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YSU News

Help Pete "Wipe Out" Domestic Abuse

On Thursday, February 22nd at the Men's Basketball game against Wright State. Bring personal hygiene items and receive a voucher for two free tickets to the 2007 YSU Homer Opener against South Dakota State. For more information contact Cheryl @ 3482.

Mad About the Arts

The 11th Annual Celebration of Mad About the Arts will take place on Friday February 23 at McDonough Museum of Art from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Geo C. and Tha Storm will play music and there will be a selection of wines, champagne, and food from various restaurants in the area. Mad About the Arts benefits SMARTS and the community. They are offering discounted tickets to YSU faculty, staff, students and alumni for the main celebration and the arts preview reception until February 9.

HISTORY AND CULTURE

Similar wars, separate thoughts

Youngstown compares two war eras and differences in activism among youth culture

Jenny Boyce
Cristina Cala
Maysoun Abdelrasul
JAMBAR EDITORS

U.S. House of Representatives passed a nonbinding resolution Friday that rejected President Bush's 21,500-troop buildup in Iraq. Almost four years after the start of the War in Iraq, students and faculty at

Youngstown State University are starting to see general student apathy toward the war as compared to students of the Vietnam era.

Former YSU student Marlette Hlebak and YSU Director of Ethic Studies Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez note the difference in students' protests of the war from the renowned anti-war movements of the Vietnam era.

"[The] visible anti-war movement

is not as visible anymore," said Fernandez, who added that the general opposition to this war has just now become much ... broader than it was in 2003.

"In part it has to do with the fact that the burden of this war has not been shared," said Fernandez, explaining that during the Vietnam War, the draft was in effect, making students of that era directly impacted by what was going on.

In the Jan. 12, 1968 edition of The Jambar, the Vietnam War was being debated so heavily that university officials feared that the riots might break out on campus. Announcing that they would suspect students for taking any action that was seen to interfere with "educational procedure" of the campus, administrators concluded that YSU would not be authorized to call in outside police agencies to calm riots or demonstrations.

The Feb. 16, 1968 Jambar edition reported a near-riot when students who supported the Vietnam War "destroyed the literature and upset the table at the Students and Faculty for Peace booth" in the Kilcawley lobby.

On the present-day campus of YSU, little protest is seen among students against, or for, the war in Iraq.

"Students aren't in fear for their lives like they were then," said former student Hlebak, who attended YSU during the 1961-62 academic year.

Associate Professor of Biological Sciences Chet Cooper said college-aged students are apathetic in comparison to activist students of the Vietnam era.

"Today's students don't have a sense of history," Cooper said, explaining that many cannot grasp the protests surrounding the Vietnam War.

"I don't think people wake up in the morning and immediately think 'God, who died in Iraq?'" said Hlebak, agreeing with the lack of affect that this war, as opposed to Vietnam, has on students. "When it doesn't hit home, students are more apathetic towards it."

SGA Chief of Staff Bob McGovern also agreed that the general student body was apathetic to this war, but added that since voter registration is up, today's YSU students are voicing their opinions in a way different than students who protested or rioted to oppose or support the Vietnam War.

"They are protesting with their vote and not with their mouths," said McGovern.

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SGA

SGA brainstorms beautification ideas

Jeanette DiRubba
NEWS REPORTER

A fountain with seating, statues of Pete and Penny Penguin, a tree encased by a wrap around bench, a pond-like area, and a statue of Jim Tressel, complete with a Buckeye tree to honor his accomplishments, are all ideas that could take replace the area once homed to the rock.

Youngstown State University's Student Government Association discussed ideas for renovating the rock's original area into something eye-catching and appealing.

"We need to have something other than concrete," SGA Executive Vice President Sarah Vansuch said.

The proposition, formed at a previous meeting by SGA President Chad Miller, produced an enthusiastic response within SGA as brainstorming and conversation filled the lecture hall. Because of so many ideas, Miller moved the decision to be made at the next meeting.

In other news, SGA discussed possible solutions to the smoking problem on campus. SGA assigned Vansuch and Heather Baltic, vice president of Campus Life, to research what surrounding area colleges have done in

order to appease this problem.

SGA also granted funds for six student organizations on campus through the passing of a bill enacted by the assembled at Monday's meeting.

The estimated cost from the appropriation fund totals \$4,000 to be distributed among the six student organizations that sent representatives to attend the meeting and further attest their cases.

Dave Spatholt, vice president for finance affairs, requested that a future deadline be placed upon the application requests for appropriates because SGA does not have the funds to continuously distribute money to student organizations.

Chief of Staff, Bob McGovern, proposed to set up a hot chocolate station in a designated spot on campus as done in previous years. Students could visit the station and receive free hot chocolate and at the same time meet with SGA representatives. SGA would like to continue this idea in order to prompt more student involvement and input.

The dates for this event are being decided as well as the location, but students should plan to see a station set up during either the last week of February or the beginning weeks of March.

YSU



Sophomore Sara Bayus takes a short nap in DeBartolo Hall between classes.

