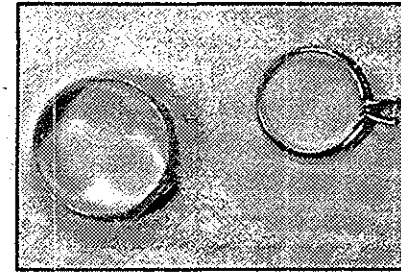




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Tuition to rise in fall

BY AMANDA SMITH
Jambar Editor

According to Dr. G.L. Mears, executive vice president, the only thing in life as certain as taxes are tuition increases.

"Just like in any business, our costs are greater every year, and each year we have to generate more revenue," Mears said.

On average for next year, Mears said YSU students will be paying 3.02 percent more for their college educations. While actual tuition expenses will vary from different groups of students, Mears said he hopes the new tuition model will simplify students' tuition questions.

Starting in the fall, all students will start with a base tuition of \$2,114 per full-time semester. Certain groups of students, such as first-time freshmen and students enrolled in associate degree programs, will receive "Enrollment Incentive Grants" or tuition breaks. First-time freshmen, that is, students who have no college experience, will receive a \$120 tuition grant. All students enrolled in associate degree programs will receive a \$248 grant. Undergraduate upperclassmen will not receive an grant.

Mears cited rising costs for the university and the possibility of

Tuition costs on the rise

Student category	Base Tuition	Enrollment Incentive	Final cost
First-time freshmen	\$2,114	\$120	\$1,994
Associate degree programs	\$2,114	\$248	\$1,866
Undergrad	\$2,114	\$0	\$2,114

SOURCE: DR. G. L. MEARS PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CHUCK ROCKNEY FOR THE JAMBAR

reduced funding from the state as reasons for the overall tuition increase.

He said expenses such as maintaining the university's computer network, which he said cost \$20 million across four years to install and maintain, and maintaining Maag Library's resources can contribute to rising tuition.

Bassam Deeb, executive director, Enrollment Management, said the tuition changes may affect enrollment, but they are not necessarily directed at enrollment.

"The university is trying to collapse the differential that exists [between freshmen and under-

graduate tuition]," he said. "It's an attempt to restrain the cost of tuition and restrain the cost of tuition for first-time freshmen."

University President Dr. David Sweet was not available for comment, but John Habat, special president, said inflation and rising costs for the university affect tuition.

"The university has to balance its books and raise its fees just like any other service provider," he said.

"But as a percentage increase YSU's increases are competitive with, if not below, state averages," he added.

Family and friends remember cheerleader

The YSU student died Thursday from mono complications.

BY VALERIE BANNER
Jambar Editor

Paul Jeffrey Snyder Jr. was the kind of kid who was always smiling, always laughing, always friendly.

Everyone who knew Snyder described him as fun, easy-going and just plain nice.

"Everywhere he went, he made people happy," said Snyder's father, Paul "Jeff" Jeffrey Snyder Sr. "He was everybody's buddy."

Snyder, freshman, education, and 2000 Ursuline High School graduate, died Thursday morning at home.

His friends said he'd been feeling sick last week, and he had been treated for mononucleosis. The autopsy was inconclusive.

His sister, Jennifer Snyder, said the calling hours lasted for five hours Sunday because so many people — anywhere from 700 to 1,000 — showed up.

"A lot of people from YSU showed up at the calling hours... they all said how nice he was," said Jennifer Snyder, sophomore, political science and computer science.

Jeff Snyder said he was amazed by how many friends his son had.



SNYDER

"There must have been 50 people who said they had lunch with him every day. He must have had three lunches; that's all we could figure out," he said.

Paul Snyder had been involved with the Special Olympics and the Huggers, a volunteer group that goes to nursing homes to deliver hugs to the residents. He was also on the YSU cheerleading squad.

Dave George, sophomore, electrical engineering, said he met Paul Snyder through cheerleading and lifting. George said going back

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Requirements meet diversity goal

BY CHRISTINA PALM
Jambar Editor

If you are a student under the new general education requirements, you have some new GED requirements to fill beginning fall 2001.

The newly-categorized courses will cover diversity in society and institutions, personal and social responsibility to diversity, and diversity in art and literature. They meet the GED goals 10 and 12.

According to a "Learning about Diversity" pamphlet, Goal 10 "asks students to understand the development of cultures and organizations of human societies throughout the world and their changing interrelationships with Western society."

Goal 12 "calls for the comprehension and appreciation of the development of diversity in America in all its forms," according to the pamphlet.

Dr. William Jenkins, coordinator, General Education, said, "These goals require diversity in

courses. The courses were approved by the GED committee so they would meet these goals."

The courses are divided into three categories: Artistic and Literary Perspectives, Societies and Institutions and Personal and Social Responsibility.

Some courses under Artistic and Literary Perspectives include Survey of Art History I and II, Mythology, Survey of Jazz, Film Music, Rock 'n' Roll to Rock, Art of Motion Pictures, History of Motion Pictures and Understanding Theater as well as literature courses.

Courses under Societies and Institutions include Introduction to Criminal Justice, Economics in Action and Survey of American Mass Communication. Also included under this topic are courses in anthropology, geography, American history, government, religion and sociology.

Courses under Personal and Social Responsibility include Introduction to Health and

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YSU students can find information on future careers at Career Services

BY CAROL WILSON
Jambar Assistant Editor

The annual Career Day hosted by YSU Career Services was originally scheduled for a date in March. Due to lack of response from area businesses, the Career Day was cancelled. There are other opportunities for students to find out about their future careers, though.

