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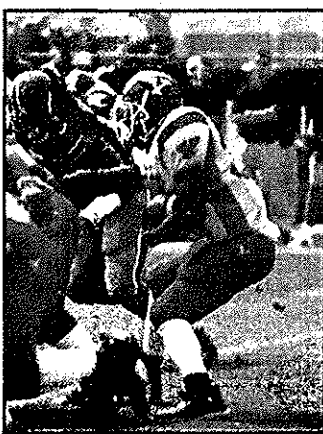
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In Brief

Dana to host free jazz concert

The Dana School of Music will host the Jazz combos performance, directed by Kent Engelhardt and Daniel Murphy, at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 as part of the Noon Concert Series at the Butler Institute of American Art.

Copies of 2010 plan available

The Youngstown 2010 plan is finished and can be downloaded at www.youngstown2010.com. Copies also can be viewed at Youngstown's five library locations or purchased for \$25 at the Youngstown Planning Department, which is located on the sixth floor of Youngstown City Hall, 26 S. Phelps St.

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 How often do you practice 'safer sex'?

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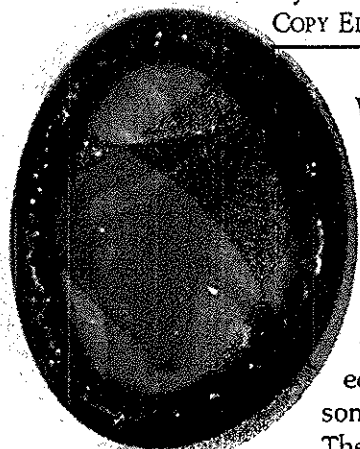


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YSU / SAFER SEX WEEK

Better safe than sorry

By: Katie Libecco
 COPY EDITOR



Housing and Residence Life's Safer Sex Week, which is coordinated annually to inform students about sex, STDs and relationships, began this Monday at Youngstown State University.

"We're trying to get students to think about decisions they are making," Melissa Kirby, Safer Sex Week coordinator, said. "We at least want them to be more educated about decisions. Maybe give them some alternatives."

The week included a question and answer session in Christman Dining Commons Monday and information on STDs in Kilcawley Center on Tuesday.

Wednesday night Barb Turner, a nurse from Humility of Mary Health partners, spoke to students about domestic violence, sexual assault and relationships. A specialist in sexual assault, Turner says that she offers public education wherever she can.

About 40 students attended the lecture, which debunked myths with statistics and included anecdotes from Turner's experiences. Turners provided facts such as: one in four women and one in 33 men will be sexually assaulted and 61 percent of those assaults will occur when the person is younger than 18 years old. Clients she has dealt with range in age from 22 months to 78 years old.

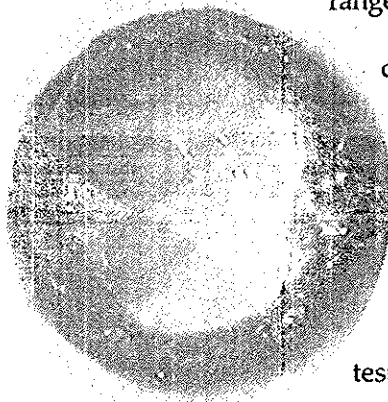
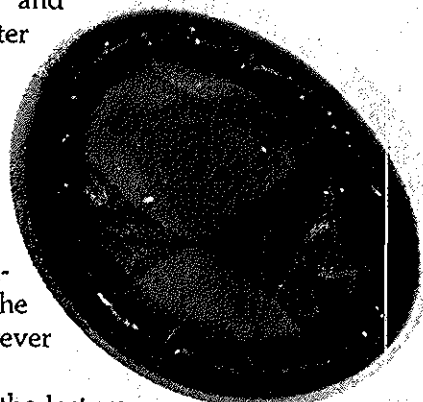
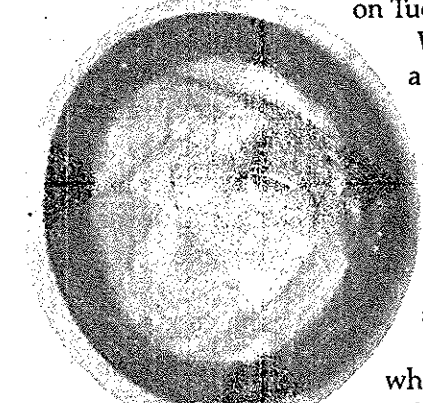
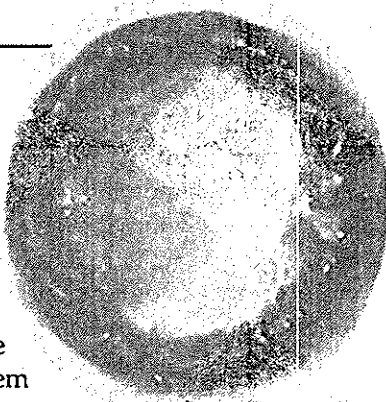
"It is never the victim's fault. They may have made a bad decision, but no one deserves to have a crime done unto them," Turner said.

She encouraged students who may hear about someone getting raped not to judge or offer advice, but to help empower the victim and refer them to help.

The session included advice on how to help friends and family deal with domestic violence and sexual assault, legally and emotionally.

"We have 72 hours after a rape to collect evidence and to test for drugs. The longer someone waits, the less evidence

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Millions affected by STDs

KRT Campus

There are more than 25 different STDs affecting more than 15 million men and women in the United States every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In all, an estimated one in five Americans has had an STD, and nearly two thirds of those STDs occur in people younger than 25 years old.

STDs are spread via sexual and intimate contact, which includes vaginal

and anal intercourse, as well as oral-anal and oral-genital contact. (Having oral or anal sex does not prevent the spread of STDs, although many people think that it does.) The viruses or bacteria that cause STDs travel from person to person in semen, vaginal fluids, or blood. Some STDs enter the body through tiny cuts or tears in the mouth, anus, or genitals. Others flourish in the

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YSU

CISP currently under temporary direction

By: Bill Rodgers
 NEWS EDITOR

With Noah Midamba, the former interim director of the Center for International Studies and Programs, gone, Youngstown State University Provost Robert K. Herbert announced yesterday that the center was still running under the temporary direction of Mustansir Mir, professor of philosophy and religious studies. Mir will be joined by Steve Brown, a professor of English at YSU.

Mir will develop institutional partnerships with overseas universities and faculty members. Brown will advise international students at YSU and recruit international students.

Midamba, has filed a complaint with the university following his contract's non-renewal. Herbert said the complaint would

"We didn't want students to misinterpret our silence to mean we were neglecting the center. That's not true."

— Provost Robert Herbert

have to be reviewed.

He said the two professors were filling in until a new director was found after a national search. Herbert said that Midamba was welcome to apply for the position.

A search committee for a permanent director for the center has been formed with Peter Kasvinsky, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, acting as chair. The committee will first determine a

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YOUNGSTOWN 2010

Plan: 2010 will key city's survival

By: Katie Libecco
 COPY EDITOR

After two-and-a-half years of 5,000 community members' input into visioning and planning the city's future, the Youngstown 2010 Planning Team has released the final version of Youngstown 2010 — the road map for Youngstown's recovery.

"I'm very encouraged that we've made it to this point," YSU President David Sweet said. "This is a culmination of many individuals

who met in many small meetings, in the two larger meetings at Stambaugh and some of the meetings that we've had on campus. There was a lot of participation."

2010 is Youngstown's first citywide planning process in more than 50 years. The final plan states, "A proactive approach toward the future is the last chance for sustainability, perhaps even survival."

It calls on citizens, private developers and businesses, YSU, the city Board of Education and more to col-

laborate and implement the plan. "The City cannot afford single handedly to do all that this plan calls for on its own," it reads. Citywide projects 2010 has planned fall into three categories: cleaner, greener and better organized.

In the "cleaner" category, citywide projects include annual major thoroughfare/gateway clean-ups, conversion of surplus school building sites to green space, coordination of beautification projects with the Ohio

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YSU / SGA

SGA fills seats, grants money to organizations

By: Cheryl Thompson
 REPORTER

In its Monday meeting, the Student Government Association filled the three vacant freshman representative seats. SGA welcomed Erica Cross, a business economics major, Ashley Ruozzo, a pre-pharmacy major and Molly Maksiel, a musical theater major. Twenty-two applications were received for the positions.

SGA granted money to four student organizations: the YSU Jazz Society, Youngstown Student Education Association, Youngstown Fencing Association and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Organizations requesting funding met with the Financial Appropriations Committee on Monday Sept. 19, to discuss the amount of money requested.

The committee, comprised of Daniella Barletta, Danielle DeChant, Lori Griffin, Josh Hiznay and David Spaholt, takes into account the organizations existing funds, community service performed and how

the organization will benefit the university.

The YSU Jazz Society requested \$3,700 to pay for performances and workshops by David Binney Quartet and Joe Lavano. By bringing these musical groups to campus, the YSU Jazz Society intends to not only entertain with concerts but to further student's interest in jazz music. SGA recommended and approved \$1,200 to defray the costs of one or both of the musicians.