Extra ZZZs may benefit students

Ashley Tate
REPORTER

Go ahead, fall asleep in class. That short nap might do more good than harm.

According to a collaborative study on napping by Dimitrios Trichopolous with Harvard University and the University of Athens Medical School, napping might benefit the heart by reducing stress. Students stressed with jobs and school just may find this study agreeable.

The DeBartolo Lounge at Youngstown State University is a common place for students to fall asleep in between classes. The mid-afternoon chatting of others didn't stop sophomore Brent Rhody from catching those extra ZZZs.

Rhody was comfortably sprawled out over a sofa in the DeBartolo Lounge with his iPod, which he said is "key" to falling asleep.

Rhody said he doesn't fall asleep in class, but during his three-hour break on Tuesdays and Thursdays he falls asleep anywhere he can, "wherever there is a comfortable-looking spot. It [the nap] refreshes me for the day for my later classes."

A 2002 study, also conducted at Harvard University, led by neuroscientist Robert Stickgold and

his team associated short naps to better performances when students are learning recurring tasks.

Researchers believe that the naps may prevent brain circuits from being overused until they can process information.

Junior Courtney DiGiorgi also said she doesn't fall asleep in class, but sleep is important to her; she considers herself a "sleep fanatic."

DiGiorgi said taking naps is definitely a possibility.

"Anything that can help reduce stress—I'm up for that. I've noticed though that I get more sleep than my roommates and I've had less colds and things than them," she said.

Napping is a popular group topic between members of Facebook, a social networking Web site.

By typing the keyword "napping," more than 300 Facebook groups are listed. Members join these groups and discuss different napping techniques and share embarrassing napping in class stories. For example, one discussion is "Have you ever woken up in a lecture with your face in a pool of drool?"

One of the largest growing groups is "Lecture Napping Appreciation Society" with 2,703 mem-

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Drummin' at YSU



The Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble performs at YSU
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Jambar / Laura Neely

YSU

Donation funds new look for band

Emily Thayer
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

The Youngstown State University Marching Band will be sporting a new look next fall at the "The Horseshoe" in Columbus for the highly anticipated game against the Ohio State Buckeyes thanks to Helen Stambaugh's generous donation towards new uniforms.

"There's no better place for us to unveil our new look than before more than 100,000 spectators at one of the nation's premiere college football venues," said Mike Crist, director of the Dana School of Music at YSU.

Stambaugh, a long-time supporter of YSU, donated \$150,000 towards the purchase of 200 new uniforms for the YSU Marching Band on Friday at the presidential lodge in Stambaugh Stadium.

"The new uniforms will set the stage for the big game," said YSU President, David Sweet.

The YSU Band will be playing with one of the most well known bands in the country for one of the biggest college football programs.

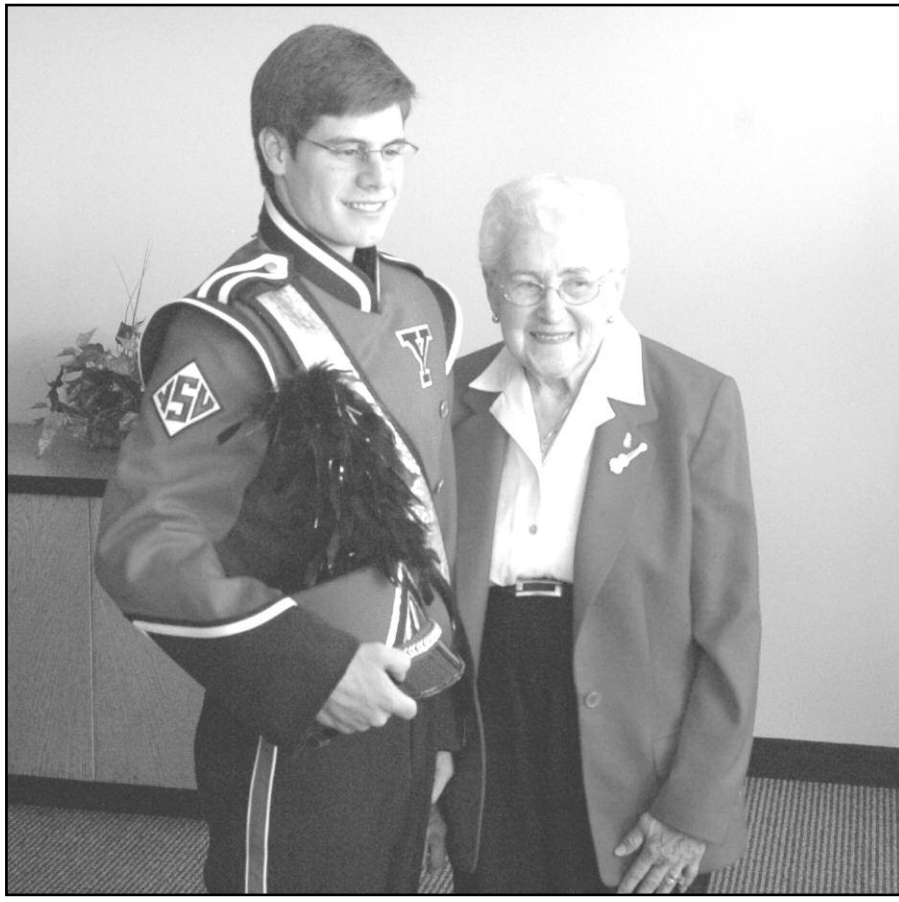
According to Crist, the last purchased band uniforms were in 1986

and they usually last up to five to 10 years so they were in desperate need of new attire. The band currently has about 120 members, and Crist said the new uniforms will help in his effort to increase the band to 200 members.

