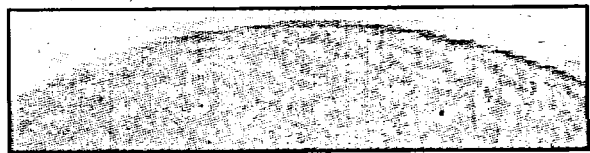


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YSU's Center for Working-Class Studies hosts tour of Mahoning Valley

The Center for Working-Class Studies is sponsoring a tour through Mahoning Valley. The "Where Workers Lived" tour will explore neighborhood housings that were built for the area's workers. The cost to take the tour is \$10. Call (330) 941-2978 to register.

YSU to host Columbus Day Preview

On Monday YSU will host the Columbus Day Fall Preview for prospective students. Approximately 250 students and their parents will be parking in the M-24 parking lot and meeting in the Chestnut Room at Kilcawley Center from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., guests will eat lunch in the Christman Dining Commons. Contact Barb Romeo Shade at (330) 941-3670 or at brshade@ysu.edu.

Celebs support Senate candidate

YSU College Democrats help plan rally at Austintown Fitch High School

Adrienne Sabo
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Saturday morning at 10, Austintown Fitch High School will be hosting U.S. Senate candidate Sherrod Brown's college tour. Sen. Hillary Clinton, actors Luke Perry and Adam Brody, and Attorney General Marc Dann are supporting Brown's tour.

The event was originally scheduled at Youngstown State University, but due to the large amount of people expected and the university's wish to stay non-partisan, it was moved to Fitch, YSU College Democrat President Kristen Olmi said.

Mike Reilly, college coordinator for Brown's campaign, contacted Olmi about planning the rally, she said.

Reilly did not want to comment on the location of the rally.

George McCloud, special assistant to the president, said it was a space issue. He said they were looking for a larger venue than the Chestnut Room, but Beeghly Center was too large.

Even though the college tour is at a high school, professors do not think that will affect student turnout.

Political Science Professor and College Democrat adviser Keith Lepak is one of them.

"Given the timing of the event, you already have a self-selected group of people



ABOVE: Democrat Sherrod Brown is running for Senate. BELOW: Hillary Clinton, Adam Brody, and Luke Perry are his celebrity backers.



Photos courtesy of MCT Campus

going."

Lepak said that the university will not endorse a particular candidate. He said he uses the same practice in his classes and will not bring in a singular candidate without the other side being represented.

Ron Cole, manager of news and information services, said that Brown's campaign was looking at several locations and ended up deciding on Austintown Fitch "for whatever reason."

YSU students are entitled to the front row seats, Olmi said. There are 150 tickets available for YSU students that can be picked up at the Political Science office in Room 444 of DeBartolo Hall.

"The student section is roped off, so students will have the best seat in the house," Olmi said. "It will still be student oriented."

Olmi urges students to get their tickets early because "they will go quickly."

The College Democrats are also getting involved with the event. Members have helped in planning and promoting the event and will volunteer at the rally.

"Kristen Olmi and her people at YSU are working hard," Reilly said.

"I encourage YSU students to be there. We're not going to be seen as an important voting block unless we get involved," Olmi said.

Free transportation is in the works for YSU students who need it.

Students react to North Korea's announcement of nuclear testing

Emery Boyle-Scott
NEWS EDITOR

North Korea announced Tuesday that it will conduct a nuclear test. The comment was issued in a North Korean Foreign Ministry statement published by the Korean Central News Agency, the official agency of the country. No time or location for the testing has been announced.

U.S. President George Bush has warned North Korea that it will face further economic isolation if it tests a long-range missile. On July 5, North Korea fired seven missiles. The Taepodong-2, one of the seven tested missiles, is capable of reaching the continental United States. The Taepodong-2 test failed.

Students at Youngstown State University are reacting to North Korea's announcement.

Political science junior Andrew Smith said he doesn't think North Korea will use their weapons to attack and there is no problem with a weapon's test.

"Maybe they just want to exercise rights to do that," Smith said.

Senior Chris Lucas said he thinks the nuclear testing is a threat to the region, and not so much to the United States. The testing is an attempt

tempt to gain attention, Lucas said.

Senior Ray Svetichan said, "It's scary, number one," because it could be a great danger to the region and the world.

Professor Keith Lepak instructs classes in international government and international relations. Lepak said the United States should worry more about the possibility of the North

Korea's collapse than being attacked with a North Korean nuclear weapon.

"The biggest worry is that North Korea could fall apart," Lepak said.

If the country falls apart, there will be an opening for a powerful and dangerous

ket to sell. North Korea's stockpiles of weapons.

Lepak said the threat of testing is a negotiation tactic designed to get the attention of the United States. Lepak said President

Bush wants the Japanese to be the force in negotiations, rather than the United States.

In response to Tuesday's announcement, the U.S. state department said any kind of nuclear testing would isolate the North Korean regime further. The state department said the United States will work with allies to dis-

courage testing.

There was an immediate reaction from other countries in the area, most notably, Japan. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said "any form of nuclear testing by North Korea would be unacceptable."

North Korea has previously said it has the right to conduct such tests.

Other countries in the region also reacted. South Korea, North Korea's next-door neighbor, said it will not tolerate North Korea's possession of nuclear weapons, while Russia said it was deeply concerned. China said the best way to handle the situation is to resume the six-party talks that stalled almost a year ago. With China, Japan, Russia, South Korea and the United States, there have been six-party talks since August 2003 to discuss North Korea's nuclear programs.

North Korea said before the six-party talks resume, it wants Washington to ease economic pressures and bilateral talks with the United States. North Korea said in January it won't return to talks unless the United States lifts sanctions imposed on North Korea for alleged currency counterfeiting and other illegal activities.