Youngstown Student Education Association requested \$2,500 to participate and provide the DYCE Program at the SMARTS Center. This amount would go toward supplies for crafts, transportation and other budgeted items. YSEA said the Orion Award winning event would give YSU national and local publicity and help inner city children have positive experiences in the Youngstown Community. SGA recommended and approved \$500 to purchase supplies needed to participate in the DYCE program.

To accommodate grow-

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Six profs garner NOCHE awards

By: Eric GROSSO
FEATURES REPORTER

Six Youngstown State University faculty members will receive awards from the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education on Oct. 7. From the more than 9,000 candidates, 56 faculty members from 20 universities in Ohio received the award.

The recipients are Maria DeLust, professor and director of Clinical Laboratory Programs,

Jacek Fabrykowski, associate professor of Mathematics and Statistics, Randy Hoover, professor of Teacher Education, Rick Fry, Psychology professor, Richard McEwing, professor of Education and Philosophy and Religious Studies professor Victor Wan-Tatah.

"These YSU faculty members represent the best of the best classroom teachers in the state, and in the nation for that matter," Robert Herbet, YSU provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "Their dedication to teaching, to the university and most especially to their students is commendable and well worth this recognition."

The awards are given to teachers who are considered leaders in creating field

study programs, who create new styles of learning using new technology, who provide support to co-curricular activities that allow students to apply knowledge, or those who introduce more interactive methods within the conventional classroom setting.

Dr. Rick Fry, professor of psychology, gives a lot of the credit for the award to the Center for Teaching and Learning Technology. He said the center integrated video clips into his power point presentations, allowing for class time to be used more efficiently.

"Not only does it allow for the class to be more streamlined, but when you put more effort into your product, it gives you more pride and enthusiasm when teaching," Fry said.

He also said that showing the clips leaves more of an impact on students than texts do, noting that clips of psychological disorders are more effective than just reading about them.

Dr. Richard McEwing, Education professor, said he tries to offer something different for students in his classes, rather than just lecturing.

"I always try to be engaging, more interactive," McEwing said. "You want it to be more of a conversation

than a lecture, the students get more out of it that way."

Dr. Randy Hoover, professor of Teacher Education, uses a similar approach.

"My classes aren't terribly structured. I know what I have to teach, and I usually let the students drive the class," Hoover said.

Hoover started out teaching the same as some of his professors had, using simple lectures. After changing up his routine over the 20 years he's been teaching, he's noticed his students get a lot more out of that type of technique.

"I'm really only as good as my classes are," Hoover said.

The teachers noted that the award is a great way of knowing their work doesn't go unappreciated.

"It makes you feel good about what you do, the recognition is nice. And, we get a free lunch," joked McEwing.

Call Eric GROSSO at (330) 941-3758.

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ing membership in their organization, the YSU Fencing League requested \$3,552.14 to help pay for 12 sets of equipment needed to participate in the league. The organization offers another competitive sport for students, bringing publicity to the university. SGA approved \$1,500, which would pay for six sets of equipment.

Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity Inc. requested \$1,200 for security and a DJ for a meet and greet fundraiser to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. In the original request, the amount requested for security was \$1,000. This was because the event was intended to run till 2 a.m. and events that run after midnight have higher security fees. However, due to the midnight curfew, security will cost \$100 dollars. SGA recommended the amount of \$100 dollars to pay for security. SGA voted to approve \$300 for the fraternity.

Also at the meeting, the Academic Affairs Committee discussed ways to improve Career Services, including better advertising and comparing the facility to other similar campuses, such as Kent State University. The committee also reviewed academic curriculum sheets.

Additionally, SGA unanimously passed a resolution proposed by the Student Affairs Committee concerning the formation of an ad-hoc committee open to all students dedicated to investigating the student experience at athletic events, mainly football games.

The next general meeting will be Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

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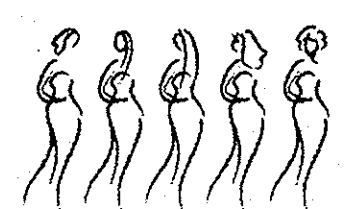
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OUR SIDE

Keep intelligent design out of schools

The monkeys are back in court. Eight families from the Dover, Pa. school district are suing the district for undermining their children's education by forcing them to learn intelligent design alongside evolution in their high school biology courts.

This case will no doubt begin to garner heavy national attention, as politicians as high as President Bush have in the past weighed in on this topic.

The argument that the school district and others who support intelligent design being taught in classrooms make — that intelligent design and evolution are both acceptable theories of how man came to be — draws the ire of scientists and for good reason.

To scientists, intelligent design is not an acceptable theory for a basic scientific reason: it can't be tested. A Brown University biology professor who was the first witness called by the plaintiffs in the case makes a simple point. Science can't test intelligent design, whereas decades of testing have gone into the theory of evolution. Requiring students to learn both in science classes undermines the basic tenets of the subject students are supposed to be learning: science.

The scientific process requires a hypothesis and the testing of that hypothesis. Any hypothesis that can't be tested therefore cannot be scientific and has no place in a science classroom.

This argument is not anti-Christian. Calling it that belittles scientists and their work. It is pro-science. Evolution does not plainly state that there is no God and that the Bible is inherently false. It simply employs the scientific process, the major tenet of science.

Calling these two theories 'competing' or referring to them alongside one another is nonsensical. The scientific community embraces evolution as the best current theory and disregards intelligent design on the whole. These are not competing schools of thought.

Evolution is the school of thought, whereas intelligent design holds all of the scientific weight of, as Bill Maher said, saying that babies come from storks.

According to an AP story, the school district's defense team said in its opening statement that the case was not about religion, but that rather, it was about the freedom of academic inquiry. To a degree, they're right.

The pursuit of intelligent design is about inquisitiveness and trying to find answers that are sometimes lacking in evolution itself. Considering intelligent design, based on the probability that randomness couldn't be completely accountable for the Earth as we now know it, does have a place in academia. But that place is in philosophy courses and not in science classrooms.

Until intelligent design becomes a testable, verifiable theory, it serves no high school students to have them learn it alongside evolution in a science classroom. Science classes should teach science, and the accepted scientific school of thought is evolution.

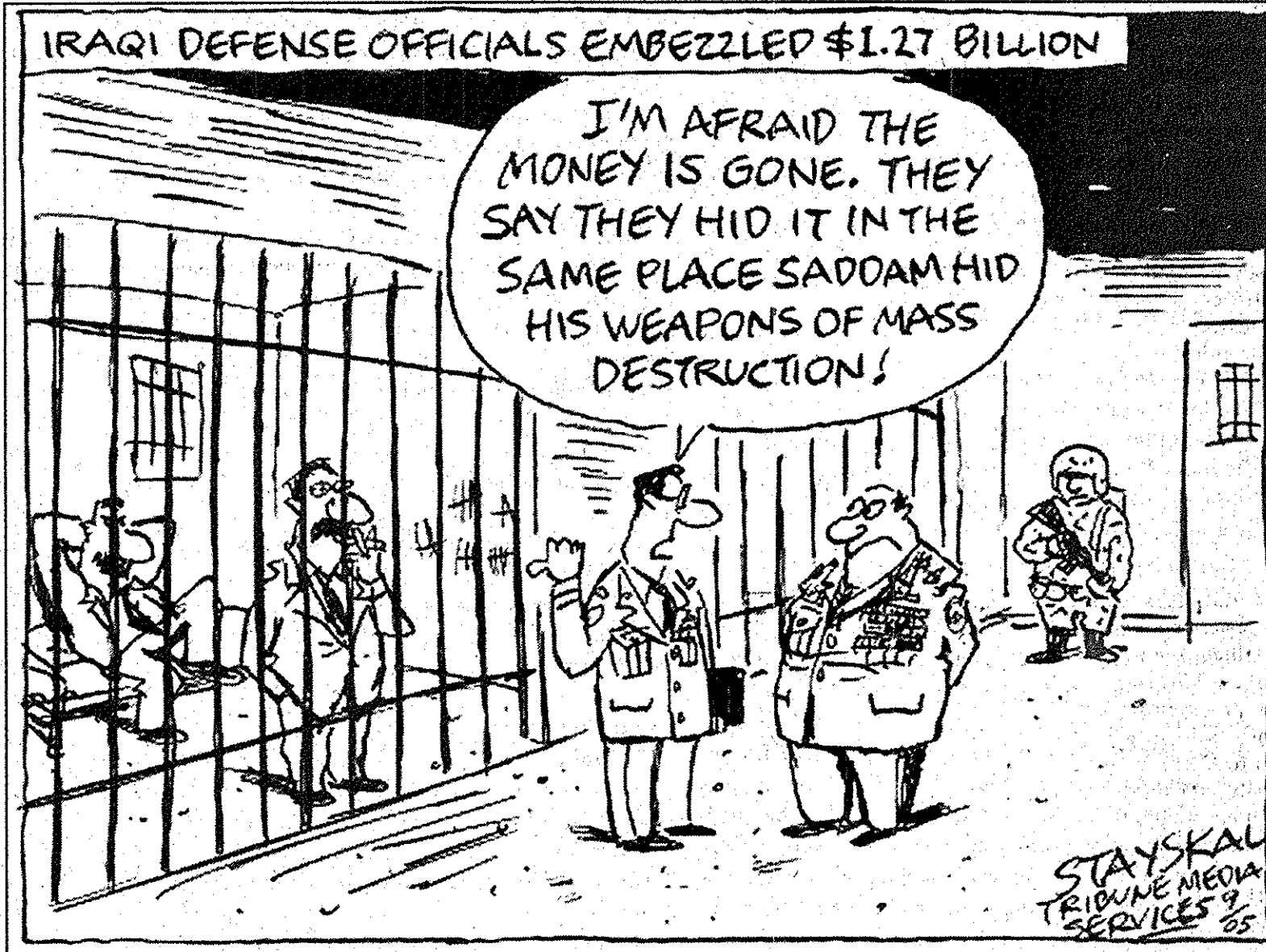
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COMMENTARY

Gender inequality in the corporate world

By: Rhonda Chriss Lokeman
KRT CAMPUS

People who think Martha Stewart got burned because of who she was, not what she did, should watch closely what's happening with Bill Frist.

