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▲ Rainbow Bright, Timmy Chang and 12-year-old boys. 'Nuff said. "... if they can't take a joke" turns a bit serious toward the end this week.

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In Brief

9/11 tribute to be displayed on campus

A collection of paintings relating to the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks will be displayed starting Friday afternoon in the Rose Marie Smith Gallery on the second floor of Tod Hall. The exhibit previously appeared at the United Nations in New York and features work by Chinese artist Cong Zhiyuan. It is free to the public.

Hispanic Heritage Conference names speaker

The Hispanic Heritage Conference at YSU will feature Denise Rodriguez-Lopez, deputy director for the White House Initiative on Excellence for Hispanic Americans, as a keynote speaker. The conference will be held in the Chestnut room in Kilcawley Center at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 and is the focal point of the month-long Hispanic Heritage Month celebration that runs Sept 15 through Oct. 15.

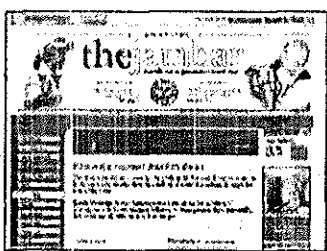
Former mayor to present art

A forum entitled "Unlocking the Value of the Urban Form" will feature a former Milwaukee mayor John Norquist, who is currently the president of the Congress for New Urbanism. The event is free but guests must RSVP at 330-941-3355.

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## Frat party fracas

By: Bill Rodgers  
 NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown police stated yesterday that they are still investigating an Aug. 28 fight that occurred during a party at the Sigma Chi fraternity house on Indiana Avenue that culminated in a stabbing.

During the fight, the cause of which is still undetermined, three individuals were cut with what is believed to have been a box cutter. The attackers fled the scene in a Jeep Wrangler, hitting two people as it left, a police report said.

The police report indicated that two of the stabbing victims were sent to St.

Elizabeth's Medical Center for treatment, one for a wound to the left side of his back, the other for a laceration to the left cheekbone. Of the two hit-and-run victims, one female was sent to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center for treatment.

The Youngstown Police Department is handling the incident's investigation and follow-up. Robin Lees, a spokesperson for the department, said the case was still under investigation and that no suspects have been determined yet.

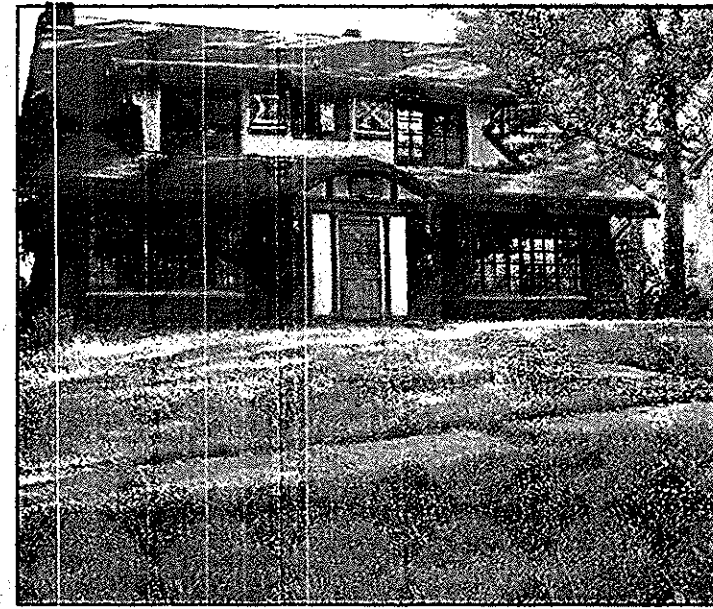
"This investigation is far from complete. There are still people that need to be interviewed," Lees said.

Sigma Chi fraternity pres-

ident Adam Schnug released a statement regarding the fight yesterday. Schnug said the party was intended to be a safe and enjoyable evening for students before school started. He said the fight was due to an "unfortunate set of circumstances."

"The Sigma Chi Fraternity at [YSU] was put in an unfortunate circumstance where guests became disruptive and caused harm to other guests," Schnug said. "In no way does this situation reflect the ideals of which the Fraternity is built on, or the character of its members."

Lt. Mark Adovasio of the Youngstown State University police department said



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This house, located on Indiana Avenue, was the scene of a fight at a party Aug. 28 that Youngstown police say culminated with a stabbing.

the YSU-PD would assist city police with the investigation. Adovasio said the police have not determined a cause for the fight and wouldn't

know until after they had finished interviewing those involved with the incident.

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### Undeclared so far



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YSU cheerleaders rile up the crowd during the football team's win over Slippery Rock last Thursday.

### YSU-ACE

## YSU-ACE gives 'OK' to contract

By: Bill Rodgers  
 NEWS EDITOR

Members of the Association of Classified Employees union voted yesterday to approve an agreement with the university for a new three-year contract.

Christine Domhoff, the union's president, said that the contract passed but declined to say how many votes were for the contract and how many were against.

The Board of Trustees still has to approve the contract by a vote.

For the 400 members of the union, they will continue with their jobs they began at the beginning of the semester, Domhoff said.

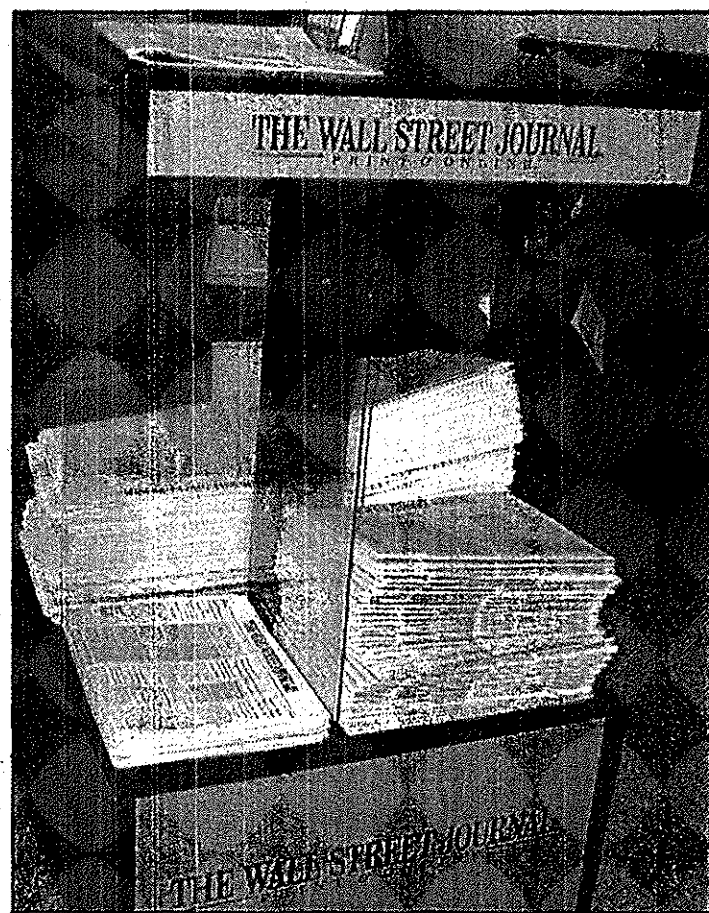
"We're going to carry on with business. We're here to serve the students," Domhoff said.

When asked if the negotiations and the strike were worth it, Domhoff said, "Absolutely."

"The bargaining unit has proven to be a resilient force and we've formed many longstanding relationships with one another. The con-

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### YSU



## Free newspapers are coming back to YSU

By: Cheryl Thompson  
 REPORTER

After a successful four-week trial run last year and \$20,000 in support, students and faculty will receive free issues of USA Today and The New York Times daily through the USA Today Collegiate Readership Program.

The necessary \$20,000 to run the program is obtained through the Student Government Association, the Office of the Provost, Academic Affairs and Maag Library. The cost will provide papers for the entire academic year, including pick up and delivery.

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## Andrews center set to serve YSU

By: Katie Libecco  
 COPY EDITOR

The Andrews Wellness and Recreation Center will be dedicated during a ceremony Sunday, Sept. 25 and will open for student and faculty use on Monday, Sept. 26.

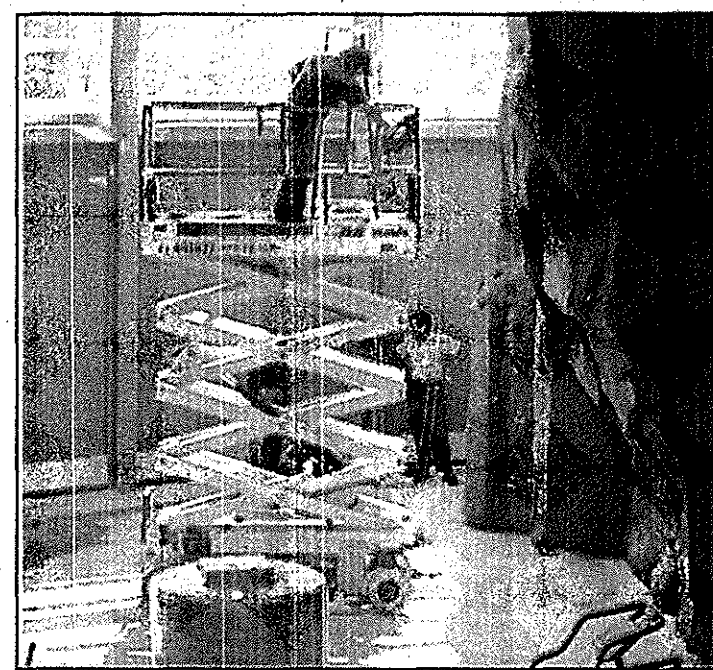
"It will be open recreation all day and interruption free," Rigney said. "No one will have to leave or stop because of athletic practices or classes."

Strengthening and conditioning is the largest area of the rec center at 12,500 square feet. It includes more than 70 cardio-machines, with 22 treadmills and 24 ellipticals.

Equipment selection was based on student surveys. There is already some equipment for students with disabilities, but Rigney said that is one area that would slowly be developed based on feedback.

Rigney said Kent State University's rec center was used as a model for what not to do in the strengthening and conditioning area.

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A worker works on the vertical climbing wall recently in the new Andrews Recreational Center.

During a visit to Kent, Rigney and students on the rec center's student advisory board found that many students felt Kent's strengthening and conditioning area was too small, at only 8,000 square feet.

Twelve televisions will be installed underneath the walking track in the cardio area. Cardio machines will include headphone jacks so that students may watch sports, news and other entertainment while working out.

Matt Morrone, assistant director of facility and business operations, said that 9-by-12 square foot screens

will be installed between the strengthening and conditioning area and the cardio area, which will broadcast big games, shows and breaking news.