Local bands play for \$1,500 prize, studio deal

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

The Battle of the Bands will invade the front lawn of Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center at noon on Saturday. Five local bands will compete for a grand prize of \$1,500 for the Guitar Center in Boardman, plus a deal for two songs to be mixed and produced at Mind Rocket Studios.

To compete, a band must

have at least two students from Youngstown State University as members.

The five bands competing offer an array of sound. The popular local act, The Zou, has an independent rock vibe while The Penteberry Jam is more jazz-fusion. We Famous plays rap and hip-hop music, and Youngstown Brass Company is a brass band with vocals. Finally, A Fistful of Dollars has harder rock sound.

"It's a free concert, so why miss it? Besides, there's gonna be free food and stuff."

Jenny Jerome

Student Government Association is partially sponsoring Battle of the Bands, along with the rest of Penguin Productions.

includes athletics, campus recreation, student affairs, student activities, student life Coca-Cola, Guitar Center, Hubbard Music and Sodexo.

SGA President Chad Miller said the battle is a great way to showcase YSU talent. The Battle of the Bands will be between noon and 4 p.m. The bands will play for 25 minutes each.

"While the next band sets up, our emcee, Slick, from

95.9, will be talking about our sponsors and giving away prizes like T-shirts and Frisbees," said Miller. "Hopefully the people coming will have a new favorite band by the time it's over," he added.

In case of rain the battle will be moved inside Beeghly Center.

Sophomore Alexis Perry is excited.

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"I'm just really interested in seeing the rest of the bands. I like The Zou. It's cool and it's about time they have something like this on campus. It's like YSU students supporting our own YSU talent. I heard that all the bands are

really different," Perry said.

Jenny Jerome is also going to see the show.

"It's a free concert, so why would you miss it? Besides, there's gonna be free food and stuff. I don't know if any of my friends

are going, but I love The Zou, so I'm definitely going to be there."

"It really is about YSU students supporting other YSU students, in a fun, creative way," Miller said.

There will be a panel of ten judges. Among the

judges are Rande Isabella and Ray Beiersdorfer, Jerry Mack from KISS FM, a representative from the Guitar Center, and a WKBN news anchor. The other five judges are YSU students.

October kicks off events for YSU business students

Jenny Boyce
NEWS REPORTER

Michael White, a sales manager for the 3M Automotive Aftermarket Division of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, visited Youngstown State University on Tuesday. In the Cafaro Suite of Williamson Hall, White met with students from the American Marketing Association of Youngstown State University and other business students.

"Most resumes don't even make it past the front desk," White told AMA members. "You've got to get it into the hands of the right person [and] you do that by going out and making personal contacts."

White and Peter Reday, assistant marketing professor at YSU and advisor of AMA, talked to students about what they could do to gain their career goal.

"The whole economy affects [our] jobs," Reday said.

"This business is about knowing how to sell, but constantly looking for ways to enhance [marketing] skills. That's the mark of success," he said.

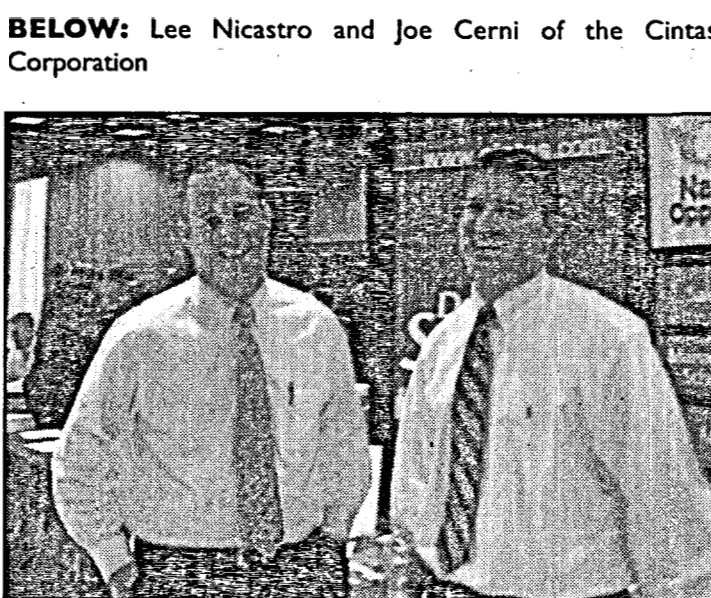
White's visit to YSU is just one of the big events scheduled this month for the Williamson College of Business. The 11th Annual WCBA Alumni Banquet will be held Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. in Kilcawley Center.

Also, Shadow Day will be held Oct. 20 for Advertising and Public Relations students.

"It's a chance for students to spend the day 'shadowing' a mentor, by following them throughout the day on the job," explained Christine Shelton, coordinator of external relations at the College of Business.



ABOVE: Students Craig Richards and Heather Rice listen to Jeff Benner, Rep. of Ameriprise.



BELOW: Lee Nicastro and Joe Cerni of the Cintas Corporation

October gets physical

Students engage in Physical Therapy Month

Russell Howell
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

October is Physical Therapy Month, designated to recognize the profession and its laborers.

Nancy Landgraff, interim chair and associate professor of the physical therapy department at Youngstown State University, said the goal of physical therapy is "very important."

"It's one of the best kept secrets of the community," Landgraff said.

In a July 2006 issue of the Wall Street Journal, physical therapy was listed as one of the eight best careers. This is based on job security, challenge of learning, interaction with patients and the fact that physical therapy has moved into an independent practice. As a result, physical therapy is becoming very popular.

"There is a demand for students because they want

to be involved," Landgraff said.

