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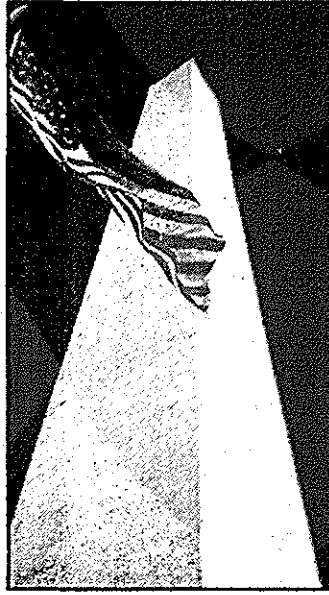
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**Blast to perform Nov. 14 and 15**

The musical "Blast" will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15 at the Youngstown Symphony. "Blast" is an eclectic performance of music, theater and color guard that evolved from the outdoor pageantry of drum corps. More information on the show is available at [www.blastthemusical.com](http://www.blastthemusical.com). Tickets are available by calling (330) 744-0264.

**Physics lecture by Brian Greene**

Physicist Brian Greene will speak inside the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center, Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. Presented by the YSU Skeggs Lecture Series, Greene will discuss his work on quantum gravity and unified theories.

**Sopranoist to perform in Bliss Recital Hall**

Sopranoist Jeanie Darnell will sing Saturday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Bliss Recital Hall. The concert is presented by the Dana School of Music.

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Have you been taking advantage of the Rec Center?

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YOUNGSTOWN

## Taking sides: The race for mayor



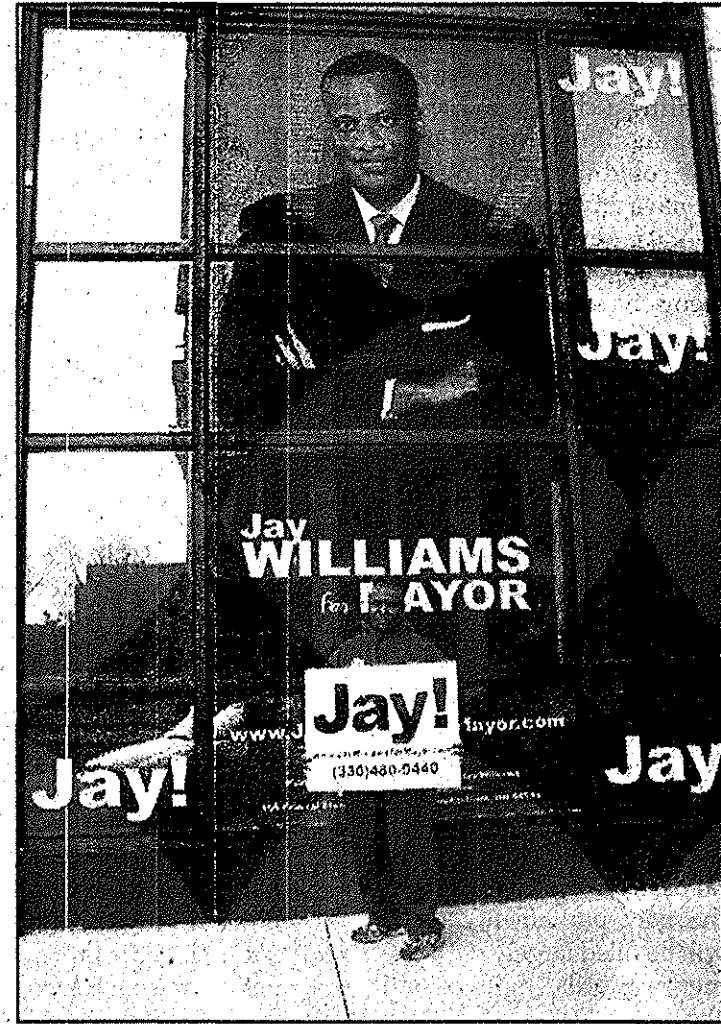
Jambar / Katie Libecco  
Trudee Weatherby, left, and Albert Baugartner, right, sit in front of Youngstown Mayor candidate Bob Hagan on Federal Plaza Monday afternoon.

By: Katie Libecco  
COPY EDITOR

Growing tensions about today's elections, especially the race for Youngstown's new mayor, began to take a clearly visible shape Monday afternoon when supporters for mayoral candidates Jay Williams and Robert Hagan stood near the candidates' respective headquarters.

Supporters stood on opposite corners of the intersection of Market Street and Federal Plaza, holding signs and chanting for their candidate, hoping to raise awareness for their pick for mayor. Drivers honked and waved in the specific candidates' supporters' direction while driving through downtown. Some pedestrians chose to cross the street on a particular side to show support for their candidates.

As their campaigns for election come to an end today, both candidates told The Jambar they please see **MAYOR**, Page 4



Jambar / Katie Libecco  
Marty Murphy, a supporter of Jay Williams' bid for Youngstown's mayor's office, holds a sign Monday on Federal Plaza downtown.

YSU / SUPREME COURT

### Professor talks about nominee

By: Bill Rodgers  
NEWS EDITOR

President George W. Bush nominated Appeals Court Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court as a replacement for Justice Sandra Day O' Connor on Oct. 31. The nomination came after the withdrawal of nominee Harriet Miers late last month.

Alito's nomination comes in a time of heated political debate, as the Democrats weigh using the filibuster, interest groups either praise or protest the decision, and the question of whether Alito's conservative leanings could affect his rulings on issues such as abortion.

The Jambar interviewed Keith Lepak, associate professor of Youngstown State University's Political Science department, for his commentary on the nomination

of Alito. Lepak said that Alito will likely be approved and that there would be a "less than 50 percent" chance that a filibuster could block the approval process.

Lepak also commented that issues concerning ideological leanings could be misleading in the case of a Supreme Court justice.

How Alito compares to other Supreme Court Nominees?

Lepak said that Alito was most similar to John Roberts in terms of his judicial record. Alito has written 350 rulings since 1990. Lepak said this made him less of a "stealth" candidate than former nominee Miers.

"He has a lengthier record that can be scrutinized," said Lepak. "He has a record where you can see where he voted pro or con on each case."

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YSU / SGA

### Khetarpal, Cook tabbed to fill two SGA vacancies

By: Cheryl Thompson  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Two members of Youngstown State University's Student Government Association, Josh Sturges and Jessica Eaton, resigned from their positions at Monday's meeting.

Sturges, a Williamson College of Business Administration representative, contacted SGA in a message through Facebook, an online college community, and cited conflict with work responsibilities as his reason for resignation. Sturges' absences were a topic of discussion in the previous general meeting.

Eaton, a Graduate Studies and Research representative, resigned due to a scheduling conflict.

SGA welcomed two new members to the body: Shilpi Khetarpal as Eaton's replacement for Graduate Studies and Research representative and James Cook as Sturges' replacement for Williamson College of Business Administration representative.

Josh Hiznay, the vice president of financial affairs presented the appropriations account in the report. The beginning budget was \$35,171 and the amount appropriated to date is \$7,229.40, with \$400 returned.

\$28,341.60 of the budget is left for the remainder of the 2005-06 fiscal year.

John Vogel, the vice president for student affairs, said in his report about 150 students attended Thursday night's showing of "The Forty-year-old Virgin," and said the event was a success.

SGA raised \$203.51 for the United Way through donations and a Barenaked Ladies concert ticket raffle.

The concert, set for Dec. 5 at the Youngstown Convocation Center, was cancelled due to the group's double booking of a concert in Cleveland.

The winner, sophomore Holly Roscoe, was given the choice of attending the concert in Cleveland or seeing alternative shows such as Clay Aiken's Joyful Noise holiday concert or Lil' John and the Eastside Boyz "Crunksgiving" performance.

Sarah Vansuch announced Maag Library is extending hours for finals week again this semester.

"Like last year, we are working to get refreshments and Jazzman's will be staying open late giving out free regular coffee," said Vansuch.

Vansuch said funding isn't an issue this semester. please see **SGA**, Page 2

AFGHANISTAN



Photo courtesy of krtcampus.com  
Fauzia Gailani talks during a recent interview after winning 16,885 votes in the recent parliamentary race in Herat, Afghanistan. It was more than any other woman in Afghanistan, and more than all but 20 male candidates.

### In one Afghan province, mother of six proves unbeatable in politics

By: Kim Barker  
KRT CAMPUS

HERAT, Afghanistan — Fauzia Gailani is an unlikely election winner in this conservative, western city: an aerobics instructor, a mother of six, and, most obviously, a woman.

But somehow, Gailani won 16,885 votes in the recent parliamentary race, more than any other candidate in Herat province and more than any other woman in Afghanistan. Only 20 men nationwide won more votes than Gailani. Her campaign

posters hang in people's living rooms and stores. Women talk about how she has helped them lose weight and how she's better than any man. Men talk about her as if she's a sex symbol.

"I love her," said Nazer Ahmad, a police officer who voted for Gailani.

Her victory is all the more shocking because it happened in Herat, the province where the one-time conservative governor oppressed women almost as much as the Taliban he replaced. It's just one sign of how life has please see **AFGHAN**, Page 2

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changed for women since strongman Ismail Khan was removed as provincial governor in September 2004.

Under Khan, it was rare to see a woman on the streets of Herat, even in a burqa. Now women shop in the markets. Although many still are in burqas, some wear the Iranian-style chador, which cloaks a woman in black but shows her face. Women work in some shops. A few women even have a driver's license.

"During the Taliban and Ismail Khan, life was pretty bad," said Sadiqa Mohsini, wearing a chador and shopping in a busy market area. "We couldn't go out. We didn't have any freedom."

Not everything has changed. Women still set themselves on fire to protest unwanted marriages. Although some women have driver's licenses, they rarely drive. One woman in a burqa chastized another for wearing only a head scarf.

"In this country, all the women should wear burqas," said Mallika Rauf as she shopped for another burqa.