The donation is part of YSU's \$43 million Centennial Capital Campaign. The campaign will help with funding for scholarships, academic programs and new facilities including a new building for the Williamson College of Business Administration and an indoor practice facility for YSU athletics.

The Stambaugh name is familiar to most YSU students because of the YSU football stadium which carries on his name. The Stambaugh's have been long time supporters of YSU. They donated \$150,000 to YSU's construction of the new recreation center on campus. As well as the recreation donation, Mrs. Stambaugh has an endowed football scholarship at YSU in her husband's name.

"Arnold was always interest in sports," said Mrs. Stambaugh about her late husband Arnold Stambaugh. "It is my duty to carry on his interests with YSU."



Jambar/ Aaron Blatch

Helen Stambaugh, a long-time supporter of YSU, donated \$150,000 towards the purchase of 200 new uniforms for the YSU Marching Band.

"The marching band is an important part of YSU's tradition, and it's important that we do all that we can do to support them," Mrs. Stambaugh said. "I also like to see students in the music field. It's an important part of their education."

A student who greatly appreciates Mrs. Stambaugh's donation is freshman and member of the YSU Marching Band David Gruver. "I want to offer my gratitude to Helen

on behalf of the band for her generosity," Gruver said.

"It's a great new look for our band," said the penguin's trumpet player. Gruver said he is extremely excited and is looking forward to this great experience.

"The uniforms show pride in the school of music, the university, and pride in students like David Gruver," Crist said.

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Junior Troy Magrini is a soldier enlisted in the U.S. Army thinks the Bush Administration shouldn't be considered bad leadership.

"The war began with good intentions, but propaganda is now casting a bad light upon the war in general," Magrini said.

Senior integrated social studies education major Nick Mancini said the reason for passivity in today's youth demographic is as simple as a non-existent draft.

"We have an all volunteer army, so people aren't worried about getting drafted tomorrow.

It isn't in our face and it doesn't affect our daily lives like it did to people then," Mancini said.

Another reason for apathy about the War in Iraq, according to Mancini, is the different ways the two American war eras prioritize war media coverage.

"People today don't care because it is easy to ignore. Back then it [the Vietnam War] was on every night on TV's three channels. Now we have a lot," he said.

Whether considering how today's students flock to their TVs for their favorite sitcoms, or how Vietnam era students

tuned in to news coverage on the war each night, a draft is what will get their blood flowing, according to Hlebak.

Following recent controversy with Iran — including President George W. Bush's Jan. 14 accusation of Iran providing weapons to hostile Shiite groups in Iraq — Hlebak said that the U.S. draft would likely be in effect if we went to war with the country.

"We'll have a draft if we go into Iran, and that's when students will protest," said Hlebak.

Additional reporting by Adrienne Sabo.

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The group describes itself as those who "struggle to stay awake through even the first five minutes of every lecture." Other groups include "I pretty much major in napping" with 778 members as of Monday.

The Kilcawley Study Lounge is the place of choice for Jones, who said she'll sleep for about half an hour if she doesn't have anything else to do. But she said her naps are more like two or three hours, which she tries to do at least twice a week.

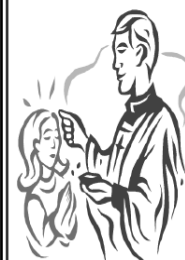
"I don't play around with my naps. But my doctor told me not to go to sleep after 4 p.m. and my naps shouldn't last more than 45 minutes because they are supposed to refresh you," Jones said.

Taking naps every day was something Jones said she did in high school, but now, she doesn't nap as often as she would like.



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OUR SIDE

Call to American youth: Wake up and smell the war

Do you care about the War in Iraq? Or is it the War on Iraq? How about the War on Terror? Or Terrorism?

Is it the same war? How many college students know? Is there a right answer?

After almost four years of fighting in the War in Iraq, the consensus among the college demographic seems to be apathy. Most college students are more worried about their own lives. We have become immune to the news coverage.

We don't pay much attention to the War in Iraq because there are other things on our minds. Truthfully, most students shove activism for or against the war to the bottom of priority lists overflowing with worries of tuition and bills, our studies and job-searching.

With over 3,000 dead in Iraq, it is evident that this war is affecting the United States. But there is no evidence that it's affecting most of today's youth culture.