The theme for this year's month is "Moving you to better health." As a kickoff to the month, last week the physical therapy department presented "Where There's a Wheel, There's a Way," where students experienced life from a different point of view. They were able to experience the daily barriers of wheelchair-bound individuals.

Marleen Iannucci, associate professor and chair of the physical therapy department, began the event.

"A lot of people realize how difficult it is to use a wheelchair on a daily basis," Iannucci said.

Justin Dunaway and Mike Sturgiss both participated in "Where There's a Wheel, There's a Way" program. They said they decided to work in physical therapy because they had

worked with athletes. They dealt with injuries on a regular basis and became interested in the physical therapy field.

Physical therapy student Lisa Hutch said she likes working with people and "feels good helping them." Julie Bredek, also a physical therapy student, said she "enjoyed working with the physical aspect." Both Hutch and Bredek were involved with the "Where There's a Wheel, There's a Way" program.

Throughout the month, faculty and students go to schools and give fitness talks. This year 10 schools have scheduled sessions. The talks cover fitness, different exercises and exercise safety. For older students, diabetes prevention is covered. The department expects to speak to as many as 3,000 students.

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- ★ Have FUN

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For additional information, check out www.yosu.edu/penguin_pro or please contact Erin Driscoll at (330) 941-6151 eedriscoll@ysu.edu

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OUR SIDE

May I please speak to Mr. Herbert

Phone calls have not worked.
E-mails have not worked.

For weeks, reporters and editors at The Jambar have been trying to talk to Youngstown State University's chief academic officer, Provost Robert Herbert.

He is the man next in line after the president and is responsible for academic affairs.

On Tuesday, one reporter was successful. She found him in his office, where Herbert said she was lucky to find him only because his meeting was cancelled, and he is a very busy man. He told the reporter he tried replying to the e-mails, but because of computer difficulties, he was unable. The e-mail included a phone number where Jambar editors can be reached.

Our quest to talk with him began with the need for comment from him about an employment dispute with a former faculty member.

Initially, we wanted to ask Herbert to respond to claims that the university discriminated based on race.

For the past month, we have called his office in Tod Hall and left messages with secretaries and receptionists who say they will give him the message.

We have not received a call back.

We are trying to get the facts directly from him for the newspaper and he is making it difficult.

All we are asking for is all sides to the story to be fair and objective. We just need Herbert to respond in a timely fashion. After all, he is accountable because he's a leader for a public university.

Now, our list of issues to discuss with him has grown to questions about YSU class offerings and budgets. Additionally, we want to know more about Herbert and an investigation into his actions while serving as a dean at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas.

Herbert and other administrators have university-paid cell phones to carry so they can stay on top of YSU business.

A receptionist at Herbert's office would not give us his cell phone number because she said he keeps his phone off and has not set up voicemail on that phone.

A university-paid cell phone should be treated as a tool for quick and easy communication. It is irresponsible to be unreachable.

We will not stop trying to talk to Herbert. He is a key figure at the university and he deserves his opinion to be out there.

The Jambar editorials reflect the opinions of The Jambar and its Editorial Board members. Those wishing to schedule meetings with the Editorial Board should call the editor in chief.



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COMMENTARY

Columbus looks to retain college students

Adrienne Sabo
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Columbus City Council recently approved an \$85,000 contract with a consulting firm to help retain college graduates in the area.

The city has taken the first step to addressing a major problem. Central Ohio is full of colleges, but most of their students move away after graduation. A 2001 Baccalaureate and Beyond study found that 35 percent

of college graduates in Ohio move out of state.

The Columbus contract with Next Generation Consulting will look to fix the problems the city faces.

Hopefully the steps that Columbus has taken will show other Ohio cities that retaining college graduates is important. You have a fresh crop of employees every year that are looking for work, but the Youngstown area cannot place them.

Youngstown State

University has an increase in enrollment this semester and last year had its largest graduating class in 20 years. Thirty-five percent of graduates move out of state. Ohio is losing some of its brightest individuals to other states that can offer more work.

States like Nevada are offering incentives for teachers to relocate to the state and work. There goes a whole group of education majors.

While the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of

Commerce is focusing on improving academics, not much is being done to improve the post-graduate work force.

If we continue to push higher education on students, graduates will need to know where to go next. If that means going of state to look for a good job, they will leave.

Youngstown and YSU should watch and learn from how Columbus and its universities handle the situation.

Two cultures collide in Amish country

John Grogan
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
(MCT)

NICKEL MINES, Pa. — The two worlds stood in stark contrast Tuesday at this bucolic crossroads deep in the heart of Amish country.

Within view of the one-room schoolhouse where a deranged killer opened fire Monday, killing five Amish children and wounding five others, television news trucks lined the rural lane, their generators belching smoke, cables crossing the pavement, satellite dishes poking into the sky. Reporters in high heels dabbed on makeup, preparing for their live stand-ups.

The new world had parachuted into the old to report a very modern-day occurrence: yet another murderous rampage by a heavily armed man.

All day long, the Amish who call this lovely, tranquil corner of Lancaster County home came and went, some on foot, most in horse-drawn buggies. They stole furtive glances at the media invaders but avoided eye contact. Few would talk or give their names.

At one place, where cables from a television truck crossed

the road, a horse pulling a wagon froze in fear, rearing back, whinnying, spooked by the foreign objects.

The animal could have been a metaphor for the Amish themselves. As they passed nervously, staring straight ahead, it was as if any contact with the outsiders, the modern people, could end only one way badly.

Perhaps they are right.

They came here generations ago to lead simple lives on the land. Many Old Order Amish still eschew cars, electricity and modern conveniences. Yet the modern world puts its heavy stamp on theirs, nonetheless.

