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**YSU**

## Developing Youngstown

### YSU purchases more land for campus expansion

Elizabeth Boon  
Reporter

Youngstown State University President David Sweet said the university wants to strengthen the overall surrounding community by making a stronger link to downtown and creating a more residential environment.

The newly purchased land in the Smoky Hollow area is allowing YSU to finalize a plan to revitalize a once-great neighborhood, Sweet said.

"We have a beautiful campus core, but we want to improve campus neighborhoods and corridors to campus," Sweet said.

Since 2000, YSU has purchased 62 parcels of land in Smoky Hollow. Sweet said that YSU currently owns 174 parcels.

The university is planning the development in conjunction with Wick Neighbors, a non-profit organization. A planning consultant has also been used to define the vision, Sweet said.

Sweet described the new Smoky Hollow as a multi-use neighborhood aimed at attracting young professionals and retirees who want to downsize into an urban area.

Amenities that students have asked for, like grocery and drug stores, will be the next investment, Sweet said.

More land was recently purchased to help link YSU to the downtown community, Sweet said.

Seven parcels of land between Wood Street and Rayen Avenue along Phelps Street were recently approved for the new business college at YSU.

Sweet said that YSU specifically placed the college on the southern edge of campus.

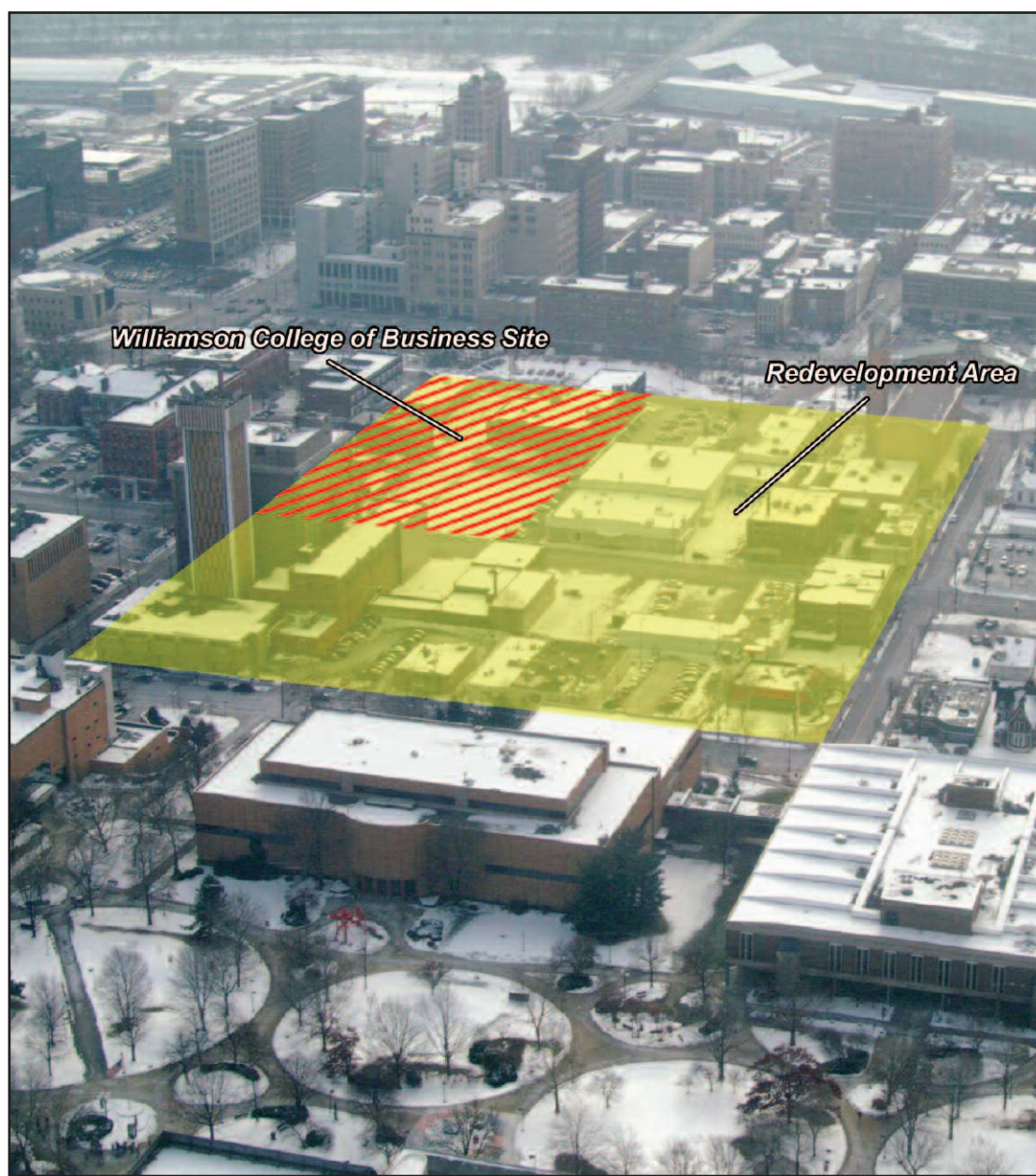
The plan is to extend North Hazel Street to Lincoln Avenue, associate general counsel Greg Morgione said.

"This will connect campus to downtown," he said.

Morgione said that five parcels were from ADE, Inc. and cost \$240,000. The remaining two parcels came from the Diocese of Youngstown and were priced at \$146,000.

Morgione said that the land purchases for the business college still need to be approved by the state of Ohio.

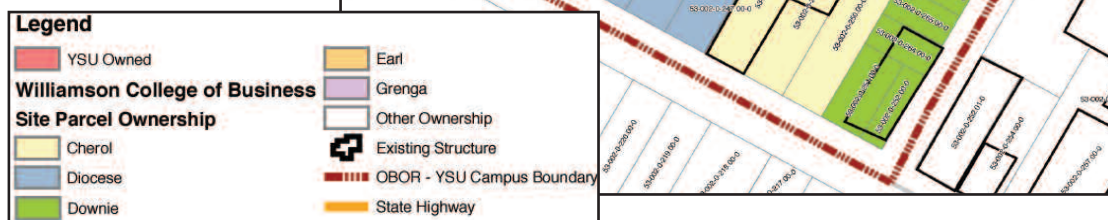
Sweet said he is anticipating that the business college will be started in 2008.



ABOVE — An aerial view shows the site of Youngstown State University's planned business college on the south end of campus.

LEFT — YSU has consolidated some of the land, which is divided into more than two dozen parcels.

Art courtesy of YSU Center for Urban and Regional Studies.



**YSU**

## Theater department implements guidelines for production involvement

Sarah Sole  
News Editor

Youngstown State University theater majors who wish to get involved with community theater must now submit a form to the theater department in order to do so.

The guidelines for studying theater at YSU are in place so that the theater department knows who is going to be available for university productions, Frank Castronovo, chair of the theater department, said.

Senior Aaron Franek said the guidelines advise students to try out for YSU shows before trying out for community plays.