The win by Gailani, who often wears just a head scarf, has larger significance than just for Herat. For many women such as Gailani, with no ties to the country's brutal past, are the bright spot in the new parliament, which will be filled largely with former warlords, fighters and clerics.

Final results in the historic 18 parliamentary elections are expected to be announced soon. But unofficial results indicate that many women would have been elected even if 68 of the 249 seats had not been reserved for them.

"The presence of women, whatever reason they got in, makes me happy," said Qassim Akhgar, a political analyst in Kabul. "It's a statement against fundamentalism and the ways of the past. Instead of any of these warlords, if a woman won, I'd be even more happy. Even if Fauzia Gailani replaced President Hamid Karzai, I would be very happy."

Gailani appears to have won so many votes for several reasons: She comes from a relatively well-known family, although she herself was an unknown. She campaigned in rural districts of the province, unlike other

candidates. She's a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad and considered to be a religious person.

And her posters. They look similar to those of other female candidates in Herat but struck a very different chord with the men. In them, she wears makeup, either orange or pink lipstick on her Mona Lisa smile, and a head scarf that lets some of her highlighted hair poke out.

"Some men in this mall stared at Fauzia's picture and said, 'We are voting for this woman so we have a beautiful parliament,'" said Sara Bayat, who works in a clothing store. "I'm not happy about it. I'm angry."

Rumors spread that some men who voted for Gailani wrote "I love you" on the ballots, although election officials deny this. Her campaign posters, all 40,000 of them, have largely disappeared off the streets of Herat, taken by people who want a keepsake.

"Pretty," said Ismail Samadi, 17, holding a poster of Gailani that promised "Afghanistan: Freedom, Development, Security."

Such stories are mortifying for Gailani, 32, a serious woman who hopes to fight for women's rights in parliament.

"I don't know why people say things like this," she said. "I'm not a little girl. I'm the mother of six. For me, that part of life is finished."

Her life started out much like other Herat women. At age 13, while she still played with dolls, she was forced to marry a man 15 years older than her. She was his second wife.

But after moving to Iran during Afghanistan's wars, Gailani fell in love with sports. She started exercising and worked at a gym for women. When her family moved back to Herat after the Taliban fell, Gailani brought two carloads of exercise equipment, treadmills, weights and bikes, to start gyms for women in Herat.

The first women's gym in Herat was in her basement. A picture of Gailani using a treadmill was featured on the front cover of a local magazine, *Bringing Freedom*. She was the first woman on a magazine cover in Herat since the Taliban's fall, editor Noorahmad Karimi said.

In the summer of 2004, Khan's men tried to shut down the gym. They locked up the equipment, saying exercise was only for men, Gailani said. For four months, the women exercised secretly, with Gailani leading them in aerobics.

After Khan was removed, Gailani reopened her gym. She also helped open two others. On a recent day, about 15 women did aerobics in one gym named Powerful. The machines did not work because the electricity was out. The women jumped up and down, some wearing sweat suits, others in jeans, and one young woman in shorts, a T-shirt and a head scarf.

"When I see women doing this, they are always very happy," Gailani said. "How can men say that women should just sit at home and not work or exercise? Sometimes, I get very angry."

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year adding that SGA only needs to pay for advertising.

"We plan to hang up fliers, post an ad in the Jambar and create generic banners that can be used for future advertising to save on costs," said Vansuch.

A resolution concerning oral and written reports presented by SGA committee chairs passed.

The resolution reads: Oral reports shall be confined to an overview of the essential aspects of the written report and of matters arising since the submission of the same.

Originally, committee chairs were only permitted to discuss material that did not appear in the written reports. If it appeared in writing in the report, they were not allowed to discuss it. Their oral reports were only to add emphasis or fine details.

Some members of SGA said they felt this amendment insinuated they did not read the committee reports.

Vansuch said it wasn't necessary to repeat the same points.

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**Political leanings**  
Lepak said that Alito was conservative in that he tended to rule based on precedents of previous cases and that he favored states' rights and state court precedents.

Lepak differentiated between this and Alito's ideological beliefs that have conservative interest groups excited and liberal groups up in arms. Lepak said that "party thought" wasn't as much of a judicial characteristic as it is with elected politicians.

Lepak said justices are governed less by party ideology and more by a concept of jurisprudence, a neutral point of view that assesses what the law is, not what the law ought to be.

"What characterizes judges is not their identification at the party level. It's their way of looking at the law," Lepak said.

Lepak said the life-tenure of a Supreme Court justice allows the justice freedom

beyond party lines and that a justice will express his or her own views beyond the party that appointed the justice.

"Justices nominated from the President's political party have turned out different in the long run," Lepak said.

Lepak said people need to differentiate between party issues that elect politicians and the nomination process of a Supreme Court justice. Lepak said the commentary from political interest groups may be misleading from the actual outlooks or duties of a Supreme Court justice.

"There's all kinds of groups on each side with so much invested in politics that they use the process to advertise their clout," Lepak said.

**Nomination Process and Filibuster**

Lepak said that he thinks Alito will be approved and a filibuster is unlikely.

"Alito is a cool customer and he has a visible record where it can be seen how he ruled. I think the Senate democrats will wait for the hearing before making a decision," Lepak said.

Lepak said Alito would have a strategic challenge during the approval process. "He has the question of how he can shape his answers to not alienate moderates while speaking to his conservative base," Lepak said.

Lepak said YSU students should stay abreast of the approval process and to resist the temptation to view the hearings as a mock election. He said to focus on the process and not the "propaganda politics" that can happen when political groups or people who "play to the gallery."

"Stay abreast of the actual process or else all you'll hear are talking heads and sound bites," Lepak said.

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"We are all smart enough to at least skim through the committee reports," Vansuch said.

Joe Issue, who proposed the resolution, said members don't have to repeat the information, but can use the oral reports for added emphasis.

Vogel said he agreed with the resolution, citing different learning styles to back up the resolution.

"Some people need to hear things as well as see them to properly comprehend them," Vogel said.

During the meeting, SGA also passed an amendment granting money to six student organizations and voted to hold off on funding another organization.

SGA decided to hold the \$492 they previously allocated to the Residence House Association to attend the Central Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference.

In prior meetings, Hiznay said the group reported that the YSU Housing Department wasn't funding it.

After the money was allocated, it was determined that they had received prepayment from the department for the conference.

"RHA claims they are paying back the Housing Department for something from over the summer, but that doesn't sit well with me," Hiznay said.

The money is being held pending further investigation by the Office of Student Life.

**SGA appropriated:**

► \$900 of \$2,000 requested by the YSU Ohio Collegiate Music Educator's Association to pay for member's registration to attend a conference in Cleveland.

► \$1,200 of \$1,732.50 requested by the United Nations Association of USA of YSU to defray the costs of attending the American Model UN Conference in

Chicago.

► \$525 of \$5,450 requested by the Hospitality Management Society to pay the entrance fees for students attending the International Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Show in New York City.

► \$350 of \$350 requested by the Dance Club to pay for their dance instructor and ensure students can continue to be taught free of charge.

► \$425 of \$4,850 requested by the ADS Club, a National Professional Advertising Society, to pay for half of the registration costs for students to attend the AWNY Conference in New York City.

► \$1,100 of \$2,500 requested by the Society of Automotive Engineers to defray the costs of participating in the Mini Baja Competition to be held this May in Wisconsin.

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**OUR SIDE**

## Reluctantly endorsing the mediocre

Youngstown's mayoral race this year has been disappointing.

Though Independent candidate Jay Williams has given Democratic primary winner Robert Hagan a run for his money, neither candidate is particularly desirable. It is with great reluctance that The Jambar endorses Robert Hagan for mayor of Youngstown.

Hagan's almost 20 years as a Mahoning Valley politician is more of a liability than an asset. With all of the crime and corruption that has gone on over the years in Youngstown, it's hard to believe that Hagan is absolutely clean.

For example, Hagan counts among his "life-long friends" former Youngstown Municipal Court Judge Patrick Kerrigan, who was convicted in 1998 on two counts of extortion and attempting to influence a grand jury witness. Now out of jail, Kerrigan, has been helping with the Hagan campaign. The Vindicator reported in August.

Having a corrupt former judge among your campaign volunteers and friends is not a compelling way to convince the weary voters of Youngstown that its dark political past is a thing of the past.

Williams, however, isn't any better than Hagan.

Williams, who loves to point out that he is a registered Democrat, is clearly a Republican in sheep's clothing. His hazy opinion on raising the minimum wage (he indicated in July that the minimum wage should be left to natural market forces, not legislated, but then said recently, after it became a campaign issue, that he supports raising it) is cause enough for concern.

For the last five years, Williams worked under Mayor McKelvey, who also proved to be a Democrat in name only, endorsing President Bush in the 2004 presidential election.

Williams also has the support of local churches and the business community, typically Republican supporters. Even if Williams doesn't believe in them, they believe in Williams.

Three of the other four candidates (Brendan Gilmartin, Robert Korchnak and Joe Louis Teague) are complete jokes, leaving Independent Maggie Lorenzi the only shining star among the bunch, albeit a politically inexperienced and poorly funded star.

These other candidates clearly never had a chance, as campaign finance records later proved. Hagan raised \$139,000 (much from unions), Williams raised \$105,000 (much from local business) and the other four candidates reported raising a combined \$3,849 for their campaigns.

Still, Hagan refused to debate Williams one on one, always demanding the other candidates be present. It clearly would have been to the voters benefit for Hagan and Williams to debate head to head at least once, but Hagan used, perhaps abused, his frontrunner status to his advantage.

The issue of race further clouds the campaign.

Some white voters will surely vote for Hagan simply because he is white. Some black voters will surely vote for Williams simply because he's black. But it appears that Hagan better represents the interests of Youngstown's black community, especially working class African Americans, while Williams better represents the interests of Youngstown's affluent white voters; a reversal of conventional wisdom. While Youngstown is long overdue a black mayor, Jay Williams simply isn't the right person.