Just eight days before Monday's shooting rampage and less than two miles away, a 12-year-old Amish boy on his way to milk cows at a neighbor's farm was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver who swerved off the road in a pickup truck. Emanuel S. King was killed instantly.

As suburbia has encroached from all directions in recent years, a string of horrific accidents has occurred as speeding cars and SUVs have careened into slow-moving buggies, sometimes wiping out entire families. Two cultures literally colliding.

Mini-marts, fast-food chains, cell-phone towers and vinyl-sided neighborhoods now pock the landscape along Route 30. The Amish and their old-time lifestyle in so many ways resemble an endangered species.

Then came Monday. This most peaceful of people, who ask only to be left alone, found their children caught in the crosshairs of an English, as they call the modern outsiders, with a grudge and 600 rounds of ammunition.

If parents could pick any place on the planet where they might believe their children were safe from the scourge of gun violence, it would be here amid the rolling corn and hay fields. Here where the farmers plow with horse teams.

The next burg over is called Paradise, and it's easy to see why. If you looked up the word "Eden" in a dictionary, a photo of the Amish countryside would just about capture it.

But the concept of paradise on Earth is a foolish conceit, and now not even the most Pollyannaish among us can cling to it.

Violent death can come at any time and any place even in the morning in a one-room schoolhouse in a pocket of

America time allegedly forgot.

There is no longer any denying the reality. If it could happen at the West Nickel Mines Amish School, it can happen at your child's school or mine.

"We think Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York are where all the crazies are," a volunteer fireman keeping gawkers away told me. "We really should have known better. We never thought it could happen here."

But it did. Just as it happened days earlier at a school in rural Wisconsin, where a 15-year-old shot and killed his principal. Just as it happened two days before that at a high school in sleepy Bailey, Colo., where a gunman took six girls hostage, killing one of them before killing himself.

Three schools in one week. My God, who among us has the gall to look those parents in the face and tell them we have adequate gun controls in this country?

The power of the status quo trumps the power of human heartbreak.

For the Amish, and really for each and every one of us, it's done.

The dream is over.

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COMEDY

Funny chicks hit up Peaberry's

Britta Snowberger
 JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Wielding an arsenal of relationship material and an affinity for Ellen DeGeneres and Diet Pepsi, two female comedians will perform today at Peaberry's Café, beginning at 11 a.m.

Sue Fracker of Jackson, Mich., will kick start the lunchtime entertainment, sponsored by the Student Activities Office.

Fracker, an Internet technology professional by day and comedian by night, began her joke-telling career at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak, Mich. After taking two classes at Ridley's, she understood the "formula" of comedy.

"You can't just go up there and tell a joke," she said. "You have to be you - in charge, professional, smart, together, confident - and you have to know how to handle a microphone, hecklers, smoking, drinking, silence, other comics, etcetera."

Fracker's stand-up knowledge has landed her a cable access talk show in Michigan called "The Daily Fix with Sue Fracker," during which she interviews other comics, musicians, politicians and business owners.

"[The show] is loose, it's a lot of fun, and it has been a blast putting it together and airing it," she said. "I get recognized in a lot of places now, so I have to watch where I go. I go to church a lot more."

Not surprisingly, Fracker's comedic influences include fellow talk show host Ellen Degeneres, Kathy Griffin, Brian Regan and Rob Little. She is inspired to write jokes by everyday life, and her material encompasses topics from drinking, traveling and getting married to visiting strip clubs.

Fracker considers her material suitable for mature audiences.

"I am probably PG-13, but I have an R-rated version for the racier folks in the back

who always come up to me after a show that is supposed to be clean and say, 'Will you come to the bar with us now and tell us the good stuff you have to leave out?'" she said.

Before a show, Fracker prepares for her time in the spotlight by breathing deeply or, when alcohol is available, drinking Jack Daniels and Diet Pepsi, she said.

"I always have one power-word in my head before I go on, like 'confidence,' 'energy,' 'show time,' or 'get someone's phone number this time, will you?'"

Locally, Fracker has done stand-up several times at Youngstown's Funny Farm Comedy Club, the most recent performance of which she opened for Christine Stedman, today's Peaberry's headliner.

"Christine makes me want to tighten up my jokes and be sassy," Fracker said. "We complement each other nicely because we are both chicks, but our styles are different enough to keep it interesting."

Stedman, a wife, mother and grandmother from St. Louis, Mo., draws her comedic inspiration from Ellen Degeneres, her colleagues, and most notably, her family.

"I began my comedy career after my daughter began having babies," she said. "It was the only way I could think of to get out of babysitting ... well, that or truck-driving school, and I don't look good in flannel."

First testing her abilities at open mic nights, Stedman eventually earned herself a full-time career in comedy. Earlier this year, she competed on Nick-at-Nite's "Funniest Mom in America" reality show and advanced to the finale before being eliminated in third place.

"It was a very interesting experience. We had challenges and eliminations and everything," she said. "Now I get recognized by mothers and teenagers in malls. It's weird,



Photo source: www.suefracker.com



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ABOVE: Funny girl Fracker will perform stand-up today at 11 a.m. in Peaberry's, opening for Stedman.

RIGHT: Comedian Christine Stedman warns her audience, "They'd better be nice to the old lady."

because I can't believe anyone even watched the show."

After her national television appearance, Stedman returns to Youngstown State University for an encore performance.

"Christine was here before, and since her comedy is a little left-of-center, she went over really well," said Student Activities Director Greg Gulas.

Gulas added that he had originally booked Stedman on a recommendation from Funny Farm Comedy Club owner, David Robich.

"I yield to Dave. He's knowledgeable, and I trust his judgment," Gulas said.

Robich had only positive things to say about the female comedian.