Students not graduating before fall can go to the fall Career Day set for Sept. 26. The event is geared toward graduating seniors and students who plan to complete degrees in the 2001-2002 school year; however, all students are welcome to meet with the many companies from in and around Youngstown who participate.

"This event is purposely positioned at the start of the school year to convey the message that it is time to begin your job search," said Bernie Cummins, director, Career Services.

Students looking for seasonal positions or summer internships

can find information at Career Services now.

"We do get information on summer internship opportunities as well as summer positions, and we basically house all of that information in two large binders titled 'Seasonal Jobs' and 'Internships,'" said Cummins.

Job information from employers is posted as it is received in either of the appropriate binders, which students can access any time during Career Services office hours.

In addition to looking up employer information the "old fashioned way" by flipping through pages in large notebooks, a new Internet database program called Career Connections has been implemented to aid students in their job search.

The database, however, can only be accessed by registered students. According to Cummins, registering is as easy as stopping in the office of Career Services and filling out a registration card,

which may take five minutes. An individual account is then set up, and students can access the server and complete the one-time registration online two days after filling the initial visit. Once this process is complete, students may access the server daily to view the list of job postings, which is updated continually by Career Service employees as information is received.

"Students who are registered can access information from the database and look at not only jobs that we're putting into the system but also additional jobs put into the system by other universities as well," said Cummins.

This Web-based software, which can be accessed at www.cc.ysu.edu/career-services/, allows employers, students and Career Services staff to work from the same venue.

There are components to the software program similar to other database software. Once the regis-

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NEWS BRIEFS

In observance of tornado safety week, YSU will join other universities in a state-wide drill. Students do not have to participate in the drill; the sounding of the sirens will be for testing of the indoor and outdoor drills only, said Leonard Perry, director, environmental and occupational health and safety.

The drill will be held 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, said Perry.

Perry said since students do not have to participate in the drill, it is good to know about tornado safety procedures, especially during the spring and summer months.

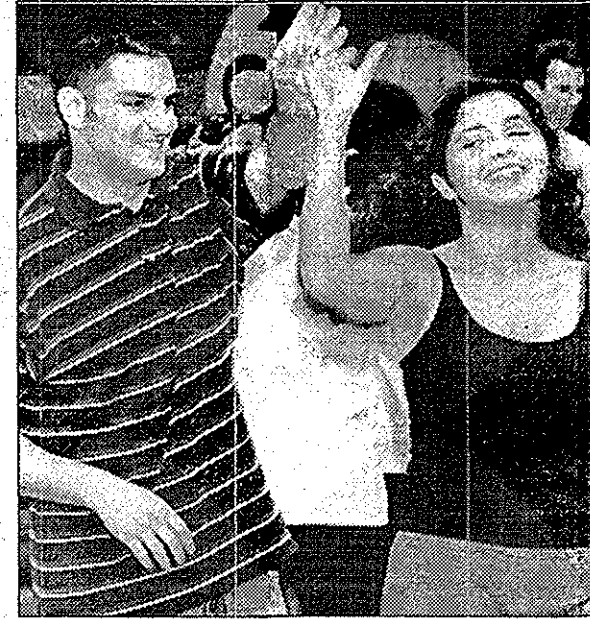
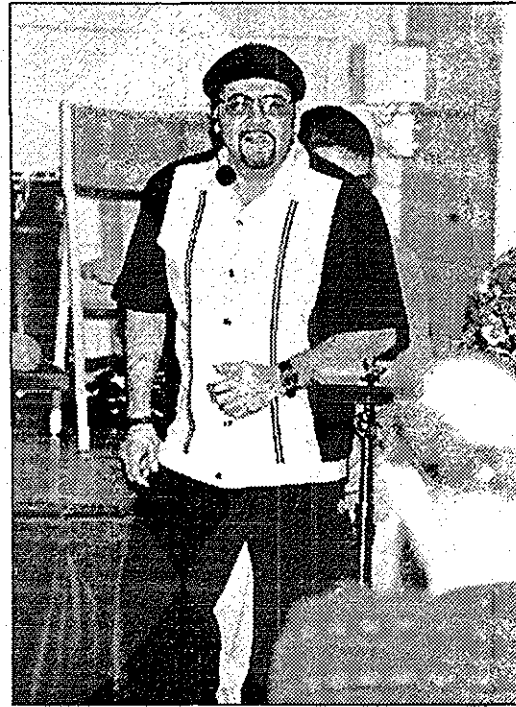
"If a tornado is sighted, it is imperative that students go to the lowest level of a building or an interior area of a building. It is also good to avoid areas that have large roof spans because they may collapse. Stay away from glass and windows," he added.

Perry said if a student happens to see someone who is physically disabled, he or she should help that student to the designated tornado areas.

"Instructors in classes also know what to do when a tornado is spotted. Tornado and fire evacuation plans are located in the front of all classrooms, so students and teachers can refer to the posters in case of an emergency," he said.

The Society for Collegiate Journalists will be having a meeting 4 p.m. Thursday in The Jambar office. Anyone interested in joining can attend. Dues must be paid at or before the meeting unless you contact the SCJ president. For more information, call Christina, SCJ president, at (330) 742-1913.