Appropriate questions have been raised about whether the Senate majority leader improperly sold stock benefiting a medical company with family ties.

As with Stewart, these questions have to do with timing. Why did Frist sell stock when he did? The answer to a similar question posed to Stewart landed the millionaire businesswoman in prison. Will millionaire Dr. Frist be taken down the same road for his ill-timed dump of Hospital Corporation of America stock? Not likely.

In March 2004, when Stewart was found guilty of four of the five counts against her, one of the jurors celebrated the verdict as "a victory for the little guys."

Stewart, ratted out by friends, was found guilty of lying to the government about her sale of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in December 2001, the day before the stock plummeted.

The day after she sold her stock came news that regulators had rejected an application for a cancer drug by ImClone.

It was the timing of the stock sale that signaled to authorities something might be fishy in Miss Martha's kitchen. It's that same pungent smell that has some people wanting regulators to look into Dr. Frist's black bag.

The Washington Post reported last week that questions are being raised about the timing of Frist's decision to dump all HCA stock in June. HCA, the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain, was founded by the senator's father and owns hospitals nationwide. Frist's brother

er sits on the HCA board.

A month after Frist sold, HCA's stock took a 9 percent hit. It's not the day before, as with Martha, but it still seems odd.

Consumer watchdog groups such as Public Citizen wonder why Frist, who put his stock into a blind trust, chose to sell when he did. They wonder if he knew something other stockholders didn't. The same questions were asked about Martha.

The timing is also suspicious, critics say, because Frist always claimed there was no conflict of interest. Since the sale, however, he's claimed it was done to avoid the appearance of having any conflict.

Last week federal prosecutors in New York subpoenaed HCA documents related to Frist's sale. The SEC also is looking into the matter.

A Frist spokeswoman told reporters the senator "did not have any conversations with HCA executives about HCA stock when he was making the decision to divest." Wordsmiths ought to study that quote. It will likely come up again. Incidentally, Stewart was never convicted of insider trading, just lying.

Actually, "She got in trouble because her reputation as a vicious, humorless ice-queen overshadowed her talents," wrote Henry Blodget, a former securities analyst, in Slate. By contrast, Frist, charged with nothing, is seen as a squeaky-clean Marcus Welby, M.D. That may soon change.

The rules that applied to a woman named Stewart in New York don't necessarily apply to a man named Frist from Tennessee. Reportedly, at least seven HCA executives sold 574,882 shares worth nearly \$20 million between May 17 through June 10.

Don't expect what happened to Stewart to happen to Frist. Frist is not only a mover and shaker in Washington,

he's also one of the most powerful Republican allies in Congress for the Bush administration. The Bushvols need him as much as they need House Majority Leader Tom DeLay who, by the way, is up to his neck in naughty. Senate Ethics Committee investigations into his alleged wrongdoing have gone nowhere. Boys will be boys.

Meanwhile, Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who strutted like a peacock over his congressional connections, is now singing like a canary about his business relationships, one of which was with DeLay. Abramoff was indicted last month on wire fraud and conspiracy charges.

Another of his clients was Tyco. Now that Tyco execs are in trouble with the government, their lawyers are tattling about what Abramoff said about his links to the White House, in particular Bush's Brain, Karl Rove. The response from Rove's office: Jack who?

Stewart got sent up the river before those WorldCom, Tyco and Enron boys ever got out of their limos. She was wearing her crochet poncho while the boys were still in their tuxes.

Stewart had a good defense team, one of the best money could buy, but it didn't help. She nearly lost her empire, Martha Stewart Omnimedia, and spent five months at Camp Cupcake, the West Virginia prison. She spent almost six months under house arrest. She's done her time for her crime (lying) and is trying to make a comeback.

It still pays to be rich and powerful in white-collar criminal circles, but mostly it pays to be male. Maybe what Stewart needed was not a bigger defense team after all. Maybe all she needed was a bigger inseam.

Rhonda Chriss Lokeman is a columnist for the Kansas City Star.

Through the looking glass

By: Mike Pingree
KRT CAMPUS

BOB, I COULD SWEAR THAT GUY LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU

Sitting in his Waterloo, N.Y., home, a man and his younger brother were watching the popular "America's Most Wanted" television program, when the younger brother's picture appeared on the screen. It seems the guy was wanted for scamming people in Florida.

The older brother was shocked as were his neighbors, nine of whom instantly called the cops.

CURSES! OUTSMARTED BY AN INANIMATE OBJECT!

A thief pried open the sliding glass door of a shopping mall in Nendaz, Switzerland, and went on an illegal, late-night shopping spree in

which he gathered up bags and bags of merchandise. But when he went to leave, the sliding glass door slammed shut on his neck and foot, forcing him to call for help.

AND I SAY YOU'RE BLUFFING ... KA-BLAM!

During an argument with her husband on their front porch, a Tennessee woman fired her gun in the air "to get his attention." Thinking she was joking, he laughed. So she shot him in the chest. He is recovering. She was arrested.

WHAT EXACTLY HAS BEEN GOING ON HERE?!

The Alamo rental car company in England has listed some of the odd items left behind in vehicles by clients. Among them: A black leather whip, an artificial leg and a wedding dress.

OFFICER, WHEN YOU GOTTA GO, YOU GOTTA GO

A 21-year-old student at the University of North Carolina was arrested for urinating in the town parking lot in Chapel Hill. Twenty-eight minutes after he was cited for public urination, he walked back to the parking lot and did it again. And the police arrested him again.

SURE I CAN FIX IT ... COULD YOU LEAVE IT HERE?

Apparently, a great many people record their sexual activities with the camera feature of their mobile phones. And when the phones break down, they forget to remove the recordings before bringing the devices in for repair. One enterprising mobile phone dealer in Athens, Greece, has transferred nearly 200 pornographic videos from phones brought to him to be fixed, selling them on the open market.

STRIKE WARS RETURN OF THE SEMESTER

By: Leonard Glenn Crist
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Not that long ago on a campus far, far removed from reality...

Previously on Strike Wars: YSU's staff and faculty wanted a pay raise because YSU President David Sweet received one. Your humble narrator just wanted a stop to over-inflated tuition hikes. Nearing the end of the strike, ol' Davey Sweet wondered what exactly constituted a "Sweet deal" and then let it slip that he thinks of himself, a man who earns nearly \$300,000 annually, as middle class. Hahahaha...and now for... hahahaha...the thrilling conclusion...hahahaha, middle class my ass, hahahaha... Strike Wars: The Return of the Semester.

Act 1: The One-Day Strike of 1989

The institutional memory at a university is pretty short-term. Students have four years or so to assess how things really work and then they graduate, grateful to finally be rid of bullshit politics, expensive textbooks and over-inflated tuition.

"The University should review bargaining history to identify the Union's likely bargaining objectives," advised a report entitled "A Primer on Public Sector Collective Bargaining," delivered in September 2004 to the Board of Trustees. "History does, in fact, repeat itself."

And, in fact, it did.

By the time the Great Strikes of 2005 happened, the only people who actually remembered the One-Day Strike of 1989, the only other time a YSU union walked the picket line, were those long-time faculty members who went on strike that day 16 years earlier. Top administration officials weren't yet a part of the university, and most of YSU's current students were barely in elementary school. I was eight years old at the time.

But with a little research, history comes alive.

YSU's Center for Working Class Studies and was the faculty union president during the 1989 strike, disliked the university administration then almost as much as he does now. He was hyperbolically quoted in the Jambar as saying the union wanted "to be treated with something other than contempt by this administration."

Then-university President Neil Humphrey fought back by buying a full-page paid advertisement in The Jambar emphasizing the administration's position and expressing regret that the union went on strike.

With middle and upper-middle class professors willing to walk off the job for large pay raises in a year when the tuition increase far outpaced inflation, only Brian Fry, then-Student Government president, was looking out for the little guy.

"The students of this university are victims," Fry said on the day of the strike. "And the students of this university are outraged."

The next morning the campus woke up to a headline that read "TEACHERS ON STRIKE!" but fortunately for students (and unfortunately for The Jambar), the strike had ended overnight.