"Christine is very, very talented and she's developed a bit of a following locally," Robich said. "I personally think she would have won on 'Funniest Mom in America,' but she couldn't use all of her material, since she had to keep everything clean."

Stedman considers her material, which spans from men and women to marriage, to be "light blue," or borderline R-rated.

"I change my act depending on my audience," she said. "I can turn it into Def Jam if I need to."



Photo source: www.christinestedman.com

The comedian, who prepares for her shows by drinking a Diet Pepsi, attributes her act's uniqueness to her gender and age, among other things.

"I think what makes me stand out is the fact that I'm a woman, and I'm older," she said. "People just don't expect me to say the things I do."

Stedman hopes her unpredictable dialogue will bring another successful show at Peaberry's. Upon learning that the café served alcohol, she became eager about today's performance for YSU students.

"When people are drinking heavily, they find me the funniest," she said. "Just tell them they'd better be nice to the old lady."

Fracker and Stedman will present their acts to Funny Farm Comedy Club audiences tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

COMMENTARY

Mackey to judge band battle

Bob Mackey
 COLUMNIST

Attention Youngstown State University students: Do you have plans this Saturday between noon and 4 p.m.? It's possible that during this time period you will be recovering from Youngstown nightlife. And if you don't have stab wounds, perhaps you will be recovering from Boardman nightlife, which is as close as you can get to a simulation of actual humanity without being hassled by the goggles and thick cables that come with virtual reality. But you'll still feel just as empty, and perhaps suicidal, if you start thinking of the movie "The Lawnmower Man."

No matter what your Friday night may bring, sober up, apply gauze and lotion to any affected areas and drive or scooter yourself to the First Annual YSU Battle of the Bands. Note: This is unrelated to last year's Battle of the Bandoliers, where seven men died of musket-related tragedies.

So why do I bring up this event in print? Rest assured, it's not because I am out of topics to write about. In fact, this very article is pre-empting a hilarious essay on women and their attitudes about the state of toilet seats (up or down, am I right?). I feel that - in the interest of self-promotion - I must draw attention to the YSU Battle of the Bands. Why? Inexplicably, I was asked to be a judge at this event. Obviously the people in charge have no idea that the musical issues I'm most concerned about involve whether the guy who sings really high and the guy who sings really low in doo-wop groups get along. And now that this topic has entered

your mind, I doubt if you'll ever sleep again.

But since I have been deemed a "celebrity" "judge" (both words must be in separate quotations for obvious reasons), I feel it is important to outline just what I'll be looking for when I pass judgment on the band battle. Don't take this advice lightly; there are fabulous prizes to be won, and if I am angered, I will secretly shame you in print in a way only I can understand: Would you like to join the ranks of hundreds who have already suffered this fate? They don't know it, but they got SO burned.

First, let's talk bribes. The grand prize for this event is \$1,500 in Guitar Center Funbucks, which I honestly have no use for.

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Bob Mackey

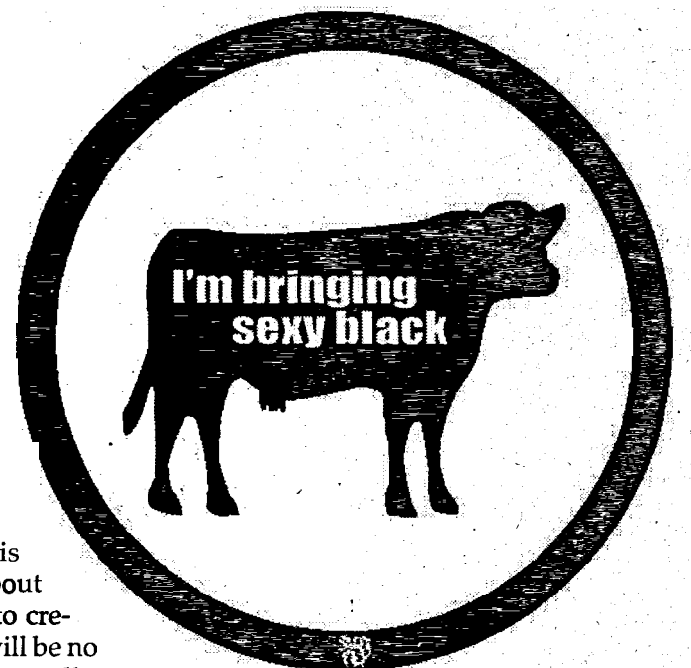
While I do play guitar, it's the kind of hobby where I remove the instrument from the case every six months and experience five minutes of frustration before I put it away for another six months. Take this time now to create your own sex joke. Are you done? Good.

What I'm trying to say is that all bribes of store credit will be scoffed at, as they should be in any advanced capitalist society. However, the second prize - recording and production of two songs courtesy of Mind

Rocket Recording - is something I am interested in. Very interested. You see, I have a little project that I've been thinking about for quite some time: to bring back the art of the song parody and to unseat "Weird" Al Yankovic from his plush and impossibly wacky throne. Using his method, I figure it takes about five minutes of solid writing to create an album, and two songs will be no sweat for someone who naturally thinks of ways songs can be better by changing the lyrics to food-related subjects.

The issue of performance is a natural - if overlooked - element of band battle satisfaction. Bribery can only get you so far; only a good song can ensure success. Here's a question: Does your song rhyme rain with pain, girl with world, or hero with zero? Please change these lines to avoid being scored a zero, and optionally stop playing music and take up a field that you can use the most of your creativity in, like being a Subway Sandwich Artist. You may find that the distribution of mayonnaise gives a greater rush than any stage could provide!