A 200-meter indoor walking track circles the multi-purpose court area. Eight laps on the walking track is equivalent to one mile. The direction of walking and jogging will be switched daily to help reduce wear to the carpeted track.

Below the track four courts have been installed for basketball, volleyball and badminton. They can be

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## Fundraisers set for hurricane victims

By: Cheryl Thompson  
REPORTER

Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, will host a "Trash 'N Treasure" rummage sale Wednesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside of Kilcawley Center with the proceeds benefiting victims of Hurricane Katrina.

On sale will be small appliances for dorm rooms, books and other small items donated by Phi Alpha Theta members and faculty. Students are also welcome to donate any items to be sold at the rummage sale as long as they are small enough for students to take to class.

"We were able to pull this

together pretty quickly and we hope to get a good response," Lesley Durkin, secretary of Phi Alpha Theta, said.

Dr. David Simonelli, an assistant professor of British History at YSU earned his Ph.D. at Tulane University and lived there for nine years.

"I've gotten a hold of most of my friends and professors from Tulane through a history professor's blog. It's the only way since email and phone lines are down," said Simonelli.

Simonelli said that he plans to visit New Orleans during winter break to help with reconstruction.

"I hope to be able to rebuild

houses or just help with whatever type of unskilled labor I can," he said.

Simonelli suggests students donate toiletry items, book bags or luggage, bottled water and nonperishable food items. Monetary and material donations will be accepted.

The Ice Zone in Boardman lent a truck to the American Red Cross, which they will use to distribute the wares and funds in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity is collecting goods to be loaded into a semi truck that is traveling through the three-rivers area before unloading in New Orleans. President Justin Mercer said

donations can be dropped off at the Sigma Tau Gamma house at 210 Broadway Ave.

Following along the semi-truck relief effort will be the members of the Hospitality Management Society. Until Friday, president Andrew Couth said people can donate nonperishable food, goods and water which will be loaded onto a semi truck donated by Phantom Fireworks and sent down to New Orleans.

On Tuesday, Xi Alpha member Jon Pappas said there would be a fundraiser in front of Kilcawley to raise money for the relief effort. He said there would be an acoustic guitarist present at the fundraiser.

## POLICE BLOTTER

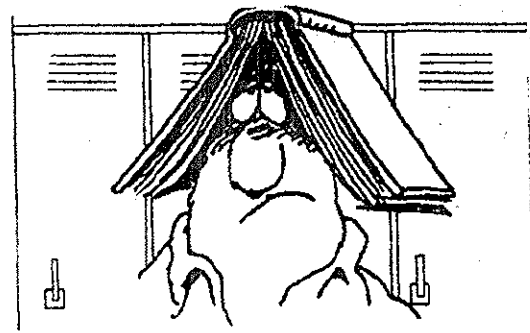
On Aug. 30, a female University Courtyard Apartment resident flagged down a YSU police officer, claiming her car had been stolen from the Courtyard parking lot. The female stated that three men entered her University Courtyard apartment and left a short time later. After the three men left, report said she saw her car headlights turn on. Youngstown Police took over the investigation and located the car at 52 Chalmers in Youngstown, according to the report.

On Aug. 30, a female student resident assistant stated on Aug. 27 that her Visa Sky Bank debit card was stolen from her room inside Lyden House. The police report states that on Aug. 29 the female noticed approximately \$300 in purchases on her card had been made without her consent.

A Youngstown Early College instructor reported on Aug. 30 that a computer projector and a phone valued at \$2,500 had been stolen from his classroom in Fedor Hall.

A freshman student reported on Sept. 5 she had been the victim of sexual harassment. She noted that a male had invited her up to his room and began touching her breasts. The victim said that after he began touching her she escaped and called the police. The incident is still under investigation.

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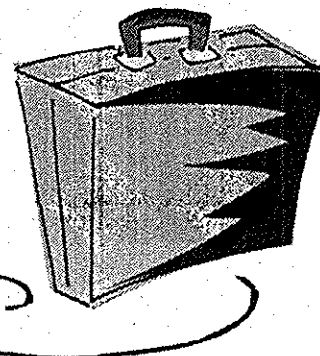
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## OUR SIDE

### Investigations into failed response unnecessary

Just eight months into his stay in office, President Bush was faced with one of the largest crises of the 20th century. At first, the president was hailed for his leadership and calm under fire. His approval rating was almost beyond belief in the time surrounding the terrorist attacks of nearly four years ago. Some reporting services put the mark above 90 percent, a virtual miracle considering how divided along party lines this country has become.

His legacy seemed assured. At that time, President Bush showed that a person of character and resolve can overcome the things that political cartoons make fun of. He showed that our president needs to be more than smart and eloquent. Our president needs to be a leader, one that reassures the nation and helps to heal the wounds opened by others, one who vows not to let those things happen again and works to make good on his word.

After some time, however, news outlets reported that when first hearing of the attacks, President Bush acted in a way that can best be described as not really acting at all. In fact, a handful of minutes passed before President Bush felt compelled to act at all. Our nation was under attack, and our commander-in-chief felt inclined to continue reading a book to children. Now, after Hurricane Katrina has riddled our Gulf Coast and decimated hundreds of thousands of lives, that lack of response rings loudly with an eerie foreshadowing.

Nearly four years to the day later, another tragedy struck, and once again, our nation was in need of leadership. The hundreds of thousands of people in the Gulf Coast region directly affected by Hurricane Katrina, and the rest of the nation, affected in one way or another by the storm, needed that calming influence again.

But more than that, somebody needed to tell us why what happened was as devastating as it was and will continue to be as devastating as it will be for a long time to come. The questions about response and preparation continue to grow, and mounting political storms seem to be approaching category 5 status in their own right.

Those answers may never come, and when they do, we doubt they'll even approach adequate.

The Associated Press reported Tuesday that Homeland Security didn't react until after the storm's fury had passed, ignoring all signs that pointed to the eventual horror that would fill the Gulf Coast region.

It's also been heavily reported that for years, engineers have warned a large storm would create a flooding that would devastate New Orleans, yet the levees that needed to be repaired or replaced never were.

On Tuesday, both President Bush and Congress announced that they would be conducting separate investigations into what went wrong with the response to the storm.

Politicians on both sides are up in arms, calling for commissions and hearings and all sorts of other opportunities for them to show how much they care about preventing things like this when they never cared enough to prevent this particular 'thing like this.'

If they did, we wouldn't have to hear the rhetoric now, because, though we could never have prevented the hurricane itself, we could have lessened the damage and devastation it wrought.

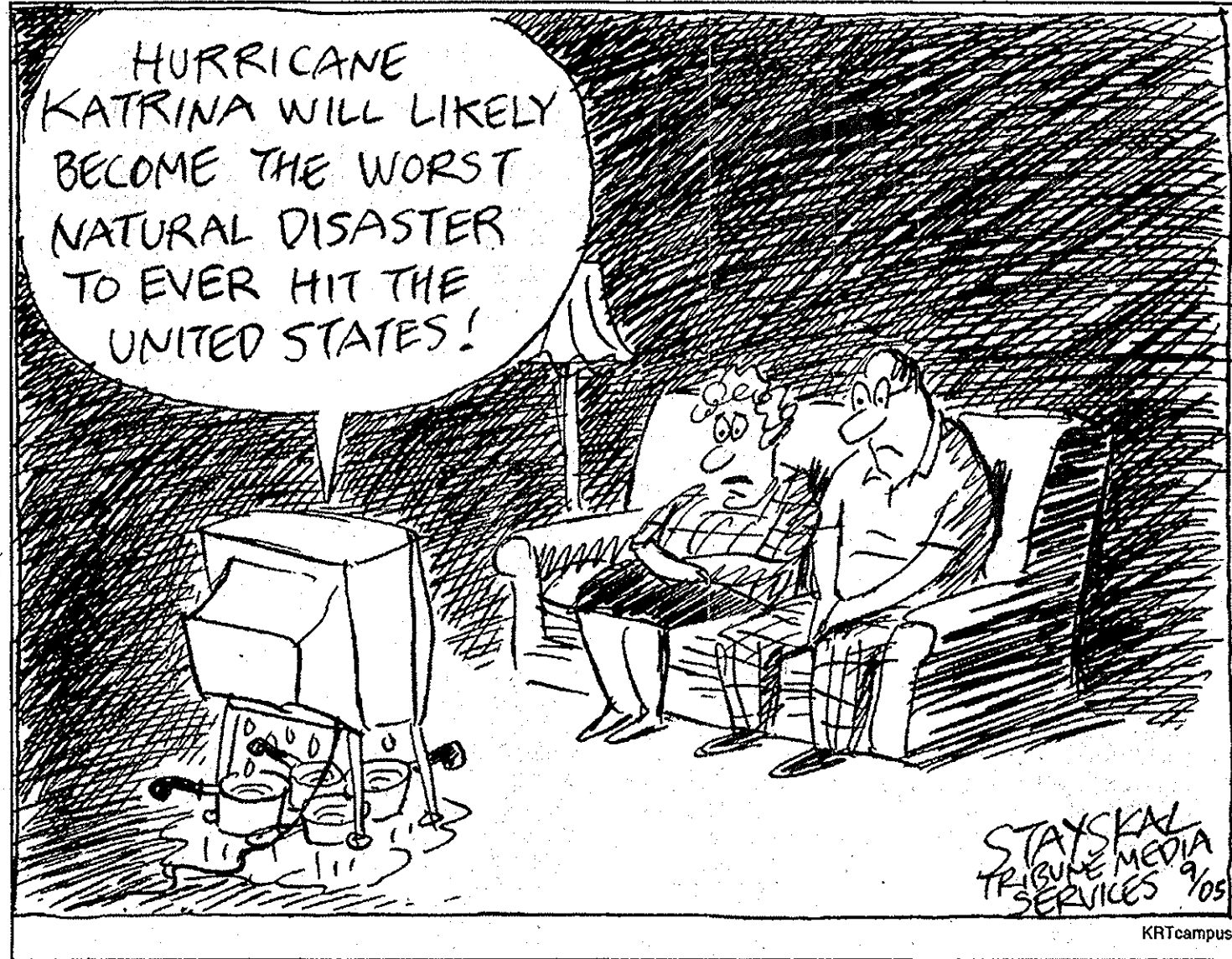
At this point, the investigations are a moot point. The government was obviously unprepared. Any investigation that comes out with a conclusion that says branches of the government that were supposed to be ready to deal with something like this weren't really prepared is going to be met with a round of "duhs" from the American public. We already know no one was prepared, but if the Bush administration has shown us anything thus far, it's that accountability is not a priority.