"That's kind of what they imply by it," Franek said.

Franek said he was surprised by the guidelines.

"I didn't know they could do that," he said.

While Franek said he does not necessarily agree with the guidelines, he is not going to go against them.

Franek said community theaters such as The Oakland and the Youngstown Playhouse are angering the university. When students did not get the roles they were looking for, they went elsewhere, to community theaters, he said.

If students can get a part somewhere else, Franek said, he does not think the theater department should frown upon it.

Franek said, however, that he is going to trust that the department's actions are in the students' best interest.

"I understand where they are coming from," he said.

Castronovo said the department is not prohibiting involvement in community theater. He added that other universities and conservatories commonly enforce similar guidelines that require theater students to fill out forms when auditioning for community productions.

At YSU, part of a BFA major's portfolio is critiqued on how involved the student is in university theater, Castronovo said. A student's professional instruction needs to take place at the university. Although community productions are just as good, community theater directors are not set up to personally educate theater students, he said.

Other theater majors said they understand the reasons behind the new guidelines.

Junior Alyssa Connelly said

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**ACADEMICS**

## GPA's vary among YSU colleges

Ashley Tate  
News Reporter

While students struggle to maintain the highest grade point average, at Youngstown State University there is little difference in GPAs among the university's colleges.

The Spring 2007 GPA averages range from 3.07 in education to 2.85 in health and human services, with the other colleges falling in between. The most recent data was collected before the reorganization of the College of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, and reflects the former structure of the six colleges.

CLASS Dean Shearle Furnish said that GPAs are "all about raising" and isn't concerned with what they are now.

Arts and Sciences had a 2.88 GPA but Furnish said there are probably systemic reasons for that such as how many general requirement courses are taught. He said he would like it if GPAs were higher everywhere.

**Arts and Sciences**

Ashley Hamilton, junior in history, said that her college's GPA isn't

"I can't imagine any college curriculum that would be easy, or it would be pointless."

Shearle Furnish, CLASS Dean

high enough because "students don't do the course work and tend to be lazy."

Hamilton said that some programs might be less difficult than others because they may not require critical and intellectual thinking.

On the other hand, Hamilton said that her college is easier than others because the help is more readily obtainable.

She said that pre-med students have the right to complain because their course work is very challenging.

"I write a lot of papers and that can be challenging, but I don't really study a lot so in this aspect it [the course work] is pretty easy."

Furnish said that all university disciplines are challenging to someone but some people may tend to think that math or English are extremely challenging for them.

Furnish said that professors try to help students and anything that is

worth studying is challenging.

"Professors are people who remain life-long challenged by their discipline and they try to help their students become the same way. I can't imagine any college curriculum that would be easy, or it would be pointless," he said.

**Fine and Performing Arts**

Junior Jessica Russo said she has mixed feelings about whether her college, fine and performing arts, is easier, although she said it may be because she's interested in the work. She described the differences between the workload of her college and others.

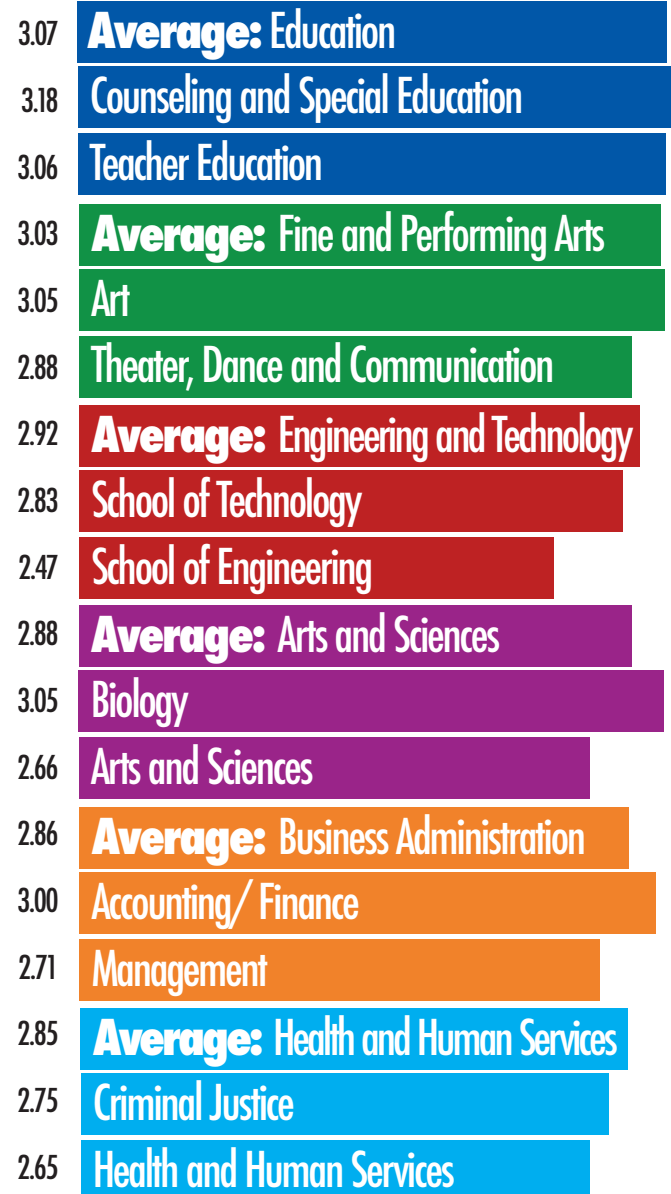
"Instead of having tests, we have projects due," she said.

Russo, majoring in graphic design, said even though tests aren't a part of the curriculum, she is quite busy with her projects during the semester and they are just as challenging.

Russo said the colleges are too different to compare because they produce different career options and some colleges may need more discipline than others.

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Average GPA among the colleges as of Spring 2007



## TO THE POINT

### Health and Human Services deadlines approach

Students wishing to enter the Dental Hygiene or Respiratory Care programs can apply for the Fall 2008 class in the dean's office of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services. The deadline is Dec. 31.

### Board of trustees to hold retreat today

Youngstown State University's board of trustees will hold a retreat at the Avalon Inn in Warren from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

### Fall WYSU fund drive starts

WYSU-FM 88.5, Youngstown State University's public radio station, kicks off its annual fall fund drive Friday. The drive runs through Oct. 19 and has a fundraising goal of \$95,000.

### YSU holds cheerleading tryouts

Tryouts for the Youngstown State 2007-08 Basketball Red and White Cheerleading squads will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday in Gym C at Stambaugh Stadium.

All applicants must be currently enrolled full-time students at YSU.

### National comedian visits Youngstown

Comedian Joe Starr will be performing at the Funny Farm Comedy Club 9 p.m. Oct. 12.

Starr has performed in comedy clubs across the country including Caesar's in Atlantic City. He has been the opening act for comic legend Chris Rush and has worked with Tim Allen and Kevin James. Tickets are \$13.50.

