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President Humphrey offers freshmen advice

By JENNIFER T. KOLLAR
News Editor

Why should a freshman come to YSU?

The first reason should be because it fulfills students' needs. Students should pick a university that will provide them the type of education that will help them through life. Secondly, YSU is geographically convenient. What does YSU offer that other state universities do not?

YSU can't turn to one specific program because the University offers a variety of programs that meet the needs of students. YSU has a number of programs that we believe are strong and intend to keep it that way. The quality of this institution is comparable to other more well-known state universities.

What does the administration do to prepare for the new academic year?

The biggest problem comes around late spring when the budget gets finalized. That's when we find if there is enough resources to meet the needs of the next school year. This year negotiations with the unions of the faculty and classified employees haven't been finalized.



DR. NEIL HUMPHREY

What is the best advice for incoming freshmen with undetermined majors?

Freshmen have to adjust to the substantial difference between high school and college. College is much less structured and students have to develop their own structure. They have to learn how to combine attending class and working.

What is the best advice for freshmen

with undetermined majors?

Don't be concerned with not having a major. Take courses that are basic to any major and continue to explore. What should students do if they think they aren't cut out for higher education?

Students owe it to themselves to give college a reasonable chance. Bear down on homework and attend classes. I've seen numerous students who thought they weren't "college" material, but once they got the rhythm of things they were fine. Just don't despair.

What is your philosophy on education?

Higher education ought to be available to anyone who could benefit from it. YSU has served a significant need. Fifty thousand alumnus might not have achieved their goals in life if they would not have had the chance.

What do you think are the toughest challenges facing YSU students?

Achieving the proper balance between academics and the need for employment. Frequently, students short the academic side by working too much. That is a problem that each student must work on. Working your way through school is not easy but academics should come first. What is the toughest part of the

academic year?

The first month of every school year. The first month requires a lot of adjustment and unfortunately that is when a lot of people get discouraged.

What do you remember most about your freshman year?

Trying to survive economically. What are some of the changes that have occurred in education since your freshman year?

Back in 1946 when I began my freshman year, there were no scholarships or grants available for financial assistance and career information wasn't as readily available to explore alternatives as it is now.

If you could go back to your freshman year, what would you do over or change?

I would have worked less at a job and emphasized academics more. Why is it taking college students longer to get through school?

The average for students to graduate is five years. Part of the reason is the combination of having to work in order to finance all or part of a student's education and not having all classes available at times that a student needs them.

OEA contract is ratified; ACE Union votes today

By JENNIFER T. KOLLAR
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For 427 members of the Association of Classified Employees [ACE] and 450 faculty members of the Ohio Educational Association union, the summer has been everything but leisurely.

For a short time both unions were at a standstill in their negotiations for new contracts. Each side filed formal strike notices threatening to strike the first day of classes if no agreements were reached.

Faculty contracts were squared away last Friday when the YSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a new faculty contract. John Russo, head of the OEA union, said

faculty members are having mixed emotions about the agreement.

"We got past this round of negotiations, but because the economic situation at the University is not good, it made negotiations difficult," Russo explained.

Would faculty union members support ACE union members if they fail to resolve contract disputes and strike? "We will do everything to support them within the law," Russo replied.

While faculty contracts have been finalized, members of the ACE union, which represents clerical and computer operators at YSU, will be voting tonight to accept or reject the tentative contract. Although ACE's con-

tract expired June 30, Jean Anne Gove, president of YSU's Association of Classified Employee workers, said that negotiations have been going on since the middle of May.

Gove said that she is recommending that classified employees accept the conditions

of the new contract. If the plan is accepted workers will receive a 24 cent per hour raise the first year and a 36 cent raise effective next July 1st, which will amount to a five percent increase over two years. Along with the pay increase, the package includes a new health care plan.

According to Gove, the health plan will be the same as the faculty's. Gove said that the University's comprehensive plan will provide an annual deductible of \$200 per individual and \$400 per family. The plan will also provide a co-insurance. See Strike, page 7

Student Government plans agenda

By KELLI LANTERMAN
Editor-in-Chief

For the first time in two years, the academic year will begin with a new Student Government President. Scott "Gus" Smith took over office from Brian Fry on June 17 at midnight.

Although he's fairly new at his job, he says he doesn't see too much difference between himself and Fry.

"The biggest difference is that I'm very organized," he said. In fact he and his cabinet members are already planning and scheduling events for winter and spring quarters.

"I don't see anything really different. I wouldn't have the ability to do much of anything if it weren't for Brian. He left me in a good position," he said.

One Student Government-sponsored event that will be continued this year is the tailgate parties. These parties are sponsored in conjunction with 95 K-Rock, who Smith said has made



SCOTT SMITH

"a real strong commitment to the students and they have bent over backwards to help out."

This year, the entire lot next to Fedor Hall (next to the tennis courts on Elm Street) is reserved for the tailgate parties. According to Smith, Pogos Pub is also helping out with t-shirt and CD giveaways and K-Rock is "talking about bringing in live bands for a couple of the parties."

Some events are also co-sponsored by The Malooners, said Smith, a new campus organization that publishes the new monthly magazine entitled *The Malooner*.

Another scheduled event is called "Reggae and Rush," which is co-sponsored by the Greek Activities Council. On Thursday, Oct. 3, Rainbow Tribe, an area reggae band will play in the Pub.

Student Government is also scheduling comedians to appear in the Pub three times during the quarter. The first comedian is scheduled to appear Thursday, Oct 10.

A series of speakers is also scheduled throughout fall quarter. These speakers will lecture on a wide variety of subjects.

The first speaker will be Joseph Gerson, co-editor of *The Sun Never Sets... Confronting a Network of Foreign U.S. Bases*. He will speak on the arms race and the emerging world order.