Feel the Afro-Cuban beat



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DANCING TO THE BEAT: Left, Latin percussionist Ruben Alvarez is caught up in the rhythm of the congas, claves and shekeres during the Afro-Cuban percussion clinic. Right, Chris Trzcinski, junior, business (left), and former YSU student Denise Glinapsis (right) are learning the moves of the Cha cha cha in the dance workshop of the Afro-Cuban Arts Festival.

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Wellness in Contemporary Society, Healthy Lifestyles, and Religion and Moral Issues as well as courses in psychology.

Jenkins said the goals were set in 1994, and the university made the decision in 1998 to implement the goals in fall 2000.

"All students under the new system are affected," he added.

Jenkins said the faculty who will teach the courses had to submit a syllabus and a form describing why the course should be considered for a diversity requirement.

"The courses chosen dealt with issues of diversity. Of course, the amount and specifics of diversity will vary with each course, but they all incorporate diversity," he added.

Jenkins said students will be required to take at least two diversity courses, which are listed in the pamphlet.

Jean Engle, assistant director, University Relations, said the pamphlets will be delivered Wednesday in the General Education office and will be available to students after that. Registration booklets will be on campus by noon Monday in the Registrar's office in 'Tod Hall.

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tered user arrives at the Career Connections start-up page, several links are displayed: "student view," "employer view" and "office view." These links will take either the employer or the prospective employee to areas of interest. Students may also include their resume into the database, making it convenient for an employer to seek applicant qualifications.

"It's not too late to begin a summer job search. We get information daily, and we don't wait to post anything," said Cummins.

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Editorial

House Bill 660 saves babies

A new Ohio law that will go into effect April 6 is aimed at helping to save lives, namely those of newborn infants.

House Bill 660, otherwise known as the Abandoned Baby Bill, allows mothers to drop off their newborns within 72 hours of birth at hospitals or police departments without fear of prosecution.

Contrary to immediate objections, this law shows no evidence of encouraging or increasing the number of abandoned babies. However, it does accomplish quite the opposite; it decreases the number of infants found in dumpsters or trash bags.

The law, proposed by State Rep. Cheryl Winkler, R-Cincinnati, will allow the mother to drop off the baby, anonymously if she chooses, without being prosecuted for abandonment unless the baby shows signs of abuse or neglect.

The mother is encouraged, but not required, to provide family medical history and any other personal information available.

According to a story in the Tribune Chronicle on Monday, Texas was the first state to pass such a law, and 10 months passed before anyone took advantage of it. Since then, five babies have been given up.

These statistics further support the advantages of this law. The article stated a national number of abandoned babies, at least those who have been found or recorded, is about 105 per year.

Since Texas, 14 states including Ohio have passed such laws, the article said.

Lives will be saved as a result of this law because desperate mothers will have somewhere to turn.

However, this law should not be viewed as an additional means of birth control. Measures should still be taken to promote use of contraceptives and abstinence as well as encouraging more traditional alternatives to keeping the baby, such as adoption, and even abortion should that be a consideration for the mother.

Despite fears, all evidence shows this law will not spur a rash of abandoned babies.

In fact, lawmakers are more concerned about getting the information out to women, particularly teens, than controlling a barrage of abandoned babies.

The Web site www.bastards.org/alert/oh/oh-alert2.htm poses some very valid objections to the bill, which many people harbor about the bill. The site alleges that the law obliterates the identity rights of the abandoned child, ignores the causes of infant abandonment because there is no counseling required, discourages the collection of medical and other background information and, most importantly, prevents anyone from being able to verify that the person leaving the baby is in fact the parent.

As vital and potentially scary as these concerns are, the thought of finding a week-old infant in a trash can is much worse. If nothing else, at least this law could help save a life, and unless those who oppose it can come up with an equally-beneficial alternative, this law will remain a lifesaver.

Write a letter to the editor that has fewer than 300 words. Make sure to include a name and phone number for verification.

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It's about time for Queen

CAROL WILSON
Jambar Assistant Editor

I love the news. I really do. The local news, however, for several nights in a row, subjected the public to the most recent junkie scare. It seems the sewer rats were at it again. One guy robbed a local pharmacy for the latest street drug sensation, the narcotic Oxycontin.

So I turned to the national news. It had practically the same thing in terms of repetition — the Mad Cow dilemma again. Just when we thought it was okay, another outbreak seems to have arisen.

Like I said, I love the news, but after the past week's stories, at home and abroad, it was like a breath of fresh air when I heard Queen has been chosen as one of this year's inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

I am a huge fan of the members who make up the band Queen — the super-talented Brian May on guitar, Roger Taylor on bass and John Deacon on drums. No one captures the band's glamour persona more than the band's front man, the lead singer, the multitalented, uniquely gifted Freddie Mercury.

Mercury was sadly lost to the world 10 years ago Nov. 24, 1991. He announced to the world only a day before that he was terribly ill with AIDS.

From the Web site www.freddie.ru:8080/e/bio, I put together a short bio on this huge talent: Mercury was born Farrokh Bulsara Sept. 5, 1946, on the Island of Zanzibar. His mother and father were both Persian, explaining his mysterious dark, good looks.

Educated at mostly English academies near Bombay, India, as a youngster, Freddie showed early a special talent for the aesthetic side of academic life such as art and music.

An astute teacher told Mercury's parents that he displayed musical talent and asked if they were interested in spending a bit more for his education so he could receive piano lessons.

His parents agreed and Freddie, truly enjoying his musical training, rose easily to a level that gained him entry into an academy in England.

