

A Elizabeth Edwards (second from left), wife of Democratic vice-presidential nominee John Edwards, talks about health care with Nancy Burke (left), John Burke (second from right) and Linda Warino (right).

The wife of the North Carolina senator kept the focus on health care issues

CHUCK ROGERS The Jambar

Prospective second ladv Elizabeth Edwards stepped into the Youngstown political spotlight Wednesday morning.

Edwards met with a small group of invited guests consisting of medical workers and senior citizens at the Youngstown. Community Health Center to discuss details of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's health-care plans.

University's campus earlier this would be aired today.

Campaign officials said accused Kerry's health care prospace constraints at the center. cracy." Edwards called that claim ums. An audience of more than 40 "absolutely and totally untrue"

held on Youngstown State television campaign ads she said benefits. John Burke explained that he worked for Wean United

She said the Republican ads people crowded into a children's and said the Democratic plan

for 30 years and retired, expecting the company to maintain his attendance was limited due to posals of creating a "vast bureau- health and life insurance premi-Responding to Edwards'

questions, he said when the com-

porn case

DANIEL GRIESEMER | The Jambar

Details on the results of a search warrant executed in a Kilcawley dormitory room investigating alleging possession of child pornography by a Youngstown State University student have been sealed by the Mahoning County Court of

The format was similar to that used by President George W. Bush in his Town Hall Meeting

waiting room decorated with would fix the existing problems large a rocket ship and a light- of the health care system. house tower. Edwards sat in a corner of the room flanked by a harm," she said, "this president nance organization. retired couple and a nurse.

Edwards characterized the ments in Medicare." event as a conversation about

to work toward improve-

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has done in his quote improve-

cussion with a rebuttal of Bush couple who receive Medicare

pany discontinued his benefits, he and his wife had to pay for "It undoes some of the membership to a health mainte-

John Burke told the audience that, since Medicare and his Edwards then introduced HMO paid only \$600 per year health care, but prefaced her dis- John and Nancy Burke, a retired for medicines, the couple travsee EDWARDS, page 4

Common Pleas. Sgt. Richard Baron of the Ohio State Highway Patrol stated that all documents tied to the investigation, including the affidavit, the warrant and the warrant return inventory report were made classified to protect

see PORN, page 4

Ohio "failing" in college affordability

DANIEL GRIESEMER The Jambar

The grades are in. Though receiving average marks for its colleges in areas like "preparation" and "partici- tion produced by the National pation," Ohio is "failing" at creating affordable



opportunities for higher educa-The assessment graded each of the 50 states in six different That is the message of categories:

"Measuring Up 2004," a nation-Preparation - How adeal report card for higher educaquately are student in each state being prepared for education Center for Public Policy and and training beyond high school?

• Participation - Do state residents have sufficient opportunities to enroll in education and training beyond high school?

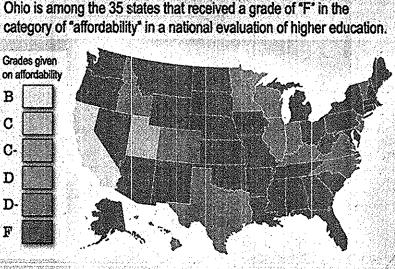
 Affordability - How affordon the statues of higher able is higher education for students and their families?

• Completion - Do students make progress toward the completion of their degrees and do so in a timely manor?

In the Measuring Up report, "higher • Benefits - What benefits education" is used to does the state receive as a result of having a highly educated poprefer to all education ulation?

and training pro-grams beyond the • Learning - What is known high school level, about student learning as a result "B" and "B-" in "completion" would facilitate a meaningful and it includes all public and private, beyond high school?

for profit and nonprofit two- and four-year

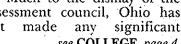


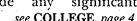
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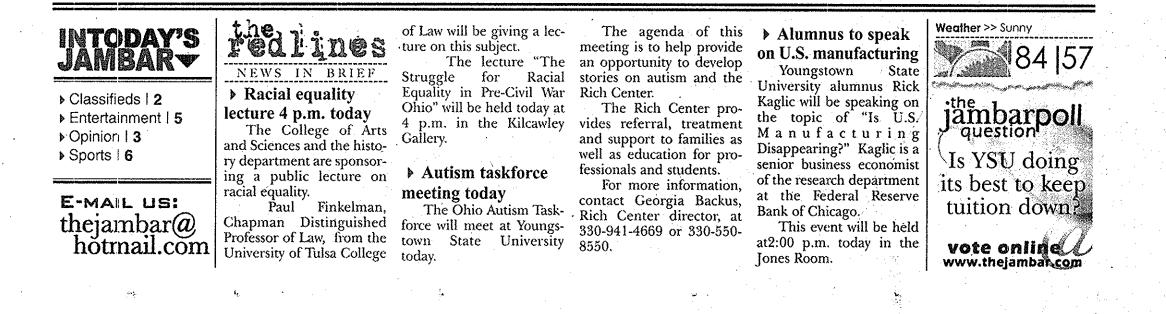
Source: National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education

of education and training and "benefits," respectively. The state-by-state comparison. report gave many states, includ-

Much to the dismay of the Ohio received grades of ing Ohio, an "incomplete" in the assessment council, Ohio has "C+" in the areas of "prepara-tion" and "affordability," and a of any comparable data that see COLLEGE, page 4