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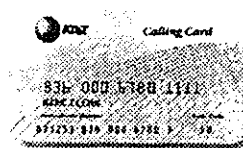
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EDITORIAL

Students need to discover advantages of campus life

Vocabulary 501. Today, boys and girls, we're going to learn the word *APATHY*. That's right. Apathy. Ever heard of it? Webster's Dictionary defines the word "apathy" as: 1) lack of feeling or emotion; and 2) lack of interest or concern: *INDIFFERENCE*. YSU students, faculty and staff have all too often been accused of being apathetic, and the time has come to change that belief. The ground has already been broken, and it should be easy for others to get involved in campus affairs. For example, this past summer, students, faculty and staff members showed that the YSU community does care. When the Board of Trustees tried to elect Attorney Paul Dutton to replace President Neil Humphrey, everyone banned together and demonstrated their disapproval. But the fight has only just begun.

Students have to take more interest in their surroundings and in what's happening on campus. Upperclassmen should realize all the things they've been missing. YSU may be a commuter school, but there are still a lot of things to get involved in. You just have to overcome the laziness of driving home and not wanting to drive back to campus.

And freshmen, this is a new beginning. College. The Big Time. What is there to become involved with, you ask? What better place to start than with student organizations — i.e., clubs and special interest groups. Currently, there are more than 120 registered student organizations including interest groups such as the cartooning club and Students for Peace; departmental clubs such as Alpha Delta Sigma (for those interested in advertising) and the Psychology Club; religious organizations such as the Byzantine College Corp. and the Newman Catholic Student Association. The list goes on and on, including one local and six national social sororities, and eight national social fraternities, as well as professional and cultural organizations. Pretty good for a commuter school, huh? The point is, wherever your interest lies, YSU has an organization to accommodate you.

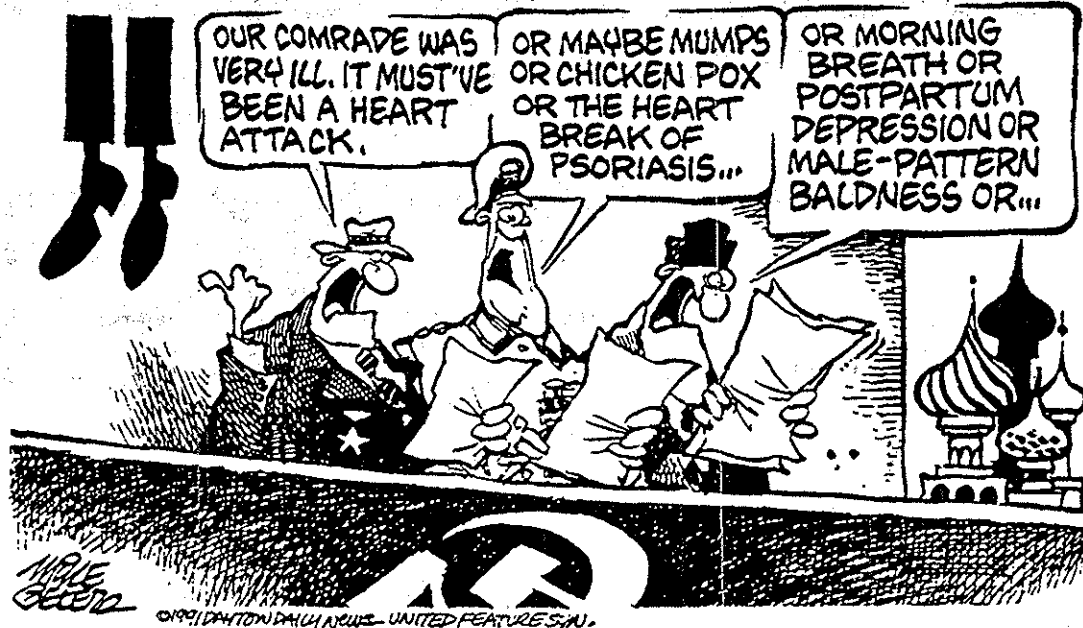
So this is it. Make the most of your college career, get involved, and prove that words such as "apathy" don't apply to YSU students.

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Letter to the Editor. . .

Dear Editor:

Dr. Glorianne Leck has written another provocative letter in favor of homosexuality. But let me be careful; what she really seems to be doing is objecting to Dr. Mapley's earlier letter calling homosexuality a sin and an aberration and to his statement that he is a follower of Jesus Christ.

Leck's definition of a patriarchal culture as "one in which what men do is more valued than what women do" was also of interest to me. But I think I do well to save comments about that for another time.

The question of authority was a key element in her letter. Leck seems bothered by Mapley's choice to follow the principles of Jesus. She doesn't like it that "Mapley would have us believe that one Jesus Christ has given us a clear set of principles from which we ought to operate." You can tell by her sarcastic tone.

What is needed is a statement by Leck that there is no clear set of principles in the Bible. But instead I see her talking about having "the right to interpret the teachings of this Jesus Christ..." Sadly the word "interpret," when used with Biblical writings, has come to mean that it is every person for themselves to interpret as they will. On the contrary, we would never be so free and easy in our own disciplines; rather we would talk about studying or understanding or disagreeing with something, and we would do our best to prove our position.

What is wrong with Mapley taking the teachings of Jesus as his authority? It is no different from Leck believing those who say homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle. But wait; there is a difference. In our time we say that all have the right to live as they please; they should be free to think and believe what they want. The problem is with those of us who believe that there is true truth, real hard unbreakable truth in the universe, and that we can know some of it. We are often not allowed to say that some things are wrong, or to give as our reason the Jesus of the Bible!

Perhaps I need to try to share briefly how I think with regard to truth and authority. It is possible that a system of thought can be given to us for study and consideration, and that this system can have its roots in history and relate to the way humans think and feel. In a nut-

shell, this is what I think the Bible does, and if we are able to have an open mind which allows for the possibilities of a creator and that there may be more to the universe than energy and matter, we may be able to see that the Bible gives the best answers to the questions which have been asked down through the ages.