Families were torn apart and homes were lost. Children lost parents and vice versa. Thousands of people are missing. Those who have been found find themselves with less than they had before, which in many instances was far less than we, as Americans, would really like to admit we let people in this country live with.

In an Associated Press story, President Bush was quoted as saying he wasn't in a rush to figure out what went wrong, that he was only interested in "helping save lives."

It's a grand sentiment but one that comes all too late. The lives lost this time around will forever hang as the true legacy of the Bush presidency.

Let's hope the lives that remain — those Americans who will be forced to pick up and rebuild from nothing — will serve as a constant reminder to government in the future that sound planning and swift reaction to crises is far more important than vacations in Crawford and photo-ops with Lance Armstrong.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Stereotypes lead to misunderstandings about religion

**Editor:**  
What has happened to the Christian faith?

It has recently been my experience that different denominations have become so strained from each other that we have allowed our prejudices determine how we view others, such as the Protestants' view of Catholics, and Catholics' view of Protestants. We are not that much different. Recently I started reading the acclaimed series "Left Behind," and another, "Last Disciple," and realize both how similar our faiths are, and how sad it is that many do not seem to see that. People have let misunderstandings and stereotypes control their feelings about other religions and denominations, and that is not Christian and in turn not Christ-like.

My whole life I have valued religion and the positives that is has added to society, even when my friends and those I knew told me I was wasting my time or tried to degrade my faith by using it against me. It is only when we learn acceptance of others in our own faith do we then have the strength and the understanding to accept people of other religions and cultures and extend the true helping hand of Christ as we are called to do. Done should be the days where stereotypes of any kind control the way we act and go about our daily lives because that only enforces pain and encourages discord.

Religion has now become, to some, a weapon of choice to slander, defame, destroy and defile, even if inadvertently. Their ignorance is what causes many problems in the world, and their attitude is what encourages others to hate the Christian faith. It is sad that a small group of misguided and blinded individuals can have such a negative impact on one of the world's largest religions.

Please become more interested in the facts instead of the stereotypes, for it pains me to see how people have grown to mistrust organized religion yet to them it seems organized religion has grown to mistrust itself.

Joe Iesue

### Support Health Care for All Ohioans Act

**Editor:**  
You, or a colleague you know, may have already signed a petition to put the Health Care for All Ohioans Act before the General Assembly and Ohio's voters. The Act proposes to create the Ohio Health Care Plan, a single, unified health insurance risk pool comprising all Ohioans. What will passage of the Health Care for All Ohioans Act in November 2006 mean for you and your family?

- Physicians, for example, will be restored to their original medical training by caring for patients who are beneficiaries of the Ohio Health Care Plan. Benefits under the Ohio Plan will be comprehensive, continuous, simplified, and transparent, freeing the medical doctor from conformity with more than 1,000 separate reimbursement schemes. Compare with the current system of commercial health insurance risk pools: patient enrollment may be prohibited or modified by employer discretion, the physician of the patient's choice may be excluded as a risk pool payee, treatments may vary by the reimbursement offered, comprehensiveness of care is unobtainable under many policies, and the cash patient, now called "the uninsured," is medically SOL altogether.

- Those medically uninsured among the greater YSU community—dozens of intermittent employees and adjunct instructors, hundreds of contract employees and vendors, thousands of alumni, and many thousands more among their families, will conduct medical transactions in a timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. Universal health care risk pools, such as proposed by the Ohio Health Care Plan, are always more efficient and less costly than our current muddled system.

- Ohio will keep manufacturing and other businesses now lured by our whacko health care system into framing decisions about their futures as "health care cost-shift vs. shutdown, outsource, or relocate." Ontario, North America's largest producer of automobiles, will face a new economic competitor in the health care-savvy Buckeye State of the Ohio Health Care

Plan. By 2008, border-hopping Pennsylvania and West Virginia manufacturers will be the hot-button preoccupation of the governors in those Ohio border states.

- More scientific rigor, time-liner medicine, lower costs, better doctors, more manufacturing jobs. That's what the proposed Health Care for All Ohioans Act is all about.

Find out how you can help at [www.spanohio.org](http://www.spanohio.org).

Jack Labusch

### An urgent plea to YSU students

**Editor:**  
We are writing this letter specifically to the students at Youngstown State University with an urgent plea for help.

Last February, a group of concerned administrators, faculty, staff, and students collaboratively raised funds for tsunami relief. While our intentions were good, the results were not what many of us had hoped for.

Sadly though, for whatever reason, it appears as if YSU will not go forth with a unified plan to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We're sure if you've watched any news programming in the past week and a half, you've probably been left with the same feelings of anger and helplessness as we have. Major portions of the Gulf Coast will be uninhabitable for weeks, months, maybe years to come, and effects on the lives of people living in those regions has been devastating.

Watching people lose everything—their family members, their homes, everything but the clothing on their backs—is like getting repeatedly kicked in the gut. It hurts like hell.

Many of us have already written checks to our favorite charities, and we hope that you, too, are able to make a monetary donation to the charity of your choice.

However, working as we do with students on a daily basis, we know how tough it is for you to find extra money. Tuition, books, and especially the increased cost of gasoline, have probably put a serious squeeze in your finances, and you might not have any extra cash to send to the charity of your choice. We understand and appreciate that fact, however, with a little

creativity and a couple of hours of your time, you can still help Katrina's victims. Here are just a few of our ideas. We're sure you can come up with many more:

- Fine and Performing Arts students, consider holding a benefit concert or art show/sale.

- Those of you involved in a student organization, hold a bake sale or ethnic food sale.

- Sweetest Day is next month and a flower sale to benefit hurricane victims would be a natural fit. (Also, consider selling chocolate, balloons, and stuffed animals, too!)

- Not involved with a student organization? How about gathering up items you no longer use and holding a garage sale with proceeds going to your favorite hurricane relief charity?

- As we get closer to the holidays, please consider collecting donations of toys and books for the littlest victims. Hurricane victims need immediate relief, to be sure, but the hurricane's effects will be felt for many months to come.

Remember, you must register and coordinate fundraisers with Student Life so there's no overlapping. And please, let us (faculty, staff, administration) know what you're doing. Distribute flyers for your events and send press releases to The Jambar. We promise you that your efforts will be supported, but we must know dates, times, etc.

As you plan your fall activities, please keep the victims of Hurricane Katrina in mind. The response to this tragedy of immeasurable proportions can help unify our campus, but it must begin with you. We urge the students to demonstrate the leadership potential we know you have. Leadership is not a quality simply endowed to presidents or vice-presidents; it can begin with one person vowing to make a difference. Of all the lessons to learn in college, this may be the most important.

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## "If they can't take a joke"

By: Mark Stevens



A "Rainbow Party" — as it has been explained to me by people in the know — is one of a couple things, both involving rainbows and sex. Both involving 12- to 14-year-old kids.

At one of these parties, a girl can earn rainbow-colored bracelets by either performing different sex acts or performing them with different partners — I said 12- to 14-YEAR-OLD KIDS. Or, and I'm not exactly sure of the physics behind this one, girls create the "rainbow" effect needed to give the party its name through means of fellatio. See, each girl will wear a different color lipstick — or maybe they change colors, hell, I don't know — and they will create a ring of that color around the 13-YEAR-OLD BOY'S penis, with enough colors creating a phallic rainbow of sorts.

I'm 23. I'm pretty liberal most of the time. I like to joke about things that most people prefer to talk about with frowns of seriousness. I enjoy sex. I'm not married. I do not have kids. This is still very disturbing to me. And if it's not disturbing to you, well, then call your doctor and schedule a CAT scan ASAP.

I — perhaps predictably — blame the parents. Where are your kids? Who are they with? What are they doing, and who is watching them do it? You don't know, do you? No, you're too busy buying SUVs and going to IKEA and drinking cheap-ass wine that you talk about with your cheap-ass friends sitting around your fake-ass houses.

Co-ed slumber parties at 12? TWELVE! My mother would've sacrificed me before she ever let something as demented and misguided as that happen. You're letting it happen because you're too bummed out that you work at a bank when you spent your whole miserable life thinking you'd work in Hollywood.

You had dreams and now they've all gone to hell, so you spend your whole life drunk off misery and faked involvement, spending 15 hours a day plotting your child's life for the next 10 years, planning out fake-ass, structured development that will only end up creating unstructured, socially-inept dumbass adults who will one day create a utopian society of ball-waxing and roman orgies, morning, noon and night, all the while never really realizing that your child doesn't need you to plan out the next ten years of his or her life, and all he or she really needs is for you to take ten goddamn minutes out of yours and explain what decency and respect are really all about and that he or she needs you to PAY SOME FREAKIN' ATTENTION so your son doesn't have to grow up thinking that the only thing that women are good for is packing his lunch, like you do or your wife does, or getting him off, like the 12-year-old neighbor girl does; or, if you have a daughter, so she doesn't have to grow up thinking the only way for her to earn friendship or feel important is for her to see how many different colors of lipstick she can wrap around a boy's penis without smearing it.

Roy deserved better in our hands, America. We've let down the rainbow even though he was always there for us after the rain. He sits covered in a dark, dank room on the bad side of town, quivering next to a bed, colors barely visible through the stench of what we've done. He smells like piss. Wash your hands, at least.

Mark Stevens can be reached at (330) 941-1807. He might've been talking about your kids. You might be mad. He might care, but don't count on it.

Few symbols have been taken behind the woodshed and given a good, old-fashioned ass-whipping the way the rainbow has. Think about it: good ol' Roy G. Biv used to really be somebody; he used to be the kind of man you could put your faith in. Roy had a majestic light to him, a power. There was an aura about the man that went on for miles in every direction.

There used to be stories about pots of gold connected to the end of Roy. Right at the end of his length, riches beyond the wildest dreams of the wildest of dreamers could be found.

The whole "Care Bears" shtick was inspired by Roy. Beams of light arcing and rising and destroying evil? C'mon! You have to give Roy some credit. Kids and adults alike love the Care Bears.

Groups were never afraid to take on Roy as their mascot. The University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors? What a moniker! What a team! That logo, with the bright rainbow arcing in unison with the curve of the football team's helmets, culminating with the huge 'UH,' is something I'll never be completely free of. What a sight to behold.

Of course, the football god that is Timmy Chang never played under that nickname, and he played for Hawaii forever. No, the university forgot Roy. They left the money on the dresser and left Roy in bed feeling cheap — used like so many whores.

Roy picked up and moved on, though. He was a good man, and good men don't let things like that keep them down.

Rainbows meant pride for another group of Americans, too. Roy was there, holding the hands of gay men and women as they came out of the closet, letting them know they weren't alone, letting them know that there would always be a support group for them, that they didn't have to live in fear, that they could be what they were. Roy symbolized unity and pride.