During the Vietnam War it was common for college students to stage protests and stand up for what they believed in. Many wonder why today's college students do not do the same. The problem is that this is not the Vietnam War. There is no draft, and unless a family member or friend is fighting in the war, the individual connection to the war is minimal.

We know that Americans die everyday in Iraq. It is a horrible fact that we live with every day. Times have changed, and the best way to express our disgust is to vote.

Youth voter turnout has increased during the last election. In the 2006 election, youth voter turnout was 24 percent, up four percent from the 20 percent who voted in the 2000 election, according to information gathered by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

CIRCLE also found that 62 percent of young voters somewhat or strongly disagree with the War in Iraq. The amount of young voters who disagree outweighs the 56 percent of the electorate who disagree with the war.

Voting is the way that college voters should choose to make their voice heard. Only 67.55 percent of Ohioans voted in the 2004 election. While we are improving in the youth voter turnout, there is still room for improvement. With the 2008 presidential race beginning to heat up, now is the time to start paying attention to the issues.

So with an increasing voter turnout among youth, it's ironic that activism has decreased. Today, Americans have a choice to enlist in the Army, unlike the drafted citizens during Vietnam. Yes, our lives are not as directly affected as the lives of young adults were during the Vietnam War. But it shouldn't take forced obligation to serve our country to recultivate an active youth culture.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GM aims to buy Chrysler

Editor,

Could the new-for-2009 Chevy Camaro possibly have a HEMI in the Z28 model? What about a Jeep Grand Cherokee with OnStar? Either of these could be possibilities if the rumors are true that General Motors is in negotiations with DaimlerChrysler to purchase the Chrysler Group from its German parent that would officially reduce Detroit's Big Three down to two. Right now, both automakers are denying it, but if the deal were to go through, it could prove to be disastrous for the already-shaky American auto industry. For starters, GM is still in poor financial shape, even though they do appear to be on a slow rebound. There is still the possibility of more plant closures,

including GM Lordstown. The upside is, though, that the recent sale of its financing arm GMAC does give GM a cash infusion. But there is also another potential issue that could rise with a combined GM-Chrysler that both companies have tried to reduce in recent years: product overlap. In the past ten years, the two have discontinued the Geo, Eagle, Plymouth, and Oldsmobile brands, and GM probably still needs to drop both Buick and GMC in order to reduce its current product overlap. (Pontiac's recent resurgence saves it from the chopping block for now.) Chrysler competes with Buick and Saab for buyers, while Dodge competes with Chevrolet (for trucks) and Pontiac (for performance), bringing way too much overlap with products. Oh yeah, and before I forget, Jeep competes with HUMMER. A GM-Chrysler deal would reunite

these two brands that date back from American Motors, who had to spin off AM General in the 1980's after Renault took over ownership of AMC. It would make the seven-bar grille lawsuit a couple of years back between GM and DaimlerChrysler a mute point. Even if the deal does go through, there would be no affect immediately, at least with products. Down the road, though, you could end up seeing Chrysler, Dodge, & Jeep lose their own identity much like Saab has in recent years and become just three more GM brands with different badges. The one upside to all of this? Yes, that new Camaro Z28 would probably have a HEMI. (Sweet!) And things could be worse, too. The two could be Ford Motor Company.

Joe Gerard

Issue responds to SGA letters

Dear Editor,

I feel the need to respond to the two articles by certain SGA members in response to my article about SGA not focusing enough on service. One of the articles suggested that the only reason I was writing to highlight issues was to kick off a run for SGA's President. I would politely like to point out that I have been writing in the Jambar consistently since my freshmen year, both around elections and not, trying to highlight specific important issues in our nation, community, or about students, so this attack is unfounded. I took a year off from SGA to prove to some of these same SGA members what my constituents already realized; which is that I say or do things for the students, out of a love for this University, not out of regard to my personal reputation or resume as Mr. Ramos would have you believe. Students approached me after the last election and tried to court me to run as SGA President which I was at the time hesitant about, yet with signature sheets not out yet, I have kept my mind open to

the possibility but not made a final decision. However Mr. Ramos leaves out the point that he writes because of his friendship to those who is themselves planning on running for SGA's President. I will make my decision soon, but my question is, when will the "cardboard candidate" that Mr. Ramos writes to help, add his voice to the debate at this University. I will not encourage or continue the libel that has been the response to the questioning of SGA. Excuses and rebukes have been the only responses I have seen, instead of an agenda, goals, or apologies. I respect what SGA has done, but I look forward to its future. There are many reputable and caring Representatives and even Executives currently on SGA, and I realize they do many activities for other organizations to which they are apart, giving of time and service to the community outside their role on SGA. My point however was to highlight that community or University service is not apart of SGA's current mission as Mr. McGovern kindly agreed with by stating, "Issue seems to be under the impression that it is part of the charge of SGA. It is not." My point however taken is that SGA Executives should be dedicated to serv-

ice and represent the student body at as many of these events as possible, to be the student voice be them diversity, community or student related events. I understand if some disagree with me, that is the joy of debate but the recent article was nothing more than trying to scare me away from running for SGA. I will not be afraid of useless words, nor cower in the sight of student injustice. If SGA is wrong, I will be the first to say so, but if SGA is right, as I have done in the past, I will be the first to stand up and give accolades. Do research on my articles Mr. Ramos and you will find that I have written many times for this paper, not to advance my own agenda, but to highlight issues that I feel passionately about. The response letters I had expected would have been ones encouraging the debate and answering the questions, instead of excuses and attacks. A swift, mature, and debate encouraging answer to my questions would have been as follows: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire. However that is now my response to both of you, in the hopes you will learn to return that favor.