You see, I am not a Christian who believes that "faith" is necessary for comprehension, but rather like the scientist or humanist, I take the evidences before me, try to carefully include my own experiences, knowledge and prejudices, and form conclusions. In other words, I accept the Biblical system of thought because it gives the best answers. Forgive me, but this means that there is truth and nontruth, right and wrong, morality and immorality. Things like murder, stealing, and yes, homosexuality and adultery, are immoral. In fact, it means that there is right and wrong, etc., built into the very fabric of the universe, and not just socially determined to be so.

Don't stop reading just yet. The Biblical system of thought also teaches that it is not right that anyone who is guilty of immorality should be hated. We are all guilty of some of these things, at least in our thoughts.

Let me add that contrary to Madonna's approach, some things should not be shown and done openly. For example, crying "Fire!" in a crowded theater is generally considered an unacceptable (bad) thing to do. Likewise, since the authority over my life proclaims homosexuality to be harmful and improper, I believe that it (and other things like adultery, divorce, stealing, lying, etc.) should not be shown publicly in ways which become role models to us.

We should look carefully at the things we feel are true. We need to be careful that we do not just take the ideas the media and our culture feed us and uncritically allow them to form our thoughts. In this regard I think Leck is right; for many years society has hated different classes of people, eg., homosexuals, and failed to help them and bring healing. On the other hand, healing never comes by saying that an aberration is just another acceptable lifestyle.

Dr. Phil Munro
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COLUMNISTS

College students need experience to enter work force

Gerri Sullivan
Internship Coordinator
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I think almost every first-year student in a college setting has about the same idea. The student figures that they will spend approximately five years (give or take a quarter or two) in the classroom, obtain a degree (and a diploma to go with it) and go out into the world to that magical entry-level \$30,000 per year job. Usually, a student using this method of job search is much smarter after at least two failed interviews.

The employers of today can't afford to spend a year or two training a college graduate. When students graduate from college, they are expected to be able to offer some experience along with the degree. Believe me, the degree is important —

I can personally attest to that. However, the lack of degree-related experience can mean the difference between getting that all-important first job following graduation or joining the ranks of other college graduates waiting for "the right opportunity" to come along.

Education majors are fortunate. They must do some student teaching before their graduation. I think most of us can see the wisdom in their having some classroom experience under their belts prior to being placed within any school system.

Similar experience is available to students in the Warren P. Williamson, Jr. School of Business Administration — in the form of internships. The School of Business Administration offers students the chance to obtain experience in marketing, advertising, public relations, management, accounting and finance. Students are required to spend a minimum of 20 hours per week during a 10 week

quarter in an on-the-job setting. Accounting majors are required to take the winter quarter off and work full-time for a public accounting firm. The students earn four quarter hours of experience, but even more importantly, they are treated as full-fledged staff members.

The students are required to keep a daily log — a journal of their experience — and also report periodically to a faculty advisor, who assigns them a project and issues a grade at the end of the quarter. Not every business inquiry results in an internship experience. Acceptance comes only after both the coordinator and faculty advisor are assured that the student will receive a good learning experience.

In addition, a series of four seminars are held during the quarter in which they intern to help them maximize the experience. The seminars, conducted by the internship coordinator, cover business eti-

quette, goal setting and decision making, networking and problem solving. The seminars also offer the students the opportunity to share their experience with one another — both the pleasures and the pitfalls that come with any job — so they can learn from each other.

About 80 percent of the internships are paid experiences, either minimum wage or above, or sometimes a stipend is offered. However, the major gain from the internship is not necessarily financial in nature. The end result is that the student gains a line of experience on the resume, which will help them in their endeavors to seek employment. Often that helps the student make a natural transition into Career Services, where their experience makes them much more attractive to potential employers. Career Services provides an essential avenue to student job-seekers as it helps them in their search for permanent employment. However, the in-

ternship can provide that "something extra" the student needs in order to help make Career Services work successfully for them.

The WSBA isn't alone in offering internships. The departments of political science and speech communication, to name just a few, also offer students opportunities to make on-the-job learning part of their curriculum. I believe the internship programs offered at YSU will continue to grow as the competition for employment after graduation becomes stiffer.

It is important that the need for solid internship programs in each school be boosted on the priority list for student educational needs. The final result should be that YSU students will not only receive the essential classroom knowledge needed to obtain a degree — but the practical knowledge needed to apply themselves in the real world of work.

Alumni are important assets to YSU community

What's the point? I ask you, what's the point of bringing alumni back to campus? Or for that matter, what's the point of even having an Alumni Association? In an institution such as ours, where so many people term us as a commuter school, where the average age of a YSU student is 25.7, and where 70 percent of our alumni reside in the five county area surrounding Youngstown, we can hardly be considered traditional. But perhaps because we are a bit non-traditional, our place — that of the Alumni Association and alumni — is more important than ever.

The point of having your Alumni Association active in campus affairs and in encouraging alumni to return to YSU frequently is to coordinate the resources of our alumni to assist in all phases of University life. To understand that our alumni base — 60,000 strong — is a vast untapped resource is but an understatement. Sure, our alumni contribute financially to provide for programs and services that the University would not otherwise be able to afford, but other areas benefit from the alumni resource through donations, in-kind services, volunteerism, speaking engagements, business and industrial expertise, and by bringing positive notoriety to YSU.

The star of *Married With Children*, the chairman of the Children's Miracle Network, the public relations manager of Gillette, Inc., the CEO of Putnam Berkley

Group, a Carnegie Hall concert pianist, an astronaut and thousands of others share a commonality. The common thread that links these unrelated people is their education. . . all YSU graduates. Successful YSU graduates abound in almost every field of endeavor in all 50 states and throughout the world. Not only do these people have their education in common, but they share a pride in having attended YSU. Before you have a chance to criticize me for being too "hokey," let me explain.

In my travels as the Association's representative, I've been in contact with all ages of alumni in all types of professions and those living in various areas of the United States. While each has certain memorable and nostalgic moments important to them, they each share yet one more commonality. Their education at Youngstown College, Youngstown University and ultimately YSU was what got them started in life and what gave them the chance to succeed. And they aren't afraid to tell me so.