### Quaker Steak and Lube hosts karaoke

DJ Dominic Karaoke will be at Quaker Steak and Lube in Austintown every Friday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Drink specials include \$2 domestic pints and bottles and \$3 wells, tall domestic beers and house wine.

### SteelHounds to meet fans at Draught House

The Mahoning Valley SteelHounds hockey team will be at the Draught House 7:30 p.m. Saturday to meet fans and sign autographs.

### Annual Peace Race to start at YMCA

The 33rd annual Youngstown Peace Race will start 9:30 a.m. Sunday from the YMCA downtown. Participants can choose from a 10 kilometer run or a 2 mile run and walk. The cost is \$15 to \$35. Sign up for the race at the Second Sole Shoes in Boardman Friday and Saturday.

### Oakland opens 'The Runner Stumbles'

"The Runner Stumbles" will be performed at the Oakland Center 2 p.m. Sunday. The play is based on a real murder case from 1911 of a suspicious death of a nun in Michigan. Tickets cost \$10 to \$15 and can be purchased by calling (330) 746-0404.

## NATIONAL

### Virginia Tech counselor visits YSU



Gerard Lawson, Virginia Tech Counselor and Assistant Professor, was in McKay Auditorium in Beechly Hall Tuesday to talk about how VT dealt with the tragedy on campus and how Youngstown State University helped them. "Pete the Penguin was delightful. He has a good impact on us there," he said. Photo by Brian Cetina.



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## SAFETY

### Students share concerns about parking deck pedestrian safety

Chelsea Pflugh  
Reporter

The first-come, first-serve parking issues at Youngstown State University may cause drivers to get frustrated and drive more aggressively in the parking decks.

Pedestrians are at risk. "I almost fear for my life because people will literally go the wrong ways just to get out of the decks quicker," sophomore Dan Denehy said. "People walking to campus are at risk because cars are flying around the decks."

The decks are mazes that drivers have to navigate. Signs to exits are easy to miss, so drivers usually have to make another quick turn around a layer of a deck to get out.

The confusion makes the decks more dangerous for people leaving the deck on foot.

Freshman Melissa Cardon has experienced the aggressiveness of drivers on campus and in the decks.

"Well, first they need to do something about the decks because they're hard to get around," Cardon said. "People fly around blind corners, and I've seen pedestrians [who] have to get out of the way of the cars."

Freshman Jennifer Scacchetti said people drive the wrong way in the M1 Deck.

"You have to be really careful when you walk

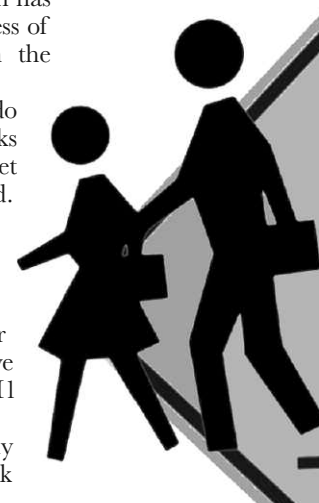
"Pedestrians have the right of way. Drivers need to remember that."

—Nicole Smith, sophomore

because cars are everywhere," she said.

Of those interviewed, the general consensus was that drivers should follow the direction of traffic in the deck as well as the posted speed limit. Though everyone raised concerns about pedestrian safety in the decks, no one said they felt any extreme danger.

YSU police said no pedestrian accidents have been reported on campus in the past year.



## Street Smarts

The Federal Highway Administration reports that close to 5,000 pedestrians die every year due to traffic accidents. The following are some of the important safety tips found on the Department of Transportation's Web site at <http://www.get-streetsmarts.org>.

Cross the street only at an intersection. Do not jaywalk.

Use marked crosswalks when available.

Do not cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars. Drivers are not expecting pedestrians to cross mid-block, and you are more likely to be hit when you do this.

Use extra caution when crossing multiple-lane, high-speed streets. Watch out for entrances to parking lots. Sidewalks often cross driveways and entrances to parking lots. Always check to see if a car is entering or exiting the parking lot.

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She also said she is committed to her studies and that may be the reason why her GPA is higher.

Fine and performing arts senior academic adviser Mary Lou Weingart agrees with Russo.

"It takes such a skill and passion to be a music person. You have to have good study habits and commitment. Art is a creative area and could be a little more demanding and students know this going in already, so they want to do well, that's what I'm assuming," Weingart said.

Weingart said the level of commitment may be higher for art students but someone else may disagree with that.

"The average student would have to think twice before they go into creative arts because it is not for everyone," she said.

A good indication that someone should study creative art is if he or she doodles on paper while on the phone, Weingart said. However, some people may not do well.

Weingart said she can't attribute the college's high GPA to anything but the students and if they are having problems, she keeps her door open for them.

The college's GPA was a 3.03 and Weingart said she was happy to hear that.

**Education**

The College of Education had

the highest GPA, 3.07, but early childhood education senior Megan Minnie said she doesn't think it's easy work.

"Besides writing lessons and coming up with different activities to do, you always need to think of what can you do for the gifted student and the below grade-level student to make sure they also benefit from your activity," Minnie said.

Education academic adviser Mary Eckard said she is sure the students are committed because, "they are looking for a degree where they'll be serving people and making a difference."

Eckard said the course work is practical and aimed at making sure students can pass the tests that allow them to receive teaching licenses.

Students are required to take the Praxis I, which is reading, writing and math, and must pass this before admission into upper-level division courses, Eckard said.

Then students take the Praxis II, which is a two-part test. The first part is Principles of Teaching and Learning and the second is a test in that student's content area, Eckard said.

Minnie said she doesn't attribute her college's high GPA to smarter students but to the amount of effort put into obtaining the degree.

"Students in education do work hard to achieve their goal but the college is tough on us to make sure we are achieving excel-

lence," she said.

**Health and Human Services**

Senior Jen McPherson agrees with Russo and Weingart and said that it takes a lot of commitment to learn effectively and efficiently in the College of Health and Human Services.

McPherson said the course work is rather challenging and attributes the difference in the GPAs among the colleges to the types of students that are in them.

"Some classes are so intensive that it is hard to take other classes and hold a job successfully at the same time. I have invested countless hours into research, writing, studying and reading to keep a high GPA," she said.

Dean John Yemma said a possible attribution to the college's low GPA is because of the large number of undetermined majors and that pulls the GPA down.

"If you want to get into nursing, you have to satisfy the requirements for pre-nursing and they [students] are unprepared but we keep them on. But if you look at other colleges, they don't take undetermined students so they go to other colleges," Yemma said.

Yemma said the college has 3,700 students and they are the biggest so they take undeter-

mined students and encourage them.

"I'm a believer in giving students a chance. I just don't tell them, 'you don't have any hope,'" Yemma said.

**Business Administration**

College of Business Administration Dean Betty Jo Licata said that a college's GPA doesn't really tell the whole story and she isn't worried that the average GPA isn't a 3.5 or higher because the courses are demanding.