Joe Issue

Counterfeit pens aren't reliable

Dear Editor,

The Jambar's lead story for 8 February concerning counterfeit money promotes a popular misconception - that an alleged "counterfeit detection pen" can separate real money from the bogus. This is NOT true! These (not so cheap) pens contain a solution of iodine, and when iodine comes into contact with starch (bread, potatoes, pasta, etc) it turns black from its normally brown color. If counterfeit bills were made of extremely cheap paper with a high starch content, maybe - just maybe - these pens could ascertain their fraudulent nature. But wouldn't anyone with the technical competence to make a \$20 bill that looks real use paper at least as good as what you have in your printer?

Real money can easily be contaminated with starchy substances from the foods we eat and will turn black when brushed by these silly devices. The chances are that the \$20 bill received from the student in Kilcawley was real money that was tainted in this manner. She, like many other people (my barber was one), was cheated not by the man asking for change, but by the businesses (banks included) claiming the money was bogus and refusing to return it. Remember that if this happens to you the chances are very high that it's not your money which is bad; it's only a false positive caused by a low tech device used by dolts. Demand it be returned to you immediately!

Ronald G. Tabak,
Professor of physics & astronomy

Jambar Features

CULTURE

African heritage rumbles at YSU



Ashley Tate
REPORTER

Dramatic dancers adorned in bright, colorful and festive clothing and dynamic drummers filled the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center during the Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble Workshop Saturday.

The workshop, along with a dance performance later in the evening, was one of the many ongoing events to celebrate Black History Month at YSU.

The group, led by Bea Mitchell, is made of up professional dancers and drummers with a wide collection of African songs and dance.

Ashley Underwood, a senior at Boardman High School, attended the workshop and has taken jazz and ballet for three years.

"It's [African dancing] fun and interactive, it's not as technical as most dances are. It's freer and it's not quite like a 1-2 step or anything, it's different," Underwood said.

She said this is a good way to celebrate Black History Month because, "This is something more modern. When most people think of Black History Month they think of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King so it's

just a more modern way to celebrate since a lot of people dance today."

Eboni Tate, a minister at the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Youngstown, has been a dancer with the Harambee youth organization since she was 12.

"I have a love for African dance; it's very powerful and full of passion. And I found out you have to be in shape to do it," Tate said.

Tate was appreciative of Victor Wan-Tatah, professor and director of Africana studies and philosophy and religious studies, and his efforts to bring cultural events to the university because it's good for the "community to get together for cultural enrichment," she said.

Tate said African dance isn't something you can do half-heartedly. "It's not something to play with. You have to put your whole body into it, it's very serious."

Sophomore Darcelle Formby, the receptionist who helped organize the workshop, decided to join in some dancing.

"I like dancing, particularly African dance. I think it's interesting. I like the dramatic motions of the body and the sound of the drums. It really makes you think of Africa," Formby said.



CULTURE

Audience becomes part of the show

Laura Neely
REPORTER

Ago-Do you understand? Ame-Yes I understand.

These Swahili words were spoken Saturday evening in the Chestnut room of Kilcawley Center as part of the Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble.

Brother Tony, professor of African Studies in Pittsburgh conducted a call and response segment with the audience of 50 Youngstown

State University and community members.

He said the call and response portion was to allow the audience "to be free and act like a child." Audience members were asked to come on stage and participate in the event.

Director of YSU Africana Studies Victor Wan-Tatah showed his dance moves by participating in the act.

The Pittsburgh dance ensemble was founded in

2003 in Pittsburgh. They have performed at colleges such as Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Penn State and Slippery Rock.

"The event was held because it is an important part of Black History Month and it showed people who we are as black people and that we exemplify the finest elements such as peace, joy, and a levelness of concern for others," said Wan-Tatah.



Jambar/Laura Neely

Dramatic dancers adorned in bright, colorful and festive clothing and dynamic drummers filled the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center during the Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble Workshop Saturday.

RECREATION

Ice skating: A "cool" night out

Britta Snowberger
FEATURES REPORTER

No, it's not just for the graceful. Or the Canadian. Or the gracefully Canadian. Ice skating is a recreational activity that has been in existence for thousands of years, and it has yet to go out of style. However alcohol-free, ice skating remains a fun "night out" option for Youngstown State University students.