YSU graduates are tops in their fields because YSU happens to be one of the top state institutions of higher education.

And now we get back to the original question of why we want this successful, proud and diverse group of people we call alumni back on campus. And better yet, why an Alumni Association exists at YSU. The Alumni

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Alumni Association

Association exists because somehow the talent and resources of our alumni must be utilized and coordinated with some degree of structure. Not only does the University benefit from this relationship, but the alumnus/a benefits through interaction with students, faculty, staff and administration and by seeing the great strides the University has made both physically and in programs and services.

I have only two more points to make regarding the status of alumni at YSU. To students, my point is that one day, you too will be alumni taking advantage of career services counseling, networking and University programming for professional and personal development. Get involved now so you know what the University can offer you upon graduation.

To the YSU community, my point is very simple. Through interaction with the Alumni Association, you will reap the benefits of your hard work. Because after all, the chief responsibility of an institution of higher education is to create alumni.

Winter months may not be as bad as they seem

Tim Sennett
Senior, Sec. Ed.

Well, it is here! That day of days, the one day out of the year that takes an entire season of summer to arrive. Of course the day to which I am referring is the official end of summer. The first day of school.

We have seen the passing of the summer solstice and will soon be witness to the autumnal equinox. Yes, summer is over and a new season is upon us, and soon we will see the end of several things that bear character to summer, and the things that will be replacing them.

We will no longer see bronze gods and big-hair-bikini-babes strolling the nearby lakes, or lying in the sun, baking their

skin, unless, of course, we frequent the nearby "Electric Beach."

In your local grocery store, the countless shelves of suntan lotion will be replaced with every brand of cold medicine known to man, and in department stores across the nation, the racks of bikinis and swimsuits will be replaced by rows of Eskimo parkas and knit sweaters.

Yes, the days of back-yard super bowls and championship one-on-one games are over, and it is time to watch your favorite team go down in defeat in the comfort of your own living room.

While watching television, we will see that the "Get in the Cold" beer commercials have been replaced with a snow-filled scene, and as jingle bells play, we'll see America's favorite Clydesdale team pulling a sleigh to the rhythm of festive music.

Yes, sad as it is to say, summer is now over. Yet, as I witness the end of summer, I cannot help pondering a few

things.

Is the fall as horrible as we make it out to be? Sure, we all labor like farm hands when we are forced to rake those *\$879 leaves, but, can you imagine a fall without leaves? Imagine living in a sun-state year-round. How unfortunate not to be able to experience seeing the green leaves of summer transform into a never-ending painter's pallet of vivid colors, or seeing leaves cover up the area of the yard that has just been raked. Imagine not being able to take a running leap into a seven foot pile of leaves. This I cannot imagine disliking.

For some, fall is not nearly as bad as winter. Most people loathe winter with a deadly passion. I am called crazy by most when I say that I enjoy the winter season. Again I say, how unfortunate it would be living year-round in a summer environment.

Everyone seems to take the same arguments against me. It is too damn cold, and the snow is terrible to drive in.

Believe me, I take these as valid statements, yet these same things become fantastic wonders of nature when looked upon in a different way.

Is there anything that can top crawling into bed during a sub-zero winter blizzard and shivering until the entire bed becomes warm? And as for the damn snow, imagine waking up on Christmas morning, staggering out of bed, looking out of the window, only to see sun and palm trees.

Several of these little pleasantries are overlooked as fall and winter approach, and we lose sight of the joy these simple things can bring, so, in quoting an old personal favorite of mine, I say "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!"

Besides, it will probably take me until next summer to figure out exactly what the point was of the "Pepsi Summer Chill-Out."

COLUMNISTS

Education is more than attending class

Sr. Mary Ann Montavon
Newman Center

Here we go again! Another academic year is beginning. It may be your first at YSU, it may be your last, it may be somewhere in between. What you get out of it will be what you put into it. Ever heard that before?? It really is up to you.

You can get an excellent education here at YSU. The problem is that many students do not recognize that their hometown University is one of the best around. It's just like home; we don't appreciate what we have until we don't have it any longer. Those of us who have attended universities throughout the country can recognize that YSU can compete with any of them.

To get a good education you have to do more than just attend class and do the assignments. Even with working, you have to get involved in some extracurricular activities or organizations to benefit from the richness of the University's offerings. There are lectures to attend, concerts, plays and sports games. Enough variety for individual preferences. There are enough student organizations available to, again, suit a multitude of different preferences.

If this is your first year, get involved in some way beyond work and class, especially if you are a commuter. If it is not your first year and you

simply come to campus for class and leave, stop in the Student Government offices in Kilcawley and find out how you can enrich your education at YSU. Plan to attend the Student Organizations Fair on Oct. 19 and you will find your kind of people.

I have been a commuter and a dorm student and I realize that as a commuter I did not know all that was available to me because I came to campus then went home, didn't spend extra time on campus or return to campus in the evening for events. So that year was simply one of "head" learning; not really education.

Once I realized how much I could learn by attending lectures that were provided, even though they were not in my area of study, I began to take advantage of more of the University offerings. I came to really know people on campus and they knew me. I met friends who have become lifetime friends. Many persons I talk with as campus minister tell me they met the person they married while attending the University. They had belonged to the same organization.

I gained a pride in my school by becoming more active and that's where we get school spirit — with those who are involved and excited about their alma mater.

YSU has many opportunities for its students. Take advantage of them. Your ID gets you FREE tickets to sports games, use of the sports facilities, concerts, plays, lectures and any event for which a non-University person must pay.

Have a good year! Work hard, play hard and you will gain a well-rounded education, not just a lot of knowledge.