"The GPA would increase as students go from sophomore to junior to senior and I wouldn't draw any conclusions about how smart our students are. We have a wide range of students and I'm not in favor of lowering standards so that students can get higher GPAs," she said.

Licata said students get the grades that they earn and she isn't

sure whether there is a significant difference because in all six colleges, freshmen have the lowest GPAs.

Junior Michael Perri said much of the business administration course work is hands-on and the theories or models are meant to be applied to projects that would imitate the business world.

"Ninety-five percent of what they [professors] ask you to do outside of class is meant to help you gain a better understanding of the material through application or observation in the real world," he said.

Perri said there would be "extremely intelligent students and not so bright students in every college."

One attribution to his college's low GPA, Perri said, is because of the number of students that want to study business and realize the potential amount of money that can be earned but don't realize the amount of work and effort necessary.

**Engineering and Technology**

Professor and director of the School of Technology Bill Wood said that engineering programs attract high-quality students but "the curriculum is quite rigorous."

Electrical engineering senior Amanda Campbell said that some of the basic course work is hard because it focuses on math and science.

Wood said the course work is challenging for students because it is technical.

"Traditional engineering programs are calculus-based and students have to have an excellent foundation in mathematics, physics and chemistry. [It's] challenging in a practical sense. Mathematics seem to be the biggest hurdle."

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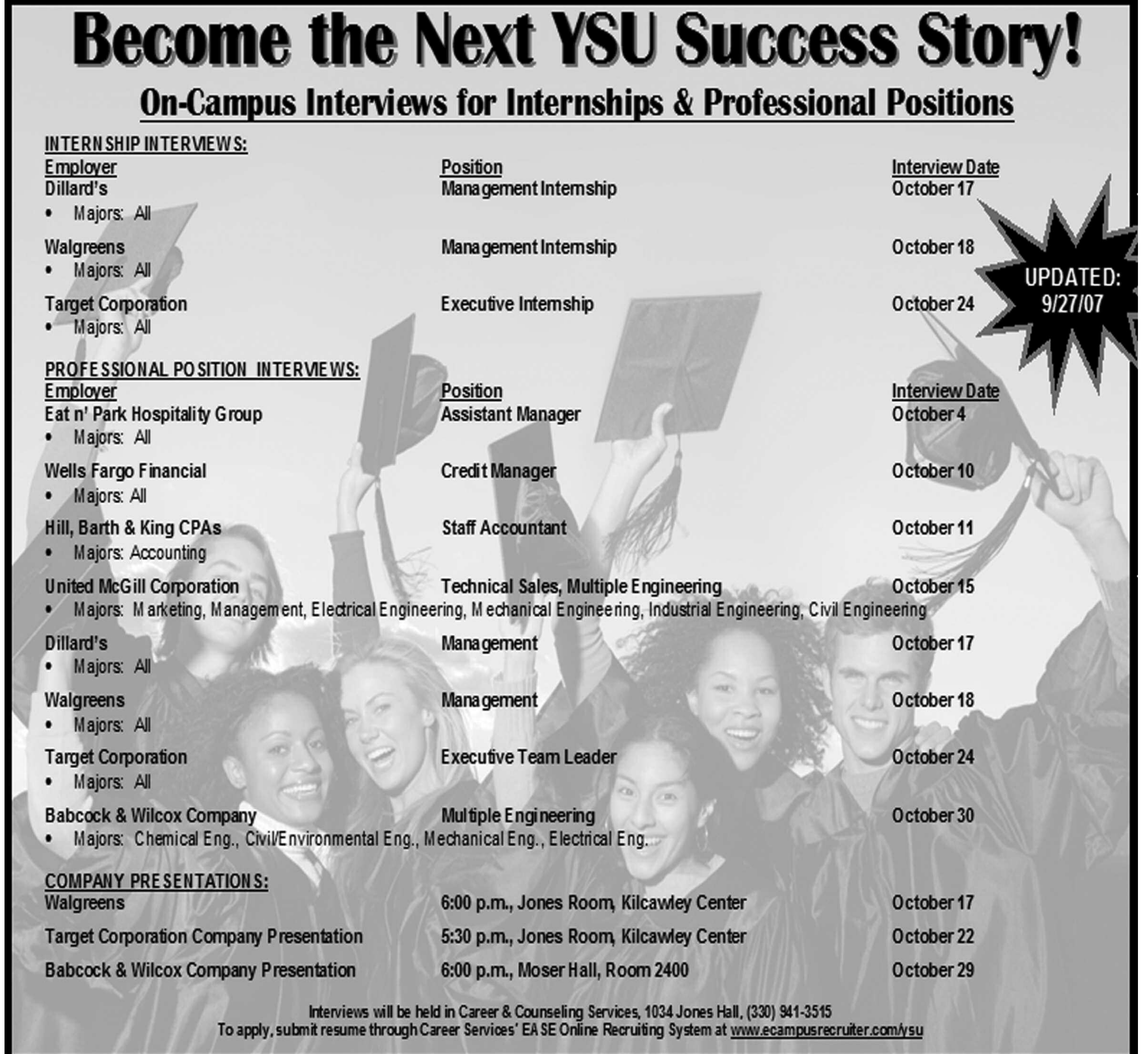
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**Richard Louis Boccia**  
Managing Editor

It's 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night, and YSUnity's Coming Out Day event "Dragging through the Decades" hasn't started yet. There's nervous chatter and glow sticks light up a few of the full tables that fill Kilcawley Chestnut Room. Off to the side at the DJ table, Elizabeth L. Farrow hurriedly goes through the music set list, sorting through CDs and giving last minute instructions about cues. A voice floats from backstage. "Drag shows always start late."

**ABOVE LEFT** — Brionna Brooks was show host for the night, warming up the crowd with the first performance and introducing the other performers.

"I don't know what I'm allowed to say in here," she told the crowd, making risqué jokes with her hand covering her mouth.

**ABOVE RIGHT** — Drag King Cameron J warms up the crowd, who responded to his rendition of Panic at the Disco's "I Write Sins Not Tragedies."

**CENTER** — Elizabeth L. Farrow, who organized the show, takes the stage as Bebe Starr.

**BELOW LEFT** — Alyssa Day is a crowd favorite in big-skirted country-girl drag, dancing to "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" by the Charlie Daniels Band.

**BELOW RIGHT** — Ashley Adams represents the 1970s to commemorate the start of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement. Adams is a regular performer at Utopia nightclub in Youngstown.



Photos by Richard Louis Boccia.

## THEATER

### Otherworldly costumes, intense performances mark YSU theater's 'Murder in the Cathedral'

**Melissa Mary Smith**  
Jambar Contributor

Thursday opened the University Theater production of the 1935 T. S. Eliot verse drama "Murder in the Cathedral," directed by Dennis Henneman.

Unlike most productions, "Murder" is not performed in a traditional theater setting, but rather in the new venue of St. John's Episcopal Church on Wick Avenue.