The rest, as they say, is history. It was in England in 1967 that a young Freddie Bulsara (he hadn't changed his name to Mercury yet) met the other members of Queen.

Fascinated by the immense talent of guitarist Brian May, Freddie began jamming with him and some other local guys playing in clubs around Kensington, calling themselves Smile.

In 1969, Freddie found himself as the lead vocals for a band named Ilex, which soon fell apart. Around 1970, Smile's lead singer left the band, who May was still performing with, and Mercury

became their lead singer. It was at this point he changed the name of the band to Queen and changed his last name to Mercury.

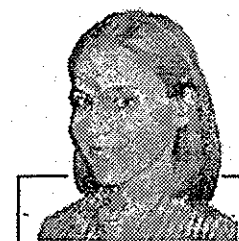
Freddie not only had a gifted voice, he also had outstanding artistic talent. He is responsible for the band's logo, using their birth signs: two fairies for him (Virgo), two lions for Roger and John (Leo) and a crab for Brian (Cancer). He was known to often doodle caricatures and little pictures for close friends and associates.

However, the enigmatic Freddie Mercury will always be known for that magnificent voice and stage presence that made him one in a million.

Mercury authored the band's songs that have gained classic notoriety such as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Seven Seas of Rhye" and the first big hit, "Killer Queen."

I saw Queen in 1979, and it was one of my most memorable moments. I will never forget staring at up at the dazzling Freddie Mercury in total awe.

He was magnificent, and I feel truly blessed that I had the opportunity to see one of the finest performers the world has had the pleasure to know. Thank you, Freddie, for sharing your talent with the world. Congratulations to the entire band, Queen, on being one of this year's inductees to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; my glass is raised high.



BY KATIE BALESTRA
Jambar Assistant Editor

Brush with death opens eyes

I usually don't like to write about my personal life in the paper because most people are probably thinking, "Why should I care about what this girl did last night?" But bear with me for this one special occasion.

I had some life-changing experiences a couple weeks ago that have given me some new insights on life. I came as close to dying as I ever have in my entire life, and it didn't happen once but twice.

My jeep lost control on a bridge on the freeway and spun out of control, hitting a six-inch block of concrete that separated me from a 50-foot drop. I had hit a patch of black ice that made my tires spin out from under me. After regaining control of my vehicle, I thought I would get off at the next exit to check the damage.

I was basically driving at a

crawl, and suddenly the same thing happened. This time, I lost control in front of a semi truck and two cars. My jeep spun out of control and nose-dived into the middle of the median and then into oncoming traffic on the other side of the freeway. I had to reverse back into the ditch to get out of the way of the cars coming at me. Not one person stopped to see if I was okay.

To say the least, I was a bit shaken up about the entire incident. I went to church the next day, and all the priest talked about was being given a second chance. He said when you look death in the face and realize how small you are in the whole scheme of things, it makes you really think about your life and where it's going.

I'm the type of person who has to have a plan and has to know where I'll be in a year, what I'll be doing, and whom I'll be with. I always look too far down the road, and I worry about decisions I'll

have to make in the future. I've decided I have to let go of this. Instead of living for what's going to happen next week, I have to start living for the day.

Whether you lose someone close to you, meet someone that totally changes your perspective on life, or come close to losing your own life, there are events that happen that make people realize life is too short. Who cares if you got an A on your chemistry test? Who cares if your sister ruined your favorite sweater? Who cares if you didn't get that summer internship? And does it really make a difference where you'll be in a year?

I'm not trying to give anyone advice. I'm the last person who needs to tell people how to live their lives. I've just realized that I have to stop living my life the way others want me to. I don't want to have any regrets. The next time death comes, I'll be ready, and I'll be looking it in the face and smiling.

Check out The Jambar's new Web site at cc.yzu.edu/jambar, and get the news before getting to campus.

Divorce debacle hurts kids

SUSAN KELLY
Jambar Reporter

I never understood the logic behind rubbing a puppy's nose in his own waste. I remember watching my father pull our puppy over to a wet spot on the floor to "teach him not to do that." Next thing I knew, Cuddles wasn't peeing on the floor anymore. Just because something works, though, doesn't make it right.

Talking about my anger toward my ex-husband in front of my kids isn't right. I'm guilty, and lots of your parents are guilty too. I'm afraid when it comes to matters of the broken heart, the mouth speaks without thinking.

When I found out about my husband's affair, I did everything I could to try and save my marriage. Ultimately, however, I chose to file for dissolution.

One year later I fought and won a custody action brought by my ex-husband. Even though my sons were only 5 and 6 years old at the time, the judge spoke to them concerning the situation — something I never wanted them to go through. Since more kids, such as mine, opt to live with their fathers, the number of custody suits following divorce is growing.

Even though the judge ordered the boys to remain with me, about three years after our custody case I consented to my sons' request to live with their dad.

Their dad promised never to make me pay child support. For four years he faithfully paid the child support, so I had no reason to believe he would not keep his word to me.

He married his girlfriend the year after my kids went to live with them. Imagine my surprise when two months after their marriage, while my father was in the hospital after a severe stroke, I got papers in the mail demanding child support.

Since both my ex and his wife work at General Motors and make three times what I earn, I couldn't believe he was requesting payment from me.

I've been paying child support for three years, just into the fourth.

In the beginning, I paid \$450 per month. Recently my support was reduced to \$250 per month, which is still hard to come by on a very modest income. The reduction came at a cost of \$350 to my attorney, time spent waiting for a court date and all the other rigmarole involved.