Today's generation needs some guidance

Often, one wonders where our society is headed. There's a dramatic increase in, well, everything. Continued disrespect by citizens toward other citizens is ever increasing; our government would rather spend billions on war than become environmentally sound; fame and fortune is so very sought after by today's youth that they will stop at nothing to attain it; the Clarence Thomas hearings only disappoint hopes that we will move toward bettering our nation; Senator Howard Metzenbaum focuses his attention on abortion 11 different ways instead of addressing issues such as a dropping economy, poor education and environmental destruction. I ask you — what's going on?

Let's face it — we're all in debt and we will never erase the deficit. We simply owe too much, and important things are being cut from the budget. In Governor Voinovich's budget proposal, what was the first thing he cut? He cut education dollars. We feel it right here at YSU. Many teachers were not rehired, and a lot of classes were cancelled. Subsidies must not decrease in education. What were we thinking? What's going on?

"Gosh I'm proud we won the war. That guy had it coming. Who's he think he is taking over another country and stealing its resources?" Since when was war cool? Why are we "proud?"

What is so good about continuing the destruction of our atmosphere through the use of fossil fuels? President Bush has reneged on his oath that he would "protect our environment." While I'm at it, last month, Bush proposed his new definition of wetlands so that more malls and shopping centers

can be built on this devastated land. In fact, Ohio has already lost 90 percent of its wetlands. He did it behind closed doors away from the media, which is why you probably haven't heard about it. If this shoddy legislation passes, thousands of animals, birds and fish will be destroyed. A totalitarian government? You bet. What's going on?

Surely you've noticed that the summers are getting hotter and more humid every year. The greenhouse effect is getting worse and could destroy many coastlines once it melts the icebergs. Yet, our government allows more and more fossil fuels to be burnt and more forests to be cut down. Capitol Hill may only learn when the White House becomes the lost City of Atlantis.

Youngstown. Home of the Bodybag. Presently more than 45 murders have been committed this year. Why the dramatic increase? Maybe it's lack of manpower, or the police need more money, or both. Maybe it's Voinovich's budget cuts. What's going on in the city of Youngstown?

Where is our freedom going? Who is a person who tells me I can't choose? Our country is blessed with the freedom to choose. Freedom for one to choose a dentist, to choose between a hotdog or a hamburger, or to choose to have an abortion. Who are these protestors who lay in front of cars or doorways? Are they so shielded by their religious beliefs that they will infringe upon the rights of others? I'm certainly not pro-abortion, but I am 100 percent pro-choice. Anti-abortionists are simply anti-choice. To them, I ask, "What's going on?"

Finally, the Clarence Thomas

Darren Morgan
Sr., Education

hearings. To be honest, I know little about the man, but why all the negativity? Especially on the abortion issue. I want answers on issues that will have multiple cases, like the crack and the crime. I must also admit that I smell something fishy with Bush's emphatic support of Thomas. But who knows what's going on?

Yes, I wonder where our society is headed. Jails are filling up, prisoners are being let go, and crime is rising dramatically. Overall, respect for all walks of life is essential for society's future. This country must get a grip on today's generation, or tomorrow's generations will suffer indefinitely. If tomorrow has a generation.

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Why can't men commit?

Today, in our continuing series on How Guys Think, we address the painful issue of: Why Guys Won't Make Commitments.

The fundamental question is: How can a guy say he's "not ready" to make a permanent commitment to a woman with whom he is obviously compatible; a woman with whom he has been intimate for years; a woman who once drove HIS dog to the veterinarian in HER new car when it (the dog) started regurgitating violently after eating an entire birthday cake, including candles, that SHE made from scratch for HIM (the guy), the result being that her car will smell like a stadium restroom for the next five years, at the end of which this guy will probably STILL say he's "not ready"?

And how come the same guy was somehow capable, at age seven, of committing himself to a lifelong, passionate, win-or-lose relationship with the Kansas City Royals, who have never so much as sent him a card?

I bring this issue up because of a letter I received from a woman named Suzanne, who's in love with a guy named Gary. Recently, after a two-year relationship, Gary told Suzanne that he felt — this is classic guy thinking — they should either break up or get married, and naturally, being "not ready," he stopped seeing her. So now Suzanne, according to her letter, is depressed to the point of "lunging at any chocolate within 20 feet."

"Dave," she writes, "I don't understand why some men seem to have more access to automatic teller machines than to their own emotions. Gary reads your column, so could you please write a piece about the myth of 'hearing bells,' or why guys hate to give up their freedom; or how some guys wouldn't know a good wife if she hit him on the head with her diaphragm."

Suzanne also asked me to "hide subliminal messages in the column" to encourage Gary to make a commitment.

Of course as a professional journalist I would never resort to psychological trickery (Gary! Marry Suzanne!). But I do think we need to explore the commitment problem, which has caused many women to mistakenly conclude that men, as a group, have the emotional maturity of hamsters.

This is not the case. A hamster is MUCH more capable of making a lasting commitment to a woman, especially if she gives it those little food pellets. Whereas a guy, in a relationship, will consume the pellets of companionship, and he will run on the exercise wheel of lust; but as soon as he senses that the door of commitment is about to close and trap him in the wire cage of true intimacy, he'll squirm out, scamper across the kitchen floor of uncertainty and hide under the refrigerator of non-readiness.

This is natural behavior. (Give her a ring, Gary!). Guys are born with a fundamental, genetically transmitted mental condition known to psychologists as: The Fear That If You Get Married, Some Single Guy, Somewhere, Will Be Having More Fun Than You.

Married guys assume that unmarried guys lead lives of constant excitement involving Jacuzzis full of international fashion models, whereas in fact for most unmarried guys the climax of the typical evening is watching "America's Most Alarming Criminals" while eating onion dip straight from the container. This is also true of MARRIED guys, but statistically they are far more likely to be using a spoon.

Single guys rarely achieve this level of domesticity, which is why they are unhappy. I base this statement on my bachelor friend Randall. At one time he and I were bachelors together in an apartment furnished entirely with piles of laundry and a rabbit who drank beer. This was a stimulating period in my life, characterized by a great deal of personal growth and exploration and illegal naked swimming. But eventually I wisely settled down and got married, whereas Randall never did. So I called him to confirm that he is now experiencing a painful void in his life.