The experimental church setting, with its high ceilings and archways, brick-walled architecture and intricately designed stained glass windows, lends greater authenticity to the drama's A.D. 1170 period.

Laden with Christ figure motifs, "Murder" presents the martyrdom of Archbishop Thomas Beckett, played passionately by sophomore theater major Ryan Bissett, after his arrival back from a seven-year exile in France and return to Canterbury Cathedral.

Along the way, Beckett is continually warned by his priests and the women of Canterbury of the dan-

gerous implications of his presence. After hearing the various possible courses of action by the Four Tempters, played with brooding intensity by Nathan Beagle, Zachary Campbell, Brian Peters and Brandon Smith, Beckett is left to make a decision that is in accordance with his faith.

The cavernous acoustics of St. John's compliment the boisterous and crisp deliveries of the players' dialogue as well as in the brief moments of accomplished vocal performances.

The chorus of the woman of Canterbury, directed by W. Rick Schilling and led by senior theater major Alyssa Connelly, is ethereally beautiful and, at times increasingly sorrowful and unsettling as the play and Beckett's struggle unfold.

As the priests, David Munnell, Vijay Welch, Arcale Peace and Randall Brammer effectively render sincere concern and fervent dedication to Beckett's safety.

One of the most eye-catching aspects of "Murder" other than the high-quality performances is the costumes, designed by Schilling and make-up, designed by Black Box

chair and theater junior Roxanne Hauldren.

The period dress of Beckett and the Priests is subtle and fitting with the times. Completely opposite are the Four Tempters' otherworldly costumes, which employ feathered head-dresses, battlefield armor strewn with skulls, camouflage pants, huge wings in different shapes and capes in vibrant materials.

The dark, bleak shades of dress worn by the women of Canterbury coordinated well with their unique and almost futuristic black and white make-up.

The drama's well-orchestrated sound design, by Jon Zelezniak and sound technician Tina Janis, features the music of composers Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn and George Oldroyd.

Following the play is a brief symposium in which audience members and speakers are encouraged to participate.

"Murder in the Cathedral" has performances set for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is free to YSU students with a valid student ID.

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some theater students never get involved with university shows, but she does not know if they do shows at other venues.

Connelly said she knows students who have participated in community theater, and describes her own participation in community and university theater as evenly balanced.

However, Connelly values the importance of university theater.

On a resume, community theater does not hold as much weight as university theater, she said.

Junior Nathan Beagle agrees. Although he also has participated in community theater, Beagle said he learns more about theater by taking part in university shows rather than community shows.

Beagle said he has no problem with students participating in community theater.

However, the reason the guidelines were set in place was because there were not that many students involved in university theater, he said. Beagle estimated that out of 65 theater students at YSU, about 30 people participate in university theater.

Beagle said some people feel there is not much opportunity in the theater department. People are flocking to community theaters, he said.

"We're struggling to cast our shows at YSU," he said.

Nonetheless, Beagle said the new guidelines are beneficial to students.

"We are given four opportunities a year to do theater," he said. "Whether you have a small role or a big role, you're going to learn something."

Beagle said he has seen more people involved in university theater lately. He said he thinks theater students ought to do shows where they study. Since this is a small theater department, there is no excuse to go anywhere else, he said.

"We have four years here to learn from a faculty of seasoned professionals who have a lot to offer the theater student," Beagle said. "You have to take it seriously."

John Holt, managing director of the Youngstown Playhouse, said the new guidelines will affect the Playhouse.

"It's neither negative nor positive, and yet it is," he said.

Holt said he understands the university's concerns, and he cannot dismiss the importance of YSU's theater and music departments. He does not have a problem with the university maintaining student focus within the campus, he said.

Upperclassmen will have a more difficult time adjusting to the guidelines than freshmen will, Holt said, adding that to the upperclassmen, the change will seem like switching horses in the middle of the river.

Holt said from a live theater standpoint, the possibility to learn at community theater is present, although he said the Playhouse is not a formal part of the university's theater curriculum.

Student involvement at the Playhouse has varied over the years, Holt said, estimating that on average, between four to six students are involved with each production.

Future involvement may depend on timing, Holt said, since students who have fulfilled university involvement may then have time to pursue community theater.

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## OUR SIDE

### Campus neighborhood needs a grocery store

Youngstown State University is in the never-ending process of improving campus and its surrounding areas.

The Smoky Hollow area, just east of campus near the University Courtyard Apartments, is an area that could use improvement.

The area got its name from the steel mill smoke that filled the area during the days of Youngstown's big industry. Now it's a remnant of the past. Some of the houses that line Smoky Hollow's perimeter are vacant or run down.

It's time for Smoky Hollow to serve a purpose again.

As campus and downtown improve, so should the areas around them.

Talks have focused on creating new housing and pedestrian corridors, but there are other possible ideas to keep in mind for Smoky Hollow.

The campus of YSU lacks necessities such as a grocery or drug store. Developing a place for residents to buy a gallon of milk would make it possible for students to stay closer to campus and could enrich the area.

Currently, there are limited options for food shopping, and they are merely convenience stores.

Unfortunately for students, the convenience section of the YSU Bookstore is only open during the day, and offers snacks only. Likewise, you can't cook a meal from the food available at the late night Time Out C-Store at Christman Dining Commons.

Price is another inconvenience of these small stores. A quart of milk costs \$2.49 at Christman. At the Liberty Giant Eagle, a gallon of milk costs \$2.68. A quart only cost \$1.39.

Businesses like a grocery store, or even a large drug store, encourage the residential student growth that the university is banking on. These businesses need to be in walking distance for students so downtown and campus are linked.

Is it any wonder that YSU is primarily a commuter college? The resources are not there to support anything larger.