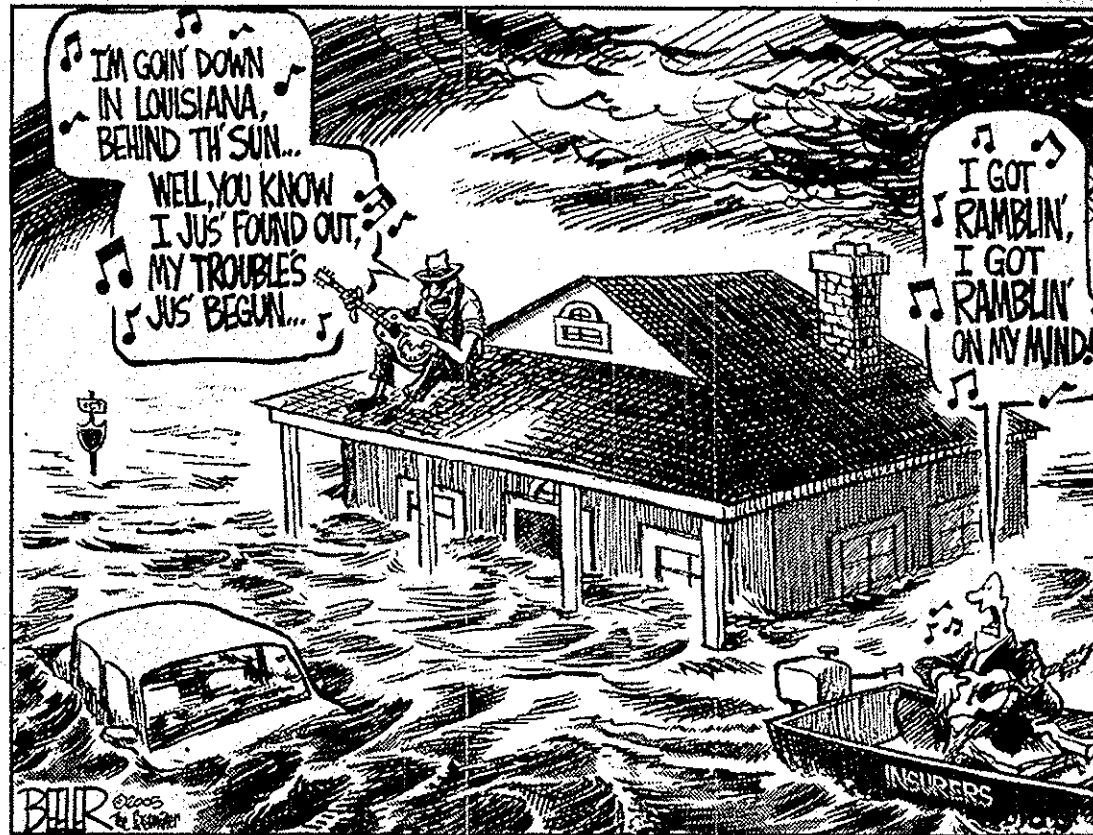
Rainbow Bright? Are you kidding me? Rainbow-freakin'-Bright? Roy's only daughter, the only one with spirit enough to carry on his legacy. You know that little girl grew up to be a certified hottie.

Rainbow Bright waited to grow up. She didn't kiss a boy until she was 15. She fell in love at 17, breaking the hearts of acne-covered boys the world over. She now lives in Des Moines, raising her family with her husband, the only man she's ever been with, the only one she'll ever be with.

She should've been a model for young girls and boys the world over. They should've seen her actions and admired her chastity, waiting to grow up to experience the cornucopia of sensual pleasures that would await their bodies when they were old enough to enjoy them with the right mindset. That's what they should've done, but they didn't.

No, like Lou Brown urinating on Roger Dorn's contract after so many squabbles over sit-ups, children the country over have taken Rainbow Bright and her father and their legacy of love and bliss and pissed all over them. They didn't even flush.

Have you heard of "Rainbow Parties?" Whew. Deep breath. Here's the part where I try to explain this without getting arrested. Oh, if you're squeamish, look away (unless you have a 13-year-old daughter, in which case, I don't care if you're squeamish because you need to know this).



COMMENTARY

## The wrathful prayers of Pat Robertson

By: Leonard Glenn Crist  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

If I were Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez, I'd watch my back.

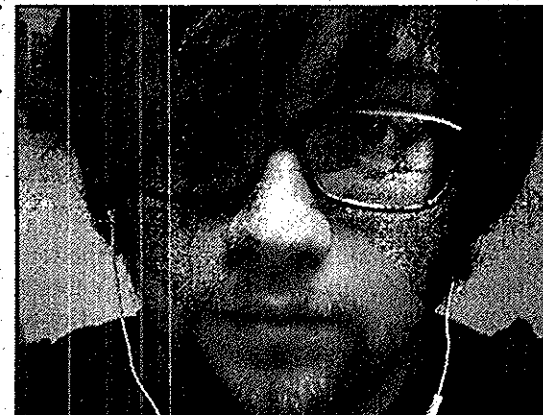
After televangelist Pat Robertson, host of television's "700 Club," prayed for the assassination of Chavez on his show, many critics wrote him off as a kook.

How could someone actually pray for the murder of a democratically elected world leader whose only apparent crime is a penchant for Marxism? Robertson must be off his knocker, many bloggers reasoned. Unfortunately, this wasn't exactly new territory for Robertson. In 2003, after the U.S. Supreme Court decriminalized sodomy, Robertson launched a three-week "prayer offensive," asking the Almighty for court vacancies — presumably because gay people are evil and the judges who allow gay people to fornicate must be stopped by any means necessary.

"One justice is 83-years-old, another has cancer and another has a heart condition. Would it not be possible for God to put it in the minds of these three judges that the time has come to retire?" Robertson wrote in 2003. Or to paraphrase: Please die, Supreme Court justices, please die! Good Christians demand it of you!

Well, it seems that Robertson has some friends in high places. This Sunday, Chief Justice William Rehnquist (the one with cancer) passed away, the answer to Robertson's prayers.

Of course it's easy to pray for a vacancy and claim success when there are several members of the Supreme Court getting up there in age — even easier considering Rehnquist's quite public battle with cancer.



Still, if I were Chavez, I'd watch out. Rehnquist's death might just be a coincidence, but I wouldn't bet all my chips on it.

But seriously, why Hugo Chavez? Sure, he's not the most endearing world leader, but there are at least a dozen dictators around the world far more deserving of the wrathful prayers of Pat Robertson. At least Chavez was elected.

I suppose Robertson does have his reasons. Venezuela is a major oil supplier and Chavez has threatened to stop selling the black gold to the United States. Chavez has also pushed back against foreign corporations in Venezuela and against globalization in general.

Robertson, being the good little arch-conservative he is, bathes in pure crude each night before saying his prayers to God and Exxon-Mobile. It keeps him young.

Of course, if Robertson really has the ear of the Big Man in the Sky, couldn't he also pray for the deaths of Osama bin Laden, all members of the Iraqi insurgency and the BTK killer? For that matter, couldn't he have launched a "prayer offensive" against Hurricane Katrina? Surely Roberts could save this country lives — as well as a ton of money — if he just called in a few favors to old Jehovah.

But I guess God is busy killing Supreme Court justices and hunting down Venezuelan presidents.

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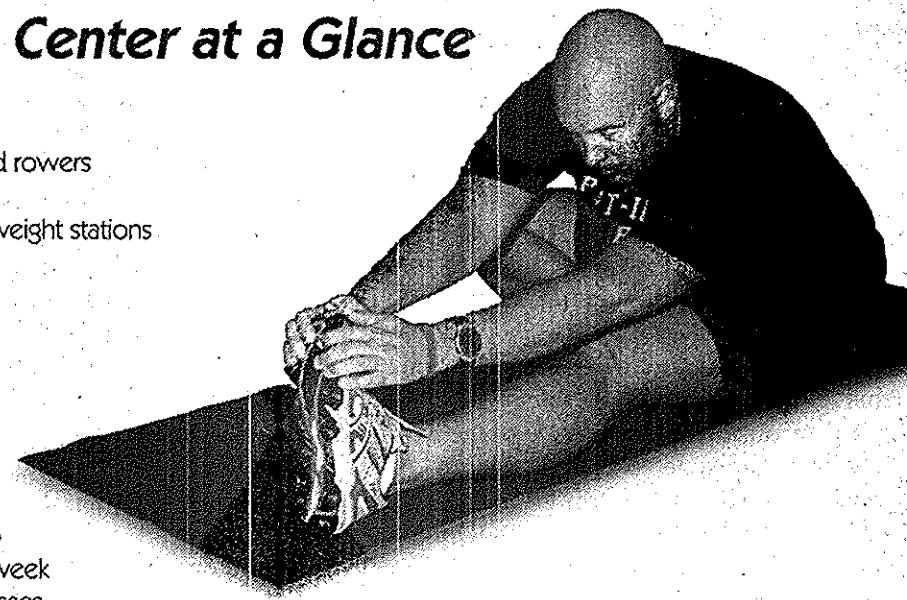
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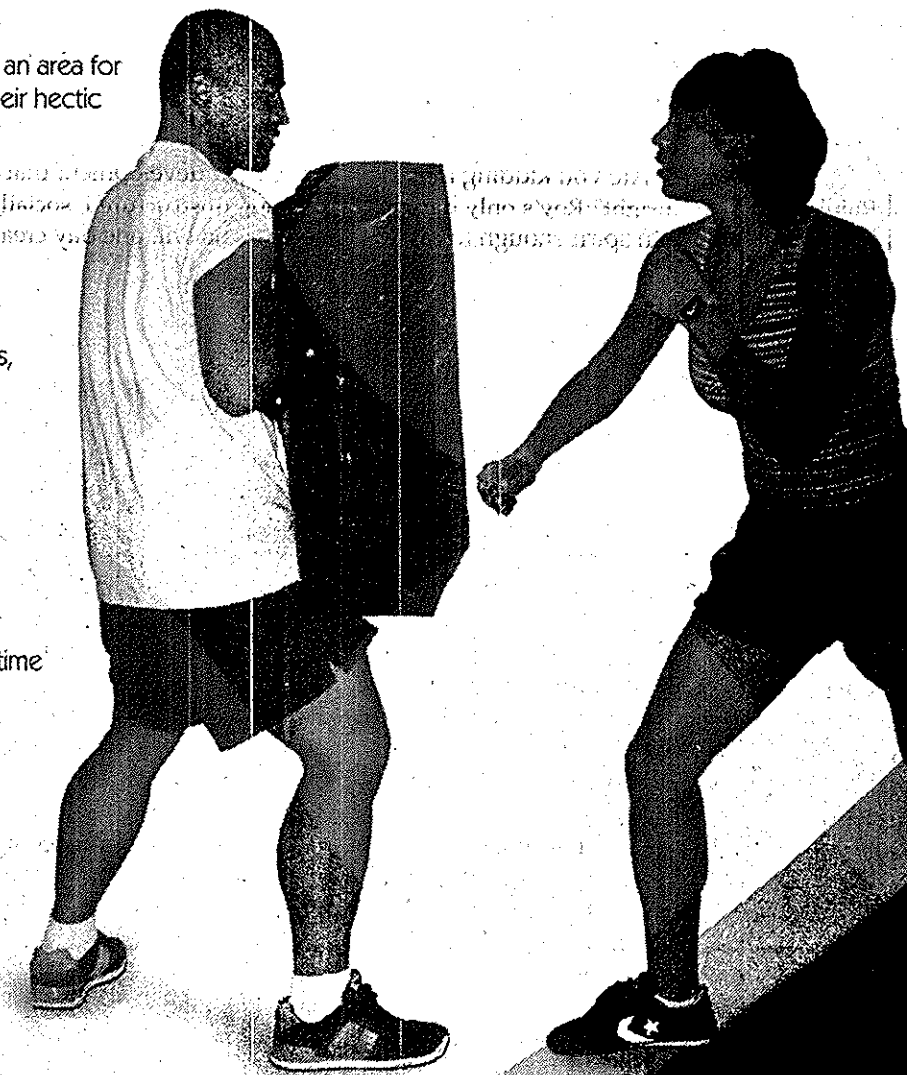