"Randall," I said. "There must be a painful void in your life caused by a lack of intimacy and commitment."

"No there's not," said Randall.

(Don't listen to him, Gary!)

Of course Randall was only making a brave effort to hide his deep-rooted anguish.

"Randall," I said. "There is no need to hide your deep-rooted anguish."

"What?" said Randall.

(Men have been getting married for millions of years, Gary! Don't break the chain!)

Randall's pathetic self-delusion is typical of non-committed guys. (Raymond L. Wombert of Toledo, Ohio, broke the chain, and the next day he was hit by a cement truck!) We can only hope that, as men learn to get more in touch with their feelings, they will overcome this foolish fear of vulnerability and realize the benefits of meaningful commitments. (Suzanne may have already won \$10 million in the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes!) I myself have been married for 2,368 years, and can state without hesitation that every single day has been more exciting and romantic than the one before. (My wife reads this column).

Study Abroad program undergoes series of changes

By SHERRI L. SHAULIS
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The Study Abroad program has been active at YSU for 15 years, but just recently it has undergone some changes.

Susan H. Khawaja, coordinator of Special Student Services, says she is most excited about the newest change involving federal funding. This year students will be able to apply for

funding from the Pell Grant to aid their studies abroad.

Khawaja also said that since this process is so new, applicants should apply even earlier than normal.

"The students usually apply one year in advance, but since we've never processed the federal funding papers, they should apply at least four quarters in advance," said Khawaja.

Another change involves the

current status of the European community. Since major reconstructions have happened in Europe, it has aroused the curiosity of European students in their neighboring countries. What this means to American Study Abroad students is that the European countries will be giving preferential treatment to other European students.

Khawaja said that they will try to compensate for this by trying to advise students of the

programs available in Canada, Latin America and underdeveloped countries.

The final change for the Study Abroad program involves the moving of the International Living and Learning Center into Kilcawley Center. Khawaja said that the ILLC will be catering to prospective Study Abroad students approximately 50 percent of the time. She also said

that she encourages anyone who thinks they might be interested in Study Abroad to become involved in the programs offered at the ILLC.

Students who are seriously interested in finding out more about the Study Abroad program should stop in the Special Student Services office located in Kilcawley Center West, Room 1107.

YSU students have access to national resume databank

YSU — As the job market grows increasingly competitive, college graduates need better access to the nation's employers. At YSU this fall, they can get that access through a system called kiNexus.

kiNexus is a national resume databank that brings together the country's top employers seeking to fill job vacancies

with major universities who have the qualified applicants to fill those jobs.

YSU students and alumni may enter their career profiles into the kiNexus system at no charge through Friday, October 18, in YSU's Career Services Office.

After October 15, students and alumni may register on their own for \$15 for

current students and \$25 for alumni.

Once enrolled, a student's career profile is made available to participating employers who have job openings that fit that student's credentials.

The kiNexus system not only provides additional exposure to employers who

already recruit on campus, but also gives access to employers who do not regularly visit campus, said Charles Whitman, director of Career Services.

Registration materials are available in the Career Services Office in Jones Hall. For more information, call 742-3515.

Strike

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clause in which employees would pay 15 percent of \$1500/year/person or \$3000 per family.

"Individuals will not pay more than \$425 and families no more than \$850 out of their pocket," Cove explained.

During a phone conversation Monday afternoon, Cove said that although she is recommending that the contract be ac-

cepted, she says it is too soon to tell if it will be accepted or not. "Right now it's a toss up. I've had favorable and unfavorable phone calls from union members about the contract."

So far, Cove says that the

bargaining process has been difficult.

"At times we felt like we were bargaining against the Administration and at other times we felt we were against the faculty's fact finder report. And

what happens if the contract is not accepted? "We'll walk,"

Gove replied. The YSU Administration is optimistic about Wednesday's ACE contract vote. "I hope members vote favorably for it. I think it's a fair settlement," President Humphrey stated.

What would be the Administration's reaction if the contract is rejected? "ACE negotiators have recommended that it be accepted, so there is no reason to assume that it will be turned down," Humphrey said.

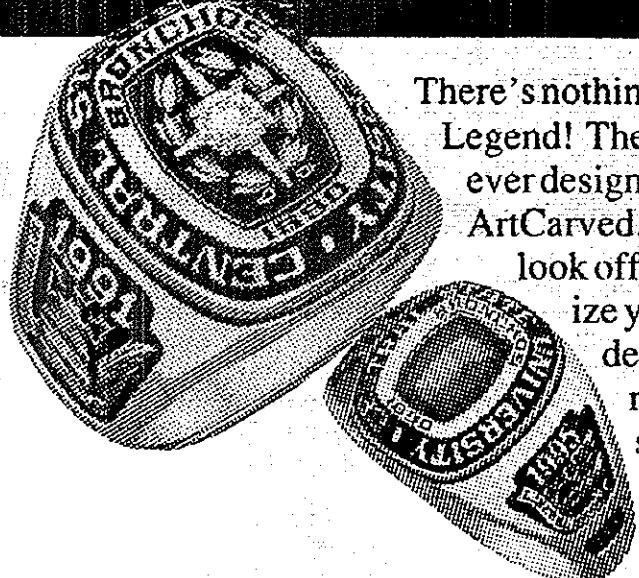
Scott Smith, Student Government President, said that he is very happy that both unions were able to reach contract agreements.

"I believe that if there was a strike, the biggest losers would be the students."