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B-I-N-G-Ohhh

and Resident Life, said BILL RODGERSI The Jambar

Moans filled the air. all about fun and to get came from one resident tions Passionate cries could be students excited about the who was asked to come up a b o u t heard from nearly every events of Safer Sex Week. and announce his win sex and table.

ple gathered ready for a as DVD and VHS movies. yelled. little action. They sat, patiently waiting for the tables, munching on potaright combination, for just to chips and marking off the right time to let go an bingo squares with orgasmic cry to let their Smartees. Whenever somepartner know they had one got a bingo, in place of reached — bingo? Monday evening,

moaned loudly, as if they Youngstown State University residents filed were having an orgasm. into Christman Dining Commons to play bingo and before long, the Orgasmic Bingo, one of air was buzzing with sexual the first events for Safer innuendoes. Sex Week 2004.

"Oh s--t, I'm getting The YSU Housing and close," one resident said as Resident Life department she marked off a square, is sponsoring the week- nearly completing a bingo. "No! I was so close! I long series of events to better inform and educate the guess I have blue balls student body about prac- now," another resident ticing safe sex. Nikki said, upset at having lost a Ghiya, of YSU Housing round.

One of the funnier dents' Monday's bingo event was comments heard all night ques-The residents were (with a moan) over a sex safety. Groups of young peo- competing for prizes such microphone: "Oh!" he

The students sat at "OK, get off me. I'm fin- out with the ished

only one of the events that P l a n n e d Ghiya scheduled to enter- Parenthood supyelling the traditional tain a "Bingo!" they instead dents. tain and inform the stu-

Other events for the week include Sex Ed 101, It was a crazy game of where students learn about contraceptives. They also but carried an important get to eat banana splits. There are also serious

events such as Wednesday afternoon's free HIV testing in the Iones Room of Kilcawley Center. Also, a Ghiya. "We're trying to representative of the inform the students so that Youngstown Community they can make better sexu-Health Center will be on al choices." hand in Kilcawley House Thursday to answer stu-

Other organizations And he added quickly: are helping

events this week. Orgasmic Bingo was Ghiya said that plied her with Frisbees and condoms for the event. Ghiya said the week was designed to be fun,

> message for college students. "This is information that the student population needs to hear," said

> > BILL RODGERS [330-941-3758

POLICE REPORTS A Youngstown State University shuttle bus was hit from behind at the corner of East Bound Service Road and Wick Avenue on Sept. 20 according to the police report. No one was injured, he police report stated, but both vehicles sustained scratches. Police were called to a fight

at the Courtyard Apartments on Sept 17. The people involved in the fight were intoxicated. According to the police report, a woman involved in the fight was out of control and would not cooperate with officers. Charges were not pressed and police report stated they warned the subjects about underage drinking.

College Success Workshops

Intro. to Researching on the Internet: Thursday, Sept. 23 @ 3:00 pm in Wilcox CRC, BCOE Learning Styles: Monday, Sept. 27 @ 2:00 pm in KC, Rm. 2068

NEWS IN BRIEF Catalyst to present education lectures

Dr. Dennis Jacobs, professor of Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame and 2002 recipient of the Carnegie Foundations Professor of the year award, will be making a stop at Kilcawley center today for a day of learning.

The day of lectures is presented by Catalyst (Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning) and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The series will cover

effective teaching and the need for scholarship in teaching and learning. The afternoon segment will focus on how students learn in and through their community.

For more information, call Michael Theall of Catalyst at ext. 1320 or e-mail send to mtheall@ysu.edu

Actors Project to present performance The Actors Project of

Youngstown will be unveiling its area premier of Edward Albee's "The Play About The Baby" at 8 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday at the

McDononough Museum

of Art. Albee is perhaps better known for his other works that include "Whose Afraid of Virginia Wolf" and "Three Tall Women." The New York Times

described "The Play About the Baby" as "Delightful and disturbing." The cast consists of

Molly Galano, Joseph Nahhas, Rachel Peteritis and David Vosburgh. Directing the play are Actors Project co-founders David Vosburgh and Jak Walker.



Chrystals at Fonderlac Country Club now hiring banquet servers, servers and bartenders. Apply in person M-F at 1140 Paulin Road, Poland, OH or call 330-549-9570

Help Wanted

Students to assist with YSU Fall Job Expo on Thursday, September 30, 2004 in Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room. Employers will need help transporting their dis-University Housing Available play materials and equipment. Must be able to lift

50 pounds. Hours: 8:00 -9:30 a.m. and 2:00 - 3:30 Stipend \$50. Interested: Apply in person in the Office of Career Services, 1034 Jones Hall

Bar Help Needed- No Experience Necessary, Apply in Person- Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at: Giacchetta's, 3310 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown.

p.m.

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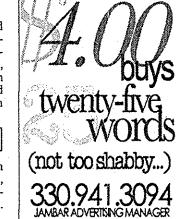
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Miscellaneous

Sigma Alpha Lambda, a National Leadership and Honors Organization with over 40 chapters, is seeking motivated students to start a new chapter at YSU (3.0 GPA Required). Contact rminer@salhonors.org Spring Break 2005 - Travel with STS, America's #1 Student Tour Operator. Jamaica,

Cancun, Acapulco, Bahamas, Florida. Hiring campus reps. Call for discounts; 800-648-4849 or www.ststravel.com

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Thursday, Sept. 80, 2004 Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Admission to the show is free, however donations will be accepted. The script contains adult language and is suggested for audiences. mature Reservations and information can be requested by calling the Actors Project at 330-788-9590.