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depriving my body of essential vitamins and nutrients it needs for survival, I had no problem turning down the thousands of Italian sausage vendors who wanted their wares inside my colon.

Despite my victory over sausage, as a sheltered suburban-type, my fight-or-flight instincts were starting to kick in amid all of the 4-H Club, animal husbandry and thresher-related exhibits. I found a brief bit of sanctuary in a grade school exhibit about fitness that featured a Playstation 2 with the game "Dance Dance Revolution." For those unfamiliar with this game, the point is to jump around like you're having an episode of really terrible music. I couldn't pass it up! I politely waited for a 12-year-old girl to finish, and then I jumped on,

failing so fast no one had the chance to put his or her wallet under my tongue.

Freshly rejuvenated from playing the closest thing to a video game I could find, I decided to end our adventure by visiting the YSU tent. I was chosen — for reasons still unclear to me — to be a featured YSU student, and I had my very own cardboard standee of myself available for misuse. I contemplated stealing it for some unplanned future scheme but decided just to turn my picture away from the opening so no one would have to look at my forced school-picture smile.

After saving a small part of the world from my visage, we got lost for about 20 minutes before finding the parking lot (all of those Italian sausages really threw off our sense of direction). And as I

looked back over my shoulder at the Canfield Fair, I couldn't help think, "Fair, old buddy, we may not see eye-to-eye on everything, but I think you're an alright guy."

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YSU received approximately 400 copies of USA Today and 250 copies of The New York Times daily last

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Bob McGovern, SGA president said that in addition to funding, the decrease has a lot to do with this year's political climate.

"Last year was an election year and we think that had a lot to do with increase readership," he said.

McGovern also said he doesn't see any problem moving the papers, but added that the university will not be charged for unused papers.

"We want to be sure that the interest is there and if it is and we need more papers we find ways to get the funds for more papers," he said.

Freshman Sarah Ludwick

said she can't always find time to watch the news and said she will read the papers to "stay more in tune with the world."

Students and faculty also have available to them free issues of the Vindicator, located in the breezeway between Kilcawley Center

and the Kilcawley House and the Wall Street Journal in Williamson Hall.

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authentic rock 'n' roll still exists in an age of mass-marketed copycat rock.

The album, which took about a year to complete, includes a refreshing blend of heavy, punk and melodic tones, making for a gritty yet well-rounded music experience.

With hard guitar riffs providing the backbone, the high-energy opening song, "Valentine" starts the album off with an authentic rock 'n' roll blast.

Tracks like "And Hell" and "Strong-Wristed Women" are examples of what The Evil Queens do best, mixing abrasive guitars with subtle hooks that veer far away from trendy rock

fads. "American Cancer" and "The Theme From Donovan" follow the same formula but with a strong hint of punk energy.

The last track, "Requiem for Antonio Pants," doesn't necessarily gel with the rest of the songs. Alone, the song would be bearable in its slow, monotone form. Accompanying thirteen heavier songs on the album, the track just doesn't belong. A small detail on what is an otherwise well-packaged and produced album.

The album ends with four tracks from earlier releases, providing a nice bonus for those who might want to sample earlier work.

The members of the band

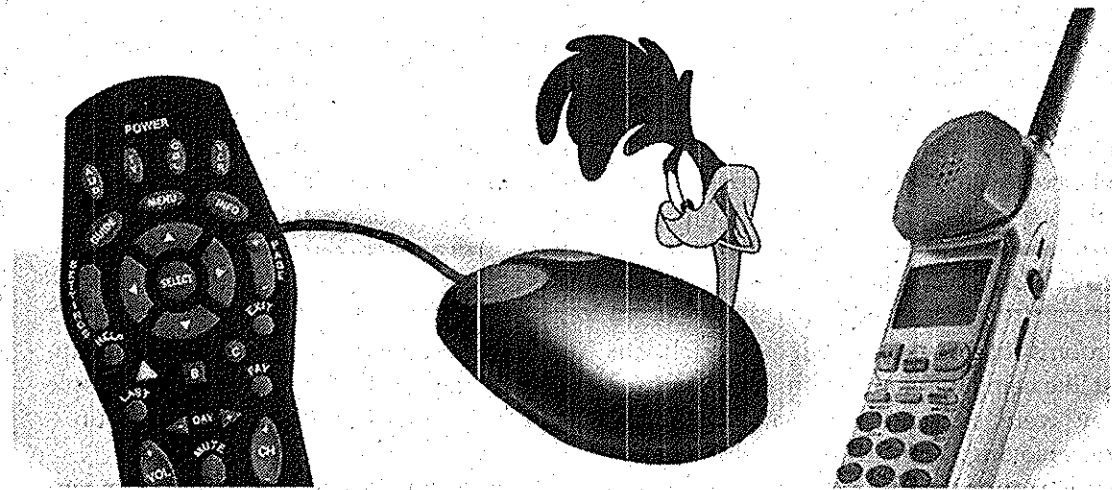
have known each other for more than ten years, dating back to high school. Eckhardt, drummer George Hondroulis and guitarist Jacob Sundermeyer have played in the same group since high school. When it came time to form The Evil Queens, the three called on long-time friend and bass player, Eric Hintersheid.

"I don't understand when people tell me stories of how they hated being in a band. We're all best friends, so it makes everything so much easier," he said.

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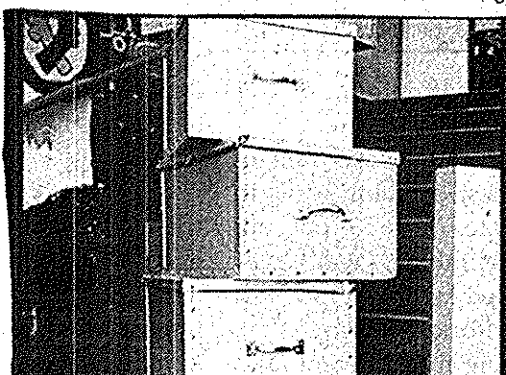
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was released by Twentieth-Century Fox in 1972.

Donations toward the Hurricane Katrina relief fund will be collected for the American Red Cross at the play. Donations of canned goods will be accepted, but the Red Cross has recently stated that monetary donations are much more useful in this type of situation.

Alpha Psi Omega, who usually holds a 50/50 raffle as a fundraiser for the fraternity, will donate their half of the raffle to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Tickets for the show are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call the University Theater box office at (330) 941-3105.

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of rooms full of scholars. Oh my god. It was just like being in school again. It was torture! They were sitting there analyzing rather than enjoying. They were actually a really cool group of people. We had a discussion about the movie, and a panel and all sorts of stuff. It was actually really, really fascinating.

**Why do you think this joke is so funny to comedians and to a certain kind of person, but completely horrifying to other people?**

Because the world is what it is. That's the \$64,000 question, isn't it? I just think that it's all about sort of popping that ball of pretension. There are always people who don't like to have their nice orderly world rocked at all in any way shape or form and for some people it's easier to rock that than others.

**How many people in a given audience tend to walk out before the movie is over?**

I thought it would really be a lot. But I was talking to some theater owners and they said it's really not much more than your average number of walkouts for any movie. And all of a sudden I realized, wait a second, people walk out on Steven Spielberg movies all the time. People walk out on Clint Eastwood movies. People just walk out on movies. So it turns out it's actually not that much greater than your average movie.

**When did you first hear "The Aristocrats?"**

When I was about 19 or 20, starting out in comedy. I was hanging around with a bunch of young comics and we were throwing ideas and jokes back and forth. And this joke came up. Somebody mentioned "The Aristocrats." I said what's "The Aristocrats?" And all of a sudden it was like, "Hey, he's never heard 'The Aristocrats.'" Any everybody huddled around and I got this huge sort of cluster-fuck telling, which is very appropriate, really.

**How long after that before you started telling people yourself?**

Oh, I started telling people right away. I couldn't wait. I had a few friends from college who I knew would be the perfect people to tell the joke to and right away started telling them. And then as I met other young comedians that hadn't heard the joke, I start-

ed felling them right away. That's what happens. It gets picked up right away. People start telling this joke. It's just so much fun.

**How often do you break out your version of the joke for people?**

Never. I haven't done a version of this joke in about 20 years. Except for the other night when I was on "The Jimmy Kimmel Show." And Jimmy put me on the spot and made me look like I was a pussy if I didn't do it. So that was the first time in about 20 years that I've actually done a version. I didn't want to do it cause first of all, I've just seen it done a million times. I've just been living with this for so long. I was like, I can't even find my way through to find anything original. But about half way through, something kicked in, and all of the sudden I started to get my own stuff going. And it turned out to be really fun.

**In the movie you talk about how a lot of "The Aristocrats" is the comedian and not the joke itself. How does that interplay work? How many people can actually successfully pull off this joke and have it be funny?**

I've seen the same person do it three or four different times with three or four different results. It's always different. The thing about this joke, this is one of the things that's so fascinating to comedians, I think, about it, is that it doesn't end when you're done telling the joke. It's not like a joke you finish and the audience response happens. The way people respond to it as actually part of the process of the joke. It's very Andy Kaufman-like. It's a 150-year old joke that's actually post-modern. It is the kind of movie you really have to see with an audience. The way the audience reacts is part of why the joke is funny. It's so much different when you are sitting with a bunch of people and you know that a couple of them are pissed off at a certain point. It just becomes funny. It becomes that much funnier that people are reacting that way. It's really fun. Did you enjoy the movie?