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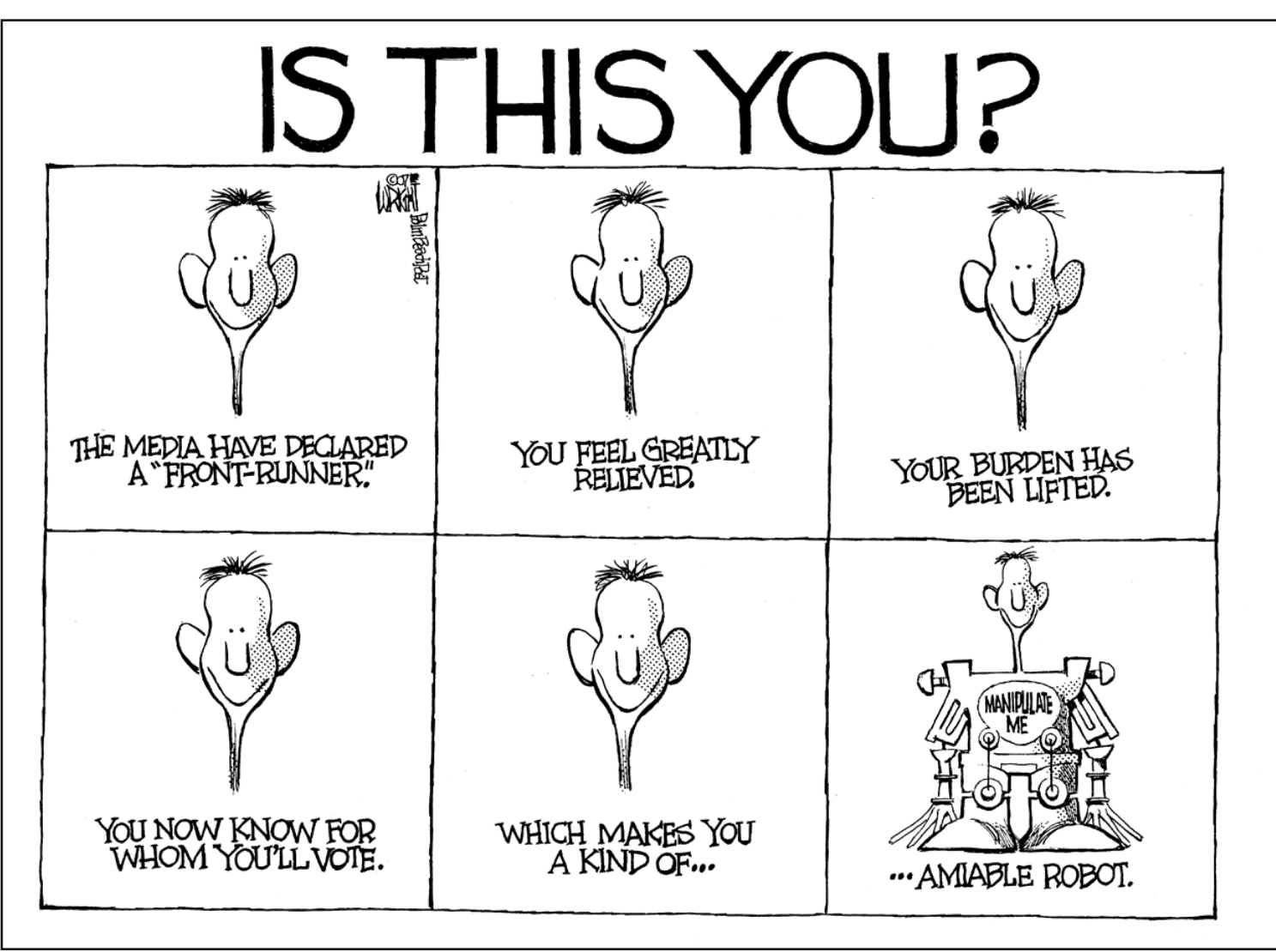
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,  
Regarding last week's anti-abortion/abortion rights leafletting: Does anyone really believe that Republicans actually want to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned and abortion prohibited once again? Fat chance. Republicans can be counted on to "keep the [abortion] issue" — former Bill Clinton campaign adviser Dick Morris' telling phrase for a political tactic of talking the talk, but not quite walking the walk. Why solve the problem when you can keep your supporters loyal to your party by suspending them in a perpetual state of grievance?

Rest easy, pro-choicers. The presidential primaries are fast approaching, and last week's exhibit appears to be no more than a pretty well-timed effort to draw in new Republicans and energize the values base among existing Republicans.

Jack Labusch  
Support Services



Editor,  
Last week's anti-abortion gross-out exhibit, brought to us by the College Republicans at Youngstown State University, initially seemed to be a clever attention-getting effort. Likening abortion to lynching, the Holocaust, etc., might change few minds about abortion, but would outrage many people and would create an interesting fuss.

On reading the anti-abortion crusaders' handout, however, I have come to suspect that the whole project is a spectacularly sick joke. Whether it stems from the Republicans' wish to show that they have a sense of humor, or is sabotage from an abortion rights infiltrator, it is more deeply weird than any satire published in *The Onion*, a parody newspaper.

The handout's "Point of Comparison: Genocide often framed in the language of 'choice'" links Hitler's assertion that "the racial makeup of the German nation was an internal matter for the German people to decide" and

Editor,  
The Youngstown State University College Republicans are encouraged by the amount of response that has been received from its event held on Oct. 3 and 4. Although we are not normally a thin-skinned organization, we do feel that some of these responses bear clarification. One of the most discouraging factors is the fact that in all of the articles that we have seen, none of the authors talk to the College Republicans to find out why this project was brought to this campus. If they had inquired at the table set up near the display, any person who would have asked would have been informed that the project was brought on campus in order to facilitate debate and raise political awareness on campus.

Like it or not, whichever side of the issue you are on, we believe we have achieved our goal. Now let us move on to the more derogatory remarks levied against the CRs. To call us misinformed or misguided is a fallacy that assumes consensus; the CRs debated this issue amongst themselves before deciding to bring GAP on campus. Although some of our membership does not

the Nazi obsession with the "Will to Power" with the present-day abortion rights contention that a pregnant woman should decide what to do with her body.

The Nazis were all about "choice," right? Let's recall actual Nazi policy. In 1927, during the interwar Weimar Republic, abortion had been reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor. The Nazis consistently denounced abortion as "Jewish," and after their takeover in 1933 made it a death-penalty offense. Compulsory child-bearing for healthy members of the master race, like compulsory abortion for racial and other undesirable, was not a "choice" for women.

This is all consistent with the Nazis' well-known racist population policy and their somewhat nervous obsession with manliness. So the handout, though embarrassing, is unlikely to be an innocent error of fact; it's clearly a gag-inducing gag.

Martin Berger  
Professor Emeritus, History

agree with the project, we do feel that all sides have the right to have their position heard. To speak to the fact that we are a youth organization that follows the lead of their party, we would like to express that although the GOP was kept informed, they did not ask or influence us to hold this event. Although accused of being so, we are NOT gay-bashing, gun-touting, racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, war-mongering, organization looking to oppress society into these types of beliefs. To assume so is degrading, beligerent and irrational.

We would like to thank the YSU police department for their diligence during this project. We would also like to thank the YSU administration for ensuring that our organization followed all the procedures to bringing an event on campus. We would also like to thank the members of GAP for bringing their informative display to our campus. Although some find it controversial and displeasing, sometimes it is necessary to shock the YSU community out of the sea of apathy that permeates our campus. Thank you for your consideration and participation.

The YSU College Republicans

Editor,  
Speaking not as president of any organization, but strictly as a pro-life conservative, I must add my voice against last week's abortion display outside DeBartolo Hall. I feel it does not advance the mission of pro-life groups, nor does it help get out the true message of love, hope and correcting wrongs. To me it is the same negative view and image as bombing clinics, and just as useless in achieving its ultimate goal.

To be pro-life means that we are pro-life, not anti-abortion! Images of born babies living happy lives, adopted by loving parents would have done the trick.

I was glad to see that those on the opposite end of the spectrum from my political beliefs were there

opposed to this presentation (I joined their rally when I could). Just as Voltaire stated, "I may not agree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it!" I could not agree more! I love freedom of speech for allowing us to have this debate in the open; however, I would caution my Republican friends to watch where the line is on being a group passionate about a cause, and that of being an activist group.