Poetry reading Friday at 7 p.m.

Youngstown State University students whose work appears in the 2004-05 "Penguin Review" will have the opportunity to read their work alongside authors published in the Ohio-based literary magazine, the "Artful Dodge."

The event is sponsored by the YSU Poetry Center. The poetry reading will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, September 24 at the SMARTS Center, Adler Art Academy at 258 Federal Plaza West.

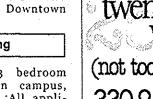
Alumni to speak on job opportunities Students in engineer-

ing and technology fields will have a panel of professional alumni representing them as they discuss their careers, job search strategies and the role of their undergraduate training in career choices.

The event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 27 in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room. Food will be provided.

The first hour of the show will be devoted to discussion and the second hour to the opportunity to network.

For more information, contact Coordinator Doug Price by e-mail at dmprice@ysu.edu.



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EDITORIAL CARTOON

- an editorial -University out of second chances

oseph Serowik had worked at Youngstown State University for 11 years. A part-time forensics science instructor, Serowik also held down a job with the Cleveland police crime lab. When Serowik found himself suspended (and Tater fired) from his position as a Cleveland lab technician this summer, ŶSU was kind enough to offer him full time employment as an associate forensics professor. Fifteen other candidates applied, but YSU felt Serowik was the best man for the job.

Why was Serowik fired from his job as a Cleveland police forensics examiner? Simply stated, for giving faulty testimony that led to an innocent man's 13year incarceration. The story, as told through a number of Plain Dealer articles, goes like this:

In 1988, a 22-year-old Cleveland man named Michael Green was tried and convicted on rape charges. Serowik, in his role as a police forensics examiner, testified at the trial that hair found on a washcloth at the scene of the rape was so similar to Green's hair that the chances of it coming from two different people was roughly 1 in 40,000. Serowik also testified that secretions found on the washcloth matched Green's blood type, a type found in only 16 percent of the male population.

But hair analysis is not precise enough to calculate probabilities, experts have said, and because Green and the victim shared the same blood type, there was no way to determine where the secretions came from.

But why would Serowik give bad testimony?

There are three possibilities here. Perhaps Serowik mistakenly believed that his testimony was accurate. He put in the work and just got it wrong. Or maybe Serowik truly thought that the police had the right man, and thus, did not feel it was necessary to accurately analyze the evidence. Or perhaps, worst of all, Serowik simply did not care whether or not his bad testimony could lead to the incarceration of an innocent man.

Regardless of the reason, Green ultimately spent 13 years behind bars before new DNA evidence proved he was not the rapist. He then filed a federal lawsuit against Cleveland. Green settled in June for \$1.6 million under the condition that Serowik's work be reviewed.

YSU has said they were aware of the controversy.

STAR TRIBUNE IRAQ "NO-GO" ZONES: SAMARRA BASRA PATE(J)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

9-21 cartoon Praxis policy propaganda, stereotypical justifiable Editor –

Editor -

Congratulations! You have managed not only to stereotype a great many people but also display your agenda-driven ignorance in the process. The propaganda cartoon published in the Sept. 21 edition is just that based on stereotypes and ignorance.

and a graduate of this university. I don't look at all like the grinning, red neck buffoon portrayed in that fortitude among some of insulting piece of propaganda, nor do I know any recently become evident other members of the through the negative com-NRA who do. Is this your idea of diversity? Would you so been voiced aloud from freely publish a cartoon some of my fellow classportraying others in such a demeaning manner? I doubt it because you are tions of the Praxis exam be not only hypocrites, but also gutless ones at that. If you did this to any other group, the outrage would be screamed loud and long. The offended victims would gather outside your offices with signs and lit torches looking to hang you high. We in the NRA don't tend to react so violently. Instead we choose to open a dialogue and try to explain why we feel the way we do and have an intelligent exchange of ideas. Unlike the far left leaning editorial board of the Jambar, we prefer to educate not indoctrinate.

I've been a student on this campus almost four years now and during this time, I have noticed two

things about our student body: we like to complain (not necessarily a bad thing) and while by no means a majority, a good portion of us tend to shirk

method by which the state misquoted me severely. of Ohio has decided it will test its potential teachers. son quoted me as saying Being such, it is required something like "But I don't that all teachers pass this test at some point. So my I enjoy!" and the second question is, if you have to apparently believes I said, pass it anyway, why complain about when you have one's ideas and language, to pass it?

Here's another tasty mine! tidbit I'd like to throw into the mix: student teachers don't remember saying are, for all intents and pur- anything like that. The secposes, teachers. Even ond author is a professor though under supervision, that I am thankful not to away from personal they are still teaching actu- have for class because he I am a life member of responsibility when it al children in actual class- sees me as "headed for the NRA, a long time vet- comes to academic work (a rooms. When the student serious trouble." What eran of our armed forces very bad thing, especially has reached the point kind of professor is that? Is

The first for some reawant to pay for something "I thought up that someall by myself — It's all

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It's funny, because I

surrounding Serowik and still they deemed him the best man for the job? We find it hard to believe that a man with such a questionable record could possibly be the best person out of a field of 16 candidates to teach future generations of forensic scientists.