Each time I picked up my sons and saw improvements being made to their home, I felt I was

So this brings me to the main point. On behalf of all your parents who have hurt you, please forgive them. It's wrong. We hurt you and put you in a terrible position. You have to listen to all the wrong words, over and over again. You have to try to keep the peace or else retreat to a neutral zone in order to get through it. Either way, you get the short end of the stick.

Some of you have become bitter because you never asked for the divorce or any of the excess baggage that goes along with it. You don't deserve to pay for our mistakes, but we put you smack in the middle of that scene, no fault of yours.

Forgiveness

happens in stages with most people. You have to work at it. The deal is, though, it usually doesn't happen over night. And when "stuff" comes up, as it always does, then you have another layer of forgiveness to go through. If you're thinking, "Why should I forgive? They're the ones who blew it!" you are exactly right. But the thing about forgiveness is that it benefits the one who gives it.

I've admitted my wrong to my sons and asked for their forgiveness. When I did, they opened up with the full story of how everything made them feel. This was hard to listen to, but it was very necessary. Recently I went to my ex-husband and his wife and asked their forgiveness for a bad attitude. I thanked my children's stepmother for caring for them and admitted I had problems accepting her part in their lives.

When you realize your actions affect in the worst way the ones you love the most, you should want to get it right. If you're a parent reading this who hasn't taken that step of asking forgiveness, think it over. So much good can come from humbling ourselves and taking the blame. It's the grown-up thing to do.

If you're a child whose been offended and you're not sure you want to forgive your parents, maybe it's time to take that first step. You'll help yourself in the long run. After all you've been through, you deserve it.

So much good can come from humbling ourselves and taking the blame. It's the grown-up thing to do.

funding it. First a pool was added, then a skylight to the upstairs bedroom and a new bathroom in the basement.

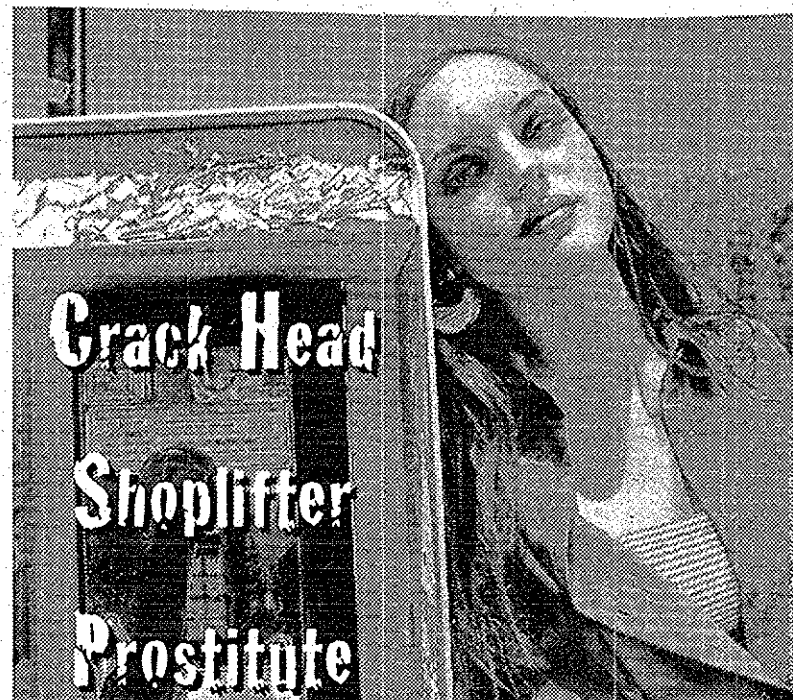
I made comments to my sons, and I was angry. I had suggested to the magistrate that part of the money I was ordered to pay go directly into a college fund. I was denied that request, and I felt like it instead went to improving their lifestyle.

Some of you who receive child support will say the money ultimately benefits the kids. Unless the law is written more specifically, there is nothing that earmarks funds for specific purchases.

Once the money gets in the hands of the custodial parent, it's his or her decision how to spend it, not yours. That can be hard to swallow.

Since the situation is emotionally charged, I made lots of emotional comments. I felt the need to be validated, especially in terms of what I viewed as, a raw deal. Instead of jumping to my defense, my kids berated me. They were angry that I expected comfort from them, and they were right. What I got was the opposite of what I needed and the last thing I wanted.

I put my children in a terrible position, demanding they side with me against their father. All they really wanted in the midst of all this was a quiet place where they wouldn't have to take sides. I'm afraid they didn't get much of that.



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-Ana, age 16

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Sports & Recreation

Penguins sweep doubleheader

The YSU baseball team earned a doubleheader sweep at West Liberty State University Friday, beating the Hilltoppers 9-1 and 7-0. With the wins, YSU has won three straight games and four of five contests to improve to 7-5-1 on the season.

In the first game, YSU had 11 hits en route to a 9-1 win.

Game one, Ty Furino, sophomore, Joe Marzano, sophomore, Rick Gozur, freshman, and Kendall Schlabach, freshman, each had two hits for the Penguins.

Furino, Marzano and Todd Santore, senior, each scored two runs while Marzano also had two RBIs.

Matt Brumit, junior, earned the win pitching five innings. Brumit allowed two hits, one earned run and struck out five.