**I did enjoy the movie. I liked it a lot. I'll probably go see it again when it opens in Youngstown. Anyway, thanks for talking with me.**

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Chief John Gocala of the YSU-PD said that the incident didn't bode well for the university or the social organizations on campus. He said he wouldn't place blame for the incident, but when an organization hosts an event, it's the organization's responsibility to make sure it stays safe and orderly.

**Safety Meeting**

The incident came a week before a meeting yesterday that was scheduled for Greek organizations with Greg Gulas, assistant director of student activities. Gulas called on Greek system chapter presidents, social chairs and risk man-

agement representatives to attend a luncheon with himself, Gocala and Cynthia Anderson, vice president of student affairs. A memo to the organizations said the meeting would "discuss ... acceptable behavior for gatherings and parties."

Gulas said yesterday's meeting was a yearly event and was planned since the beginning of August.

"We want to be as safe as possible," Gulas said. "We want the Greek system to grow, but to grow in the right way. New recruits to the Greek system need to know that they have to practice safety 110% of the time."

Gocala said fraternity and

sorority events and parties required an amount of responsibility from the organization.

"A party has to be safe, orderly and comply with the law," Gocala said.

He said that there are a number of practices an organization can use to make sure a party remains safe. Gocala suggested keeping a guest list, and checking the IDs of guests at the door. He suggested that someone who hosts a party ask the police department for a checklist of things that can be done to keep the party safe and orderly.

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sectioned off into four separate courts by a curtain.

YSU now boasts one of the tallest climbing walls in the state. The 53-foot tall rock climbing wall was designed with help from YSU's Rock Climbing Club. There are five different lines and 11 individual runs on the wall, Morrone said.

After half an hour training and safety session for the wall, it will be open to all students and faculty. Climbing wall experts will

be available at all times to assist those who want to try it out.

"The view from the top of the climbing wall is absolutely amazing," Morrone said. "You can see almost all of campus and a lot of downtown. It's great."

One of the smallest rooms in the rec center is the meditation room, although it boasts high ceilings and large windows. The room will also be used for small group classes and yoga.

The rec center includes a 3,200 square foot aerobics and multipurpose gymnasium designed to be a group fitness instructional area.

"This is something that we really needed on campus," Rigney said.

The rec center will also include two full-size racquetball courts.

More information on the rec center can be found at <http://ccc.yosu.edu/campus-rec> or by calling ext. 3488.

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tract isn't everything we wanted, but we can live with it for the next three years," Domhoff said. "The bargaining unit was very astute. We're moving on."

Domhoff called on the university administration to "step up to the plate" and pay for a health care plan similar to the one outlined in the ACE contract - 1.5 percent of salary for family coverage, 0.75 percent of salary for single. The administration currently pays 10 percent of their own health care costs.

The union met at 5:15 p.m. yesterday for a brief questioning period before voting on the agreement.

The union met on Tuesday to hold a question and answer meeting about the agreement. Domhoff said that her negotiating team recommended the union vote to approve the agreement. However, after Tuesday's union meeting to discuss the agreement, she said many of the members were still unhappy with the proposal. Domhoff said that the

agreement doesn't contain retroactive pay for wages and benefits lost during the strike. The faculty union received both. Domhoff said that the new agreement took away the \$200 signing bonus offered to every bargaining unit member.

"We are prevalently unhappy that the university put us in this position. The OEA and ACE agreements are completely different," Domhoff said.

Domhoff said that she was pleased that the new agreement contained longevity credit for ACE workers who were away on state, student or military service.

She also cited the early retirement plan, which would offer ACE workers monetary incentive to retire early, as important to all who qualify for it.

Under the new contract, ACE employees will receive two annual raises of 3 percent of their salary and a raise of 3.25 percent in the third year. The contract also introduced co-pays into health care and

prescription benefits.

The new agreement would revise the union's longevity plan. ACE workers are now eligible for pay increases every three years. The employees can receive up to four of these increases, a decrease of the five and six increases current ACE are eligible for.

John Habat, vice president of administration at YSU, said the community must move forward to fulfill its mission to students and the Mahoning valley. He also said the university was appreciative of the faculty and ACE unions' agreement to co-pay into health care coverage.

"The university is appreciative of both the faculty and the ACE unions for making significant steps forward by financially participating in health care benefit programs. Relative to the market and economic climate, the university believes that this is a fair request to make," Habat said.

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THE INQUISITION: A JAMBAR Q & A

So a family act walks into a ...

By: Leonard Glenn Crist  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

So a family act walks into a talent agent's office.

It's a father, mother, son, daughter, grandmother and a dog. The father says to the talent agent, "We have an act that you simply must see."

The talent agent says, "I'm always interested in a good wholesome family act. Go ahead show me what you got."

The family immediately disrobes and begins having the most vile and disgusting incestuous sex you can possibly imagine. For the record, poop is involved. The family finishes up and the father says, "Ta da!"

"That's an interesting act," the talent agent says, puzzled and a bit horrified. "What do you call yourselves?"

"The Aristocrats," the father replies.

That joke, known as "The Aristocrats," has been passed down through generations of comedians since at least the turn of the century and is the subject of a documentary of the same name directed by stand-up comedian Paul Provenza and co-produced by Penn Jillette of Penn and Teller fame.

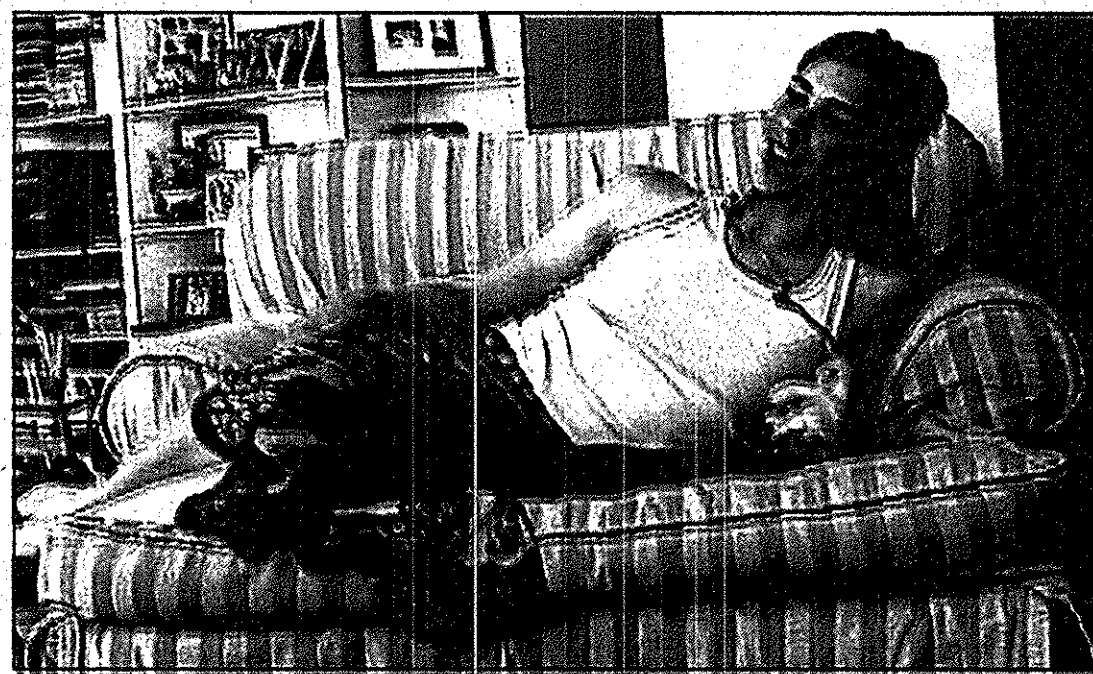
"The Aristocrats" features 102 comedians, including Gilbert Gottfried, Whoopi Goldberg and Bob Saget, each telling their own version of the very dirty joke and waxing poetic on why it's funny to comedians and puzzling to many others who simply don't get it.

Provenza brought the

movie to Youngstown State University in June for an early screening during the International Society of Humor Studies conference. Everyone else can catch "The Aristocrats" on Friday as it begins a run at Austintown Movies.

YSU geology professor Ray Beiersdorfer, who is friends with both Provenza and Jillette, set The Jambar up with an interview with Provenza, who called me Wednesday morning from Los Angeles after staying up all night editing "The Aristocrats" DVD, which he said was going to be chock full of bonus material.

Paul Provenza: Hey Leonard  
Leonard Glenn Crist:



Courtesy of Thinkfilms.com

Comedian Sarah Silverman tells the joke in this screencap from "The Aristocrats." Recently, a Jambar reporter got a chance to talk to Paul Provenza, the director of the groundbreaking film.

How's it going?

Good, how are you?

All right, then I'm hanging up now.

ing on an idea and we said, "We need a geologist."

I'm good. Thanks for speaking with me.

My pleasure. Are you a friend of Dr. Beiersdorfer's?

Kind of. We just met recently, but we are on the same campus.

How do you guys know each other?