Although scholars disagree about the origination of ice skating, they believe the activity was widespread by 1000 B.C. in areas such as Scandinavia, Russia and Germany, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. A convenient and efficient means of crossing large, frozen areas, ice skating was also practiced on canals in The Netherlands and frozen ponds in England.

At this time, ice skates were constructed of rib or leg bones of elk, oxen, reindeer, cows and other

animals. The earliest skaters ground down the large animal bones to form flat gliding surfaces. Skaters then carved holes at both ends of each bone and connected the bones to skates using thick leather straps, according to Inventors.about.com.

Early ice skating was looked upon as a social status symbol. In England and France, only royal and upper-class citizens were permitted to skate. Most notably, King Louis XVI, Napoleon I, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert professed the joy of ice skating.

By the mid-19th Century, modern skates were fashioned, boasting double-edged metal blades. At the same time, the first artificial ice rink, the "Glaciarium," was built in England, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Three years later, the first American mechanically-refrigerated ice rink was built in New York City's Madison Square Garden.

Today, Youngstowners can skate at public ice rink The Ice Zone. Established in 1997, the arti-

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| Skating: \$6 | Saturday: |
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| 12 a.m. - 2 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. |
| 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. | 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. |

ficial rink facility is located on McClurg Road in Boardman.

"We're going on our 10th year of business," said head cashier and figure skating instructor Alyssa DeMaria. "The closest ice rinks around are in Cranberry, Pa. and Pittsburgh."

A junior business major at YSU, DeMaria explained that The Ice Zone's open skate sessions, which come complete with music and black lights and draw more than 200 people per session on weekends, provide a unique opportuni-

ty for college students to enjoy a "cool" night out.

"Especially in the winter, ice skating is a good way to spend the evening because it is entertaining," she said. "It definitely beats dinner and a movie every weekend."

Sophomore exercise science major Nina Pannoni agreed that ice skating is a practical date idea or fun hangout with friends.

"It's a good date place, because you can hold hands so you don't fall down," she said. "And I used

to go with a bunch of my friends, and we always had a blast."

Junior education major Jared Sziber, an avid skater, also considers The Ice Zone to be a positive way to spend a night out.

"I grew up skating, and I've skated at many places from Mentor, Ohio, to Youngstown," he said. "The Ice Zone would be a good place to go, as far as dates go."

Far from gliding across frozen channels on dead animal bones, ice skating at The Ice Zone takes place in a temperate environment. Because the inside of the building averages a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit, DeMaria suggests skaters dress appropriately in loose articles of clothing, jackets and gloves.

In addition to public skating, The Ice Zone is home to the Mahoning Valley Phantoms and the YSU hockey teams. The double-rink facility also hosts figure-skating lessons and "Learn to Skate" lessons for all age groups and ability levels.



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Saturday, February 3
11:00-4:00pm, Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE
The African Marketplace is one of the major highlights of African American History Month. In typical African tradition, vendors and people from all walks of life converge at the marketplace to buy and sell a wide variety of goods and products, and to catch-up on the latest news in town. YSU's Marketplace draws vendors from Ohio and neighboring states with artistic creations from Africa and the African Diaspora. The atmosphere is festive and proud by Harambee Youth Group and the Drum Circle of the Unity Building of Youngstown.

Monday, February 5
6:30pm, Auditorium, McDonough Museum of Art
ART EXHIBITION in the gallery of the College of Fine and Performing Arts throughout February
PANEL DISCUSSION ON ART: THE COLOR OF HISTORY
by Walter A. Constant
Walter A. Constant uses traditional methods of painting and drawing and adds a.R.A. in studio art with painting and graphic consciousness. In over 20 years of painting, he has developed his own impressionistic style with a personal response to the world around him. Constant was trained by master abstract expressionist Professor Emeritus in Knight of Youngstown State University. A discussion of the artist's work with Constant and YSU art faculty will take place. (Co-sponsored with the College of Fine and Performing Arts)

Thursday, February 8
7:00pm, Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
LECTURE ON DIVERSITY
by Mohamed Bilal
Mohamed Bilal is a former MTV "Real World" star and diversity consultant. He has helped many people in colleges and organizations move beyond mere tolerance of differences to accepting diversity through his 12-step program. His interactive presentation is enjoyable and thought-provoking. (Co-sponsored with the Office of Student Diversity)

Wednesday, February 14
8:00pm, Prater's Club, Kilcawley Center
HORN'S 'N THINGS
The Horns jazz group from Cleveland has performed to countless audiences nationwide. The group features the very best in jazz, and promises to soothe, dazzle, and set everyone in the mood for Valentine's Day. (Co-sponsored with the Office of Student Diversity)

Saturday, February 17
3:30pm, Dance Workshop, Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center (Room 11-204-111)
7:30pm, Dance Performance, Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
THE PITTSBURGH DANCE ENSEMBLE
The Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble will conduct a workshop in the afternoon and perform in the evening. The ensemble is a successor to the Pittsburgh Dance Group since 2004. Led by Sue Mitchell, the group is made up of expert professional dancers and drummers with a broad repertoire of African dance and song. In their short history, they have thrilled audiences and left lasting good memories.