The faculty wound up getting two 4 percent increases plus \$2,700 over two years and they weren't forced to pay health care.

Act 2: The Return of the Semester

Putting together a modern newspaper without the Internet is a pain in the ass. Because of the strikes, YSU had permitted only sporadic access to the Internet from campus, which meant our office in Fedor Hall was cut off from the rest of the information superhighway.

It was Sunday, Aug 28., the day before the scheduled start of YSU's fall 2005 semester. The Jambar's first issue of the semester was scheduled for Monday, but as a student

But would we have to cross an ACE picket line to come to classes? And who would save the day?

State Sen. Marc Dann, that's who. He rushed to YSU to make sure ACE and the administration negotiated through the night. By 5 a.m. Monday, they hammered out a new tentative agreement. ACE would wait to vote on it, but members (very tired members) would report to work at 8 a.m.

After staying up all night putting the finishing touches on the newspaper and running home to update The Jambar Web page (remember, no Internet), I reported to my 8 a.m. microeconomics class. Yay!

The final agreements had faculty receiving a 10 percent increase over three years, with both groups paying into health care for the first time. The total cost to YSU of the pay raises minus the health care contributions was expected to cost \$5.5 million over the three years.

The kicker was that OEA was able to negotiate retroactive pay, meaning YSU paid the 390 professors their full wages for their six days on strike. ACE wasn't so lucky; they only received retroactive health care.

Act 3: Fucking annoying

I really boxed myself into a corner with this "Star Wars" motif I started out with. That's part of the reason why this story was delayed a couple days. The only "Star Wars" related analogy I can muster is that these strikes were annoying; annoying like Ewoks, annoying like Jar Jar Binks.

At least "Star Wars" ultimately has a happy ending: the galaxy is saved, Darth Vader goes to heaven, Luke Skywalker gets to sing "Yub Nub" with a bunch of Muppets. But there is no happy ending in sight for YSU.

As I write this, nearly a month after the end of the strikes, I already don't care. I will have graduated, dropped out or died by the time the recently agreed upon contracts expire in 2008. Somebody will have to deal with the incen-

For a percentage of lower income students, the choice is even starker: Attend YSU or don't attend college at all. There's at least a grain of truth in the long-running joke that YSU stands for You Screwed Up.

It was the summer of 1989. George Bush was president, Hurricane Hugo caused billions of dollars in damage, tuition at YSU increased 11 percent and the university's faculty union was pissed off.

History does seem to repeat itself, doesn't it?

As early as June 1989, The Jambar was predicting a possible strike. A state-appointed fact finder had reviewed the current faculty contract and recommended pay increases of 8 percent each year for the life of the contract. The reason was YSU ranked eighth out of the 11 Ohio public universities in faculty salaries and because "the University can finance the recommended pay increases." The average salary for a YSU professor that year was \$41,398, about \$3,000 less than the state average. The fact finder also recommended YSU adopt an early retirement program.

YSU's trustees rejected the recommendations. University officials were unwilling to give more than a 1.94 percent salary increase at that time, they didn't like the idea of an early retirement buyout and they hoped to force the faculty to pay a percentage of their health care costs.

Sound familiar?

Two months later, little progress had been made. The faculty was still pushing for 8 percent pay increases and the administration wasn't commenting. With a month to go before the contract expired, no meetings between the two sides had been scheduled.

A Jambar editorial asked, "Do the Board of Trustees care? Do the faculty members care?"

"If a strike occurs, there would be only one loser, the student body at YSU," the Jambar wrote.

As the strike deadline approached, the administration dangled a sweetened "final" offer of a 6.5 percent salary increase each year or a 2 percent salary increase plus bonuses of \$1,800 the first year and \$1,960 in the second year, whichever the union preferred. But the union wasn't biting.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1989, the unthinkable happened: the faculty at YSU went on strike for the very first time in the school's 81 years of existence. Professors were seen around campus with signs that read "No Contract, No Work."

Professor John Russo, who is now the co-director of

newspaper, we decided that we wouldn't publish an issue until classes resumed. After all, if classes were delayed due to the strike, there would be very few students on campus to read it.

So we were waiting, having been told that the university would announce by 6 p.m., at the latest, whether classes would be held or not.

A tentative agreement between YSU and the Ohio Education Association faculty union had been reached Friday, but the teachers still hadn't voted on it. Though they weren't legally allowed to base their vote on the status of the Association of Classified Employees negotiations, after meeting Saturday evening intending to vote on the contract, the faculty decided to play the waiting game and see what was in store for ACE.

The faculty rescheduled their vote for 6 p.m. Sunday, which was cutting it kind of close considering the contract YSU negotiators agreed came with the stipulation that the faculty had to return to work Monday morning.

Saturday evening, ACE also came to a tentative agreement with the university but the union voted to reject the offer 211 to 85 in a Sunday-morning vote.

As the 6 p.m. OEA vote approached, ACE members stood outside the First Christian Church with signs encouraging solidarity. ACE president Chris Domhoff made sure to tell each passing faculty member that her union voted to reject their contract and were still on strike — a piece of information that should have been irrelevant if OEA members were to vote on their own contract and not ACE's. I asked her what purpose was being served, other than intimidation or illegal influence, by rallying outside the church and telling passing teachers that ACE was still on strike. She responded with words that said, *I support the faculty and hope they get a contract*, but her eyes shouted, *Those bastards better not betray us*.

But betray they did (others might say they were simply following the law). The faculty vote tally was announced around 8:30 p.m. with 182 members accepting the contract and only 119 rejecting.

The faculty strike was over! The semester would start on time! We could publish our newspaper as scheduled and not piss off our advertisers! Rejoice, oh rejoice!

sant bickering between the administration and the unions, but it won't be me. If you are a young journalism student with hopes of one day being The Jambar's editor in chief, it might be you. Good luck.

Here is the truth: both sides, the unions and the administration, treat each other like shit while ignoring the students.

Administrators argue they are doing the best they can in a difficult budget situation, but tuition must go up to make ends meet. So they fight dirty with the unions and the unions stand up and sling the mud right back. The faculty and staff argue they are doing their best to help and teach students, but that they deserve just a little more pay to be equal with their peers.

But YSU is not a college equal to its peers. In no way is this meant to be an insult, because I genuinely love this school and this city, but YSU is not on the same level as Kent State, Ohio State, Miami University or even Bowling Green. This is the fact that everyone — faculty, staff and administrators — ignores when asking for pay raises despite the fact that tuition has increased an appalling 68 percent over 6 years.

YSU is an open enrollment commuter school. For many students, the two biggest reasons for choosing YSU are because it's relatively inexpensive and it's close to home. For a percentage of lower income students, the choice is even starker: Attend YSU or don't attend college at all. There's at least a grain of truth in the long-running joke that YSU stands for You Screwed Up.

That's not to say all students feel this way, but many do.

While there is no way to directly attribute it to the strikes, YSU's enrollment this semester is down big time. Maybe this will be a lesson to the faculty, staff and administrators here on campus: we smell the bullshit you've been cramming down our throats for years and it makes us sick.

Tuition at YSU is no longer affordable. It is now just comparatively affordable. If we don't re-enroll in your classes, you only have yourselves to blame.

[cue theme music and credits]

To be continued in 2008?

Telling your partner you have an STD

KRT Campus

People who have sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) might feel apprehensive — even a little scared — about discussing their disease with a sexual partner. STDs are incredibly common. Each year, approximately 15 million people in the United States are diagnosed with an STD, and approximately two thirds of these diagnoses occur in people under 25 years old.

Many STDs are curable, including:

- ▶ chancroid
- ▶ chlamydia
- ▶ crabs (pubic lice)
- ▶ gonorrhea
- ▶ pelvic inflammatory disease
- ▶ syphilis
- ▶ trichomoniasis

Others have no cure or may remain in the body throughout a person's lifetime, but can still be treated. These include:

- ▶ hepatitis B and C
- ▶ herpes
- ▶ HIV and AIDS
- ▶ human papillomavirus (HPV, or genital warts)

If you've been diagnosed with an STD, part of dealing with the situation is telling your sexual partners — past, present, and future — that you have a disease. It might be difficult, but there

are many reasons why you should do it:

- ▶ Telling a future partner allows that person to make an informed decision about his or her own health.
- ▶ Telling a past or current partner gives that person the opportunity to be evaluated and, if necessary, treated.
- ▶ Telling your partner shows respect for both that person and the relationship.
- ▶ Telling your partner can prevent the spread of disease if you abstain or practice safer sex.
- ▶ Not telling your partner about an STD may be a criminal offense in some states.

Telling a New or Current Partner About an STD

It's natural to feel anxious and frightened about telling someone new that you have an STD, so here are a few tips:

- ▶ Avoid waiting until you're in a sexual encounter or right before having sex to have a discussion about STDs.
- ▶ Find a quiet, private place to talk at a time when you won't be interrupted.
- ▶ Remain as calm as possible.
- ▶ Be honest and straightforward. Try

to be sensitive to your partner's feelings. The most helpful thing you can do is listen to your partner's concerns and fears and offer information about the STD and its symptoms. And, don't assume your partner will reject you — he or she may simply need more information about the risks of sex and the disease.