Has YSU learned nothing from their recent faculty troubles?

The former Director of the Hospitality Management program William Bruce Neil turned out to have misrepresented his credentials at the time of his hire, supplying unaccredited degrees to those who hired him. There's strike one.

Human Ecology Professor Robert Campbell was given a prolonged absence after Jimmy Myers, the director of equal opportunity and diversity, reviewed allegations that he sexually harassed a student. His final recommendation? That Campbell be dismissed. Strike two.

Then you have faculty members such as Gary Fry and Raymond Beiersdorfer. These two professors have done little else as of late but bring intense embarrassment to the university. While YSU is hardly to blame for their recent indiscretions outside the classroom and were qualified hires years ago, YSU must still view their actions as a lesson in what to watch out for in the hiring process to avoid the pains of bad publicity in the future. Quite frankly, YSU is out of second chances.

YSU's status as a university cannot afford any more blunders when it comes to matters of personnel. A reputation is at stake, not to mention the future of 13,101 students who must rely on YSU's staffing decisions to guide their educational endeavors. Changes to the hiring process at YSU need to be implemented immediately to ensure another unqualified or questionable candidate does not slip through the cracks, making their way into teaching positions that ultimately affect students. Painstaking lengths should be undergone if necessary to make absolutely sure YSU has the right person for the job.

Students need to be able to trust their instructors in order to learn from them. No one likes to be mislead, purposely or otherwise. Here's hoping that Serowik's students, past and present, haven't picked up his habits.

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Perhaps you should consider taking sensitivity training to help you get past your deep-seated and ill-founded prejudice against those committed to preserving all of our constitutional rights.

Better vet, talk to dent teach. members of the NRA or visit a rod and gun club. Educate yourselves and don't blindly follow the agenda of others, hard left or right leaning.

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-Joel M. Lewis M&AC

when combined with the former characteristic.)

This lack of academic our students has most ments that have appeared in the Jambar and have requirement that all por-

passed before education students are allowed to stu- mum levels of exposure dent teach. Personally, I and see nothing wrong with amongst potential teachthis change in regulation and actually believe that it is an improvement, both

for the education departstudent, because I'm not. ment and YSU in general. However, 1 do realize that What really gets my if I fail at something, more goat, however, are the often than not it's my fault, arguments used by stunot my professors', not my dents who are against school's, and certainly not YSU's new position. First some standardized test's. of all, I find that a lot of Contrary to how some stuthese students are conflating the argument against issue, YSU is not requiring standardized testing with a task that is impossible to the argument against achieve, but rather is ing about file sharing here, YSU's revision of when the requiring its students to be about music made by Praxis needs to be taken. bit more responsible.

Arguing against the validity of the Praxis and other standardized exams only detracts from the main issue at hand, namely

Arguments YSU's decision to require students to pass the Praxis were taken before they go on to stu-While it may indeed be

ers.

prudent to eventually discuss how efficient stan- Editor dardized tests are at pre-

Letters written to you dicting the quality of a Tuesday (9/21) and last potential teacher, the fact Thursday (9/16) criticized still remains that at this my stance against copymoment the Praxis is the right law. Both authors

Have an opinion? We want to hear from you! E-mail us at the jambar@hotmail.com

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where he is ready to teach, he kidding? that student should have To these authors, I acquired all the theoretical offer this: It's quite odd knowledge he needs to that you would put words pass the Praxis. Student into my mouth... in an teaching is a time for put- argument over intellectual ting knowledge already property! Aren't the two of learned into practice. you avidly defeating your Also, let us remember that purpose? If you're whole the Praxis is not an exam argument is that quotes whose purpose is to extol belong only to their mates about YSU's new the virtues of the best author, and to no one else, potential teachers, but then why are you pretendrather a test that is ing that I've said these designed to establish mini- things?

> Could it be that, after comprehension all, you are the ones who do not understand intellectual property? Could it Far be it from me to be that you are the "smallclaim that I'm the perfect minded" ones who just don't get it?

Probably This, friends, is another example of how ridiculous things can get when litigation invades rock and roll. Do we really want college history professors arguing that we dents are painting the can't download guitar solos because we're criminals? Lighten up. We're talk-

> artists for people to listen to. Somehow, we have people who have applied rap and rock to a steak dinner that costs \$12.99. Do you people not understand the point? There is absolutely nothing rock and roll about you.

And you can (mis)quote that all you want.

> -Matt Watts Criminal Justice

out of context

-Jesse Sanders

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eled to Canada to pur-

chase their drugs at a discounted price.

After listening to Burke's story, Edwards responded, "The people who get the short end of the stick are the people who have done the right thing for 30 years, like you.

Edwards then outlined parts of Kerry's plan that them. would permit the reimportation of medications from Canada and allow the federal government to negotiate for the tions. lowest prices from pharmaceutical makers.

She criticized Bush's Medicare policies that will make it illegal for the government to negotiate lower prices with drug manufacturers, saying there is no justification for such a restriction.

Short of calling the plan malicious, she said "I don't think he's mean-spirited. I think he doesn't know what's happening in the rest of the country when he makes these decisions."