A vote for Robert Hagan may be a vote for the lesser of evils, but a vote for Jay Williams is a vote for stealth conservatism and furtive Republican ideals. In a perfect world, such harsh political decisions wouldn't have to be made, but a perfect world this is not.

If it comes down to a battle between labor and business, as the Business Journal framed the mayor's race, Monday, we side with labor and working people over the financial interests of the business community. We side with Robert Hagan for mayor of Youngstown.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Bob Mackey fan club created**

**Editor:**  
I have taken the liberty of creating the Bob Mackey Fan Club on both Myspace and Facebook. All of the people who have written in response to Joan

Izzo's letter now have a place to band together to break the bonds of corruption as a unified force. Seriously, though, Bob Mackey is a wonderful satirist whose tongue-in-cheek humor captures the attitude and voice of our generation. He deserves

to have a horde of endearing fans. I have notified Bob Mackey of this club's formation, and he has voiced his appreciation and thanks, though has declined from taking a leadership position (he's no narcissistical dictator, despite his homecoming

campaign). If you would like to join the Bob Mackey Fan Club, simply log on to MySpace and/or Facebook, and find us under "Groups." We are open to endearing public.

Vijay "Jay" Welch

**COMMENTARY**

## Wal-Mart continues to shortchange its workers

By: Jill Hopke  
KRT CAMPUS

Wal-Mart needs to do right by its workers. And the Bush administration should stop letting the company off the hook.

Wal-Mart, as the nation's largest employer, has a responsibility to provide adequate health insurance to its employees.

Currently, less than half of Wal-Mart's workers are covered by company health insurance, compared with more than 80 percent of employees covered at its competitor, Costco, where workers are unionized. Nationally, an average of 68 percent of workers at large companies receive health insurance coverage from their employers.

Wal-Mart recently announced changes in its health insurance plan that may sound good, with premiums as low as \$11 per month. But a \$1,000 deductible and a \$25,000 cap on coverage in the first year will still leave the majority of Wal-Mart's employ-

ees — many of whom earn an average of less than \$19,000 per year — and their families one major accident or illness away from financial ruin.

And those \$11 per month premiums will be available to only a few employees. Monthly premiums will average \$37 for a single parent and \$65 for a family, which comes out to \$780 per year for family coverage. By contrast, 73 percent of Americans spend less than \$500 a year in medical expenses, according to a recent article in The New York Times.

Wal-Mart's own figures show that 38 percent of the company's workers spent more than one-sixth of their income on health care last year. During that same period, the company earned \$10.5 billion in profit on \$285 billion in sales.

Nearly half of the children of the company's 1.3 million employees in the United States are on Medicaid or have no health insurance at all, according to an

internal memo made public by the watchdog group Wal-Mart Watch.

The leaked memo showed Wal-Mart being more concerned with combating critics and bolstering its public image rather than with providing adequate health insurance to its workers.

The memo suggested reframing the Medicaid debate as "everyone's problem, not just Wal-Mart's."

But Wal-Mart is everyone's problem. According to Wal-Mart Watch, lawmakers in 16 states have shown that the company's employees top Medicaid rolls. And in Maryland earlier this year, the governor vetoed a bill aimed at Wal-Mart that would have required for-profit companies with more than 10,000 employees in the state to spend 8 percent of their total wages on worker health insurance costs.

Wal-Mart is looking to further shortchange its workers.

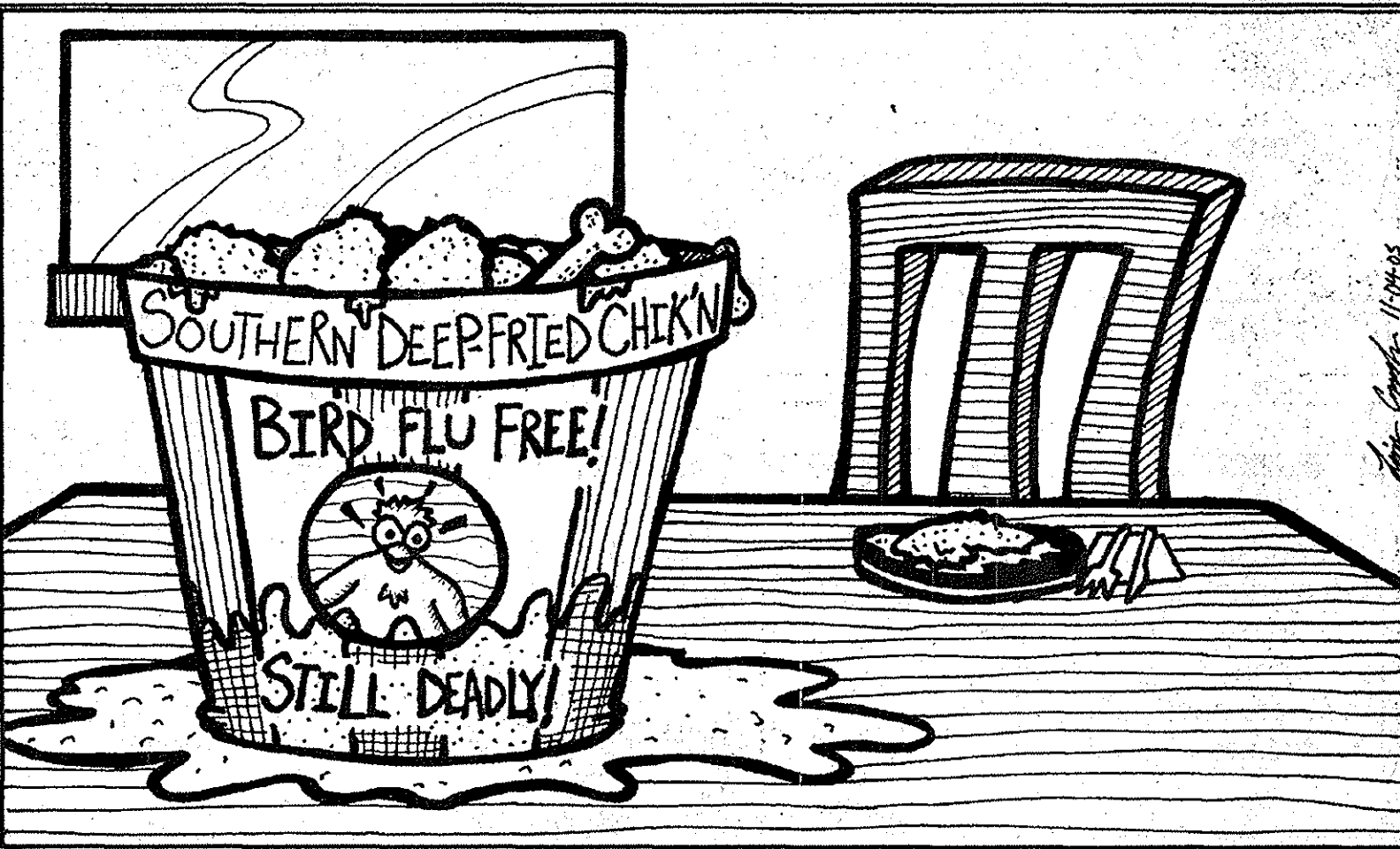
In the memo addressed to the board of directors, the company has gone so far as to suggest

actions that may prove illegal, such as discouraging unhealthy job applicants and providing benefits aimed at attracting a younger, healthier workforce.

Wal-Mart should fix its own problems, and the government should insist that it abide by the law.

The Labor Department's inspector general recently criticized officials in the Wage and Hour Division for violating its own policies by promising Wal-Mart 15 days' notice before inspecting its stores for child labor violations. The Labor Department found 85 such violations involving employees operating dangerous machinery, including cardboard balers and chainsaws at Wal-Mart stores in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Arkansas. In a January settlement, Wal-Mart agreed to pay \$135,540 in fines, but denied any wrongdoing.

Everyday low prices are not enough. Treating employees decently counts, too.



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felt optimistic about the elections.

"I am so relieved. It's been exhausting, but I'll be better off in the end for this, no matter what happens," Williams said. "I'm thrilled that the day is finally here where we are putting the choice in the hands of the voter."

"I'm feeling okay. I've stayed positive, even though this campaign has taken a negative turn. It's disheartening that he's using the same tactics that Bush and Taft has used to distract and to be dishonest, but I've stayed upbeat," Hagan said.

Williams said he never personally attacked any of his opponents and was disappointed that some chose to attack him.

"It's unfortunate that the race took a negative turn. I've tried to keep my campaign positive," Williams said. "That's what happens in hotly contested elections. I had people tell me that it would get brutal in the last few weeks. I had people tell me that all along, but we tried to stay positive. Unfortunately, campaigns in the Valley tend to get brutal."

He also said that he has been the victim of similar attacks from other mayoral candidates.

"I never personally attacked any of my opponents. I'm disappointed some people chose to attack me, as well as my family, my church. It was hard to listen to what they said, some of it being complete lies," Williams said. "There's no place for that in politics."

Despite negative and sometimes personal attacks, both candidates were looking toward their future as the next mayor of Youngstown in the final days before the election.

"As the mayor of Youngstown, I will make every effort to bring the people of this city out of poverty and to keep them safe, clean and united. My message hasn't changed, I'm working to make Youngstown cleaner, greener and safe," Hagan said. "I'm a Democrat. We take care of people that need the help."

"As the mayor of Youngstown, I'm going to continue with what my platform has been - Youngstown

2010," Williams said. "I've focused my campaign on jobs, safety and quality of life and I plan on aggressively pursuing those things."

William Binning, professor and chair of political science, pointed out that the mayoral race stands out among the other issues of this election.

"In Mahoning County there are quite a few county-wide issues. Some that would affect residents include the library levy and the MRDD levy," Binning said. "There's also the election of local municipal officials. The most profiled race is between Hagan and Williams - which is an important vote."

The director of the Mahoning County Board of Education, Tom McCabe, agreed that the mayoral race was exciting to watch.

"I've been here six years, and the mayor's race is the most interesting that I've seen in those six years. It's similar to when McKelvey ran for office," McCabe said.