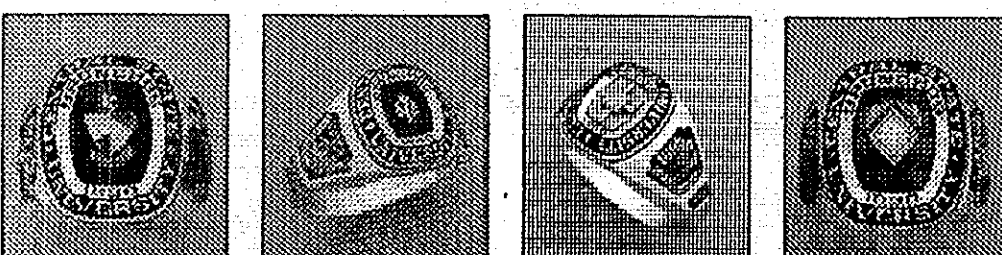
Smith said that throughout the summer Student Government has worked to make students' opinions known to all sides during contract negotiations. At last Friday's Trustees' meeting, Smith read a statement before the Board broke into executive session to vote whether to accept or reject the faculty's contract. Smith said he was greatly concerned about the state of the University and how a strike would affect the students at YSU.

"A strike by either union could tarnish the reputation of a University that has suffered enough negative publicity over the past few months."

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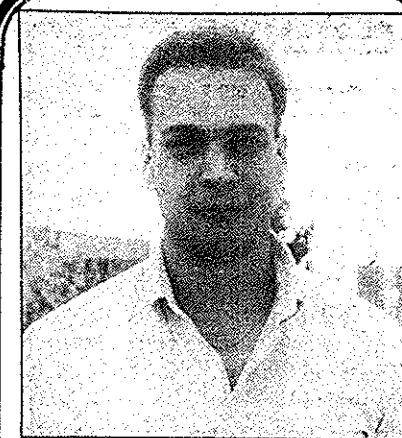
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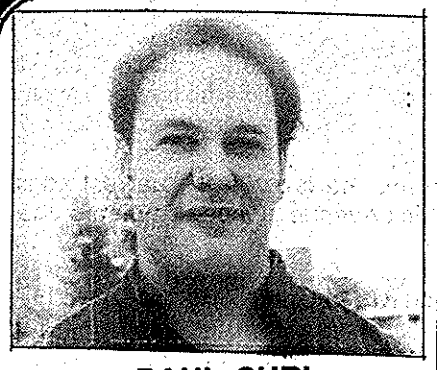
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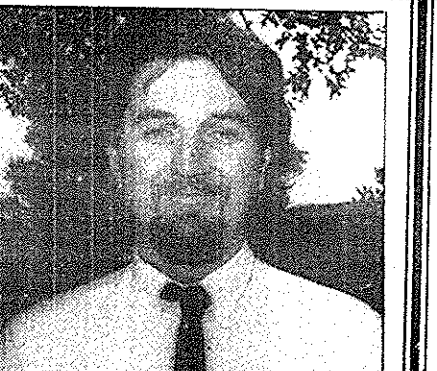
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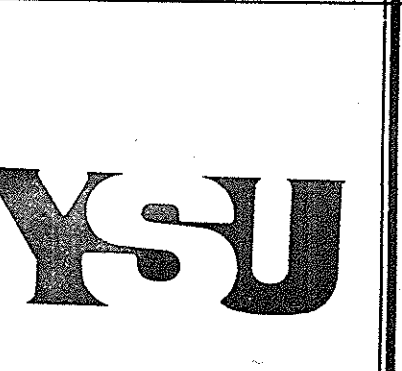
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Area museums add culture and history to YSU campus

By BRENDA STARNES
Photo Editor

If you need something to take your mind off of the chaos of school and feel the need to relax as well as be entertained, then discover the museums near YSU. There are three museums within walking distance of the campus. The Arms Museum, the Butler Institute of American Art and the newly built McDonough Museum offer an enjoyable climate for exploring culture and art.

The Arms Museum is located at 648 Wick Ave., less than a block from the campus. The museum, once the home of the Arms family, was donated to the Mahoning Valley Historical Society by the late Mrs. Arms. The museum offers three floors of displays and historical artifacts.

The first floor of the museum appears the same as Mrs. Arms left it in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Remnants of Mrs. Arms' collection of hand crafted stained glass and furniture from many parts of the world adorn the rooms. The architectural structuring of the home was entirely and exquisitely designed

by Mrs. Arms.

The second floor consists of seven rooms, each of which depicts prominent periods of American history. There are many displays to see such as the Republic Steel and Early Transportation showcases with antique artifacts preserved from these eras.

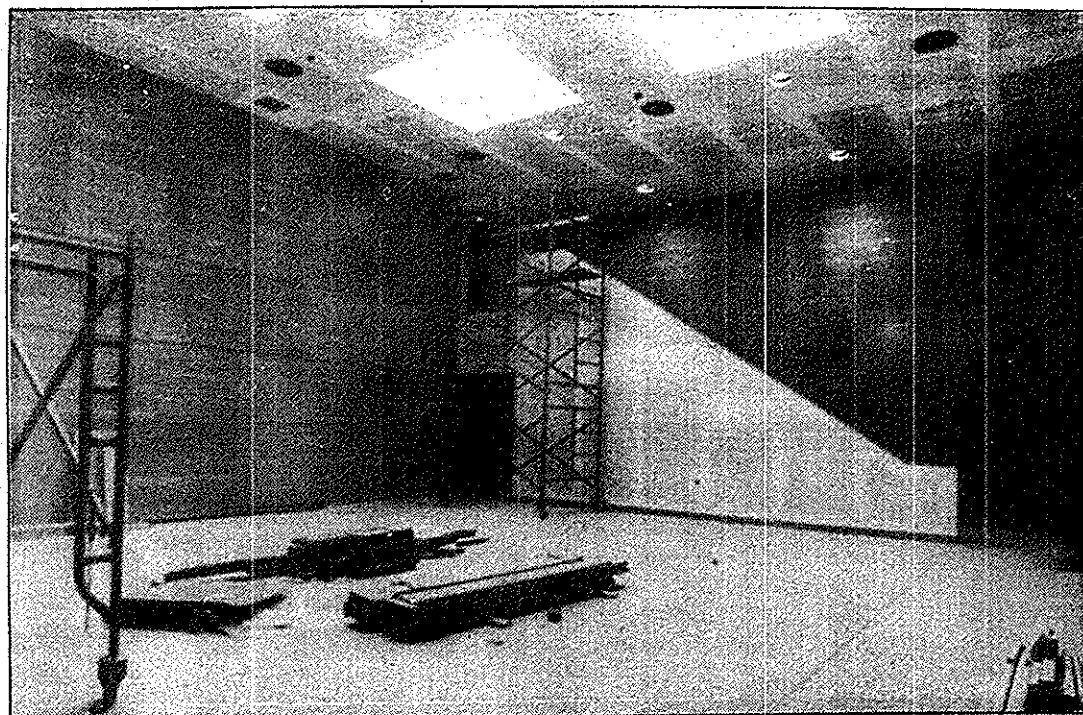
The basement level displays feature pioneer life and Indian artifacts found within the Mahoning Valley.