After lyrics, the most important element of a song is just how catchy it is. This is why millions of people still know the Macarena, even if they only know it phonetically and spend the rest of their lives in therapy, trying desperately not to remember this song. Your song should be so catchy that, even at the most dramatic and intense



Black Angus

moments of my life, I'll still be repeating at least the chorus in my brain. The tragic death of a loved one, the birth of my first child, the subsequent mysterious disappearance of my first child; during all of these events I should be tapping my foot and humming something that you probably wrote while on the toilet.

And while I sit here and write my own song, a parody of Justin Timberlake's hit entitled "SexyBlack (Angus Steak)," I think I've made all of this pretty clear: I can make or break you. It's true that I lack the expensive black T-shirts and smarmy accent of Simon Cowell, but there's one thing I'm not lacking - the ability to be a power-hungry madman with no remorse. Also, Paula Abdul won't return my calls.

Bob Mackey wants to assure you that all cash bribes will go to a charity of his choice. You can visit his blog at <http://www.bobservo.com>.

THEATER

'FlatSpin,' English thriller-comedy debuts

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

"FlatSpin" is a play by England's Alan Ayckbourn, considered one of the most prolific playwrights of our time. A comedy-thriller taking place in an empty flat along the Thames River in London's Dockland, its cast includes Rosie Seymore, an unemployed actress played by Noelle Nackino, who gets wrapped up in a case of mistaken identity.

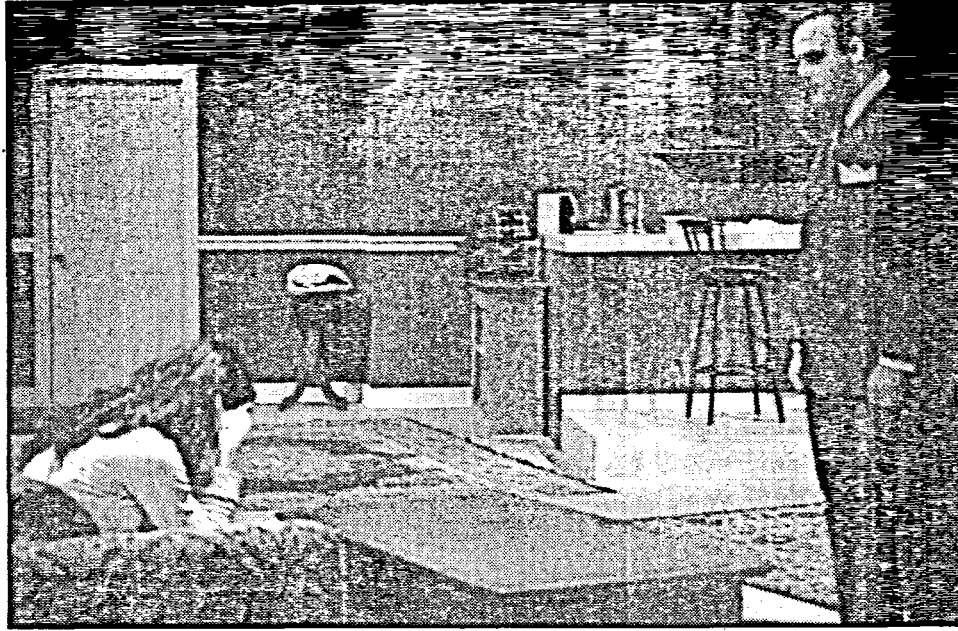
A University Theater production debuting tonight at 8 in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater, "FlatSpin" is directed by Dennis Henneman, with fights choreographed by Jonathan Yurco. The Blackbox has been given quite a facelift for this show by scenic designer Todd Dicken, foregoing the usual black stage and open walls for a well-laid-out apartment design, with sage green walls, paintings, tapestry rugs and couches, and a working sink in the kitchen area, and the floor painted to look like hardwood.

The people Rosie meets are not all who they pretend to be. Simply there to take over janitorial services while her uncle recovers from a car crash, Rosie lets the handsome man next door, Sam Berryman, believe she lives in the flat, and during dinner, everything spirals out of her control.

Joining Nackino as Sam is Nathan Beagle, who plays the bumbling, charming neighbor with sincerity.

Watching one of the final rehearsals for "FlatSpin," it was amazingly apparent that the actors applied the knowledge of visiting dialect coach Paul Meier. Meier has been teaching American and European accents for over 25 years, and has coached celebrities like Tobey Maguire. Meier spent a week in September visiting theater classes, teaching workshops and coaching "FlatSpin's" cast.

Anthony Scarsella, playing the role of Maurice Whickett, was simply perfect. He's the polite, understated, droll



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ABOVE: Noelle Nackino, as Rosie, suffers a case of mistaken identity as Maurice, played by Tony Scarsella, looks on.

RIGHT: Stephanie Ottey portrays the cockney strong-arm Tracy Taylor.



The Jambal/ Emery Boyle-Scott

Englishman who makes a strange but plausible mix with the violent, dirty-downtown, cockney strong-arm Tracy Taylor, played by Stephanie Ottey.

Stepping in for Laura Phillips in the role of Edna Stricken is Alyssa Connelly, who was reading confidently and blocking exceptionally well for standing in at the last minute. Phillips should be back for opening night.

Also featured is the slightly catty, middle-aged landlord Annette Sefton-Wilcox, played by Missy Bookbinder, and promiscuous, slightly stupid bodyguard Tommy Angel, played with a convincingly straight-faced Vince Basile.

"FlatSpin" manages to showcase the shrewder talents of these actors, relying on the range of their accents and inflection rather than just their physical presence. The comedy is dry and subtle, but well effected, and Nackino is refreshing in her honesty and anger with the situation.

Originally part of Ayckbourn's "Damsels in Distress" trilogy, "FlatSpin" was one of three separate plays that shared the same set and cast.