Other candidates vying for Youngstown mayor include Republican Robert C. Korchnak and independents candidates Brendan J. Gilmartin, Maggy Lorenzi and Joe Louis Teague.

McCabe said turnout projections for elections are formulated every other year in elections. Two years ago, the turnout was 34.5 percent of registered voters. McCabe said that he expects turnout to be about 38 percent.

McCabe said the increase in voter turnout in Mahoning County was a direct result of the interest in the race for Youngstown's new mayor. However, others have also been receiving a lot of attention as commercials defending and attacking the issues have hit the airwaves in recent weeks.

"There's a lot of interest in this race, especially with issues two, three, four and five, with both sides working for and against," McCabe said.

Issue 1 is the \$2 billion "Jobs for Ohio" bond package. The issue, similar to a loan, also features \$500 million in bond funding for Gov. Bob Taft's Third Frontier. This money would be used to help infrastructure needs of local governments, including

roads, bridges and water.

The early voting issue, Issue 2, proposes no-excuse voting up to 35 days before an election, in person or by absentee ballots. If Issue 2 passes, voters will be able to vote up to 35 days before the election without any questioning or reason given.

Issue 3 proposes establishing limits on political contributions, including to candidates, political action committees and parties. It would also establish additional prohibitions relating to contributions and provide for complete public disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures. Contribution limits for a state legislative candidate would be limited to \$1,000 and contributions to statewide candidates would be limited to \$2,000.

Issue 4, the independent redistricting process proposal, is designed to remove partisan politics from any redistricting on Congressional and legislative districts. If Issue 4 passes, anyone will be able to submit a redistricting plan for consideration by a new, nine-member independent redistricting commission.

A five-person bipartisan state board of election supervisors as the state's chief elections authority would result in the passing of Issue 5, possibly removing chances of partisan tainting of elections or conflicts of interest from an elected secretary of state in the administration in elections.

"There's a lot of sources for people who want to study up. Daily newspapers also have a lot of information on candidates and issues. Both would be worthwhile to look at," Binning said, adding that he thought print resources are more reliable than Internet sources.

McCabe also recommended the League of Women Voters guide, but added that the Internet resources offered a lot of information for student voters who may not have as much time to read up on the issues.

The Voter's Guide from the League of Women Voters can be found at most libraries, including Maag Library on YSU's campus, or by visiting [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org).

Call Katie Libecco at (330) 941-3758.

YSU

## Labor-relations panel set to interview YSU employees

By: Cheryl Thompson  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A seven-member labor-relations panel, formed in response to the August staff and faculty strikes, will interview Youngstown State University administrators, employees and members of the public, University Provost Robert Herbert reported Wednesday to YSU's Academic Senate.

There will be no imposed time limit on the interviews and they won't be taped or transcribed, Herbert said.

"We want the interview to take on a more conversational tone," Herbert said. He added the interview process would be time consuming and likely extend into spring semester.

"Any expectations that the interviews will be complete by the end of fall semester are unrealistically optimistic," Herbert said.

Herbert said four general questions will be addressed: What is different in this round of negotiations, how YSU and the unions might improve upon this summer's negotiations, what caused the strike and what can be done to improve relations in general.

### Misconduct Complaint

The Academic Senate's Professional Conduct Committee will meet regarding a misconduct complaint received by Joseph Edwards, the dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, to determine whether or not the committee can investigate it further.

"We first have to see if the complaint falls under the scope of issues allowed to be covered by the committee before we can begin the detective work," Thomas Shipka, Academic Senate chair, said.

Shipka said information regarding the complaint is still confidential and cannot be released at this time.

Also at the meeting:

► Annette Burden, the chair of the Elections and Ballot Committee, said a ballot count will be held Monday in the Math Department conference room to fill vacant senate seats. Burden said despite efforts, she has received no nominations for five vacant senate seats for the Beeghly College of Education. As of now, Burden says with the exception of department chairs, the college is completely unrepresented in the senate.

► Academic Standards Committee chair Tammy King said the committee discussed limiting registration to certain academic programs based on students' criminal records. "The limits would concern students with felony records and fields where students with such records would be unemployable," King said.

► Bill Jenkins, chair of the General Education Committee, said the Freshman Reader's Dialogue lecture with marine biologist Sylvia Earle was a success, bringing out more than 400 students. The committee is working on ideas for next year's dialogue, Jenkins said.

Call Cheryl Thompson at (330) 941-1913.

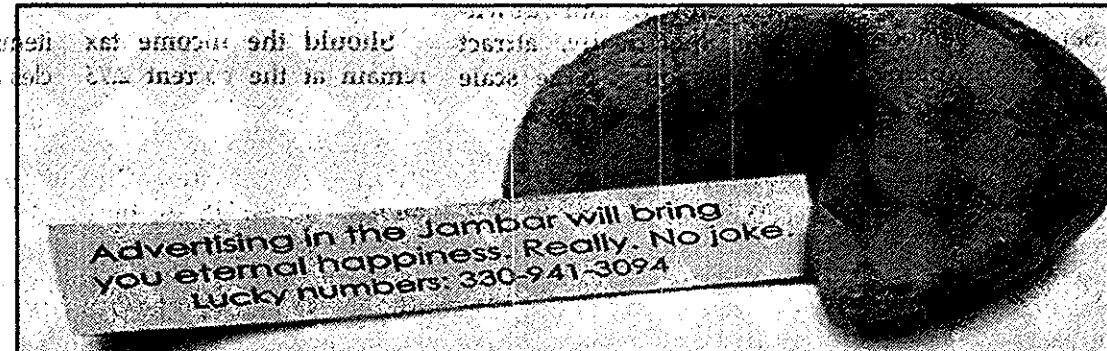
### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### 'Wal-Martization' presentation by Thomas Palley

Speaking on the "Wal-Martization of American Industry," Thomas Palley, will be in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The former chief economist of the United States-China Economic Commission will also hold a luncheon at noon Tuesday with students and faculty. Contact the Economics Department at 330-941-3428 for more information.

#### Dana School of Music Fall Choral Concert

The Dana School of Music will present the Fall Choral Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 in the St. Columbia Cathedral, 144 W. Wood St. Directed by Hae-Jong Lee the performance will feature solos by Allan Mosher, Brianne Kochunas, Sina Yoon and Bill Ambert. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.



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INTERVIEW

# Talking about Youngstown

By: Chris Dugan  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Chris Dugan, contributing writer to the Jambor, interviewed Independent Jay Williams and Democrat Robert Hagan, the two leading candidates in Youngstown's mayoral race. The candidates were asked to give their views on Youngstown issues and their election platforms.

**What is the biggest asset, specifically, that you will bring to the office of mayor?**

**Williams:** The biggest asset that I bring to the mayor's office is my directly relevant experience. The mayor of Youngstown is the chief executive of the city. The city is both a government entity and a business.

I am the only candidate that has served in an executive capacity in both government and business. My opponents have never served as executives in either.

**Hagan:** The greatest asset I will bring to the office of mayor is an open and creative mind. I believe that to improve the city of Youngstown we need a mayor that wants to engage every person, in every neighborhood, to be an active participant in our community so that we collectively can overcome the obstacles that we face. As mayor, I will work tirelessly to unite this city.

**What experience has prepared you for the executive nature of the mayor's office?**

**Hagan:** I believe that my nearly 20 years of experience in the General Assembly, specifically as a member of the Senate Democratic Leadership, has prepared me for the mayor's office. It has given me the opportunity to work with officials and citizens from around the city, region, and state, as well as with federal officials to improve our city.

**Williams:** I have been directly responsible for leading, motivating, and training large groups of employees. I have had to make decisions on hiring, firing, disciplining, and counseling employees when necessary.

I have overseen multiple departments in large and complex organizations. I have been at the top, bottom, and middle of the executive chain of command.

I have shaped the tone

and provided direct input to union contract negotiations.

I have set and implemented executive policy. I have had executive responsibility for multi-million dollar budgets.

I have successfully negotiated with private investors to get them to invest in public projects.

I have dismantled entire departments and put them back together in order to

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— Bob Hagan

**"I am the only candidate that has served in an executive capacity in both government and business."**

— Jay Williams

increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their operations. I am intimately familiar with the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that exist in the corporation that we call Youngstown.

I have done these things in the shareholder-driven environment of the private sector. I have done these same things in the citizen/taxpayer driven environment of the public sector.

I understand those who sign the front of the paycheck as well as those who sign the back of one.

**Why is there no direct access to downtown from I-680 Northbound, and can Youngstown, and downtown specifically, attract business on a large scale without easy freeway access to downtown from both north and south?**

**Williams:** I honestly cannot answer as to why there is no direct access to downtown from I-680 Northbound. However, the reality is that there will most likely not be one anytime soon. My alternative would be to enhance the South Ave. exit and make it the "de facto" entrance into downtown. While not as ideal as the I-680 Southbound exit, it is much more achievable in the near term. I would clean up the corridor and ensure that there was adequate signage and lighting.

**Hagan:** Downtown Youngs-

town has seen a recent renaissance as a result of the opening of Federal St./Federal Plaza, the construction of the Youngstown Convocation Center, the new courthouses, and the expansion of Powers Auditorium. Private business has followed these public investments, and continued the revitalization of our city center. Additionally, Youngstown State University is growing,

with the new Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center as the most recent example. These are all fine examples of the citizens of Youngstown displaying the pride they have in their communities. For those who want to travel to our downtown, we have many access routes. There is an entrance/exit to I-680 on Market Street, just a brief trip up/down the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge. Easy access to the YSU campus is provided by Route 422/Route 193. While I am open to any idea that will improve Youngstown, I believe that our current access to I-680 is adequate and that any expansion needs to be thoroughly studied.