Edwards challenged

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improvements in controlincreasing performance and college enrollment ling or reducing the costs of higher education for students and as a result gave the state a grade of "F" in the area of "affordability."

leges around the region. According to the report, These investments, average net college costs for Sweet assessed, are paying low- and middle-income students to attend commu-"I am especially proud nity colleges comprises of the progress we've made almost 40 percent of their in the last four years in annual family income, and minority attending a public four-year

Sweet said. college equates to more "Measuring Up 2004" than 50 percent of their noted that over the past annual family income. decade, the gap in college The report also noted participation that college-age students whites and minority ethnic from high-income families groups has widened in are almost three-times Ohio and nation wide. The more likely to attend colpresident noted during his lege than low-income fami-2004 State of the University

address that minority Ohio's investment in enrollment at YSU has need-based financial aid is increased from 10.9 percent very low compared to topin fall of 2000 to approxi-

regarding military veteran's health benefits. Commenting on plans to charge veterans a \$250 enrollment fee, Edwards "They paid their said, enrollment fee when they put their uniform on."

the president's policies

Linda Warino, a registered nurse, was asked toshare her concerns about health care. She talked about patients who stop taking their medicines because they cannot afford

Others, she said, worry about the cost of their hospital stay because of their insurance policy's limita-

Warino said hospitals are admitting sicker patients lately because insurance companies do not pay for preventative care, causing people to wait too long to access Community Health Center where Elizabeth Edwards spoke Wednesday. health care.

Edwards cited Kerry's rest of the country. proposal to provide the . same health plan available criticism of drug compato members of Congress nies and the government for the uninsured and underinsured

for Student Progress, the

Youngstown Early College

program targeted at

among at-risk students and

partnerships with universi-

ties and community col-

establishment of

tive care and would cost different packaging or cos-less than private health metic changes. She said insurance if offered to the those policies stand in the

Serowik.

his innocence.

Edwards made sharp generic versions of expensive drugs. Although the session was limited to chosen policies that allow them to extend patents on medicaguests and the press, She said the plan tions for minor improve- Edwards lamented the lack would provide preventa- ments to the drug, such as of divergent opinions during the question and

A small group of Bush/Cheney supporters gather across the street from the Youngstown

answer period. Only one individual cult to convene all members of a search committee and to carefully screen candi-

dates" because some faculty members are either not under contract or vacationing. Further, the summer

as a Cleveland lab techni-Executive cian and the committee's dismissal of "the gravity of the allegations" tied to and careful search.'

Serowik was hired Aug. Wednesday 9 as a full-time assistant professor of forensic science at mittee's findings. YSU. However, just months prior, he was suspended and subsequently fired over alle-

gations that he gave erroneous testimony in the 1988 trial of Michael Green, who was accused of rape. Green possibility of oversights." spent 13 years in fail before

The memo also noted been scrutinized as heavily further DNA testing proved that Serowik was not fired as it has been. He added from his position as a lab that Serowik's dismissal as a jail. A month ago, Sweet technician until after the lab technician would not commissioned the universicontract with YSU was ty provost's office to comsigned. The memo continued tion "There have been a by stating that the hiring committee wrongly disnumber of crime labs under missed the allegations levscrutiny," Conser said. "It is tion. People just need to not out of the ordinary in give the guy a chance." elcd against Serowik, and should not have relied so his field." He reiterated that heavily upon an "innocent" until proven guilty" defense Serowik has been a parttime YSU faculty member of their decision.

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the interests of both the victims and the accused. These documents will remain sealed unless charges are filed against the suspect. Baron was not able to give an estimate as to when a decision will be made regarding whether or not charges will be filed.

The search warrant was issued by the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas after a student reported to Housing Services that a resident possessed child pornography. Section 2907.32.3 of the Ohio Revised Code prohibits the illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material. The Ohio State Highway Patrol in collaboration with the Youngstown State University Police Department executed the warrant.

DANIEL GRIESEMER | 330-941-1807 for 11 years and there have his work. seriously as they could,"

Tim Wagner was also on the committee that hired Serowik.

though there were other candidates considered for the position, "he was the only one who could link crime scene investigation to

"He definitely did not during this time," Wagner said. "Despite the fact that we knew about it, he was still

Both Conser Wagner pointed to Serowik's abilities in the forensic sciunlike that used with other - ence profession, noting that faculty, and should not have during the Green trial, it was not solely Serowik's testimony that sent Green to

"The key piece of evihave had any bearing on his dence was the victim's testiselection for a faculty posi- mony, not Joe Serowik's,"

Wagner said. I think that

Joseph Serowik is a scape-

goat for a wrongful convic-

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SEROWIK FROM PAGE I four key areas they deemed problematic that included the timing of the search for job candidates, the length of

the search, the removal ofScrowik from his position

search was three weeks in length – an amount the that he is preparing a writ-Committee ten statement regarding the

attention surrounding his hiring. In a phone interview afternoon,

his hire. "I don't know if the ment Jim Conser said he feels the hiring process used mer severely handicaps the process and heightens the to select Serowik was not

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way of producing cheaper, from the audience asked a question. Edwards said she was uncertain about the exact answer and told him to give his contact information to campaign assistants.

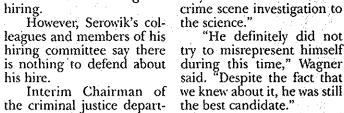
She said she would make sure he received an answer.