Monday, February 19
7:00pm, Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
LECTURE: CONFRONTING RACISM IN AMERICA TODAY
by James E. Clingman
James E. Clingman is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His weekly syndicated newspaper column, "Blackconomics," is featured in hundreds of newspapers, magazines and newsletters. He is author of five books and has been a featured speaker for numerous organizations across the country.

Friday, February 23
7:30pm, Room 204A, Kilcawley Center
LECTURE AND RECEPTION: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY
by Sergeant Dr. Lucy Davis
Sergeant Dr. Lucy Davis is a police officer, community known in his community as Brother Dr. Lucy. Mr. Davis joined the East Orange Police Department in New Jersey in 1986, and has been an instructor at the Essex County Police Academy and a New Jersey State-Certified Firearms Instructor. He has served as the vice president of the Police Benevolent Association, Local #116, and executive director of the East Orange Police Athletic League. A recipient of the prestigious Newark Robinson Award by the National Black Police Association, Mr. Davis has traveled frequently to West and South Africa. He holds a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and reception.

Saturday, February 24
7:30pm, Platteauin, Ward Beecher Science Hall
FEATURE FILM: THIS AMERICA
The film "This America" presents the adventures and challenges of an African immigrant living conflicts of survival and adaptation in American society. This fast-paced, entertaining documentary is produced by an African film company based in New York.

Monday, February 26
7:00pm, Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
STUDENT PUBLIC FORUM: GOING BEYOND STEREOTYPES
A student forum on stereotypes between Africans and African Americans. The forum will examine perceptions and images of Africans by African Americans, and vice versa, and seek ways to transcend their prejudices. Selected faculty members will be present to share their observations. The forum will be moderated by Madonna Chiam Pankard, community relations director, WFMJ/WBCJ Television, Inc.

Wednesday, February 28
7:30pm, Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
LECTURE: UNDERSTANDING THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR
Dr. Isaac Anin
Dr. Isaac Anin is an associate professor of geological sciences at YSU and a native of Sudan. Since Hitler's atrocities against the Jews, and similar manifestations of unbridled evil, including Bosnia and Rwanda, people of conscience joined in rage to declare, "never again." But the Darfur genocide has become a baffling phenomenon. Dr. Anin will examine the causes and possible solutions to the major human tragedy of our time. (Co-sponsored by the Valley Committee of Conscience)

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Editor's Note: The story "Penguins declare open season on Flyers" that appeared in the Feb. 15 issue of *The Jambar* was written by Andrew Berry.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Penguins sprint to finish line

Track team readies for Horizon League Championships

4/2/Watch

Aaron Blatch

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Most teams loaded with freshmen and sophomore athletes would already be looking ahead to next season by the time league tournaments roll around. Youngstown State University track and field coach Brian Gorby, however, has his eyes clearly set on this weekend's Horizon League Championships.

Despite having only 12 seniors combined on the men and women's teams Gorby feels that the Horizon League title could be a two-team race between the Penguins and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"We graduated some all-conference athletes last year," Gorby said. "Our younger people have had to step up and they have embraced that opportunity."

Gorby and his staff have quietly built a track and field dynasty at Youngstown, with the men's program winning six conference titles and the women's team taking home seven in his 12 seasons as head coach. The coach credits a family atmosphere and talented local athletes as the main reasons for the success of the program.

Sophomore thrower Aaron Merrill said he takes great pride in the Penguin's track and field tradition.

"It's kind of a privilege to be part of a team that has had so much success in the past," Merrill said. "We're not surprised at all by our success. We have a bunch of good athletes and we work hard."

While Gorby knows winning the league championship won't be easy, his team seems to be peaking at the right time. Last week junior thrower Bethany

Anderson was named Horizon League Track and Field Athlete of the Week for the second time, making her the third different Penguin to earn the honor and the fourth in the last five weeks.

"It's good to know that we're on top in the conference, but it makes other teams want to beat you even more," Anderson said. "Everyone's gunning for us so we have to be ready."

The men's and women's teams have different strengths, but Gorby said the women have more depth. The

men's squad is led by its dominating throwers – Merrill leads the Horizon League with his school-record distance of 54' 1.75" in the shot put while Drew Weitzer has the best weight throw toss in the league at 57'0.75".

The women's team is more balanced with league leaders Yandeh Joh in the 60 meter hurdles, Alisha Anthony in the long jump and Anderson in the weight throw. The team also boasts the best time in the 4,000 meter distance medley.

Junior distance runner J.D. Sheppard said that while track is an individual sport, the athletes also want to do well for their teammates.

"My biggest goal is to go out and win all my events, and by doing that give the



Jambar/Ron Stevens

Youngstown State University's J.D. Shepard will look to continue his winning ways when the Penguins take to the track at the Hoizon League Championships Saturday and Sunday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

team a chance to win the meet," Sheppard said. "It's a team and individual sport."