YSU

October continues Hispanic Heritage Month

Ashley Tate
REPORTER

Students at Youngstown State University have the chance to celebrate the upcoming events of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Hispanic Heritage Month started Sept. 15, with Jesus "Chuy" Negrete as keynote speaker at a conference. The celebration of Hispanic heritage ends Oct. 15.

"The conference, which was the kick-off of Hispanic Heritage Month, was a huge success with 150 people in attendance," Susan Moorer, coordinator of diversity initiatives, said.

September's events included a Spanish cooking class at the Fellows Riverside Gardens Davis Center, where recipes were demonstrated and sampled.

The other event was a book discussion on "Frida: A Biography on Frida Kahlo" by Hayden Herrera. Jean Engle led the discussion at Youngstown's Main Library.

Moorer said on Sept. 28, the 2006 Annual Educators and Community Helping Hispanics Onward (ECCHO) held a college fair at OCCHA, in which they informed Hispanics about YSU and tried to increase enrollment.

The Undergraduate Admissions department sponsored this program, where Maggie McClendon is the coordinator.

October's events will include a story time and arts session Wednesday at the Children's Museum from 5-8 p.m. OCCHA will be having their 34th anniversary fundraiser dinner at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 20.

Some students liked the idea of having a month dedicated to celebrating Hispanic heritage, and others didn't even know about it.

"I like the idea of Hispanic Heritage Month. I think Hispanics are already close and we were always warm-hearted and welcoming," social work major Melissa Ramos said.

In order to increase more awareness about the Hispanic culture, Ramos suggests having Hispanic literature or history classes.

"There are American and African literature classes, but where are the Hispanic classes? A lot of people make fun of Hispanics, but if they knew something about our culture I don't think they would," Ramos said.

Freshman Alison Rivera agrees.

"There should be bilingual classes; there are so many Hispanics in Youngstown and especially on the East Side that speak Spanish and not English. It would bring a lot more business to Youngstown and YSU," Rivera said.

According to a piece of literature Moorer provided The Jambal with, the reason Hispanic Heritage Month starts on Sept. 15 is because "it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua."

In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

"The warmth and vitality of the Hispanic culture are great gifts to America and are part of the unique fabric of our country," the literature stated.

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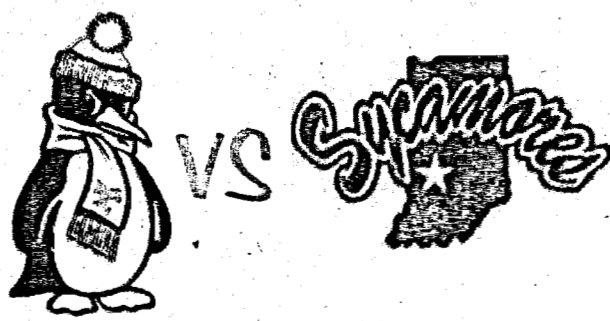
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 Location: Stambaugh Stadium
 Forecast: Sunny 62 degrees

FOOTBALL



Key match-ups watch

3 keys to the game

one

Indiana State quarterback Reilly Murphy is a true double threat. He has amassed nearly 1,000 passing yards and thrown for three touchdowns this season while also rushing for over 150 yards and four touchdowns. If the Penguins' defensive ends and outside linebackers can't contain the 6-foot-2 scrambler Youngstown State University may be in for a long night. Given Murphy's speed it will be up to the entire YSU defense to slow down the junior from San Diego, Calif. if he decides to tuck the ball and run. Watch for defensive linemen Mychal Savage, Jim Phelan and Blake Halverson to flush Murphy from the pocket into the clutches of outside linebackers James Terry and Jeff Koval.

two

Although the Sycamores aren't adept at converting on fourth down this year, it hasn't stopped them from trying. When it's all been on the line the boys from Terre Haute, Ind. have been successful on five of their 11 efforts. Youngstown has forced its opponents into posting similar conversion numbers as the defense has made stops on three of six attempts this year. Preventing Indiana State from elongating drives will not only deflate the Sycamore offense but it will also get the Penguin defense off the field.

three

Playing against the worst team in the Gateway Conference in turnover margin at -1.60 per game, the Penguins will have to capitalize on the Sycamores poor play on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Tom Zetts should have no problem finding his wide outs and tight ends as Indiana has only posted three interceptions on the season. In addition to playing solid in the passing game, the YSU defense will have to use their muscle to knock the ball loose every chance they get. Offensively the Sycamores have lost seven fumbles this year, a number Youngstown will look to add to. If the Penguins can execute in all facets of the game they should be able to shutout the Sycamores and improve their turn over margin of 1.40 as well.



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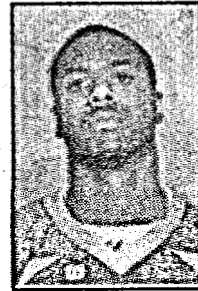


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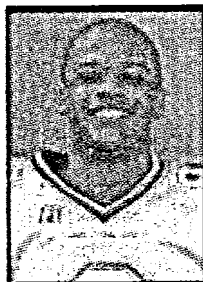
West #11

Jake Glavies
 SPORTS EDITOR

Although the Youngstown State University linebacker core lost one of its key components, senior and team captain Jeremiah Wright, for what may be the

remainder of the season, the group has come together and played solidly in recent weeks. To be successful in the second game of Gateway Conference play, the Penguin linebackers will have to work together to stop Indiana State University's top running back Tony West. Even with

defenses keying in on him, the 5-foot-9 175 pound junior is averaging just short of 120 rush yards per game for the winless Sycamores. The key to stopping West will be to force him to run inside where his lack of size should make gaining yards all but impossible.