I, being adopted and coming from a close and loving family, have a large stake in this issue, and it means more to me than just some political advancing punch line because it is close to my heart. However, even I try to realize there is another side, which should not be taken lightly — as in matters of

rape or incest. I am not saying abortion is right in any case, because in my belief two wrongs cannot make a right. Using that same mentality, just because abortion is unjust does not mean that gives any group the right to go beyond the acceptable and to be insensitive to those who have had abortions.

I try desperately to follow by the Christian mentality of "love the sinner; hate the sin." I hope others will join me in that endeavor, and find a more constructive way to exercise our freedoms so as not to impose on someone else's at the cost of someone's emotional well-being. Compassion in this issue is most definitely warranted!

Joe Isue  
Senior

Editor,  
Do you feel safe at Youngstown State University? Last summer, one of my students had her car broken into on campus, and the criminal was never caught. More recently, another whole group of students was physically threatened by a former member of their club, reported it to campus authorities, and nothing was done. I was a witness to the latter proceedings.

Events started last spring, when a young lady in the group was being sexually harassed by a male student. When he increased his pressure on her, she went to the YSU Police. The officer assured her that he would investigate and talk to the accused. We have no evidence that this happened. The accused then increased his intimidation of other members of the group who had supported the woman. This was done in person

and on the Internet. The accused and one of his friends threatened physical violence. Events culminated in August when the accused assaulted the president of the group in Maag Library.

The president then filed written charges with campus police, at which time Sgt. X made every attempt to intimidate him by raising his voice and pounding the wall with his hand. Instead of filing criminal charges, which would be on the record, X proceeded under The Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct. The administrator responsible for handling code violations gave the student conflicting facts about how the hearing would be held. Perhaps she never read it.

I was a witness at the hearing and was not allowed to speak until it was over. It was immediately apparent that the three people running the hearing, along with Sgt. X, had

already decided on the outcome before any evidence was entered. By narrowly defining the entire case as only the assault at the library where there were no witnesses and ignoring everything else, the board exonerated the accused. He was NOT ordered to stay away from members of the group. The board stupidly suggested that the next time the accused made threats to someone, HE SHOULD'N'T WRITE THEM DOWN! This occurred the same day another shooting happened at another college campus. Because of its misfeasance and nonfeasance, this board has made YSU legally responsible if the student in question uses violence in the future. We are a "safe" campus only because the administration sweeps such things under the rug!

Ronald G. Tabak, Professor  
Physics & Astronomy

# The Jambar asks: What do you think YSU should do with the land in Smoky Hollow?



**Doug Rice, Freshman**  
"Recreation or somewhere you can sit and chill."



**Kaitlin Bartlo, Freshman**  
"Starbucks."



**Jessica Cole, Freshman**  
"Maybe a convenience store."





The Youngstown State University hockey club will play a conference game against Duquesne University this Friday at the Ice Zone in Boardman. For an in-depth look at the game and comments from head coach Rocky Russo, visit us online at [www.thejambar.com](http://www.thejambar.com).

### FOOTBALL



**PENGUIN POWER** — Junior defensive back Jarvis Richards (8) and his teammates celebrate for the home crowd. The Penguins return to Stambaugh Stadium for a home contest on Saturday. Photo by Andrew Berry.

## Penguins look to regain momentum back home against Southern Utah

**Andrew Berry**  
Sports Editor

The Penguins will get a short break from the Gateway when action returns to Stambaugh Stadium on Saturday.

For the third time in two seasons, the No. 12 Youngstown State University football team will be playing a team from the Great West conference. Southern Utah University will be the second Great West team this season that the Penguins will play since defeating South Dakota State in the second week of the season.

Saturday's contest will also mark the first meeting between the two football programs.

The Thunderbirds will come to Youngstown with an 0-5 record thus far in 2007. Unfortunately for the Thunderbirds, the program has had the misfortune of going through one of the toughest schedules in the nation.

The team has previously lost to Southern Illinois, McNeese State, Montana and Montana State — all nationally ranked teams in the Top 25 standings of the Football Championship Subdivision.

Southern Utah has also played North Dakota, a top ranked team from Division II.

While the season has been tough for the Thunderbirds, Penguin head coach Jon Heacock believes Southern Utah is a talented group despite its winless record this season.

"The more I watch them, I think, 'Man, these guys are pretty good,'" Heacock said.

The Thunderbirds nearly got into the win column last week against Montana State, but just fell

short of stealing the game as Montana State prevailed 7-3 at home. It was the Thunderbirds' strongest outing of the season.

"They're a good football team. No hesitation in saying that after watching them," Heacock said.

Against Southern Illinois, the Penguins tied with the Salukis with two turnovers apiece. Heacock said that to win games, his team has to win the turnover margin.

Historically, when the Penguins force more turnovers in a game, it results in a win for YSU. The Penguins are 82-14 since 1996 when the team wins or ties the turnover margin in a game, but just 13-30 when giving up the ball more to the other team.

With the loss to Southern Illinois, the race to the Gateway crown will be a tight contest for the Penguins from here on out. Heacock hinted at a small sense of urgency that his team must recognize as they move forward through the schedule.

"The window is shrinking," Heacock said. "We're at the point now where, with that loss, it doesn't matter who you play. We're going to have play well, period."

Senior defensive back Bob Perez said the team will get what they can out of the film from the loss to Southern Illinois. After that, Perez said the focus is on the future.

"It's always a new week, and we can't dwell on stuff in the past because we don't have time for it. There's not enough days in the week to dwell on a game that we already played," Perez said.

With a non-conference opponent next on the schedule, the Penguins have a chance to correct mistakes and refocus their efforts

before the remaining Gateway portion of the season gets under way.

Heacock said Saturday's game is still critical for the team's hopes of returning to the playoffs.

"I told our team that we have a game Saturday and we better get ready to play the best we can play, and that's the bottom line because we have no room for error," Heacock said.

The Penguins surrendered the highest total of rushing yards last week as the Salukis picked up 207 yards on the ground.

Defensive line coach Antoine Smith said the Salukis' success at running the ball against the Penguin front seven was a disappointment.

Smith said the Southern Illinois offensive line was the best the Penguin defense has faced since butting heads with Ohio State at the beginning of the season.

"I think we have a huge chance of correcting those mistakes this week. Obviously, if you don't have success in certain areas of fundamentals you teach, you're next opponent is going to try to exploit those same fundamentals," Smith said.