I actually met him through Penn Jillette. We ended up working on a special together. Penn and Teller were doing a special for Sci-Fi Channel. We were work-

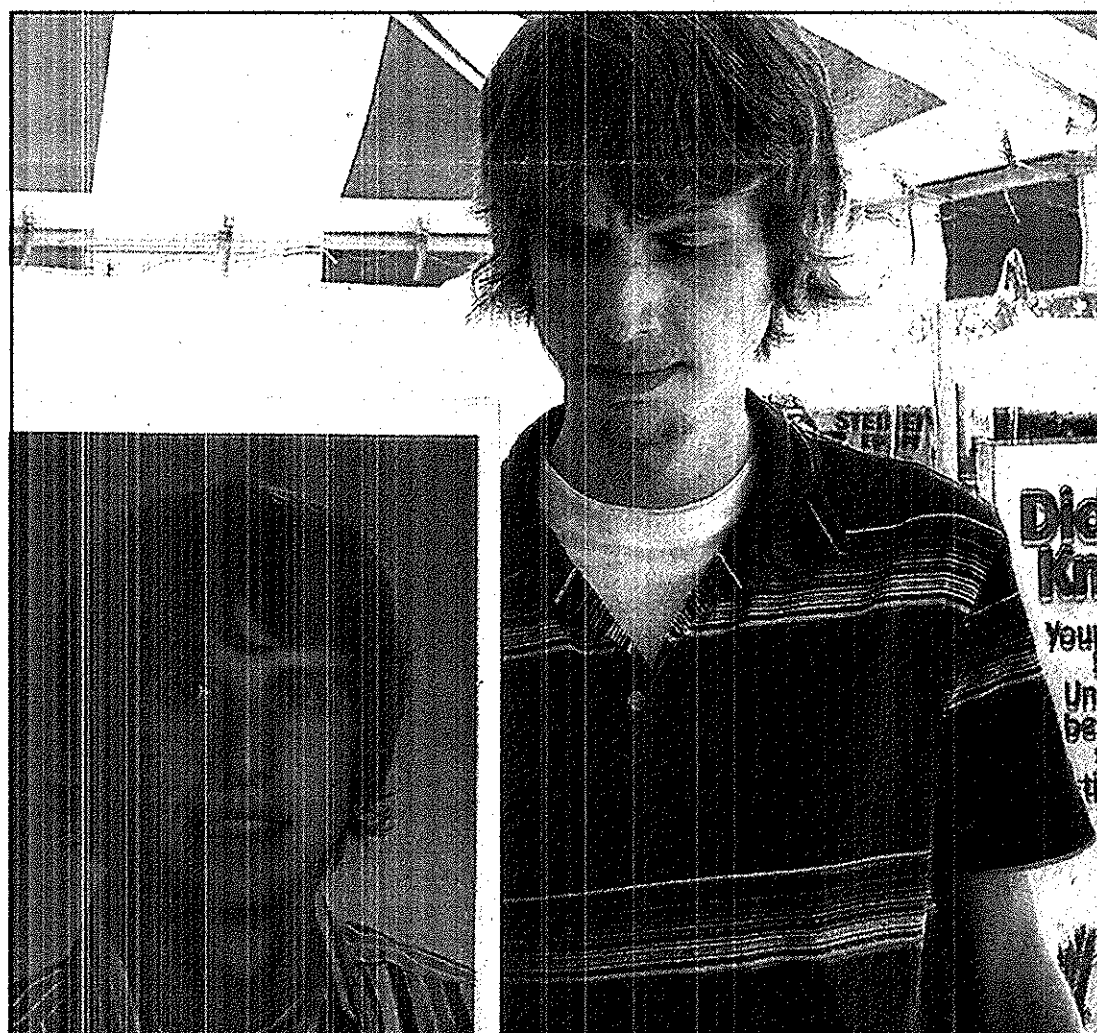
Did showing the film to group of scholars offer any insight into the enduring quality or the perversely funny nature of this joke?

No. What it led to was insight about the uselessness

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COMMENTARY

Fair and Loathing in Canfield



Bob Mackey, left, forces a 'school-picture smile' while wondering why someone who resembles him pretty closely looks over his left shoulder.

By: Bob Mackey  
COLUMNIST

Every year, the Canfield fair comes to town, bringing familiar sights, sounds and dangerous farm equipment. It also brings smells that people who've grown up in this area have come to know and love annually on Labor Day weekend. And just like with the preceding 10 years of this phenomenon, I didn't plan on going. The two previous times I attended in my adult life, I was forced into attending. Upon leaving, I was met with feelings of hopelessness and disappointment. Although completely unrelated to these feelings, I also smelled of farm animals.

So, when I was asked to cover the fair, I was more than happy to; now it was my turn to force someone into going. With the promise of baby animals, I took a friend hostage and we ventured to Canfield Sunday afternoon, not knowing when we would return. Could we make it?

As a man of my word, we hit the baby animals first. And by "hit" I mean "politely watched them from a short distance." Rarely do I have the chance to experience nature closely, not to mention in a poorly ventilated space full of loud children! The cuteness of said animals made it a pleasant experience, for as long as I was able to push the thought out of my mind that many of them would be slaughtered upon reaching their tastiest

stages of growth. Still, I can't help but feel scientists should meddle in the affairs of God and create new forms of pigs and chickens that forever remain in their respective piglet and chick phases, because when fully grown, these animals are both ugly and scary.

With the baby animals behind us, nestled snugly in our minds, we walked further into the trenches of the fair, looking for anything of interest. Desperate for material, I thought of making up events that happened to make my future story more exciting ("The fair exploded! It literally exploded!"). While trying to concentrate, I could hear the faint warbling of geriatrics performing music, which they are only allowed to do in the controlled environment of the fair. We also passed a female country singer, and within five seconds, we knew she was singing about God.

I briefly flirted with the idea of attending the Brad Paisley concert, but I had left my bag of specially made Brad Paisley throwing rocks at home. Unfortunately, I only had my Toby Keith bag on hand, and I believe hurling rocks at terrible musicians is akin to an art form.

Of course, no trip to the fair is complete without a sampling of American cuisine known as carnival food. I opted for a lemon shake, knowing what irreparable harm carnival food could do to my vegetarian lifestyle-tempered body. Completely used to

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CD REVIEW

'Evil' CD devilishly good

By: Eric Grosso  
FEATURES REPORTER

Columbus rock band The Evil Queens are bringing their aggressive brand of music to Youngstown's Nyabinghi on Friday night to support their latest recording, "First It Boils, Then It Spoils."

"We're just a really honest rock band," lead singer Mike Eckhardt said in a recent interview. "We're not trying to fool anyone, we're not a gimmick."

The Columbus band isn't trying to copy anything from today's music scene.

"Today's genres are so



Courtesy of The Evil Queens

worn out, you can't really classify us as one thing or another," Eckhardt said. "We just play rock 'n' roll that happens to be loud."

The band has been compared to Queens of the Stone Age and Fu Manchu. After hearing their latest

release, those comparisons aren't far off.

"First It Boils, Then It Spoils" highlights The Evil Queens' well-written songs and a no-gimmicks-needed mentality and shows that

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PLAY PREVIEW

Blackbox Productions to put on Zindel play starting tonight

By: Eric Grosso  
FEATURES REPORTER

University Theater and Blackbox Productions will present Paul Zindel's play, "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," Sept. 8 through 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Spotlight Theater in Bliss Hall.

Starring in the production are Youngstown State University students Stephanie Ottey, Noelle Nackino, Nicole Dionisio, Jennifer McCombs and Missy Bookbinder.

The director is Gary Shackleford, a senior musical theater major. Assistant director is Richard H. Bell, a senior musical theater major, with Aaron Franek, a sophomore musical theater major, as stage manager.

"The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" is Paul Zindel's most popular play and is based loosely on his childhood, growing up in a single-parent household.

The drama features Beatrice (Dionisio), an alcoholic mother raising her two daughters Tilly (Ottey) and Ruth (Nackino). After becoming a single parent, Beatrice becomes bitter and rude to those around her.

Tilly enters a science contest against her mother's will and wins in the course of her science project, Tilly discovers that the marigolds closest to the gamma ray source shrivel while those further away stand the best chance of growing.

These scientific observations become the basis for the relationship between Beatrice and her two daughters. Ruth, who has a closer relationship with her mother, seems destined to follow the same path as Beatrice. A shy Tilly often withdraws from Beatrice and Ruth, obsessing over her science project and plants.

Unlike University Theater, Blackbox Productions is student-directed and puts on two less-traditional productions every

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# the jambar Sports

## UPCOMING YSU SPORTS

- ▶ Friday — Soccer vs. Manhattan, 7 p.m.
- ▶ Friday to Sunday — Men's tennis at St. Bonaventure Invitational
- ▶ Saturday — Cross Country at Mel Brodt Invitational
- ▶ Sunday — Soccer vs. VMI, 1 p.m.

## YSU SCOREBOARD

- ▶ Sept. 3 — Volleyball beat South Alabama, 3-1
- ▶ Sept. 3 — Volleyball lost to Murray St., 0-3
- ▶ Sept. 4 — Soccer lost to Ball State, 0-1

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# Penguins get set to take on NU

By: Justin Smolkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

Following last week's 44-14 dismantling of Slippery Rock University, it's hard not to be excited about the rest of the Youngstown State University football season. But coach Jon Heacock's boys will face a much stiffer test this Saturday when they play host to Northeastern

University, who lost to perennial I-AA powerhouse Georgia Southern, 41-38, in overtime last week.

Last week, YSU jumped out to a 27-0 point lead and never looked back, as the offense was nearly flawless, accumulating 22 first downs and 417 total yards. The Penguin defense held Slippery Rock to just 236 yards of offense.

The story of the night was the stable of running backs the Penguins unleashed upon "The Rock." Converted running back Justin Reams galloped for 122 yards and a score, while junior Mon-quante Gibson recorded 73 yards and two scores.

The Penguins also rotated quarterbacks, allowing both Tom Zetts and Vince Gliatta the chance to shine. The two quarterbacks are eerily similar and both are capable of leading the Penguin offense without losing a step in the process.

Following the game, Heacock said whoever is behind the center will get the job done and said both QBs were "sound" in their ability.

Defensively, the Penguins looked much like their counterparts on offense: sound.

YSU had two fumble recoveries and two interceptions to keep the Slippery Rock offense off the field.

The Penguins will need the same performance this Saturday. Northeastern comes in having gained 222 yards on the ground behind a 199-yard performance by their star fullback Jermain Austin. The Huskies also tallied 221 yards through the air last week.

How will the Penguins defense handle the task of

containing a potent offense? Senior defensive back Jason Perry said in the post-game press conference that it is going to take a concerted effort like the performance against SRU.

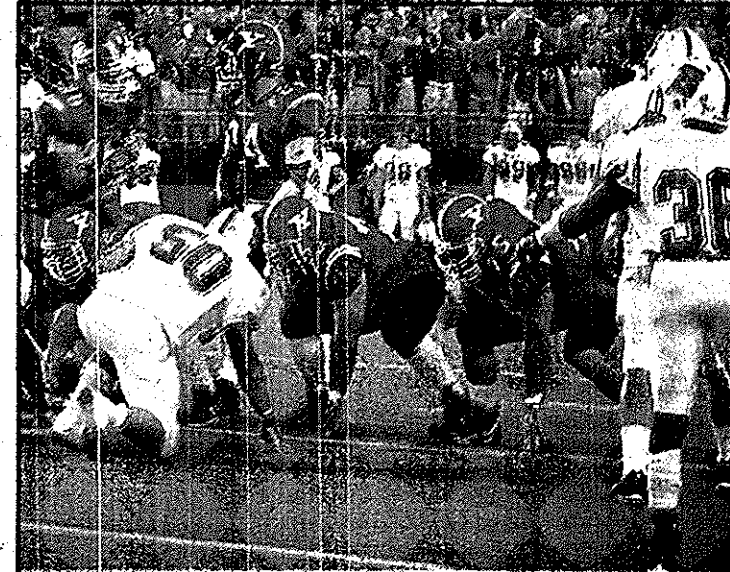
"You see eleven guys out there running around," Perry said. "We just want to get the ball back to the offense."