CHUCK ROGERS | 330-941-1807 "Based on the adminis-

trative review, the committee did not take the hire as

been no complaints about · Chemistry Professor Shipka said. "They did not

prepare a strong enough defense for this man's hire." Scrowik declined com-Wagner explained that, ment. He did note, though,



regarded as "insufficient time to conduct a thorough Shipka discussed his com-

search process is flawed," Shipka said. "I do think doing the search in the sum-

performing states, the report concluded, and the state does not offer lowpriced college opportunities.

Policy Youngstown State University President David Sweet cited poor decision making by governmental leaders in Columbus as being partially responsible for Ohio's performance on tem. the national evaluation.

"I think [the report] is a all levels," Sweet said. "We reflection of the results of need to stop and ask ourchoices made by the goverselves 'What can we do nor and by the legislature," together to improve higher Sweet said. "The state legiseducation?" lature has not seen higher-DANIEL GRIESEMER | 330-941-1807 ed as a significant priority in the overall competition

for resources in the state budget." Šweet commented that the current biennium budget of the State of Ohio was supplemented by a temporary one percent increase in the sales tax. Without the preservation of the sales tax hike, Sweet estimated that the biennium budget

scheduled to begin this spring would face an approximately \$3 billion deficit -- a deficit that would likely force further cuts in the funding of higher education.

Nonetheless, Sweet said he believes that YSU has been a leader in seeking out different ways to address weaknesses in Ohio's higher education performance on a campus level. Among the initiatives he noted were investments in the Center

plete an administrative mately 13 percent of the review of Serowik's hiring. current student enrollment. The review was prompted by Both Sweet and the the media attention sur-National Center for Public

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rounding Serowik. and Higher The administrative Education agree that no review will not be released single approach, whether it until early next week. be increasing funding or Currently, the administraadjusting standards, will tion is considering the correct all deficiencies in points made in the memo the higher education syssent to Sweet.

The memo pointed to "It takes cooperation on specific instances where the process could have been improved. One of the areas focused upon the fact that the search was completed during the summer when, as the memo states, "it is diffi-

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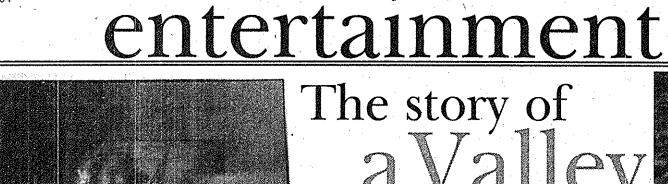
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Images of Mahoning Valley's people and places hung frozen in time on the walls of the in Tod Hall.

adorning the walls just beyond Youngstown State University President David Sweet's office were the fruition of the First Annual CityScapes Photography area." Engle said. Competition.

One university official said Sweet came up with year's theme, this "Neighborhoods: Where Our People Live.'

Jean Engle, assistant

Regional Chamber of ners in each category and contest in part to build a Prize, chosen by Sweet. The 25 photographs better perception of

Youngstown. taken that would express arrive. positive images about the

three categories: high school students, non-professional and professional, Engle said.

the director of marketing and were available, which like her brother, whom she president and the ond and third place win- bars and coffeehouses. Rose Marie Smith Gallery Commerce created the the President's Purchase ly over the other images, There was a buzzing in respect for each photogra-

the late afternoon air in pher. "They encouraged the gallery as artists and photographs of the city be spectators started to Infante, who entered a pic-

Marie Polomb entered one difficult but rewarding. Sixty total photo- of her favorite pictures, graphs were entered in which featured her brother on the Northside and playing guitar for his son. presently resides there, Polomb said the photo- said she was tired of seeing graph, "Inspiration," was a testi- deterioration Engle said 10 prizes monial to local musicians Youngstown.

Fixing her gaze intent-

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of a bricklayer at a construction site.

YSU's permanent photo archive.

CHRISTINA POE | The Jambar

(Left) Corrine Bishaka's work "Artisan" examines the handiwork

(Right) As the recipient of the President's Purchase Award, Francesca Jenkins photograph, "I Can Do It," will become part of

> Polomb expressed a YSU alumni Kathryn

ture of her daughter on a YSU alumni Nicole bicycle, said the topic was Infante, who grew up

of

itive light. These pictures about creating."

are pretty amazing.'

audience. motivation for her winning

the Youngstown revitalization efforts. entitled images only depicting the

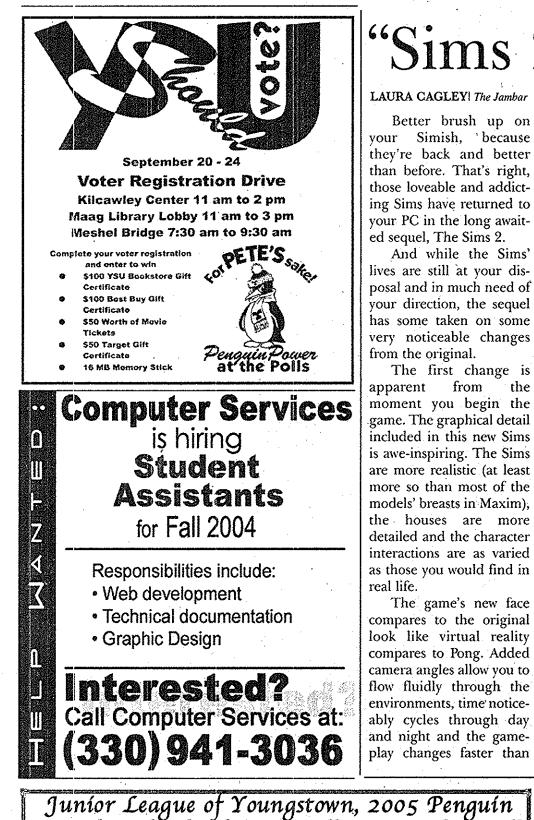
"These men worked together in a harmony to build and create," Bishaka