**Should the income tax remain at the current 2.75 percent, or should this tax be scaled back to a level more in line with surrounding municipalities? If so, how will you accomplish this change, and when? If not, please explain why this tax rate should remain intact.**

**Hagan:** As I have stated before during my campaign for mayor, I believe that reducing the income tax at this time is not an appropriate move. Cutting the tax by one-half of a percent would cost the city \$7 million. This is money that supports vital city services such as the police and fire departments. With the recent rise in crime, especially violent crime, I do not want to handcuff our

city's police department financially. They need every resource at their disposal. Reducing the income tax would reduce our ability to provide city services. Down the road, as our city's improvement continues, I would be delighted to re-examine this position.

**Williams:** I believe that it is counter productive to have the highest income tax rate in the state. It will be the goal of my administration to reduce the tax in a responsible manner. This will require managing both sides of the income statement simultaneously. We will have to be prudent in managing the City's cost of operation while at the same time continue to engage in productive economic development activities that stabilize and then expand the City's tax base. More detailed discussion of this is available on my website under the "Platform" link titled Economic Development.

**What five items will top your mayoral agenda, and would you stake your reputation and re-election on your ability to accomplish these 5 goals?**

**Williams:** Reduce police response times [and the] overall crime rate, help create a sustainable and productive economic environment, implementation of the Youngstown 2010 priorities, fuse the gap between downtown and Youngstown State University, and raise the standards of performance, expectation, and image of elected officials in Youngstown.

I intend to pursue these items no matter what obstacles arise. I will absolutely be willing to stake my reputation and re-election on accomplishing these five goals.

**Hagan:** I will work tirelessly for the people of Youngstown to unite private investors, state and federal funding programs and all other resources to continue the revitalization of downtown. I will work to provide more shovel-ready developments, move police officers from behind desks to behind the wheel of patrol cars, partner with the Youngstown City Schools and YSU to improve the education of all citizens at all educational levels, and I will develop a one-stop permitting process to speed-up economic development.

INTERVIEW

# WYSU hosts its 11th annual folk rock festival

By: Eric Grosso  
FEATURES REPORTER

WYSU held its 11th annual Folk Festival with acclaimed folk duo Emma's Revolution on Friday night, drawing about 200 spectators to Peaberry's Café in Kilcawley Center.

Station director Gary Sexton said the festival began in support of their program "Folk Festival," which airs on WYSU-FM at 8 p.m. on Sundays. It is hosted by volunteer Charles Darling and has aired for 36 years. Darling also hosted this year's festival.

Despite bringing in a traditional folk duo this year, Sexton said that he and others at WYSU tried to span the spectrum of folk music, bringing in national and local acts on different years. The last two years saw gospel and Irish-inspired folk performers.

"We try to get a whole range of folk music," Sexton said.

Emma's Revolution was the lone act this year, with songwriters Sandy Opataw and Pat Humphries. Humphries has been praised for her ability in her musical style, performance and song writing, bringing together three skills that very few folk artists possess. She is also regarded as one of the best peace-anthem writers in folk music.

"They [WYSU] also seem to bring in something different," attendee and Howland resident Jim Fenning said.

Fenning said he has attended five of the last six folk festivals.

"I liked this year's because Emma's Revolution is a nationally known act performing in a small setting

at YSU," Fenning said. "Their messages are pretty much what a lot of us feel, but by putting it in song they can get the messages out a lot further than we can."

The group won the grand prize in the folk category of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest with "If I Give Your Name," a song remembering the families and workers in the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attack. There were about 24,000 other entries in the contest.

Opataw and Humphries were also featured on National Public Radio (NPR) in 2002. According to their web site, www.emmas-revolution.com, their songs are about peace and justice events around the world and have been translated into seven languages.

**Successful Fund Drive**  
WYSU is also coming off a very successful fundraising drive. The fall fundraiser raised just over \$93,000, a record for WYSU.

"I'm really impressed and so appreciative of the community's generous support of the radio station," Sexton said. "This shows how much WYSU means to the community and we are all humbled by it."

Sexton also helped raise money for a new transmitter for the station by running a 50-mile ultra marathon in September. The six months of training and nearly nine hours of running the race in Michigan led to more than \$35,000 in donations.

"It was a great experience," Sexton told The Jambor in September. "We've raised over \$35,000. I just think it's incredible."

Contact Eric Grosso at (330) 941-3758.

POLICE BLOTTER

A 21-year-old YSU student reported her car had been vandalized on Nov. 1. The victim stated someone put bottles behind her car tires, resulting in a flat tire after she ran the bottles over. According to the police, the victim played a voice message from another female, saying "I hope you liked the beer bottles under your car. There's

more where that came from! Better tell your boyfriend what you've been doing." The victim would not reveal the identity of the caller, police said.

Christian Jennings, 20, of Youngstown was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property on Nov. 1. According to police

reports, Jennings was spotted on camera shortly after a victim reported his book bag stolen after leaving it unattended in Kilcawley Center on Oct. 31. According to police, the victim identified the bag he was carrying in the video as the one that was stolen. YSU Police noticed a subject that fit the description of the suspect a day later in a

DeBartolo Hall computer lab and carrying the bag. Police noted finding items belonging to the victim in the bag, many with the victim's name. Police also noted Jennings had previous arrests for receiving stolen property.

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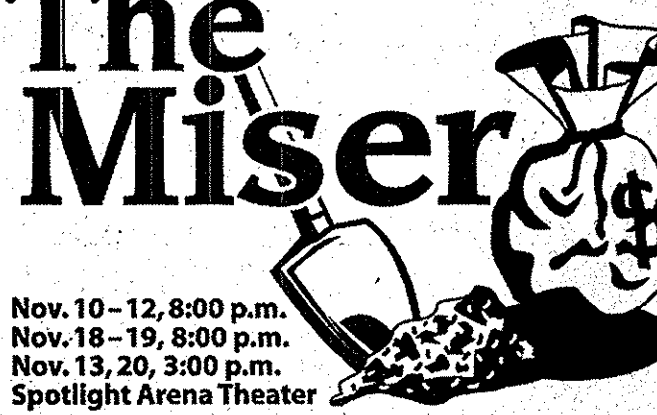
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## Authors join leaders, faculty in discussion on Ecojustice

By: Eric Grosso  
FEATURES REPORTER

National authors, government leaders and Youngstown State University faculty came together to talk about culture and its influence on the future of the world's environment in a program called "Ecojustice: Searching for a Nonviolent Future: A Conference on Sustainability."

The event was held in Kilcawley Center Saturday and promoted personal and industrial environmental responsibility, presenting a number of different talks among national and local figures of various backgrounds.

The conference started with a presentation by James A. Quilligan, director of the Center for Global Negotiations. Quilligan addressed the need for changes in the current global economy that would benefit a number of poorer countries, bringing a better balance to the world's economic system and in turn, a greater chance at sustainability.

Coleen LeDrew followed with a talk on plans for ecovillages, areas that would be sustainable and efficient. She said the villages would help obtain the goal of providing an eco-friendly future.

Duane Elgin has written a number of books on plans to use the earth's resources in an efficient manner. He participated with a speech

expressing the need to create a promising future for today's youth. LeDrew and Elgin have collaborated on numerous projects, including integrating numerous learning processes into various situations.

YSU faculty also presented topics related to sustainability. Holly Burnett-Hanley, research associate for the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, spoke on future plans for the Mahoning River. Christopher M. Bache, event organizer and professor in the Philosophy and Religious Studies department, debated the current eco-crisis while Cynthia Hirtzel, dean of the Rayen College of Engineering and Technology, headed a session on animal rights.

The combination of local and national figures was an attempt from organizers to bring awareness of a worldwide debate to the local forefront.

"We wanted to inform those of what's going on locally by presenting some national experts giving speeches, and then have a more local take toward the end," Gary Sexton, WYSU-FM director and event organizer, said. "It's more of a holistic approach."

After the speeches, groups broke down into 10 different "conversation circles," featuring 45-minute open discussions on local

topics including changing the 2010 initiative, organic gardening, environmental racism and planning a conscious community.

"The talks gave me information on a lot of environmental and economic issues that I had no idea were so important," Youngstown resident Ken Black said. "To know how what products I buy not only impact the global economy, but also the local economy and environment as well, it's quality information everyone should get a chance to hear."

Black attended a discussion on conscious consuming.

The group presenting the conference, Nonviolent Future, began three years ago after Gary Sexton read "Is There No Other Way?: The Search for a Nonviolent Future" by Michael Nagler. The book describes the laws of nonviolence and nonviolent actions of ordinary people. After reading the book, Sexton and others brought Nagler to YSU for the first annual conference on nonviolence. The group focused on leaders of nonviolence movements last year, bringing in a relative of Mahatma Gandhi.

The program was sponsored by The James Dale Ethics Center, WYSU, Rayen College of Engineering and Technology and the Sisters of Humility of Mary.

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## Herbert allays concerns over lack of summer session

By: Bill Rodgers  
NEWS EDITOR

For anyone who looked at the new schedule of classes in horror, finding that there were no summer classes listed, worry not! Robert K. Herbert, Youngstown State University's provost, assured that classes are still being held in the summer.

Herbert, addressing rumors that YSU was not having a summer session, said in a press release yesterday that a summer class schedule would be released by Thanksgiving.

Herbert said the summer schedule is being released after the spring and fall semester schedules because new scheduling guidelines require departments to revise schedules. He said the new guidelines would resolve problems such as low student turnout for certain summer sessions.