Being diagnosed with an STD while in a relationship can bring up questions of trust. Keep in mind that some STDs may not cause symptoms immediately. It's possible that you or your partner contracted the STD in a previous relationship without even knowing it. The most important thing to remember is you and your partner both need to receive medical care as soon as possible.

If you can't answer all of your partner's questions, that's OK. A doctor or nurse at a student-health or family-planning clinic can provide lots of information.

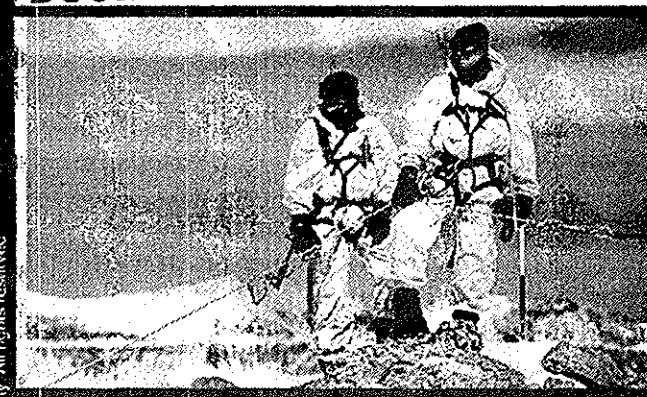
If you and your partner have been having sex, your partner should be tested for STDs. If you have a curable STD, you'll probably need to take medicine as part of your treatment. Take all of your medicine exactly as your doctor prescribes. And be sure to schedule a follow-up examination.

Police Blotter

A Lyden House resident reported \$1,430 in property was stolen on Sept. 2. He said when his roommate moved out, he took his property as well. Among the items reported stolen were a Playstation 2, two video games, two pairs of shoes, three pairs of earrings, two watches and a T-shirt. YSU Police noted the suspect carrying large boxes and bags on a video security tape and noted the suspect did not advise the Housing Department he was moving out.

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we will have. That's why so few rapes go to trial," Turner said. "If you come to the hospital after 72 hours, we will still get you all of the help that you need, but we won't have as much evidence."

Rape is a felony-1 crime in

Ohio. "Never, ever, ever set your drink down and [only] go places with people you trust," Turner said. "There are so many tips, but those are very important."

Today Safer Sex Week

offers a "Sex Can Wait... Masturbate!" Spice of Life party at 6 p.m. in the Cafaro House Multipurpose Room and is open to female YSU students.

Safer Sex Week will conclude Friday with "Better

than Sex Day!" Activities will occur from 2-7 p.m. in the campus green outside Christman Dining Commons. Better Than Sex Cake will be served and two hot tubs will be set up.

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mucous membranes of the genitals or the delicate skin around the rectum and genitals. You don't have to have sexual intercourse to become infected with an STD. Someone can get herpes or genital warts simply through skin-to-skin contact with an infected area or sore. If left untreated, sexually transmitted diseases can lead to long-term problems, such as infertility. However, preventing STDs or early detection and treatment can help control the spread of these diseases and, in many cases, the development of serious health problems.

Preventing STDs

The only certain way to prevent STDs is to abstain from all types of sexual intercourse, including oral and anal contact. If you choose to have sex, these steps can help reduce your risk of developing an STD:

- ▶ Have few sexual partners. The risk of acquiring an STD increases with the number of sexual partners you have. If possible, have a mutually monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner.
- ▶ Have an honest discussion about sex and STDs

with potential sexual partners before you have sex. It's best to choose a time when you can talk calmly, instead of waiting until you are in a sexual encounter. You cannot tell if a person has an STD unless that person tells you.

▶ Use a latex condom every time you have sex. This is the only birth control method that will help prevent most STDs.

▶ Do not use intravenous drugs. Some infections, such as HIV, can be passed from one person to another through the use of contaminated syringes, as well as through sexual contact. Drug use can also affect a person's judgment and increase a person's risk of exposure to STDs.

▶ Avoid sex during menstruation. Women may be more likely to contract or transmit an STD when they have their periods. Women should also avoid douching, which destroys natural, protective bacteria in the vagina.

What to Do If You Think You Have an STD

Although symptoms vary depending on the infection, some symptoms to watch out for include:

- ▶ blisters or open sores

in the genital or anal area

- ▶ unfamiliar discharge from the penis or vagina
- ▶ a change in color or odor of vaginal discharge
- ▶ abnormal vaginal bleeding
- ▶ pain during urination or intercourse

Anyone who is sexually active or considering becoming sexually active should also have regular physical exams, including annual gynecological examinations for women and genital examinations for men. Check-ups allow doctors to screen for STDs and perhaps diagnose diseases before they reach an advanced stage.

If you think you may have an STD, or if you have had sex with a partner who may have an STD, see a doctor right away. Waiting to see a doctor may allow the disease to progress and cause more damage.

Many sexually transmitted diseases can be cured with medications. When STDs are diagnosed and treated promptly, the uncomfortable symptoms and serious complications associated with the infections may be prevented.

If you're concerned that

you might have an STD, you can call a national or local STD hotline (start by checking your phone book). Trained specialists can answer questions and provide referrals at all hours, and all calls are confidential.

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Delta Zeta Sorority

The Delta Zeta Sorority will be hosting their annual Turtle Tug event at Youngstown State University between the greens of Cafaro and Lyden Residential Dorms from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2005.

This year's events will take on a Fall theme. Participants will compete in activities such as apple pie eating contest, bobbing for apples, a Halloween costume contest, and the traditional Tug-of-War competition. Teams will consist of six people. There will be free refreshments available. Anyone interested in forming a team of six or making a donation to the philanthropy can contact Sarah Vansuch, Delta Zeta Philanthropy Chair at samavan@aol.com. Turtle Tug was started twelve years ago to help raise money for the hearing and speech impaired. Because of Turtle Tug, Delta Zeta has loyally donated on a national level to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., The House Ear Institute in Los Angeles, CA. and also consistently donated funds raised through Turtle Tug to The Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center, located in Youngstown, Ohio.

YSU to begin development of new business building

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

With the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center complete and open, Hunter Morrison, director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, said that Youngstown State University would set its sights on developing a new building for YSU's business college. The project is part of YSU's Centennial Master Plan, a set of campus improvements YSU seeks to implement for its centennial in 2008.

Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration, presented a report to the board of trustees last week concerning a tour she took of five new business schools in the Philadelphia area, to gather information about what the schools offered students and faculty and what YSU could consider in the new building.

Morrison said the new building would fulfill three needs YSU has. First, Morrison said that the current building for YSU's business college is outdated. The report Licata presented the board with said the current building was inadequate to support teaching, research and outreach responsibilities. She said an improved building could help YSU's competitive position against other business colleges.

Some ideas of features to be included in the building were an atrium, auditorium, financial trading center and a video sales lab.

Morrison said the proposed location of the new college, the south side of Rayen Avenue, would connect the campus with downtown Youngstown.

"Downtown and the campus should be seamless. Right now, they're not," Morrison said.

Morrison said the connection would create a bigger campus community.

"It could convince people to stay longer in Youngstown after class. They'll see that Youngstown can be a fun, interesting place to be," Morrison said.

Morrison said that with a new building for the business college, Williamson Hall - the college's current location - could be used for much-needed swing space on campus. Morrison said that classes or offices could be moved into Williamson if another building on campus was undergoing repairs or needed to be shut down temporarily.

Smokey Hollow Developments

Morrison also talked about the university's acquisition of property in the Smokey Hollow neighborhood, near the Courtyard Apartments on the east side of campus. Morrison said the university was working with Wick Neighbors Inc. to attract companies to redevelop the neighborhood, adding residence and retail locations.

Morrison said the new neighborhood would be for mixed income and ages, branching off of the univer-

sity apartments. He also said the neighborhood would increase on-campus enrollment and give students, faculty and other residents an attractive living environment.

Margaret Murphy, of Wick Neighbors Inc, said the group has a goal of breaking ground in Smokey Hollow in 2006. She said the group had informal talks with some interested developers, but plans to send out a formal request for proposals after completing a "developer's package." It would include background information for interested developing companies such as engineering information, zoning laws, utility information and design standards.

"We've talked to some companies and some are interested in developing in the area. Some are more interested than others. We won't know for sure until we send out our proposals request," Murphy said.

Centennial Plan Reflecting

The plan also focuses on making improvements to Kilcawley Center. Morrison said the new rec center made YSU a better place, and along with the bookstore, would make Kilcawley a better student center.

"We'd like it to be a place where students can do work, or meet with their friends and professors. If we do it right, Kilcawley will be a crossroads for the campus," Morrison said.

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Department of Transportation, targeting highly visible demolitions, and studying and implementing code enforcement. 2010 also includes the plan for a housing court to hold property owners accountable for code violations.

"Greener" projects include the creation and maintenance of high quality city parks, encouragement for preservation of open space, support of the Mahoning River Restoration Project and the seeking of funding from Clean Ohio for open space land acquisition.