"This will always be my said. "In a sense, this is communications, said the included three first, sec- grew up watching in area home," Infante said. "I'm what YSU is doing with its glad to see it in such a pos- new construction. It's all

Sweet chose Francesca

The Jambar I 5

Sweet presented the Jenkins "I Can Do It." winners, including first which depicted a young place professional catego- child being lifted to a basry winner Corrine R. ketball hoop, for the Bishaka, to the gathered President's Purchase Award. This picture will Bishaka described how become a permanent part construction workers, the of YSU's photo archives.



"Sims 2" outshines original

LAURA CAGLEY The Jambar

Better brush up on vour Simish, because they're back and better than before. That's right, those loveable and addicting Sims have returned to your PC in the long awaited sequel, The Sims 2.

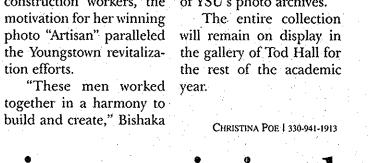
And while the Sims' lives are still at your disposal and in much need of

Mayor George McKelvey's political affiliation.

In other words, your Sims' rendered graphics will render you speechless. But the graphics aren't the only improvements: your Sims now have wants, fears and ambitions that you can feed or fiendishly prey upon. Your Sim is

afraid of bugs? Don't clean





your direction, the sequel has some taken on some very noticeable changes from the original.

The first change is apparent from the moment you begin the game. The graphical detail included in this new Sims is awe-inspiring. The Sims are more realistic (at least more so than most of the models' breasts in Maxim), the houses are more detailed and the character interactions are as varied as those you would find in

The game's new face compares to the original look like virtual reality compares to Pong. Added camera angles allow you to flow fluidly through the environments, time noticeably cycles through day and night and the game-

up the house and let the cockroaches take over as you watch your Sim cower in terror. Your Sim wants the "ahem" company of two women at the same time? Well, unlike your own wants, you can fulfill this dream of "whoo-hoo-

> delight. Speaking of delights, the folks of Maxis have also paid as much attention to the little details. Unlike the original game, you can see the actual foods your Sim is preparing, hear the splashing

against the porcelain as your male Sim relieves himself and follow the trail of green stench floating around your Sim because they forgot to bathe. This installment allows

cessing power required to fun than real life. the player to follow a Sim render these graphics quickly almost demands through the life-cycle. You that Deep Blue take a hiacan begin as an adorable

When you gotta' go, you gotta' go- even when you're a Sin

baby, make your way tus from its chess matches through an awkward ado- to take up the task. lescence and, unlike real You can even create life, emerge as a well- yourself in Sim-form to do ing" much to your Sim's adjusted adult. Or not. all of that studying you Regardless, from there, should be doing in real life your Sim is free to live out instead of playing yourself the rest of his existence in Sim-form. It's a vicious

> how it sees fit — with your cycle. guidance, of course. Your No matter what your Sim could die happily or reasons for playing, The broke, unloved and lying Sims 2 is a good investin a pile of its own excre- ment (better than that \$90 ment. Isn't life grand? psychology book you've yet Despite all of the won- to open) and a great way to derful advancements in pass the time. Time spent graphics, don't expect to with your Sims is bound to

> be playing this game on make you laugh, cry and your HP Pavilion. The late for a class or two. But massive memory and pro- hey, it's bound to be more

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JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH The Jambar

It's college football season. You know how you can tell?

Well, besides your buddies calling at 11 a.m. to let you know they are ready for the game, oh, and the partying to support their teams with phone calls that usually sound something like, "Hey man, were going all the way this year! Woohoo! Aghghghgh!" Aside from that, the

main indicator to me that college football season is here is that the coaching ranks swell by millions. Not paid, experienced coaches, mind you, but the guy sitting next to you that enjoys telling you that if he coached, only a team of pro-bowlers and angels could beat him. Now, I have to admit,

no one is free from this criticism. Everyone does it and that's what makes college football so fun. We all believe that we have all of the right answers. And when we don't, who cares? At the post-game party, none of it ultimately mat-

But the most frustrating example of this is when a person is criticizing a team despite winning consistently. Case in point: Jim Tressel and Ohio State.

Tressel has won a national championship and has OSU in another hunt this season and still, the guy at the end of the bar, with his spring break against Lehigh, the 5 foot

Penguins hope to freeze the Flames at the Ice Castle

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YSU looking to bounce back after two close losses

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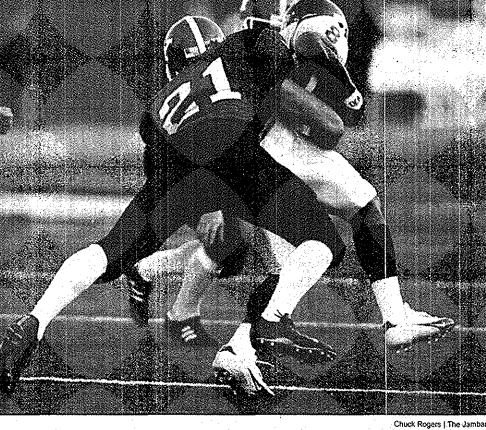
> Dropping their last pair of games, the Youngstown State University Penguins football team takes a long stare the upcoming into Stambaugh 🚽 showdown with the Liberty University Flames.