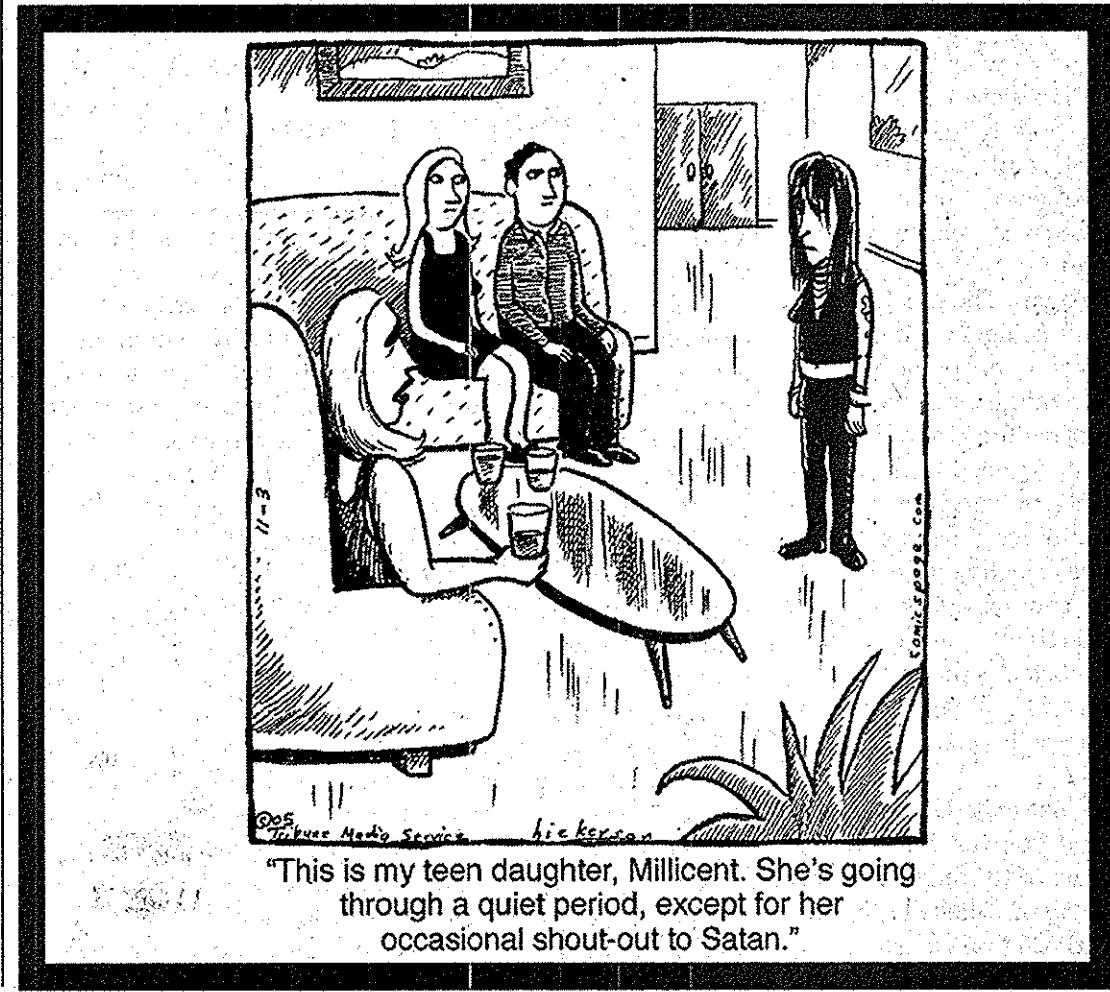
Herbert said a quarter of the departments on campus had to make "significant" changes. Had YSU released a schedule at the normal time, students would have received incorrect information.

"We had the choice to release an incorrect summer schedule, or just wait a couple of weeks and get it right," Herbert said in a press release.

The summer term begins Monday, May 22. The second six-week session begins Monday, July 3 and the second eight-week session begins Monday, June 18. The semester ends Sunday, Aug. 13.

Any students with questions concerning the schedule can call the registrar's office or the specific departments once the schedule is finalized. The registrar's office can be reached at (330) 941-3178.

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Rootball: Second-half outburst

leads Salukis past YSU, 31-17

CARBONDALE, Ill. — After a strong first half, the 15th-ranked YSU football team watched as No. 5 Southern Illinois turned the tables on the Penguins with a 24-point outburst in the second stanza, handing YSU a 31-17 defeat at McAndrew Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

YSU (7-3 overall and 4-2 in the Gateway) played a strong opening 30 minutes, but the final 30 minutes belonged to Southern Illinois. SIU (7-2 and 5-1) methodically scored 10 points in the third quarter to tie the contest and pulled out the victory with two impressive fourth-quarter touchdowns.

With the score tied 17-17, SIU quarterback Joel Sambursky's third touchdown pass of the game from nine yards out found Kellen Allen in the back corner of the end zone with 11:17 remaining and the Salukis never trailed again.

After YSU was forced to punt following the SIU score, Craig Turner returned a 51-yard Joe Bishop punt 65 yards for a score to put the Salukis ahead 31-17 and the game away with 3:05 remaining.

The Penguins last-ditch effort ended at the SIU 22-yard line when the Salukis recovered a Tom Zeltis fumble with just over a minute remaining.

Southern Illinois struck first in the second half when Sambursky threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Allen cutting the deficit to 17-14 at the 11:17 mark of the third quarter.

Midway through the fourth quarter, YSU tried to grab back the lead on a field-goal attempt. Brian Palmer's attempt from 49 yards with the wind at his back had plenty of distance but was wide right.

Zeltis finished the first half with 180 yards on 9-of-17 passing. For the game he completed 18-of-31 passes for a career-high 291 yards. YSU had 425 total offensive yards and Southern Illinois finished with 383.

The Penguins conclude the regular season next Saturday when they play host to Western Kentucky at Stambaugh Stadium. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

Volleyball: Penguins fall to UWGB in five

YOUNGSTOWN — Senior Katie Shea blasted a career-high 17 kills with a .308 hitting percentage and six blocks but the YSU volleyball team (7-18, 0-12 Horizon League) fell to UW-Green Bay (14-13, 6-7 Horizon League) in five games, 33-31, 27-30, 30-22, 25-30, 10-15, on Saturday afternoon at the Beeghly Center.

Senior Angie Pasquinelli posted a double-double with 53 assists and 18 digs while tallying five kills and six aces. Senior Abby Ettenhofer pounded 14 kills while classmate Crystal Duncan added 12 and junior Tracy Obornia contributed 10 kills.

The Penguins visit St. Francis (Pa.) on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in Loretto, Pa.

Soccer: Titans knock Penguins out of tournament

GREEN BAY, Wis. — No. 2 seed Detroit defeated the YSU soccer team 4-0 in the first-round of the Horizon League Championship on Nov. 3 at Santaaga Stadium.

Detroit's Mary Parker scored the first goal just 1:05 into the game. YSU's defense held the Titans until late in the second half as Parker scored her second goal of the game. Stacy Armstrong then added the third point with her shot from 18 yards out. Parker came back just four minutes later with her third goal of contest at 77:47 making the final score 4-0.

Senior midfielder Diane Fellabaum took the only shot for YSU.

Detroit outshot Youngstown State 26-1 and outscored the Penguins 8-0. Goal keeper Jessica Yarter recorded six saves for the Penguins.

Soccer: Sadie Brookman and Caitlin Lee garner league accolades

GREEN BAY, Wis. — For the first time since joining the Horizon League the YSU soccer program had a player named to the all-conference squad and had an individual selected to the conference's All-Newcomer Team. Midfielders Sadie Brookman, second-team all-league, and Caitlin Lee, all-newcomer team, were honored for their accomplishments at the 2005 Horizon League women's soccer banquet in Green Bay, Wis., on Wednesday evening.

Brookman, a senior from Morgantown, W.Va., was named to the All-League Second Team. She ranked second on the team for most goals as well as most shots on goal. In her two years with the Penguins she has started every game.

Lee, a freshman from Ijamsville, Md., was chosen for the All-Newcomer Team. She started all 19 games this season and is credited with one assist against Robert Morris. Lee also took the most shots for the Penguins, a total of three, in the match against St. Francis.

Head Coach Anthony James said he was pleased that Brookman and Lee received accolades for their performances this year.

"I am very happy to see our players finally recognized for their efforts during our conference play," James said. "For us it signifies more of a team award because without their teammates they would not have been able to attain it. Both Sadie and Caitlin have been two of our most consistent performers all season long and they are very deserving of their respective awards. Hopefully it is the beginning of a lot more to come."

SPORTS FOCUS

McNabb makes it plain about Owens

By: Rich Hofmann  
KRT CAMPUS

LANDOVER, Md. — Well, it is over now. It has to be over, doesn't it? Donovan McNabb, for the first time in public, has now said that the Eagles are better off without Terrell Owens. There would seem to be no turning back.

The Eagles scored only 10 points Sunday night in FedEx Field, but McNabb suggested the offense was better without Owens. They lost to the Redskins, 17-10, and their record is 4-4, and they are threatening to do a glug-glug-glug, but the quarterback seems quite ready to cut whatever ties remain with the Eagles' best offensive weapon, who was suspended Saturday for "conduct detrimental to the team."

This is what McNabb said: "Obviously it is tough losing a guy of his caliber, his ability, but I think we might be better off. I think what we did tonight, we showed that we played well together. I think we also showed that when given the opportunity, guys can make plays for us."

"We're 4-4. We're not 1-7. I think that's the way to look at it. For the guys in the locker room, we win together and we lose together."

As you might imagine, the words "better off" set off alarm bells in reporters' heads. McNabb tends never to say anything, and he has gone out of his way to avoid saying anything over the last few months, despite barb after barb from T.O.

And, so, he was asked again. Better off? What did he mean?

"What I meant was, we played as a team," McNabb said. "Nothing against him and his attitude. It's just that when you get out there on the field, it's about playing together. I think we all played with a lot of attitude and a lot of adrenaline. Guys played well together. It was unfortunate that we didn't win this game, but I think it may be a steppingstone for us to move forward."

McNabb could not have made it more plain. Better off... steppingstone...

This is not like last year, when Owens took offense after he broke an ankle and McNabb said he thought the Eagles could still win the Super Bowl without T.O. That was just a quarterback bucking up a wounded team, and Owens was wrong to take

offense. This is much different, though. There is no mistaking the feelings here.

Finally, belatedly, the quarterback has declared himself. And now we get to see exactly how much clout No. 5 has in the Eagles' organization. Because, as we stand today, the suspension of Owens — following published remarks criticizing McNabb and the club, as well as after some kind of fight with former defensive end/team ambassador Hugh Douglas last week in the training room — is indefinite. Team president Joe Banner said that coach Andy Reid will speak with Owens sometime this week to clarify the situation.