The "better planned and organized" section is the largest category of citywide planning. 2010 calls for the establishment of green districts, revitalization of priority business centers, reorganization of Streetscape to Cityscape and the establishment efficient traffic coordinating system. Also included are plans to partner with neighboring communities and support education and job creation incentives.

Sweet said he was pleased with plans for corridor improvements, such as the 422 bridges, the 711 Connector and work on Logan, Wick and Belmont streets.

"When students and families come to YSU, we want the experience to be positive from the time they get to Youngstown, not just from when they get out of their cars," Sweet said. "We do have a beautiful campus, but we want the rest of Youngstown to be pleasant."

Sweet said another 2010 project would benefit YSU: a bike trail connecting the

Andrews Wellness and Recreation Center to Mill Creek Park. This would be made possible through re-zoning, extending the park's borders without demolition.

Another transportation project involved with 2010 is the effort to restore regional passenger railroad service that had been provided until recently by Amtrak's Three Rivers service, which ran from Chicago to New York.

"I think moving forward and implementing the plan can only bode well for the community and university enrollment," Sweet said when asked if Youngstown 2010 would help increase YSU enrollment.

The Youngstown 2010 Citywide Plan and the Youngstown 2010 Planning Process won the "Outstanding Community Planning" award from the American Planning Association's state chapter, the Ohio Planning Conference. It will be accepted by Youngstown State University and the City of Youngstown at OPC's statewide planning conference in Cleveland tomorrow.

Final 150-glossy-page copies of the Youngstown 2010 Plan can be viewed at Youngstown's five public library locations or purchased for \$25 at the Youngstown Planning Department, which is located in City Hall, 26 S. Phelps St. It can also be downloaded for free from www.youngstown2010.com.

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set of the center's priorities before conducting the search.

In the meantime, Herbert wanted students to know that the center was still up and running under the temporary directors.

"We didn't want students to misinterpret our silence to mean we were neglecting the center. That's not true," Herbert said.

Diversity Initiatives

Herbert and Jim Myers, director of equal opportunity and diversity at YSU, gave a presentation to YSU's Board of Trustees regarding the number of minority and women faculty on campus. Their report included numbers of minority faculty members working at YSU from June 30, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Myers noted that the numbers had remained about the same over the last year. He said that was both a

good and a bad thing.

"On one hand, we haven't really lost anyone. On the other, we could be doing better," Myers said.

Myers said yesterday that YSU's situation regarding minority faculty members was a trend across universities.

"Baby Boomer faculty members are starting to retire. There are not enough people in the pipeline to fill the vacancies. Minority and female faculty members are at a premium," Myers said.

Myers said YSU would need to use some innovation in its recruiting process to attract more minority and female faculty members.

Herbert and Myers announced that they would be working on a set of plans to bring more minority faculty to YSU's campus. They said they were working on a few different ideas, but nothing was finalized yet.

"We have to become salespeople for the university," Herbert said yesterday. "Recruiting faculty is like recruiting football players. You have to convince them that the university is the right team for them."

Herbert said that one of the ideas discussed was sending out an informational video about Youngstown to people who apply for a faculty position on campus. Herbert said that YSU could also develop a committee to help a faculty member's partner find a job near Youngstown.

Herbert said YSU could develop the opportunity for underrepresented faculty to become department chairs. Another idea Herbert mentioned was trying to retain minority and women YSU students who will become professors after they finish graduate school.

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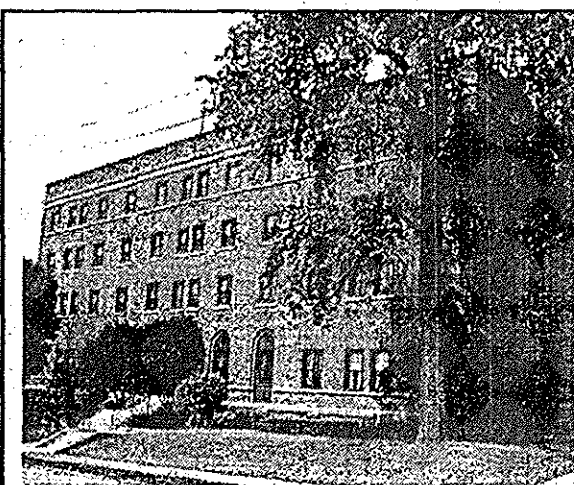
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Console Wars: A ménage a trois mainly using the thumbs

By: Bob Mackey
 COLUMNIST

Roughly every five years, a life changing-decision must be made by the young, hip and possibly socially challenged. As somewhat respectable members of the human race, we must face this dilemma head on, and not falter. Yes, once again, a crossroads has been reached, and it's not one of those clichéd, unimportant crossroads you hear so much about at high school commencement ceremonies. The time has come to choose, and choose wisely. After all, three new video game systems are just over the horizon, each one promising to waste time in new and exciting ways!

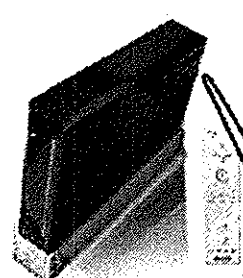
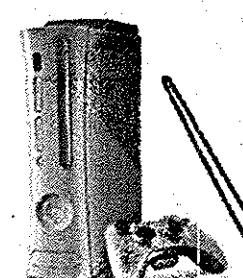
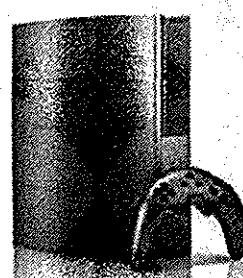
Just how to waste your time is an interesting problem, begging to be cracked open and have its gooey insides explored. Although you may have already chosen the Playstation 3 as your system of the future due to the fact that Sony is the clear leader of the current console wars, the sheer unpredictability of the industry makes it questionable whether or not Sony will come out on top in the next generation. Just look at Sega; at one point they were a reputable gaming business with a foot in the marketplace. Now they work slaughterhouse night shifts for sub-minimum wage and do unspeakable things in back alleys, like release reprehensible Sonic the Hedgehog games. Being fully informed about the upcoming hardware will insure you won't reach the same level of colos-

sal failure as Sega, at least as far as gaming is concerned.

Nintendo's Revolution is the first contender, luckily having a name unlike its predecessor. Clever anti-Nintendo wordsmiths were able to turn "Game Cube" into "Gay Cube," but transforming "Revolution" into "Gayvolution" is just childish, and frankly, uncreative. Upon looking at the Revolution, the first thing most people will say about the system's controller is, "Jumping Jehosephat!" Yes the Revolution's controller will have you shouting out old-timey prospector exclamations based on just how different it is from everything else. The controller is wireless, it looks like a remote (for maximum loseability between couch cushions), and the promotional video for it showed that the controller's main function is to make the user look like a flailing idiot. Video gaming has never been about dignity, though, so the tilt, turn, and twist features of the Revolution controller are fine by me.

With the Playstation 3, Sony really doesn't have to try. Let's face it, the company could add upgrades as superficial as the roster updates to EA's yearly Madden milkings and gamers would still be all over it. The PS3 looks to be a more powerful version of the PS2, except that it has a glossy new coat of silver paint and the controller now resembles a boomerang. My only wish for the new Playstation system is for the hardware to not be as fragile

THE NEW CONSOLE CONTENDERS

<p>NINTENDO REVOLUTION</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>THIS CONTROLLER HAS BEEN CREATED TO BLOW YOUR MIND. HAS IT BEEN BLOWN? INCIDENTALLY, IT TURNS OUT THE REVOLUTION WILL BE TELEVISED. I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.</p> </div>	<p>XBOX 360</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>WITH OUR AMERICAN FORTITUDE, WE'RE SURE TO DOMINATE THE INDUSTRY BY THE TIME MAN LIVES ON MARS. BY THE WAY, IF YOU KNOW A DUDE WHO CAN MAKE SOME GAMES FOR US BY NOVEMBER, LET ME KNOW.</p> </div>	<p>PLAYSTATION 3</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>WHO ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU'RE GOING TO BUY ME. DON'T EVEN QUESTION IT. REMEMBER THE DREAMCAST? WE BURIED IT. THEN WE DUG IT UP AND DEFLED IT. I WIN FOREVER!</p> </div>
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as a newborn baby's skull, which was the case with the PS2. Unless placed in a hyperbaric chamber, free of any and all airborne particles, any PS2 is destined to quickly fizzle out and die. I'm hoping that if the PS3 is designed with the same planned obsolescence of the PS2, Sony will at least have the foresight to include a giant inflatable bubble, for the purposes of playing their shoddy hardware. Yes, getting oxygen into the bubble may be a problem, but suffocating while playing the continued adventures of Solid

Slope should be considered an honorable death.

XBOX 360 doesn't make much sense to me, because no matter how many marketing buzzwords Microsoft may hurl in my direction, 360 implies that the company is going in a circle and ending where they started. When you look at Microsoft's business plan, I guess it does make a little sense, as their XBOX is a money hole and their we're-not-going-to-make-a-profit-until-the-mid-2050s plan is just as confused as their

naming scheme. With the amount of money they're throwing away, I'm a little upset that a summer estate in the Hamptons is not going to be included with purchase, but such is the life of a gamer. Microsoft is planning on releasing their system first, despite not having a stellar collection of launch games, and a system whose architecture is so complicated, most programmers grunt and angrily stroke their beards in the system's direction. If this discourages you, just think: in four to five

years, you may be able to play the next Halo!