MIKE BETHANY, SOPHOMORE



RICK GOZUR, FRESHMAN

Paul Yates, freshman, and Mike Abdalla, senior, each threw scoreless innings for YSU. The Penguins out-hit the Hilltoppers

11-3.

In the second game, four YSU pitchers combined on a six-hit shutout in the 7-0 win.

Jonathan Smart, sophomore, earned his second win of the week pitching three scoreless innings.

Mike Bethany, sophomore, and Abdalla each pitched one inning, and Frank Santore, sophomore, pitched two innings.

The four combined to strike out 10 and walk just two.

Steve Mefferd, senior, Marzano and Schlabach had two hits each.

Marzano belted his second home run of the year in the fifth inning.

Spring drills begin for the Penguins

By BREANNA DEMARCO
Jambar Editor

Under a frigid Youngstown sky, the YSU football team began preparing for the upcoming season under new Head Coach Jon Heacock.

The Penguins are allowed only 15 practices in the spring, and it will be a grueling process.

The team will practice Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for the next two weeks, and continue the pace until April 13, as well as continuing workouts Tuesday and Thursday.

All of the preparation is for the spring game, 7 p.m. April 20, and the Penguins will scrimmage April 7 and April 13.

Heacock said he is looking forward to working this spring as a first-time head coach.

"The big thing is that with a new staff there is going to be a transition between everyone, and the two things we need to work on with that are our direction and discipline — both in a positive sense," Heacock said.

"When we come out of the spring, we need to know what direction we need to take in terms of what goals to set, what formations to run, who plays what position and things like that.

"As for our team, [the players] want to know what is to be expected of them, and that whole thing is based on getting some direction. From the discipline standpoint, we all have to be accountable for our actions and work extremely hard on fundamentals," Heacock said.

The Penguins will return with an experienced offensive line and have many top-line defensive players returning from last year's 9-3 squad, the same squad that advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs for the 10th time in 14 seasons.

Returning for the Penguins are 25 offensive letterwinners, and 12 of 13 players who started four games or more last season, and 15 letterwinners are back on the defensive line, including seven players who started at least four games.

Jake Stewart will return as placekicker and the spring practice will be used to find and prepare a new punter.

With 23 seniors returning, the Penguins one of the most experienced teams in the country.

With little shuffling on the team, the biggest change to the roster comes at the very top of the program as the Penguins have promoted Jon Heacock to the pin-



Head Penguin Jon Heacock

Police, mob face off after Penn State loss

By JEREMY R. COOKE AND LILY HENNING
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State University)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — At least three people — a female student, an apartment security guard and a Pennsylvania State University Police Services officer — suffered face and head injuries, said State College Police Chief Tom King.

Traffic signs and light posts sustained damage, and several windows were broken, but the State College Police Department has not yet released a cost for the vandalism.

Police estimated 4,000 people — many of whom were intoxicated — swarmed into "Beaver Canyon" following PSU's loss to Temple Friday night in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The disturbance began shortly after midnight as crowds gathered on Beaver Avenue between Garner and Pugh Streets, banging street signs and cheering "We Are Penn State" and "Temple Sucks."

As the size and volume of the crowd increased, some students took turns climbing up the street sign at Beaver Avenue and Locust Lane, the center of the unrest.

Officers in riot gear initially focused on trying to keep people on the sidewalks. After revelers started tossing beer bottles and cans from nearby apartment balconies, King said police were forced to give dispersal orders.

The disturbance reached a breaking point at about 12:15 a.m., when crowd members toppled the Stop/Do Not Enter sign in front of Cedarbrook, 320 E. Beaver Ave.

Police then formed a line and pushed south on Locust Lane, urging people off the street and aiming pepper spray at the crowd.

Officers subsequently used the wedge tactic to divide and disperse crowds gathered on the other side of Locust Lane and in either direction on Beaver Avenue.

Sgt. Dana Leonard used a portable public address system, and King said individual officers told people to clear the area or otherwise face arrest.

After police succeeded in clearing most of the block facing Cedarbrook, a portion of the crowd surged back into the area at about 12:40 a.m. and officers reprised their efforts.

Police also used pepper spray and batons to drive people into the entrance lobbies of apartment buildings in efforts to empty the streets and sidewalks. People who were sprayed ducked away, coughing from the fumes, rubbing their eyes and pulling their shirts up over their mouths.

Some students who had not heard the calls to disperse or did not understand their gravity complained of being sprayed for no reason.

However, King said using pepper spray is the least aggressive method of clearing people from an area under a dispersal order.

Before the uproar, many people said they were expecting a riot-like situation after the basketball game, whether or not the basketball team won.

"I heard a lot of people around here talking about it," said Jen Millin, freshman, communications, who said she came to town from Penn State Altoona College. "Everyone thinks there will be a riot."

Sgt. John Gardner of SCPD said officers overheard at least a few conversations last week indicating a possible riot.

The university made extra attempts to advertise alternative activities in the HUB-Robeson Center following the basketball game, PSU spokesman Bill Mahon said.

The Bryce Jordan Center hosted a few thousand students to watch the playoff broadcast over large TV screens, but many decided to leave at halftime as PSU trailed Temple by a wide margin.

In a call early Saturday from The Gingerbread Man, 130 Hiester St., undergraduate Student Government President Matt Roan said the riot caught USG by surprise.

"We did not think this would happen if we lost," Roan said. "Even now I hear some firecrackers going off. It's pretty crazy, but it's so crazy that it's a matter for the police to deal with."