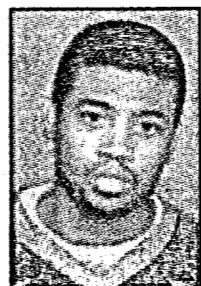


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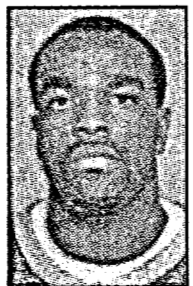


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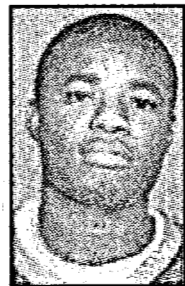
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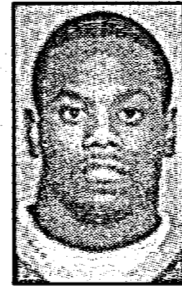
Jackson #2



James #20



Price #13



Roberts #24

Size will be the key feature of this match-up, as the Sycamore secondary averages 6-feet tall and 190 pounds while both Penguin wide receivers come in at 6-foot-1 and average 188 pounds. Although cornerbacks Michael Roberts and Kyle James will cover T.J. Peterson and Rory Berry directly, safeties Bryan

Jackson and Rafael Price will make themselves known. At 5-foot-11 and 220 pounds, Jackson is the group's heavy hitter. He also has the ability to turn on the jets, which was made evident by his 100-yard interception return for a touchdown earlier this season. Playing at a hybrid defensive back/linebacker position,

Scooter Archie, the teams' leading tackler, will test the Penguins receiving corp as the fifth man in coverage. To be successful against this mammoth secondary, Peterson and Berry will have to stretch the field and force Indiana States' coverage unit to rely on their speed and not their muscle.

YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF



Women's golf continues to improve

Youngstown State University junior Brittany Jones finished sixth as the women's golf team tied for fourth place at the 17-team Bucknell Fall Classic Oct. 1. The Penguins finished with a two-round score of 665 to place fourth along with Rutgers. Jones led the way for the second straight event placing sixth out of 87 competitors. She had rounds of 80 and 77 to finish with a 157. Freshman Brittany Stillwagon was YSU's second-best finisher coming in 24th place with a 167. Junior Felicia Ciotola was 33rd with a 172, sophomore Mollie Boney placed 38th after shooting 174 and senior Bonnie Sherman was 41st carding a 175. The Penguins will travel to the Detroit Titans Invitational Monday.

Volleyball team takes to the road

The Lady Penguins volleyball team will resume action this Friday as they travel to take-on 8-10 Wright State followed by a match at 5-12 Butler Saturday. The team is currently 8-12 this year but has lost their last four matches. Leading the team in blocks, kills and points this season is freshman Ruth Boscaljon. Also putting forth an impressive performance is sophomore Ebony Barbosa, as she ranks second in attacks, points, kills and serves. For her stellar play Barbosa was also named Horizon League Offensive Player of the Week earlier this season.

Tennis teams to resume play

The YSU men's tennis team will travel to the Valparaiso Fall Classic in Valparaiso, Ind. this weekend. Many Penguin players have had solid seasons so far as junior Scott Kathary and senior Tom Barth won the doubles title against Duquesne. The women's squad will also take to the road this weekend as they head to the West Virginia Martha Thorne Invitational in Morgantown, W.Va. The team recently played host to the YSU Invitational against Duquesne, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Toledo. During the event junior Michelle Fuleky took first place in her singles flight. Fuleky and freshman Kelly Culbertson also took third place in their doubles flight.

INTRAMURALS

Students take on gym class classic

Andrew Berry
 JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Dodge ball is a sport in which two teams are allowed to pummel one another with rubber balls in an endless rage of elementary gym class fury. The only way to win this battle of prepubescent angst is to be the last one standing.

In recent years dodge ball has been yanked from the schoolyards and plugged in as one of the top alternative sports in the country. The formation of several national and amateur leagues has helped increase the sports popularity.

Recently Youngstown State University has also made room for the alternative sport by including it in its intramural sports lineup.

The leagues opening day was Tuesday when competition began at Beeghly Center.

Play will run for eight weeks through the fall semester and culminate with a single elimination tournament where a dodge ball champion will be crowned.

A champion will be named in each of the sports separate men's, women's and coed divisions.

Division winners will receive T-shirts while second place teams will be awarded mugs.

One of the many competitors vying for this semester's title is YSU sophomore Crystal Kenmuir.

Kenmuir, who is participating in her third season of dodge ball competition, sees the sport as a combination of fun and recreation.

"I like hanging out with my friends. I enjoy playing," she said.

Her enthusiasm aside, her team got off to a rocky start as it suffered a last-minute defeat on opening day.

To ensure accurate play YSU's intramural dodge ball league uses the rulebook of the National Amateur Dodge Ball Association in which two teams of five players, with two reserves, compete in a series of games with a time limit of four minutes per contest. The format is a best-of-five series with the first team to three wins earning the victory.

The object of the game is simple - to eliminate all opposing players. Players are "out" when they are either hit with a ball or a player from the opposing team catches a ball they have thrown.

A team wins when no opposing player is left standing. If no winner emerges after four minutes, sudden death overtime begins where the first team to eliminate an opposing player wins.

Although this is the base version of the game, there are numerous variations on the gym class classic.

Perhaps the most unique is "Presidential Ball." In this spin-off one player is designated the president and his teammates the bodyguards. The president is not allowed to throw a ball and is protected by his teammates as the other team, the assassins attempt to get him out. The assassins lose when the bodyguards have eliminated them from play.

YSU's intramural dodge ball league will run through the end of November.