I haven't made a choice in the matter, but I have decided to play the original Super Mario Brothers in my basement while the three new systems duke it out above ground. When the dust clears, I'll purchase the winner. Or maybe I'll just continue squishing turtles and eating mushrooms with the 8-bit Italian duo. Should it ever become an Olympic sport, I'm in.

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It's time to go out and enjoy the nightlife in Youngstown

By: Eric Grosso
 FEATURES REPORTER

Just a few years ago, not very many people in Youngstown mentioned 'fun' and 'downtown' in the same sentence. Over the last few months, the words have become a common phrase to describe a weekend here.

With the opening of new clubs, restaurants, stores and lounges, downtown Youngstown is in an area of growth: something that seemed impossible a short time ago.

The new spotlight of downtown is the \$41-million-Youngstown Convocation Center. The center already has top acts booked, including 3 Doors Down, Tony Bennett, Barenaked Ladies and the Trans Siberian Orchestra. The 5,700-seat venue will also house Youngstown Steelhounds hockey starting in November and a possible Arena Football

League team in the future.

Countless forms of entertainment are just a short distance away. Classic bars and restaurants combined with big city style dance clubs make for an interesting mix for Youngstown residents.

Cedar's Lounge one of the most notable venues, housing a restaurant serving Lebanese and American cuisine. Cedars also hosts local and national performers. Pittsburgh heavy rockers The Motorpsychos bring their rhythmic punk with The Blastoffs this Friday. Acclaimed artist BJ O'Malley will perform her unique style of alternative county rock on Saturday.

It's also home base for local musicians The Zou, who held the latest Nouveau Rock Festival at Cedars a few weeks ago, will hold their 4th annual Rocky Horror Halloween Party on Oct. 29.

Cedar's also houses DJ Martini on Sundays, spinning new and underground cult classics. Every Tuesday is jazz and blues night with Teddy Pantelas and swing dancing is held every Thursday.

Two of Youngstown's newest clubs, The Bad Apple and Skeeter's Jazz Bar and Grill, add to the variety of Federal Plaza. The Bad Apple offers the best selection of martinis and also offers live entertainment, while Skeeter's has numerous jazz events throughout the week.

The Core and the Cell are two of the area's best dance clubs, bringing big-city décor and styles to Youngstown. Sports fans can visit Buffalo Wild Wings, which shows numerous sporting events in screens throughout the facility in addition to serving some of the area's best wings.

The re-opening of Federal Street in December started the movement, allowing for traffic to pass conveniently through downtown and generating interest for the first time since 1973. The street's re-opening also saw a number of other additions, including the Bean Counter Café in 2003 and B and B's Unique Ladies Boutique in 2004.

Federal Street isn't the only place to be entertained. The Nyabinghi on Salt Springs Road is usually the center of underground music and entertainment. The venue has hosted groups from Columbus natives Red Wanting Blue to synth-pop brother duo Gil Mantera's Party Dream and numerous local acts.

Thursday at the Nyabinghi will see the Rebreather farewell show, while Friday the 'Binghi will host rock acts Posture Coach, Dramatic Ending and Sam Goodwill. You Are The War That I Want and Soiler will perform on Saturday.

Along with music, perhaps the most entertaining event in the valley in "Crapaoke" held every Wednesday at the Nyabinghi. This off-tune karaoke features a wider-variety song list and encourages performers to let it all hang out on stage: in short, it's not your normal karaoke, and that's a good thing. It also offers some of the best drink selection and prices in town and there's no cover charge for the fun on Wednesdays.

The former Jay Jay's, now known as Shenanigans, hosts a foam party every Monday just a few minutes away from YSU on Market Street.

For the sports fan, YSU Penguin Football starts its Gateway Conference schedule on Saturday at 6 p.m. against Illinois State. In addition to the food and drinks offered in the tailgate lot, Inner Circle Pizza and B&O Station are usually packed on game day. The Penguins are currently 3-1.

Youngstown, at least in the entertainment aspect, is going through a renaissance. Go out and enjoy it.

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Among other things, the return of 3 Doors Down to Youngstown signifies a renaissance of sorts for entertainment in the Mahoning Valley. Other bands and opportunities for entertainment abound.

- ▶ 9/30 — Soccer at Niagara
- ▶ 9/30 — Cross Country at Notre Dame invitational
- ▶ 9/30 — Volleyball at Cleveland State
- ▶ 9/30 — Women's tennis at Akron Zips Invitational
- ▶ 10/1 — Football vs. Illinois State, 6 p.m.
- ▶ 10/1 — Volleyball at Duquesne

YSU FOOTBALL



Photo / Ron Stevens

The Penguins took the field with hope against Pitt but were crushed, 41-0. This week, YSU will take on Illinois State University in their first Gateway Conference game of the 2005 campaign. YSU is 6-2 all-time in conference openers since joining the Gateway conference.

Penguins looking for redemption against ISU

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The Youngstown State University football team is at a figurative crossroad. After suffering their first defeat of the year, the Penguins must quickly deal with the tough situation. The Penguins, who stand at 3-1, host conference foe Illinois State Saturday.

"We will see how we handle adversity," head coach Jon Heacock said during Tuesday's press conference.

Adversity came in the form of a 41-0 loss to Pitt a week ago that saw the Penguins net just 152 yards of total offense.

Heacock said that after the Pitt loss, the Penguins have taken on a new sense of urgency and that they are looking for revenge against ISU Saturday.

"I also think there is a sense of anger there," Heacock said. "When you lose you don't feel very well as a player or as a coach."

The ISU Redbirds will be the first conference opponent for the Penguins. Last week, ISU blew out Murray State, 42-0. The Redbirds swept the weekly Gateway Conference awards. Offensive Player of the Week went to running back Pierre Rembert. Defensive end Brent Hawkins was named the Defensive POW, and punter Ryan Hoffman picked up the special teams award.

Heacock said that this game would pose problems for both teams.

"They are playing really good football," Heacock said. "It's going to be a great challenge for us and a great challenge for them."

Last week the Penguins were without their most reliable offensive weapon in senior wide receiver Kyle Smith, who was sidelined with a hairline fracture in his arm that he suffered during the Liberty game. Smith is questionable for Saturday. Smith, who ranks among the best in YSU history, has caught a pass in 25 consecutive outings and is only three behind the record holder.

Smith is a main cog in the YSU offense that has become dangerously balanced for opposing teams to defend.

ISU head coach Denver Johnson said the new-look

Penguins pose problems for every opponent they face.

"They present us with challenges that they haven't in the past," Johnson said at the ISU press conference. "They're throwing the ball more and usually when you think of Youngstown you think of pounding the football in the run game and throwing grudgingly."

"They are much more diverse than they have been on both sides of the ball and are going to present some long nights for the coaches this week."

The Penguin running game has still been strong this season, with more than one back contributing. Last week Marcus Mason carried, achieving a career-high 64 yards. Monquante Gibson has been the feature back most of the season, leading the team with 312 rushing yards.

Offensively, the Penguins missed a step last week, and senior guard Tony Limongi said that he and the rest of the squad is ready to get back out there and redeem themselves.

"We don't think we played as good as we should have," Limongi said. "We are ready to get back out there and show what we can do."

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. at

Stambaugh stadium.

Keys to the game

Control the clock: Last week, Pitt the Penguins to numerous three-and-outs. The Penguins will need sustained drives to keep the Redbirds' out of the end zone.

Passing game:

Quarterback Tom Zetts threw for a season-low 29 yards against Pitt. In the absence of Kyle Smith, who may not play Saturday, the other wide receivers will need to step up and fill the void. Last week five different Penguins caught passes for positive yards, but they were unable to get yards after the catch. The Redbirds gave up a paltry 72 yards passing last week.

Eliminate penalties: Last week the Penguins recorded nine penalties for a total of 89 yards. Several of the penalties enabled the Panthers to keep drives alive, including a backbreaking roughing the passer call with the Panthers on their own 1.

Utilize running backs: Each of the Penguins backs brings something to the table. Gibson brings power, while Reams and Mason both offer speed. Keeping a good rotation should help the Penguins keep the Redbird's defense guessing.

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YSU GOLF

Women's golf team making some noise early in season

By: Justin Smolkovich
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The Youngstown State University women's golf team is just into the 2005 season, but the Penguins are making noise.

Last weekend, the Penguins recorded a ninth-place finish at the Rocket Classic in Toledo.

Leading the way for the Penguins was talented sophomore Brittany Jones, who paced the Penguins by finishing 25th overall and tallying a three-round score of 237.

Jones said that each week the Penguins are improving and that the invitational last weekend helped the team regain some confidence.

"We played alright," Jones said. "The first day we played 36 holes, which is more than a lot of us are used to, but we did ok."

Following behind Jones was Adrianna DiLorenzo who came in at the 38th spot and Bonnie Sherman in 46th.

Jones, who shot rounds of 80, 79 and 78, said that she was pleased with her play, but added that she still has work to do before the league tournament in May.