Reid, ever helpful, said, "I'm not going to get into that." Asked when he might get into it, he said, "When I want to." Oh, OK.

But now McNabb has added his public vote. And now we'll see.

Asked if he would prefer to go on without Owens, McNabb said, "That's not my call. If he's out there, we need to play well together. We win together, we lose together. If he's not out there, it needs to be the same thing."

Asked if he would need a personal apology from T.O. before his reinstatement, McNabb said, "Personally, I don't need to hear anything. What I need to see is just us playing well together."

If you want to criticize the quarterback for living his life on the high road these last few months, and not just taking a swing at T.O., that is your privilege. But it is clear that the man made a calculation, and that it went like this: that T.O. is an irreplaceable offensive weapon on this team, and that the front office clearly wanted to make it work, and that the goal is supposed to be a return trip to the Super Bowl, and that all of that added up to the high road, however distasteful the journey.

You have



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ABOVE: Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb attempts a pass on the run Sunday night against Washington. BELOW LEFT: Eagles' safety Brian Dawkins levels Washington receiver Santana Moss during Sunday night's game. The Eagles, playing without controversial receiver Terrell Owens, say they're OK with or without Owens, despite the loss to Washington.

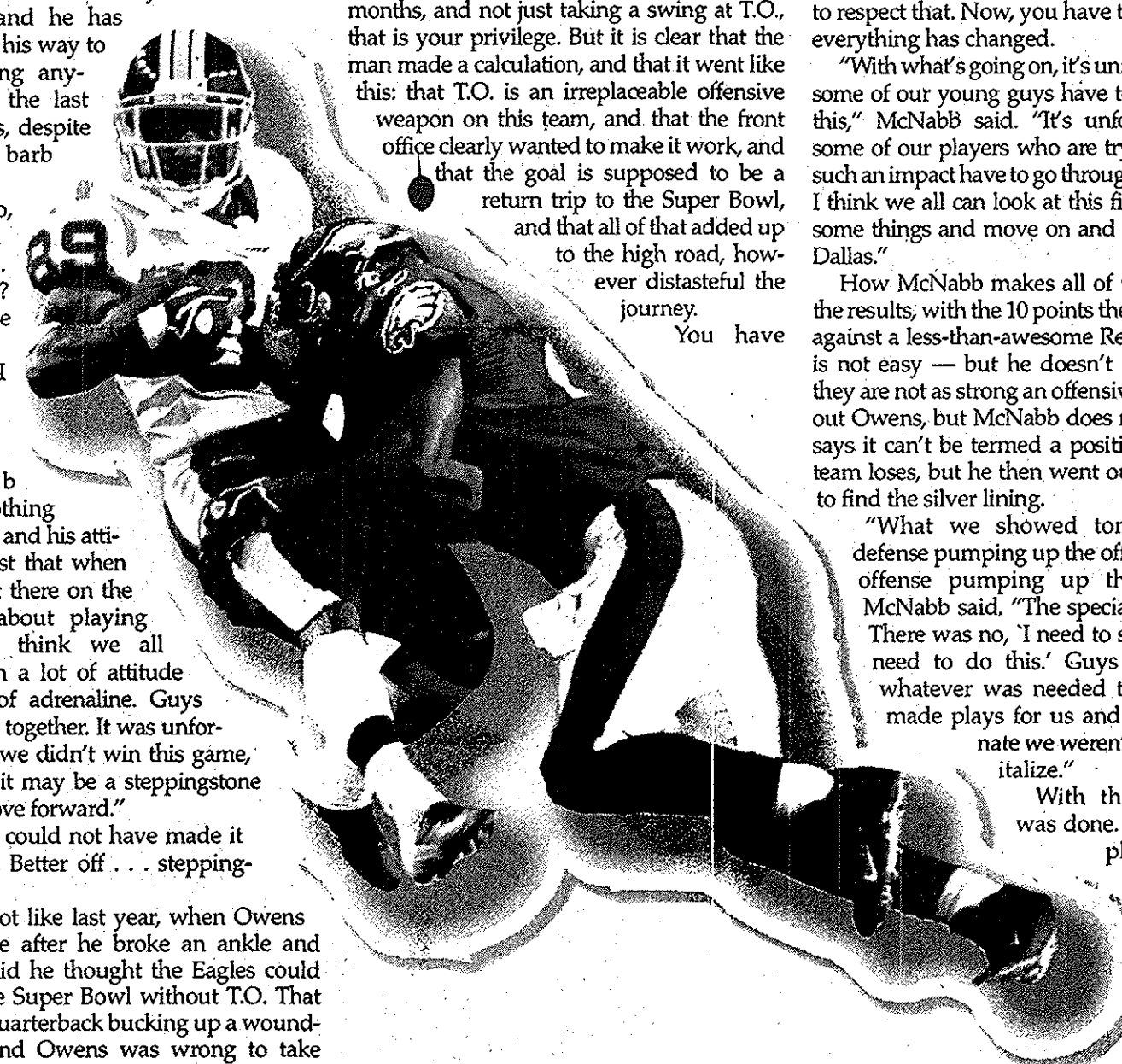
to respect that. Now, you have to realize that everything has changed.

"With what's going on, it's unfortunate that some of our young guys have to go through this," McNabb said. "It's unfortunate that some of our players who are trying to make such an impact have to go through this. Again, I think we all can look at this film and learn some things and move on and get ready for Dallas."

How McNabb makes all of this jibe with the results, with the 10 points the team scored against a less-than-awesome Redskins team, is not easy — but he doesn't care. Clearly, they are not as strong an offensive team without Owens, but McNabb does not see it. He says it can't be termed a positive when the team loses, but he then went out of his way to find the silver lining.

"What we showed tonight is the defense pumping up the offense and the offense pumping up the defense," McNabb said. "The special teams, too. There was no, 'I need to see this,' or 'I need to do this.' Guys were doing whatever was needed to win. They made plays for us and it's unfortunate we weren't able to capitalize."

With that, McNabb was done. He had said plenty, finally.



STEELHOUNDS

SteelHounds treat home crowd with wins

By: Justin Smolkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

"It's hockey night in Youngstown." This was the message cascading down from the Youngstown Convocation Center's massive speakers hanging above the sheet of ice below, to the 5,212 fans that attended the inaugural game.

The Youngstown SteelHounds opened play Friday night before a crowd that filled nearly every seat in the 5,700-seat arena. Combined attendance for the week-end's games was 9,923.

SteelHounds fans did not have to wait long for excitement as Friday's first period proved action-packed.

The first goal at the convocation center, however, came from the visiting Oklahoma City Blazers. The Blazers did not slow down, scoring the first goal of the second period as well to take a 2-0 lead.

The SteelHounds had an answer of their own in the form of left-winger Jeff Christian, a former member of the New Jersey Devils, Pittsburgh Penguins and

Philadelphia Flyers. Christian sparked the SteelHounds with four straight goals, with the first coming in the second period, and the other three in the third period.

Not only did Christian score four goals, he with some right hooks, as he was penalized for the first-ever fight on the ice of the convocation center. The night ended with six fisticuffs penalties in the inaugural game.

The SteelHounds outshot the Blazers, 32-27.

The SteelHounds played well on defense also, complementing their explosive offense. Goalie David St. Germaine recorded 21 saves on 24 shots.

The win, coupled with the SteelHound's second consecutive win on Saturday, lifts the teams overall record to 4-2-1.

In Saturday's game, Christian accumulated three more goals. In his last four games, he has tallied eight goals and seven assists. David St. Germaine, goalie for the SteelHounds, had 36 saves Saturday night. The SteelHounds return to action Nov.

11 when they host the Tulsa Oilers, part of a four game home stand. Faceoff is set for 7:05 p.m.

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Central Hockey League Standings

Northeast Division			
Team	Win	Loss	OTL
F.Worth	5	1	1
B-Shreve	5	2	1
YTOWN	4	3	0
Memphis	2	3	0

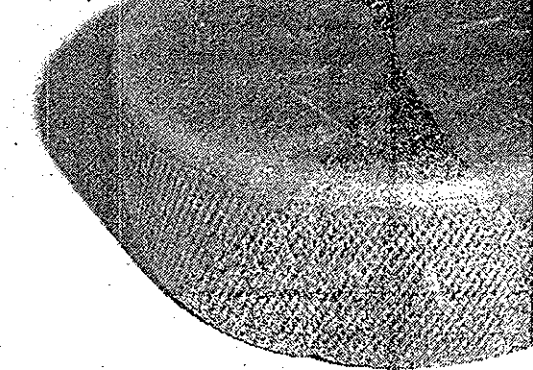


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CONVENTION PREVIEW

# dreaming of a dark xmas

By: Bob Mackey  
 COLUMNIST

With the absence of classes this Friday, you may feel the urge to stay in bed all day, sleeping off whatever you've done the night before. Although this inactivity may seem like a good idea, it's disrespectful to the brave men and women who fought to keep our country safe. Instead of being a vegetable, why not revel in the violence and gore that makes war — and to a lesser extent war movies — so cool?

Dark Xmas is here to fill the ether of a boring Veteran's Day weekend, and it's also a way to show your respect for the men and women who fought so valiantly in the fictional wars against the zombies and mutants.

What exactly is Dark Xmas? It's the largest horror and sci-fi convention in the area, and it's taking place at the Comfort Inn in Warren, 136 N. Park Ave., Nov. 11 through 13.

Jeremy Caughey, one of the masterminds behind the convention shed a little light on the subject: "It's a three-day event. We have movies running constantly, celebrities signing autographs, and a dealers' room with 80 tables full of t-shirts, DVDs, and local independent filmmakers and comic book artists selling their wares."

Jeremy stressed that Dark Xmas will be a mix of both horror and sci-fi, so fans of both genres will find plenty to do, see, and buy.

