails and toenails have fallen off. This is a good sign that spring break is over, or that you are experiencing nuclear fallout. But before you decide to join humanity, you mustn't forget the most important souvenir of spring break — venereal diseases. This simulation is much easier than you think. Simply smash your fist through any nearby drywall; if you do it right, your hand should be absolutely teeming with hundreds of fire ants. It's a little known fact that most homes are insulated with these angry, angry insects. Now, apply them to the proper areas, all the while screaming, "I never even learned her last name!"

As you return to college life, you'll surely have stories to match those of the most intense shootouts in Mexico City. And if I see you on campus, I will doff my cap and keep your secret to myself; it's between you, me, and your hundreds of painful ant bites.

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Art by Nick Daniel

cial beachlike environment. Sand is one of nature's most available free resources, and it can be easily found in neighborhood sandboxes, in stacks of bags outside of Wal-Mart, and — if you're willing to do a little extra work — as the byproduct of shattered car windshields. Once you have the sand and enough money to make bail, coat the bottom of your bathtub with about 2 - 3 inches of the substance. Now, turn on the tap — but don't get too excited yet, Charlie. A proper trip to the beach would not be the same without the endless search for a parking space.

in the middle of this exercise, it is imperative that you start over. This is a scientific experiment after all, and these instructions should be carried out to the letter.

By this point, you're probably ready to soak in your faux-ocean and forget about the lump on your body that is growing larger and beginning to look like Mother Teresa's head. You lament, "Why can't it look like a more attractive celebrity?" Now is not the time for these questions, as a few more items are needed to complete the beach experience.

## Spring break means exotic destinations

By: Maysoon Abdelrasul  
FEATURES REPORTER

Spring break is the time for college students to relax and take a breather from all the stress that comes with college.

At the same time, travel agencies are busy finding package deals for the students.

Liz Lopez from All Around Travel Agency said many college students like the all-inclusive deals because it is safer for them.

"Where everything is all inclusive and everything is there, then students don't have to worry about going anywhere else," she said.

She said Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic is becoming popular with college students. The clubs, restaurants, shows and the casinos are all in the resort, so students don't have to leave if they don't want to.

Lopez said a trip to Punta Cana costs about \$1,200 per person for seven days and seven nights - including airfare, hotel and

the costs for food and drink.

However, other college students have found different destinations for their week of relaxation.

Sophomore Steve Pinciario said that he and his eight buddies are driving down to Panama City on Friday night to save money on airfare. He plans on getting there Saturday afternoon, checking into the hotel and begin working on accomplishing his predetermined goal.

"Between the nine of us, we want to drink over 1,100 beers by the end of the week, and I figured that out to be 17 beers a day," Pinciario said.

Pinciario, 20, said being under legal drinking age won't stop him from drinking. His plans for getting drinks include having friends of the legal drinking buying him drinks and using a fake ID.

Freshman Jeana Stevens said she is also saving money by driving down to Panama City.

"We just planned it a couple days ago and it was too expensive to fly," she said.

Stevens said everyone in her travel group is underage, so they will take alcohol with them.

A travel agent from Spring Break Travel, Mark Cascardi, said the Bahama Cruise is the most popular with about 12,000 students going on the cruise. The total cost of the cruise is approximately \$350.

"It's a huge trip because it is a decent price," he said.

Still, some students prefer to visit family and relax.

Freshman Matt Chaney said he is flying to Daytona Beach with his cousin to visit his aunt and uncle. He said he is not heavy on drinking and just wants to go and relax and check out Bike Week in Daytona.

Another student, Stacey Agnew, said she is flying alone to South Beach.

"I am plan on going to the beach, shopping and going out to clubs," she said.

Agnew said she does not plan on drinking during her vacation.

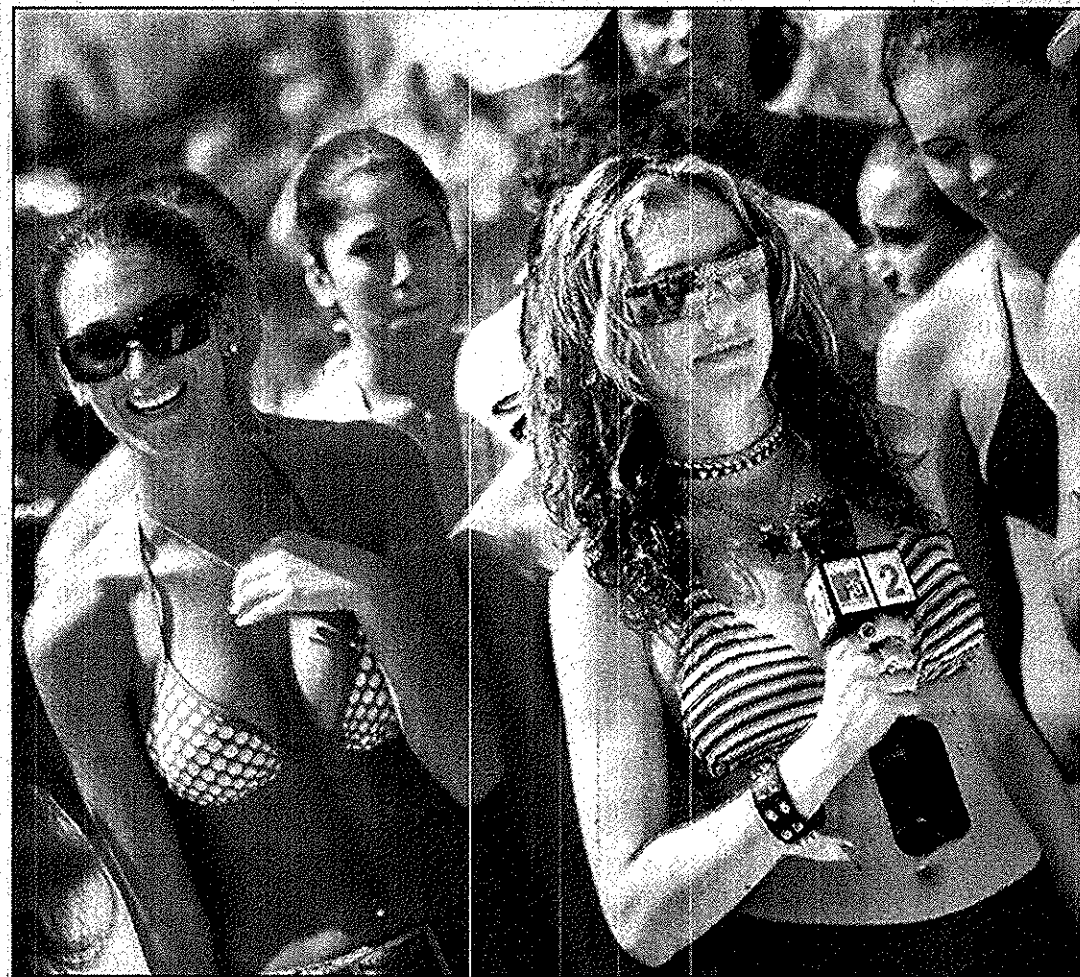


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Abby Gennet, who grew up in Miami, Florida, is photographed on Miami Beach where MTV is shooting some of their spring break programs.



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Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University students, from left, Will DuBois, 19, Daniel Martin, 19, Marcus Newbury, 18, and R.J. Bartolai, 18, hold up signs rating women who pass by them in Daytona Beach, Florida, during spring break.