In the event of a win, USG had planned to foster a pep-rally atmosphere in "Beaver Canyon," Darren Robertson, director of town affairs, said in an e-mail last week.

After PSU upset North Carolina March 18 to advance in the NCAA tournament, hundreds of students gathered around Beaver and Locust for a celebration that was not as violent nor as alcohol-fueled.

Police said Saturday's unrest was more comparable to the summertime Beaver Avenue riots of 1998 and 2000, each of which also produced a few dozen arrests and property damage in the area.

Like the students involved in past riots, those charged Saturday will face disciplinary proceedings within the university Judicial Affairs system, PSU President Graham Spanier said in a press release.

King said it was clear that many students came to "Beaver Canyon" to gawk at what they expected to happen.

People arrived on the scene equipped with cell phones, still cameras and video cameras to record the disturbance and tell others about it.

State College police are asking anyone who has videotape or photographs that show any crimes being committed to call police and share them with the department.

Gardner said Penn State officers and Pennsylvania State Police shot four videotapes at the scene, which will probably aid in future arrests associated with the disturbance.

State College police also received assistance throughout early Saturday from Ferguson Township Police, Patton Township Police and Centre County Sheriffs.

King said about 80 to 100 officers were present at one time.

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Softball team wins one, loses one

The YSU softball team used a three-run seventh inning to lift the Penguins past the University of Missouri at Kansas City in the first game of a doubleheader.

Steph Hartman, sophomore, tossed a two-hitter to shutout the Kangaroos, 4-0, in the night cap at Adair Park.

Trailing 4-2 with two outs and the bases in the top of the seventh inning, Karyn McCready, freshman, who went 3-for-4 with two runs batted in, slapped a single to

left field to plate Be Cicero, junior, who also singled in the inning.

Michelle Long, junior, and Amanda Berry, freshman, each reached on an error by the shortstop to push-home Lacey Reichert, freshman, who walked, and Mistine Hamilton, junior, who singled to left-center field.

Cicero (3-6), who picked up her third win of the season, scattered nine hits in the complete-game performance.

Hamilton also went 3-for-4

and scored two runs.

In the nightcap, a four-run second inning was all the offense Hartman needed for her first career shutout.

A run-scoring double by Jenn Hartman, freshman, who went 2-for-3, and a two-run two-bagger by Reichert capped the four-run rally for the Penguins.

The Penguins host Canisius University in the 2001 home-opener 1 p.m. today at YSU's Harrison Field.

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to cheer will be the hardest part for him.

"Whenever I think about cheerleading, I think about him. We always pushed each other and tried to outdo each other, and now ..." he trailed-off, unable to finish his sentence.

Although they just met this year, George said he considered Paul Snyder to be his best friend, spending nearly every day at each other's houses.

"He loved to go dancing — We always went to Ernie's. Sometimes we went to the thrift store or to the Lube or Kent, or we

would play basketball," George remembered.

Maren Myers, sophomore, industrial engineering, also knew Paul Snyder through cheerleading. She said the first few games they cheer at will probably be the most difficult, but the cheerleaders would like to remember him at a game and even try to set up a scholarship in his name.

Angela Barwick, senior, professional writing and editing, said when she met him at cheerleading, she immediately picked up on what a fun guy he was.

"He was adorable," she said.

"He was such a nice guy; any girl would want to be with him. He was just such a sweetheart."

Paul Snyder seemed to have a lot of friends — a lot of people who enjoyed being around him. So many who knew him remembered his good nature and welcoming smile at the funeral services Monday morning.

His dad said Paul used to come home and talk about "my friend this and my friend that — and I'd say, jeez, how could he have that many friends? But he did, and they all showed up yesterday."

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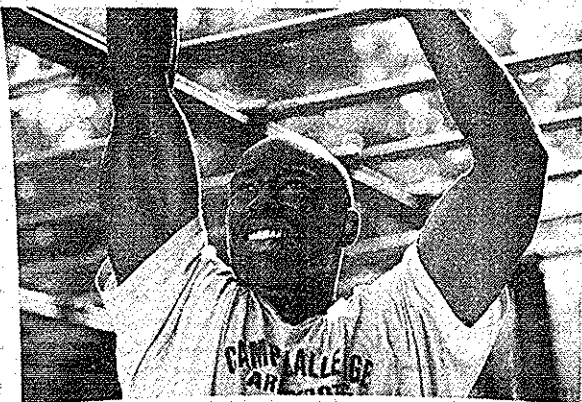