The student fee is \$1. Group rates are also given by appointment.

The Butler Institute of American Art provides an enjoyable atmosphere in displaying its collections of well known works of art. The Butler is located on 524 Wick Ave. next to Maag Library.

The permanent collection includes paintings from the colonial era through the modern era. Famous artists such as West, Homer, Sheeler, Hopper, Remington and Warhol are also displayed in the permanent collections.

Included in the permanent collection is Robert W. Vonon's oil painting crafted in 1892 entitled, *In Flanders Field Where Soldiers Sleep and Pop-*



New addition to the family: The newest addition to area museums is the McDonough Museum located on Wick Avenue. Once completed, the museum will feature art work done by YSU faculty and students.

pies Grow and Alfred Leslie's oil painting, *Americans: Youngstown, Ohio* created in 1978.

The Butler Institute also has monthly exhibition programs, showcasing popular historical art as well as displays of a specific artist. The showcase this month features the Jukebox collection, Jay Paris photographs, art works from the John Ringling Museum and paintings by

Morton Robert. The Butler also offers programs on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. which includes films, concerts and tours. Area musicians occasionally hold recitals on Sundays. All programs and permanent art displays are free to the public. A minimal fee is charged for special monthly showings.

The newest addition to the museum facilities is the McDonough Museum. The

museum is located on Wick Avenue directly in front of Bliss Hall.

The museum will be completed Oct. 10. An open house will be held Oct. 27 in which some of the McDonough Art Collection will be exhibited. The museum will soon exhibit art works including paintings, graphic designs and photographic art created by YSU faculty and students.

Handicapped Student Services gives help, guidance

By SUSAN KORDA
Copy Editor

For handicapped students, the road to graduation may be a very difficult one. Problems with registration, parking, and testing accommodations can be nothing less than aggravating.

Handicapped Student Services, located in Jones Hall, Room 3046, tries to make the road a little smoother and the problems a lot less stressful.

"We're here to help the handicapped students and do what we can to see they have a good educational experience here at YSU," said Vernon Brown, advisor for

handicapped students.

Brown explained that as of a year ago, a section was added to the YSU admission application asking students if they are handicapped. Students answering yes are automatically put on a mailing list and are encouraged to visit the Handicapped Student Services office.

"Anyone who has a handicap should contact us and come and talk to us," Brown said. "We encourage them to let us know their needs."

According to Brown, early registration is available for handicapped students. By registering early, all classes are open and students can avoid taking classes back to

back.

"They can give themselves time to get across campus," Brown said.

For students with a more restrictive handicap, preferred registration is available. Students need to go to an advisor to assist them in choosing their classes then someone from handicapped student services will do their actual registration for them.

If parking is a problem, Brown said that students can obtain special permits which will give them access to faculty lots and handicapped spots. Students need to first pay the regular parking fee then bring their state-issued handicapped

permit to parking services in order to receive the special permit.

Brown said that there is a restricted handicapped lounge located in Cushwa Hall, Room 1110, and an access card can be obtained at Handicapped Student Services.

The handicapped support group will hold its first meeting from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, on the second floor of Kilcawley Center.

For more information on handicapped student services, contact Vernon Brown at 742-3056.

Plans

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The speakers are sponsored by Student Government, and the Peace and Conflict Studies Program.

Smith said he is also in the process of trying to get monthly open forums with area politicians, where area leaders would come to YSU and hold discussions on current issues.

In addition to sponsoring on-campus events, Student Government is also sponsoring some major off-campus programs, beginning with the "Habitat Weekend," which is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 26.

This weekend is set aside to clean up an area on the North Side of Youngstown.

"We're going to take a two to three block radius and clean up the neighborhood. This may include painting, small house repairs, cutting grass, cleaning up empty lots, and possibly putting up plastic to winterize the houses," Smith said.

He stressed the fact that they are encouraging all students, faculty and staff members to join in.

In order to determine which area is most needy, a committee has been put together to make the decision.

"After all the information is in, we'll make a decision, and work on an area that's concentrated. This shows that we — as

a University — care about our community," he said.

This quarter, the members of Student Government are also planning on reaching out to the students in the inner-city schools in Youngstown. During one of the scheduled Student Government meetings, some gifted and talented students from these

schools will be included, and will have a chance to comment and ask questions.

According to Smith, this will eventually elevate into what Student Government members are calling "Student Outreach."

This program will begin during winter quarter. Trained volunteers will go into inner-city schools and speak to the children on topics such as "saying no to drugs, staying in school, and just using your head," said Smith.

According to Smith, the committee in charge of Outreach has possible representatives in mind who already have experience speaking on these topics in the Youngstown community.

"In these schools, we can't even use the word 'condom,' but we want them to use their heads and think about what they're doing and how it's going to affect them down the road," Smith said.

Their main targets will be 5th and 9th grade students in the Youngstown City schools.

Smith attributes much of the success he's seen up to this point to not only Fry, but also to "the people in my cabinet and executive committee."

"These people have worked really hard and they've done an excellent job. That's what's made everything possible," Smith said.

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