One of the bigger guests scheduled to appear at Dark Xmas include Lloyd



Photo courtesy of thedevilrejects.com  
 Characters from Rob Zombie's "The Devil's Rejects" are shown in this movie poster. Sid Haig, right, who plays Captain Spaulding, will be appearing at the Dark Xmas convention in Warren.

Kaufman, founder of Troma Studios, the largest independent film studio in the world. If you've ever been up too late watching TV, you may be familiar with a few of Troma's films, such as "Toxic Avenger," "Class of Nuke 'Em High," and "Surf Nazis Must Die."

Other guests scheduled include Sid Haig, star of Rob Zombie's "House of 1000 Corpses" and "The Devil's Rejects," as well as Tom Savini, possibly the most famous name in horror movie special effects. If you ever wanted to know how to make a fake head explode convincingly, all questions should be directed to Savini.

These sci-fi and horror superstars were not very interested in coming to the Mahoning Valley until the recent creation of Dark Xmas. This year's convention marks the third Dark Xmas in history, and when asked why he started the convention, Jeremy said, "I'm just a fan. I've been to a bunch of different conventions, and I wanted to have something like that around here."

Jeremy's enthusiasm has not gone to waste. In three years, Dark Xmas has become the largest convention in the Mahoning Valley.

When asked what a convention-goer should expect, Jeremy said, "You'll have to go to experience the whole effect."

It's true; there's really too much going on at Dark Xmas to sum up with a single statement. If you enjoy horror, science fiction, or the bizarre, there'll be something at Dark Xmas for you. Besides, what else are you going to do with this three-day weekend; spend time with your family? While that may be terrifying, it's a hell of a lot less entertaining.

For more information, visit [www.darkxmas.net](http://www.darkxmas.net) or contact Jeremy Caughey by calling (330) 518-5202 or e-mailing him at [jcaughey@zoominternet.net](mailto:jcaughey@zoominternet.net).

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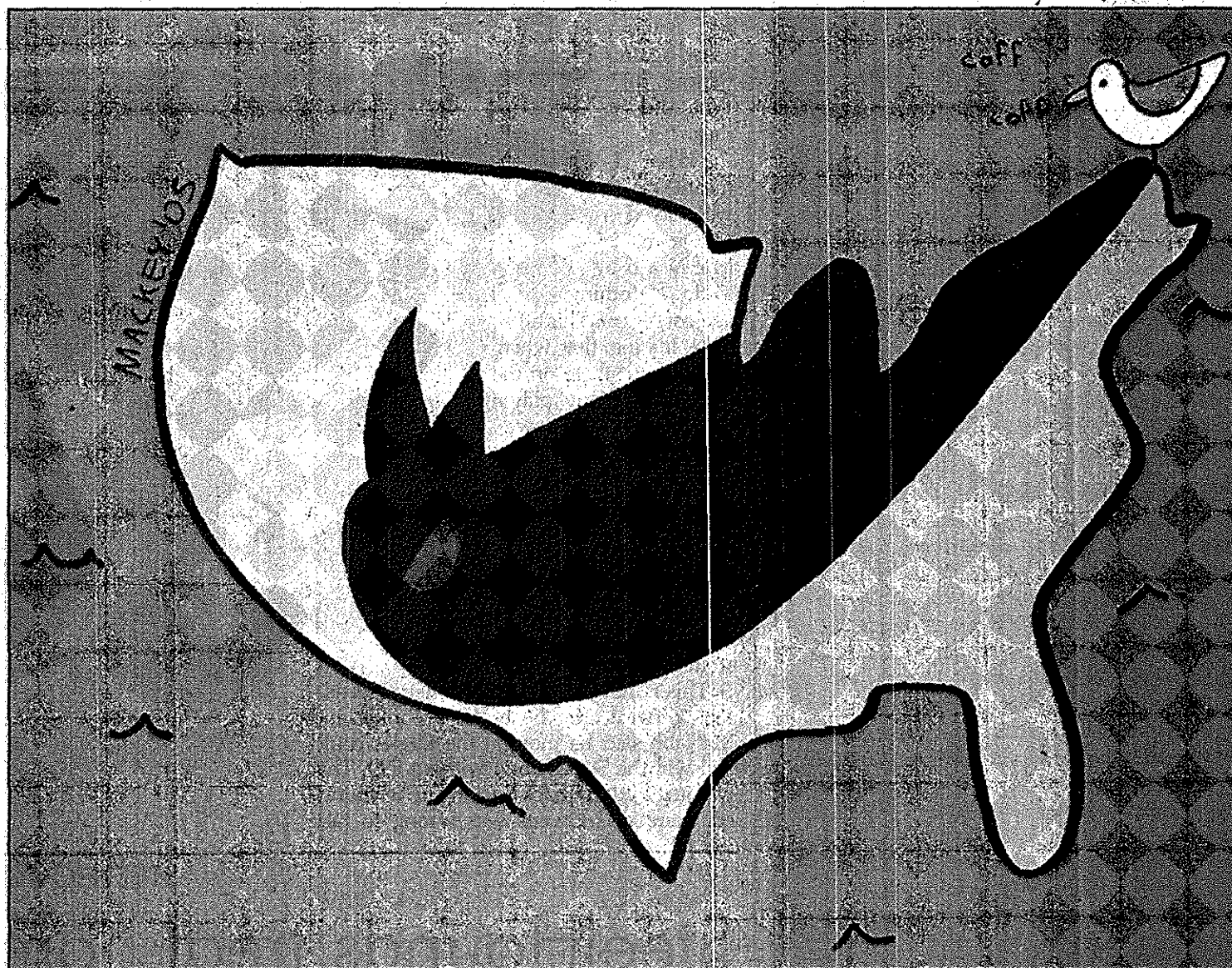
COMMENTARY

## Bird flu, I challenge you

By: Bob Mackey  
 COLUMNIST

H5N1. If you don't fear this combination of letters and numbers — the implications of which are staggering — well, I really can't blame you. H5N1, or "Captain Wussbag" as I call it, is the new strain of bird flu that's sweeping the nation; well, the nation of birds, anyway. Despite its lack of a catchy name, the public has collectively soiled themselves over this new creeping terror that may or may not wipe the human race off the face of the Earth. I'm guessing it won't, but I would be more convinced of possible looming danger if scientists had named H5N1 "Inescapable Death Syndrome" or "Grandma's Last Christmas." With the history of interesting epidemics in the world, H5N1 is going to have to kill a lot of people in interesting ways, lest it become as big of a joke as SARS. That's right H5N1, I'm calling you out. Do you honestly think that wiping out millions of chickens is going to scare us? Aside from the possible threat of increasing prices at Popeye's, your lack of substance makes you pale in comparison to the heavy hitters. Looking at past pandemics will show you why you shouldn't quit your day job and why you should also finish getting your degree at DeVry, H5N1.

I'm sure everyone with a recent history book knows about the mass genocide of Native Americans by Europeans during the settling of North America. If you have an older textbook, I should probably let you know that the Native Americans didn't just decide to give up and move to "Indianatropolis," a floating island above Canada. We've all heard the tragic stories of Native Americans being given smallpox blankets and also being forced to smile widely while posing as baseball mascots, but the real tragedy behind what happened to these people is that the various epidemics which ravaged them were bigger accidents than the green-lighting of the last 10 "The Land Before Time" movies. You see, when Europeans arrived on North American shores, they were filthy — practically walking Petri dishes. Having European roots, I can attest to being filthy; I have to shower three times a day, and that barely gets rid of the stench of white guilt. My filthy ancestors entered the bucolic splendor of North America, and figuratively tracked dog poop all over the carpet, causing millions to die without much effort. It was only later that colonists came to the conclusion, "Hey, we're putrid! We can use this to our advantage!" Then, Andrew Jackson coughed in the direction of



Cherokee settlements and thousands died. To apologize for all of this, America put a Native American person on a coin no one uses. The near-extinction of an indigenous people? You could never hold a candle to that, H5N1. The catalyst of Europeans being terribly filthy comes up once again in the Super Bowl XIII of pandemics, the Black Plague. Give us a break, we only discovered the joys of having a daily washing schedule around 200 years ago! Unfortunately, the benefits of not being disgusting and covered with vermin

eluded the people of the Middle Ages, and they decided to do more productive things with their time like blame the Jews, and publicly self-flagellate, spraying diseased blood onto any passers-by. I'm honestly surprised that anyone survived, because The Black Plague covered most of Europe and Asia for 200 years like the delicious chocolate coating on a Rolo. This constant death and suffering gave rise to the first major melancholy movement, where lyrics such as Linkin Park's "Crawling in my skin, these wounds they will not heal..." would not make people gag on their own vomit, as they would be interpreted literally, and make much sense in Plague context. Unfortunately, self-pity was about as useful as praying and alchemy, and most of Europe died, leaving their precious, precious objects behind for any dirty

plebeian to get his or her grimy hands on. H5N1, do you actually think you're going to be as big as The Black Plague, a disease so great that it merits capitalization? Give me a break. The Great Influenza Pandemic is another one of the great widespread capitalized diseases, and it happened relatively recently so it may have touched one of your relatives that would probably be already dead today. As opposed to other flus, designed to wipe out the elderly on an annual basis, the G.I.P. had the gall to attack the healthy and non-curmudgeonly. The disease affected America so much that it even got President Woodrow Wilson to briefly stop hating blacks, if only to find a way to blame the disease on immigrants. The American people were so distraught by the G.I.P. that they turned to Vaudeville as a source of

cheer; when various tumbling acts and dog and pony shows did little to take their minds off of their sick and dying family members, many committed suicide. Sadly, the television did not exist to distract people from crippling world events as it does today, leaving people with nothing to do but think about the flu. Did you hear that, H5N1? If even you were a big deal, we'd all be too busy watching heartwarming CBS sitcoms to care.

So, H5N1, I hope that you now realize that you're a five-door wusswagon driving down pansy lane. "Oh, look at me! I kill chickens!" So did Colonel Sanders, and he was eventually turned into a rapping cartoon character in KFC commercials. You can only hope that you suffer a less humiliating fate. Wuss.

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