The Penguins may have a chance to make quite an impression against the Huskies, providing Perry and his defensive cohorts get them the ball.

Northeastern gave up an abysmal 474 yards on the ground to Georgia Southern on 62 carries.

### Keys to the game

**Win in the trenches:** The Penguin offensive line played nearly flawless last Saturday, keeping pressure off both Zetts and Gliatta and allowing tailbacks Gibson and Reams to run wild. If the Penguins can manhandle the Huskies defensive line like Georgia Southern did, we may see another performance like that against SRU.



Jambar / Leonard Glenn Crist  
Quarterback Tom Zetts (24) gets set at the line before a snap in first-quarter action against Slippery Rock last Thursday.

**Pressure the quarterback:** Last week, Northeastern gave up just two sacks against Georgia Southern. If the Penguins can put pressure on Northeastern's red-shirt freshman quarterback Anthony Orio, the Penguins could have a field day. Orio went 13-of-19 in his first start for 221 yards.

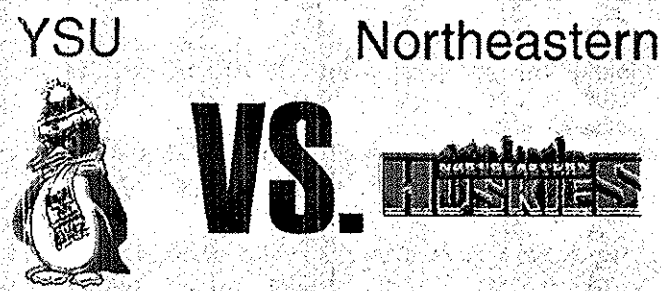
**Kicking game:** Freshman Brian Palmer played well enough for his first collegiate start, going 1-of-2 in field goals, including a 37-yarder in the fourth quarter. Palmer's play will need to remain consistent, and the special teams units will have to eliminate mistakes from last week that saw the Penguins have both a field

goal blocked and an extra point blocked.

**Smith must get touches:** Last week, senior Kyle Smith edged closer to a YSU record, as he notched his 23rd straight game with a reception, only five behind the leader. Overall, he had six catches for 46 yards and a touchdown for the night.

**Eliminate the penalties:** The Penguins had nine penalties for 57 yards. This must be addressed soon because these types of mistakes could haunt the Penguins against teams like Northeastern.

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**Game time:** Saturday, 4 p.m.

**Where:** Stambaugh Stadium

**Forecast:** 82 degrees, partly cloudy

**Radio:** AM 1390 WNIO / 106.1 FM

WBGG

**TV:** Fox 17/62 (tape delay starts at 10:30)

Series record: YSU leads, 5-3

**Coaches:** YSU — Jon Heacock; NU — Rocky Hager

**Notes:** The two teams haven't met since 1992, when NU won, 28-23 ... NU plays in the Atlantic-10 conference, a conference YSU holds a 25-26 record against.

Information courtesy of YSU Sports Information

## Beeghly Natatorium receives makeover

By: Justin Smolkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State swimming and diving teams will only be homeless for a little longer as the Beeghly Natatorium renovations near completion.

Head swim coach Matt Anderson said that the project covered "just about everything."

The project, which cost roughly \$500,000, fixed many problem areas for the pool, which has held the 1977, 1980 and 1981 Division II Men's national championships. Improvements included new ceilings, new paint on walls and in the pool, a new chlorination system, new lighting, and fixed leaks. While the pool is nearly completed, it will take 10 days before crews can begin refilling the ten-lane pool.

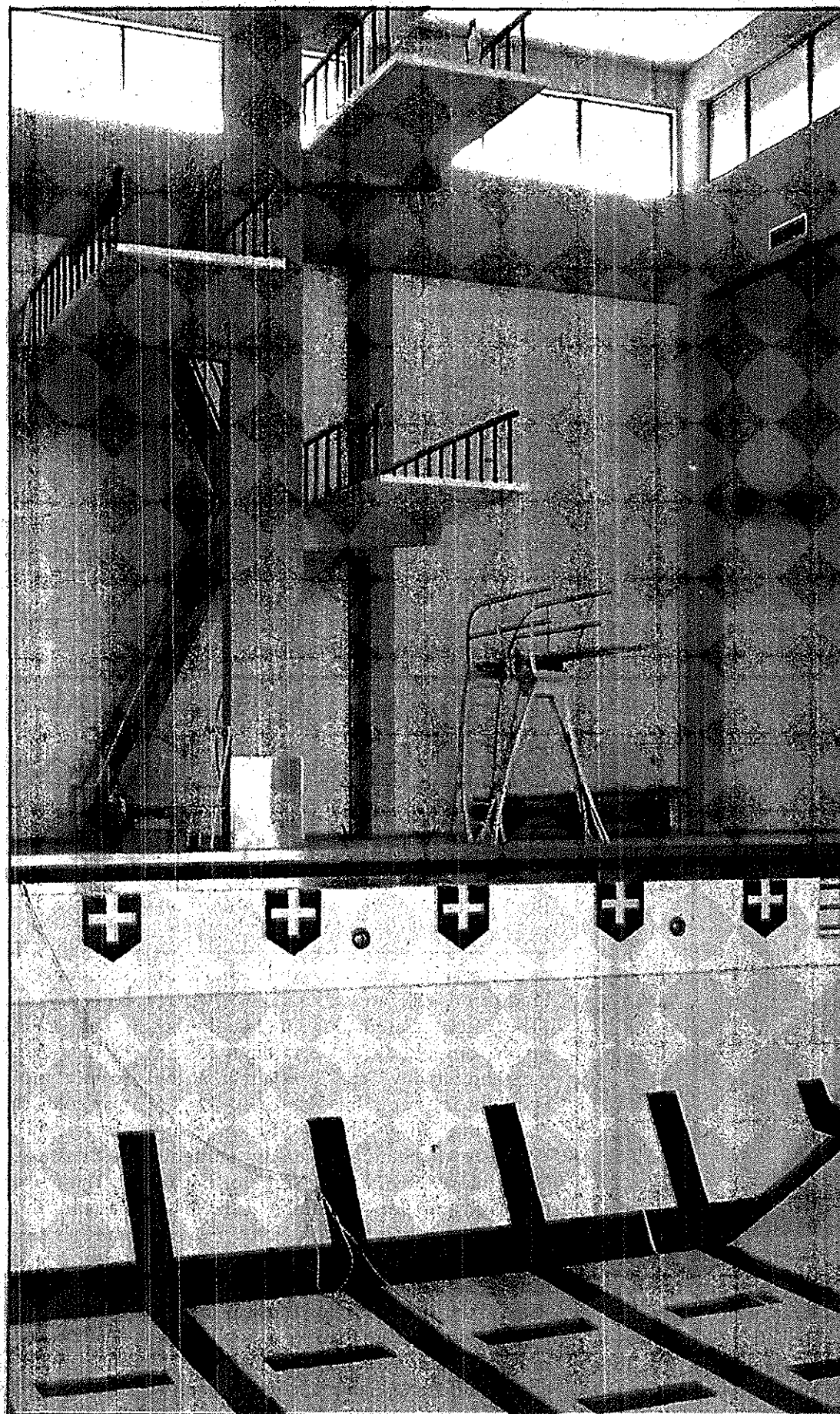
Unfortunately for the Penguins, who started practice this past Tuesday, they will not be able to practice in their home pool until the end of September, Anderson said.

"We will train at the Applewood Swimming and Tennis club until our pool is up and running," Anderson.

Anderson also said the divers would split training time between the pools at Hubbard High School and the University of Akron.

The Penguins will have a long time before the Beeghly natatorium will be used for competition. The Penguins will not host a meet until Nov. 5 when they take on Cleveland State.

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The pool for the Youngstown State University swimming and diving teams has received a half of a million dollars worth of improvements and repairs.

## Sports News in Brief

Courtesy of YSU's Sports Information  
Web site: ysu.edu/sports/index.htm

### Soccer: Penguins Show Strong Defensive Effort in 1-0 Loss

Ball State junior midfielder Amy Holst obtained her own rebound and knocked it past YSU goalkeeper Jessica Yarter in the 63rd minute of Sunday's contest and it proved to be the only goal of the game as the Penguins suffered a 1-0 loss to the Cardinals.

Despite being outshot 33-2 in the contest and outscored 11-0, YSU was able to keep the contest scoreless until midway through the second half.

Sarah Leibel was credited with the assist as Holst knocked her own rebound in for the only goal of the contest. Yarter had a career-high nine saves while freshman Sade Tate had the Penguins' lone shot on goal. Freshman Carrie Wack had Youngstown State's only other shot.

The victory was the third straight for the Cardinals who improved to 3-1 on the season, while YSU remained winless at 0-4.

### Penguins Announce 2005 Cross Country Schedule

#### Schedule

The Youngstown State University men's and women's cross country teams will compete in five meets before the second Horizon League Championship to be held in Ohio in the last three years, head coach Brian Gorby announced Tuesday.

The Penguins will open their season on Sept. 10 at the Mel Brodt Invitational and will compete on the campuses of Penn State, Notre Dame and Indiana in preparation for the conference meet in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

After the opener at Bowling Green, a site where the men's squad took home a victory last season, YSU will travel to State College, Pa. for the Spiked Shoe Invitational on Sept. 24 and to South Bend, Ind. for the Notre Dame Invitational on Sept. 30. The Penguins will then compete in the All-Ohio Championship at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, on Oct. 7 before returning to State College for the Penn State National Invitational. Wright State will host the Horizon League Championship at John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs, Ohio, on Oct. 29. The regular season will close with a trip to the Great Lakes Regional in Bloomington, Ind. on Nov. 12 where a bid to the NCAA Championship will be on the line.

The men's squad will look to jump back into the top three teams in the Horizon League, a position they've held for 11 of the past 12 years, after finishing fourth last season. The women's squad also finished fourth last season and returns six of its eight runners from last season.

### Leslie's Career High Leads Penguins

#### to Split

YSU junior Cari Leslie posted a career-high 21 kills with a 11 digs and a .442 hitting percentage to lead the Penguins (4-3) to a 30-21, 27-30, 30-27, 30-16, win over South Alabama on Saturday at the Helping Hands Classic. The Penguins dropped a later match to Murray State, 24-30, 17-30, 22-30.

Senior Katie Shea added a season-high 13 kills while junior Tracy Obonna slammed a career-best 11 kills with a .478 hitting percentage.