Gorby spoke proudly of his team, both as individuals and as a unit. The Boardman native and YSU graduate has no plans to leave the program that he has helped to build.

"Why would you go somewhere else when you can win here? There are so many positives here," Gorby said. "This is my alma mater and we have talented, hard-working athletes here."

Aaron Merrill / shot put



Sophomore thrower Aaron Merrill understands the mechanics and strength needed to be successful at his main event, the shot put. However, when asked about his track and field goals Merrill turns his attention to an intangible aspect of sports – leadership.

"I want to take on more of a leadership role," Merrill said. "I would like to be more outspoken and help my teammates."

Merrill will be among the favorites to win the shot put at the Horizon League Championships, as he leads the league with his best distance of 54'1.75".

J.D. Sheppard / 1,000 meters



Junior distance runner J.D. Sheppard currently has the second-best 1,000 meters time in the Horizon League and knows what is necessary to continue improving.

"My main goal is to run a smart race," Sheppard said. "It will be a tactical race. I want to find the right pace and get comfortable, and then bring it home in the last 200 meters."

Sheppard said that the 1,000 meters can be a hard race to run because it is an in-between distance. His best time of 2:35.14 is less than a second behind the league leader.

Bethany Anderson / weight throw



Junior Bethany Anderson has quickly made a name for herself in the Horizon League, winning league Athlete of the Week Honors twice this season. At the Horizon League Championships she will focus on her next goal – qualifying for nationals.

"I would really like to qualify for nationals in the weight throw," Anderson said. "And as a team I just hope we're healthy and that everyone does their job."

Anderson said that the weight throw is strictly an indoor track and field event, and is the equivalent to the hammer throw in outdoor competition. Anderson's best throw is a Horizon League-leading 63'7".

Alisha Anthony / long jump



Long jumper Alisha Anthony is the perfect representation of the young Penguin track team. Although just a freshman, Anthony leads the Horizon League with her best jump of 19'1.5".

Like Anderson, Anthony has been named Horizon League Female Track and Field Athlete of the Week, and her long jump distance ranks her as the third-best long jumper in YSU history. Her best distance is 5.5 inches better than her closest competitor in the event this season.

Horizon League Standings

Men's

1. UW-Milwaukee - 164
2. Youngstown State - 132
3. UIC - 82
4. Loyola - 76
5. Butler - 53
6. Detroit - 47

Women's

1. UW-Milwaukee - 172
2. Youngstown State - 151
3. Loyola - 73.5
4. UIC - 56.5
5. Detroit - 47
6. Butler - 44
7. Wright State - 11

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Penguins drop second straight in 76-70 loss to Panthers

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

A 21-point performance by Youngstown State University's (7-17, 5-8) Monique Godfrey wasn't enough Saturday as the Lady Penguins dropped their second straight game in a 76-70 loss to UW-Milwaukee (12-3, 8-4).

According to head coach Tisha Hill statistically the team's final home game of the season was solid, but the Panthers proved to be too much for the squad.

"I was very pleased with our kids...we scored 70 points, we had four players in double figures, we didn't turn the ball over

more than 12 times. It seems like we always get everybody's pretty good night," Hill said.

Her assessment proved true down the stretch as the tide began to turn against the Penguins at the 10:35 mark in the second half.

With the score 49-46 in favor of Milwaukee the Penguins never regained the lead and were only able to fight to within two points the rest of the game.

The team's inability to get to the free-throw line – the Penguins went to the line just 17 times while the Panthers made their living on the stripe shooting 34 times – and lack of inside presence in the second half all but sealed YSU's fate.

Defensively Youngstown had no answer for Panthers' center Traci Edwards, who led the UWM attack throughout the game in route to recording 22 points and 11 rebounds in just 28 minutes of play.

After the game Hill couldn't discount Edwards affect on the Penguins and the contest's outcome.

"They [UW-Milwaukee] have got a very good kid inside that does a lot of good things for them. [She] knows how to take over a game," Hill said. "I think we did a great job on her defensively in the first half but good players rise and really put their team on their back and that's what Edwards did."

Down the Stretch

Sitting in sixth place in the Horizon League with three straight road games to close out the season the Penguins will have to make a late run to have any hope to salvaging the year.

The team will begin this three game stretch with a trip to the Wolstein Center Feb. 24 for a match-up against the seventh place Cleveland State Vikings (7-19, 4-9).

CSU is 5-9 at home this season, and just 1-4 in its last five games. With four players averaging over eight points per game defending against the Vikings shooters will take an overall team effort by the Penguins.

The squad will continue its

road trip against Butler University (11-13, 8-4) March 1. Youngstown should be able to increase its season scoring average of just over 58 points per game against the seventh ranked scoring defense in the league.

To get out of Indianapolis with a win leading scorers Heather Karner and Monique Godfrey will have to capitalize on any and all open looks they get against the Bulldogs.

The final tilt of the Lady Penguins regular season will come on March 3 against the Wright State Raiders (7-16, 5-7). With just one game separating these two squads in the Horizon League standings, this contest should be evenly matched.