"I was very pleased with my finish," Jones said. "The putting was the only thing that gave me trouble. The course had fast greens, and the putts were hard to read, but I was very

happy with my score."

The Rocket Invitational was only the second match of the season, but Jones and her teammates have noticed the step-up in talent and competition from the week earlier when the Penguins hosted the Taco Bell Invitational, where they finished third overall.

"There was a lot more teams," Jones said. "There were a lot of tougher teams."

The team is coming off a second-place finish last year in the Horizon League Championships and are looking to improve upon the silver-medal finish. Jones and her teammates have a long way to go before they can be crowned champs.

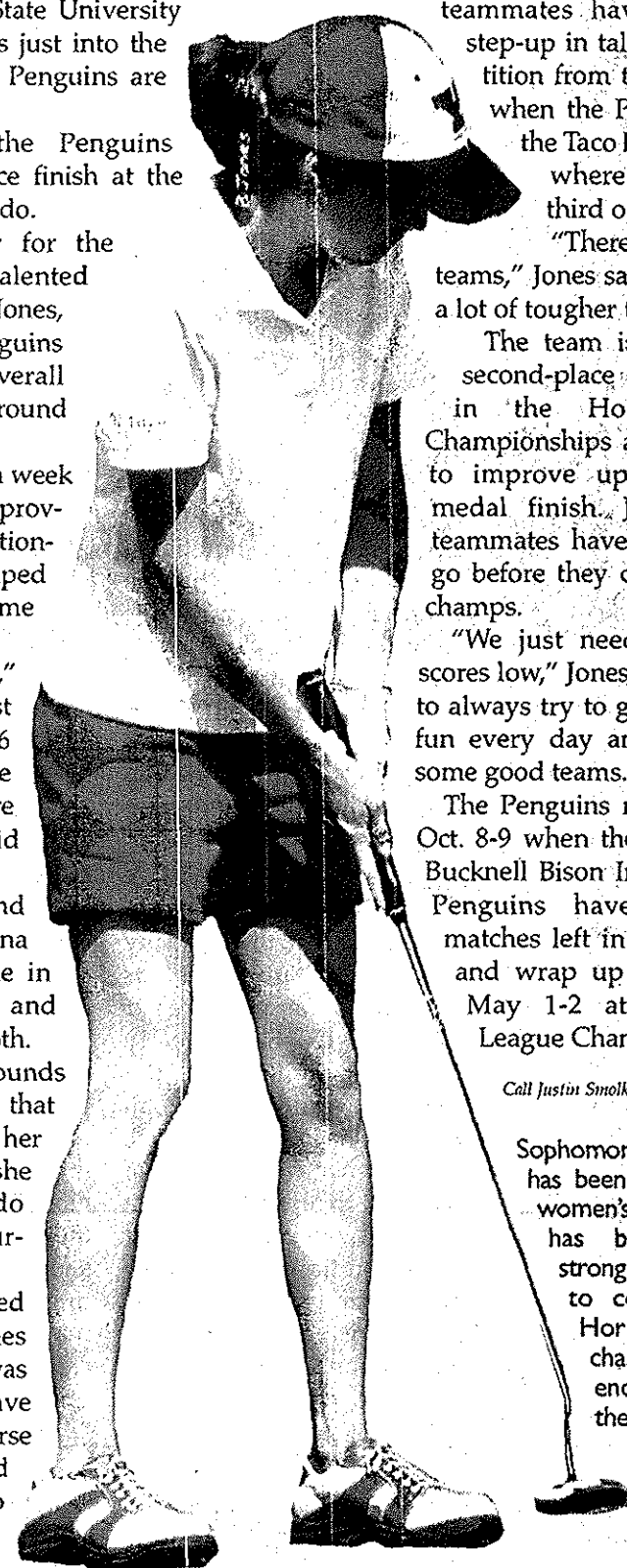
"We just need to keep our scores low," Jones said. "We need to always try to go out and have fun every day and to also beat some good teams."

The Penguins return to action Oct. 8-9 when they travel to the Bucknell Bison Invitational. The Penguins have three more matches left in the fall season and wrap up the season on May 1-2 at the Horizon League Championships.

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Sophomore Brittany Jones has been leading the YSU women's golf team, which has been competing strong and is in position to contend for the Horizon League championship at the end of the season in the spring.

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Down to the wire

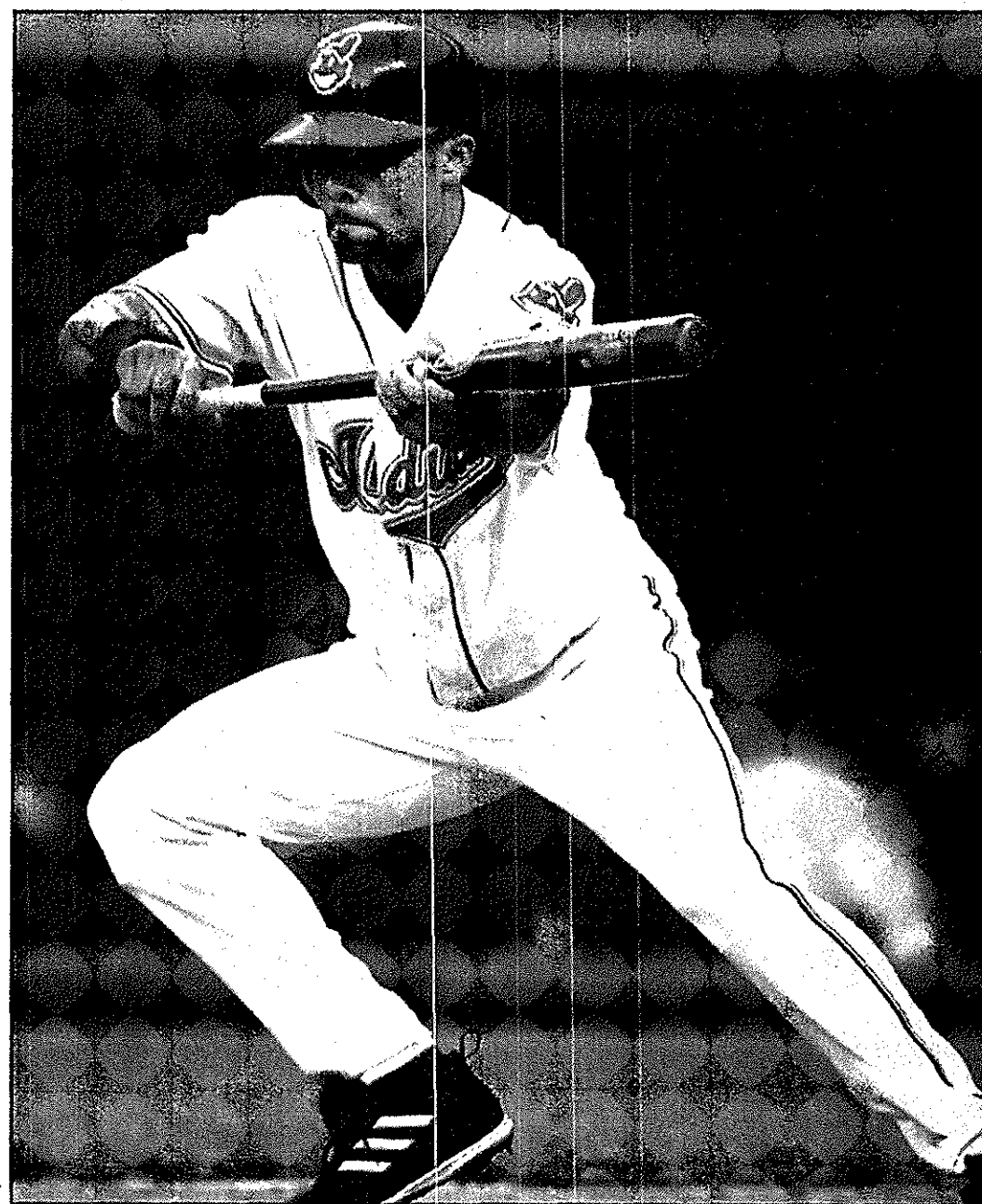


Photo courtesy of KRT Campus

The Cleveland Indians' core of young players, like outfielder Coco Crisp, have the Tribe in contention for a playoff berth. Despite Wednesday night's loss to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, the Indians are fighting for the American League Wild Card race and still on the heels of the Chicago White Sox for the AL Central pennant. The Indians have two more games with Tampa Bay, and they will finish their season with three games against Chicago in a series that will likely determine the AL Central race.

YSU
Illinois State

VS.

Game time: Saturday, 6 p.m.
Where: Stambaugh Stadium
Forecast: 67 degrees, partly cloudy
Radio: AM 1390 WNIO / 106.1 FM WBGG
TV: FOX 17/62 (tape delay starts at 10:30 p.m.)
Series record: ISU leads, 7-6
Coaches: YSU — Jon Heacock; ISU — Denver Johnson
Notes: YSU is 6-2 in Gateway Conference openers ... ISU's defense has allowed just six points over their last two games ... The two teams have met every year since 1995, YSU's longest current streak of facing a team.

Information courtesy of YSU Sports Information