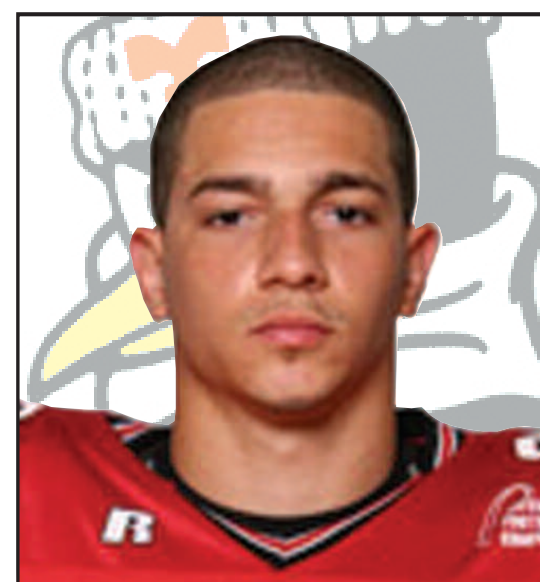
After losing for only the second time this season, Heacock doesn't believe it's time to hit the panic button and change the formula for success just yet.

The Penguin head coach said that despite the conference loss, the team is not going to change its practice habits. Heacock feels the methods of preparation his team utilizes are exactly the ones the team should be using.

"We're going to keep doing what we're doing because what we're doing is right," Heacock said.



## This Week's Impact Match-ups



*Rory Berry*  
*Wide Receiver*  
*No. 2*

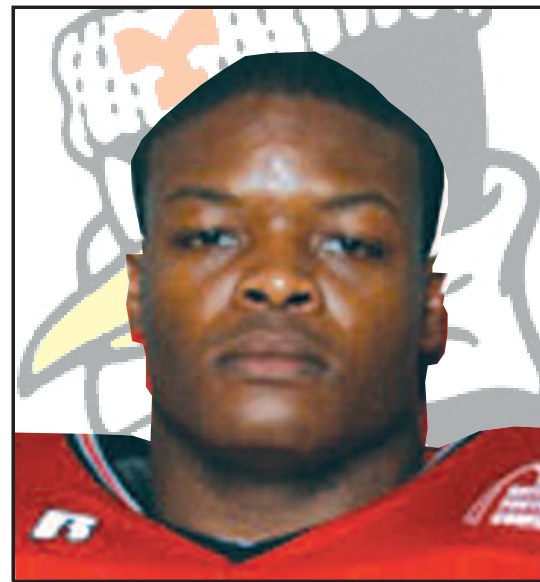
Despite catching just four passes for 60 yards against Southern Illinois, Berry has been strong for the Penguins this season. The senior wide-out has caught six passes in three games this season and is one game shy of tying the record for the most six-catch games in a season currently held by Elliot Giles who did it in 1999. Berry has already tied the three-game mark previously recorded by Kyle Smith in 2005. Looking to spoil Berry's chance at history will be Colin Pretlow, a decent coverage corner who has picked off one pass and broken of three more this season. To go along with his duty of getting open for quarterback Tom Zetts, Berry will have to keep Pretlow out of the backfield on run plays as Pretlow has a half a sack to his credit and two of his 19 tackles resulted in loss of yardage.



*Colin Pretlow*  
*Defensive Back*  
*No. 36*

*Jeremiah Wright*  
*Linebacker*  
*No. 25*

The Penguins will have an edge going into Saturday's home contest with Southern Utah. The Thunderbirds quarterback, Wes Marshall, is a similar playmaker to the Penguins own Ferlando Williams. Marshall has had success throwing and running this season and is the team's second leading rusher with 235 yards. While Marshall's completion percentage is a respectable 53.3, the mobile quarterback has had difficulties throwing the ball to the other team. Marshall has found the endzone only twice through air while completing passes to the defense nine times. With the Thunderbird offense spreading out, senior linebacker Jeremiah Wright will have to keep an eye on Marshall in the event he decides running is a safer choice than throwing. Wright currently leads the team in tackles with 53 and also has 23 solo stops to his credit. Wright has recorded seven or more tackles every game this season.



*Wes Marshall*  
*Quarterback*  
*No. 8*



### VOLLEYBALL

## Volleyball team finishes milestone week

**Aaron Blatch**  
Sports Reporter

After a long losing streak threatened to derail a once-promising season, the Youngstown State volleyball team responded by putting together its most successful week since entering the Horizon League in 2001.

The Penguins won three consecutive league matches in a four-day span, along the way reaching the program's 400th all-time victory and breaking a season-long tendency to lose focus at the end of close matches.

The team ended a streak of 10 losses in 11 matches on Oct. 3 with a victory against Valparaiso. This win was significant not only because it was number 400 for the Penguins, but also because it occurred in five games. The team had lost its previous three five-game matches.

The Penguins duplicated that feat two nights later with a win over

Loyola. The team, free of the frustrations of the losing streak, showed confidence and maturity in coming back from being down 2-1 to defeat the Ramblers.

This win marked the first time the team had ever won consecutive Horizon League matches.

The very next night the streak ran to three in a row with another league win over the University of Illinois-Chicago.

In the middle of the Penguins' success is the team's only senior, right side hitter Jessica Fraley.

Fraley has been a force, posting at least 13 kills in each of the three wins. The senior said the team finally understands how to finish matches by staying aggressive.

"We've improved on finishing," Fraley said. "Most of our matches end up in five games and towards the end of the fifth game we've lost focus and gotten passive. That has been a lot better lately. We don't stop; we keep going. We keep fighting, and that's what I like most

about us."

The Penguins won't likely have to wait long to see how far they've come at finishing matches. The team's next three opponents are league opponents that beat Youngstown in five-game matches earlier in the season.

Fraley thinks that by getting a look at each conference opponent and capturing some momentum, the Penguins will reverse their fortunes the second time through the league schedule.

"This is definitely a confidence booster for us," she said. "We've played every team in the conference so far and we have all the confidence in the world because we know we can beat all of these teams."

Fraley said that she hopes to end her senior season on a high note, and she has big expectations for herself and her team.

"I'm so excited," she said. "I'm ready to kick some a-."

## Keys to Victory

In 2007, the Penguins have been a first half wrecking machine on offense, outscoring opponents 100-48 before halftime. Against Southern Utah, that trend should easily continue. The Thunderbirds have had problems getting into scoring position and have scored an unimpressive total of five points in the first half of five games this season. The only two times the Penguins did not lead at halftime resulted in losses to both Ohio State and Southern Illinois. Keeping the Thunderbirds offense out of the endzone will help the Penguins build a sound first half lead.

The offensive line for the Penguins is coming together following a rough start to the season where three players were lost for the entire year to injuries. Anchored by the talented Brad Samsa at left tackle, the line has stayed healthy and all five starters have been the same personnel for the past three games. Having had a couple of games to work out the kinks, senior quarterback Tom Zetts should be well protected and the running backs could begin to see huge holes open up for them. The longer the line stays healthy, the better the offense will function.

The Southern Utah defense is a unit that has had trouble stopping much of anything this season. Scoring opportunities should be plentiful for the Penguin offense as the team is running a well-balanced attack this season. Keeping the ball in the hands of the playmakers and utilizing the depth at running back will have the Southern Utah defense worn out when the time comes for the Thunderbirds to come up with big stops. Look for the Penguin running backs to take charge of the game from the start of the contest and set the tempo of the game early on.