After coming up just short in an overtime battle with Florida International, then dragging on the drought with a 20-24 letdown at McNeese State, Penguins running back Monquantae Gibson commented, "The morale of the team after these two losses is better than you think. We're real close to getting over the hump."

The Penguins are searching to climb up and over that hump this week

their Saturday night dinner plate will be full with an entrée of 19 returning team from last year. Liberty starters.

Goodman. has blasted fighting for respect." through the Big South Conference with an average of 129.3 rushing yards each outing. Last week



against the Flames. But squad, Penguins Coach has nothing but blue skies up the field for 168 yards John Heacock responded, smiling at them. Gibson, on 23 touches. He also just as much emphasis. "They're a much improved for one, is confident. "I think we're going to yards for his first score as a They're going to be a chal- have a great practice this Penguin. As of now, he's Returning Flames' sen- lenge for our guys, and we week, and all of those mis- averaging 145 yards and ior running back Eugene have to play better. We're takes we made in the about 22 carries per game. McNeese game will be It's that fight and pasgone and we'll never make YSU's the tradition of pro-

"They're going to be a challenge for

"I expect things out of myself, but you're only as good as the people in front of you," Gibson said.

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The Penguins defeated the Flames last year in Lynchburg, Va. by a score of 34-3, and lead the overall totals between the two schools with a winning edge of 4-2. The Flames haven't made the trip to Youngstown since 1993.

However, the two teams are more comparable in this years match up. Both teams come into

Saturday's game with a 1-2 record and enter off of losses. The Flames fell 32-16 to 24th ranked Lehigh. Both schools rely on a powerful rushing attack.

Look for the Penguins to get a healthy dose of Eugene Goodman, and expect YSU to dish out Gibson and Cayson with Running the ball takes time off the clock and slows the tempo of the

game down, and that is what will win the game. Heacock explained, "The longer your offense is out there, the more rested your defense is going to be; thus making your

91 mesh jersey covered in a healthy coating of excess barbecue sauce, has coaching tips to offer the man. Look buddy, we know

you were an awesome pee-Big South Co-Offensive wee running back, but I Player of the Week Award. am pretty sure Tressel The Flames are also boastmight just know a little ing a transfer quarterback, more about the game than you.

My advice? If you're going to try and be an armchair coach, at least a starter. try and do it for a team that might need your When help, like Temple or Idaho.

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our guys, and we have to play better. 8 inch, 190-pounder racked up 142 yards on 26 We're fighting for respect." carries leading him to a

- Coach Jon Heacock

busted a scamper of 67

Gibson is well aware of

he threw for 2,500 yards as dence.

about the toughness and last two games go by the ence. skill of this year's Liberty wayside, Heacock's unit

Paul Troth, from East sion that has the team them again. That's what ducing great backs and he and fans should expect a Carolina University where looking ahead with confi- Coach does. He tells us said he wants to keep that great bout. Game time is 6 what we did wrong, and we tradition strong. And like p.m. Although the YSU fix it," Gibson stated in every great back ever to Stambaugh Stadium. questioned football team has seen its Tuesday's press confer- play the game, he compliments the big guys of the Last week, Gibson lit offensive line.

defense better."

A finely tuned and well-rested defense will complement the play of quarterback Tom Zetts, who will get the start Saturday night. The numbers look good on paper Saturday `

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'Guins slide to tourney victory

(Left) Lacey Hess slides in safe at third in Saturday's Fall invitational game against Clarion. (Right) Freshman Bethany Hafley celebrates an out against Clarion at the YSU Fall Invitational softball tournament Saturday, YSU won the game 15-0. Chuck Rogers | The Jambas

JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH | The Jambar

State University Penguins softball team hosted an invitational at McCune Park in Canfield.

season, non-traditional schedule. But and that just makes it hard to say how after going 5-0 during the tournament, we are right now," said Cameron before through again, this time sending early wins become a tradition. The Penguins were near perfect all weekend as they outscored their oppo-



nents a combined 49-10.

This past weekend, the Youngstown early season jitters for fifth year head coach Christy Cameron, who has an abundance of new players this year.

"It's hard to say how we are going to The tournament is part of the pre- do right now, we have nine new faces Penguins past Robert Morris 8-7. Slippery Rock 8-0.

senior pitcher Ashley Lockmiller throw

The wins are sure to ease some Clarion. One of the new faces coach Cameron mentioned was freshman McKenzie Bedra, who, with a close for a walk -off homerun to lift the upperclassmen.

Against Slippery Rock Bedra came leaders," Cameron said. the Penguins are sure to hope that the her Penguins took the field to down another shot over the fence in a game. State for the Kent State Invitational on that saw sophomore Tricia Hilbish Sept. 25. Day one of action saw the Penguins pitch a 8-0 complete game.

The final day of competition show-

a five inning complete game to down cased junior Kelly Murphy who also tossed a complete game against Robert

Morris 1-0. While the team is relatively young, game, smacked a shot out of the park Cameron said her leaders remain the "They've grown into some good

The Penguins next travel to Kent

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