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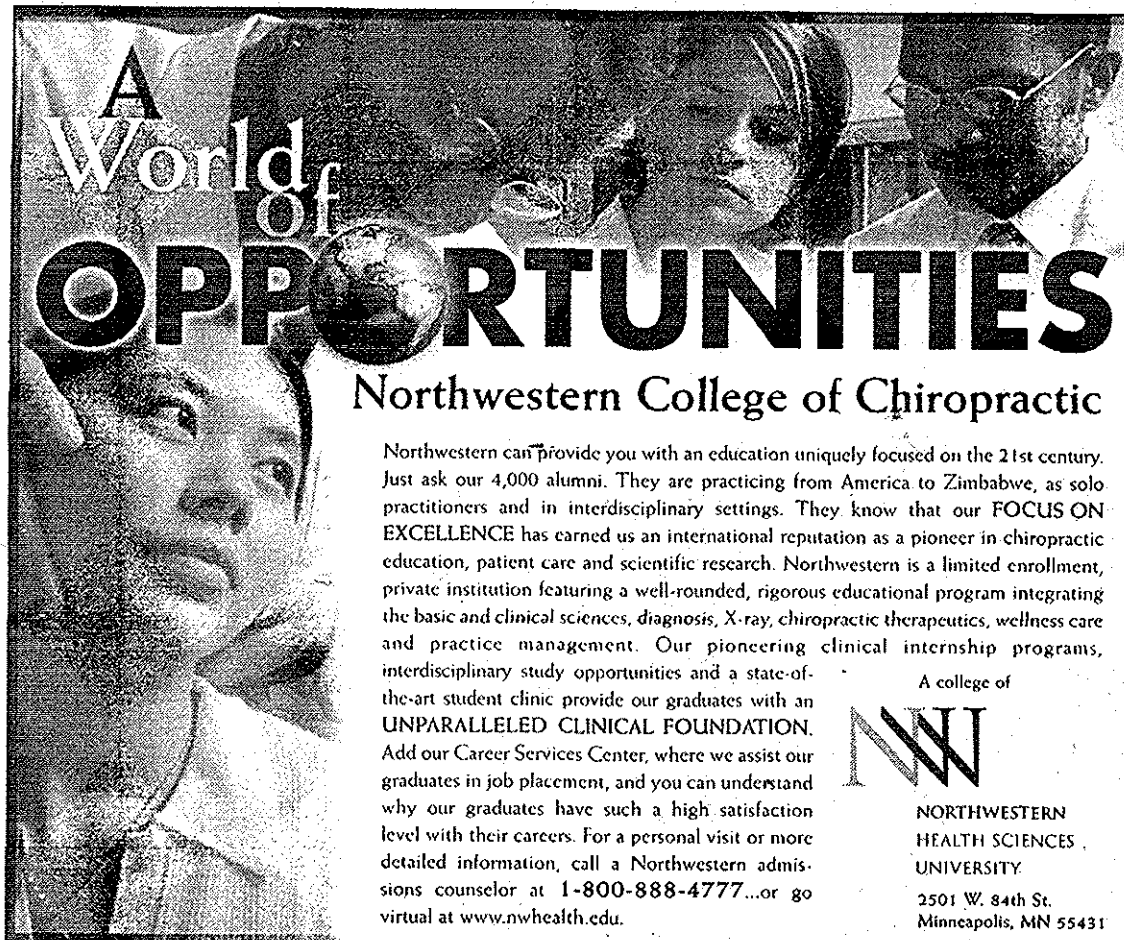
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Applications may be picked up and returned to Carol Yarnell in the Student Activities Office, Kilcawley Center at (330) 742-4702.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

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PASU will be having a meeting from 1 to 2:45 p.m. in Room 2036, Kilcawley Center. The topic will be Mellow Night. They will be showing "Blaze Battle" as a demonstration of the freestyle contest. For more information call Towana Stevens at (330) 782-8211.

YSU Students for Life will have an information table set up in Kilcawley Center. The organization will also have movie night from 7 to 9 p.m. For more details e-mail Zach Myers at zachysu@msn.com.

Reading and Study Skills, Center for Student Progress and the University Counseling Center will be having a free workshop at 11 a.m. in Room 2036, Kilcawley Center. The subject will be studying text. For more information call Julie at (330) 742-3554.

"Focus" on WYSU, 88.5 FM: "Working Class Moves to the Front of the Class." with Dr. Sherry Linkon, professor, English, and editor of "Teaching Working Class," a Lingua Franca Top 10 Academic Book of the 1990s. 7 p.m. Host Dr. Dale Harrison.

YSU Intersivity Christian Fellowship will be meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Bresnahan Suites, Kilcawley Center. All students are welcome! For information, contact Demaine Kitchen at (330) 744-1558.

WEDNESDAY

Reading and Study Skills, Center for Student Progress and the University Counseling Center will be having a free workshop at noon in the Cardinal Room, Kilcawley Center. The subject will be studying text. For more information call Julie at (330) 742-3554.

History Club will be having a meeting at noon in Bresnahan Suite III, Kilcawley Center. Dr. Anna York, history, will give a slide lecture on "The Palermo Experience." York participated in the U.N. conference on organized crime, which was held in Palermo, Sicily, in December. The public is invited. Please feel free to bring a lunch. For more information, contact Dr. Lowell J. Sare at (330) 742-1608.

SIFE will be having a meeting at 4 p.m. in Room 315, Williamson Hall. The discussion will be about non-profit organizations receiving college credit for teaching children about business. For information, call Christa Natoli at (330) 544-5738.

YSU Dance Club will be having ballroom dance lessons from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Room 100, Beeghly Center. Anyone who wants to learn swing, Latin or ballroom dancing is welcome. The first lesson is free! Any questions, call Jen at (330) 742-6213 or Phil at (330) 742-6095.

LGBT will be having a meeting at 2 p.m. in Bresnahan Reception, Kilcawley Center. All inquiries call Jeff Boggs at (330) 782-6919, or e-mail jeffby-su@aol.com.

THURSDAY

Golden Key International Honour Society will be having a meeting and social at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Cafaro House. For more information contact Angela Barwick at (330) 799-1705.

FRIDAY

PASU will be having Mellow Night Part II at Peaberry's from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be open mic featuring a freestyle contest and a live DJ. For more details contact Towana Stevens at (330) 782-8211.

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