

Students react to Sweet's pay raise

By ROXANNE TORELLA & KELLY GEISEL
The Jambar

Days after learning David Sweet would accept almost \$25,000 in raises, YSU students had mixed views on whether the university president deserved more money.

YSU trustees voted unanimously last week to increase Sweet's salary from \$192,000 to \$203,520. Sweet indicated he would accept the raise, retroactive to July 1, despite the economic challenges he said YSU has faced in light of state budget cuts to higher education.

Todd Maleys, senior, said he was concerned about Sweet's raise.

"The university could care less what I or any other students think," Maleys said. "My tuition continues to rise, yet the rich get richer."

Junior Joe Kilgore, however, said he could not blame Sweet for accepting the money.

"If I were him, I wouldn't give it back," Kilgore said. "If someone gave me \$25,000 more a year, I would take it."

YSU Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Nohra defended the board's decision last week, saying the university could have lost Sweet to a school willing to pay more. Junior Jessica Polumbo questioned Nohra's logic.

"The university just wants to keep Sweet because they feel that YSU needs him," she said. "What YSU needs is help. YSU needs people to step in and fix the problems our university is facing."

"Giving the president another raise will not fix anything."

Junior Stephanie Humble was angry.

"I am outraged," she said. "YSU does not have the money to give Sweet a raise. If our tuition keeps going up ... then how does Sweet get a raise?"

Some students, such as freshman Demetrius Ison, said the money could be better spent.

"We could use the money to fix the facilities at YSU," Ison said.

Sophomore Abby Dornon agreed.

"Many departments need money for new equipment," she said.

Freshman Sean Green said teachers and classified staff could use the money more than the president.

"It is not a fair deal," Green said. "The staff almost went on strike, and the money

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Top administrators receive raises

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

University President David Sweet is not the only administrator receiving a raise. YSU trustees last week also approved raises for Sweet's top administrators, ranging from \$3,170 to \$9,366. All raises are retroactive to July 1.

The administrators join

Sweet, who last week received a 6 percent raise from trustees. Sweet's raise sparked debate on campus, with some questioning the universities spending priorities. The raises follow a year of continued state budget cuts for YSU and higher tuition for students.

In addition, Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said top

administrators "will receive enrollment incentives, which will be announced shortly."

Vice President of Administration John Habat received the highest salary raise at \$9,366 — an 8 percent increase — while other administrators received a 3 percent increase. Habat was promoted this summer after being a special assistant to Sweet.

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Salaries before and after raise

Administrator	Before	After
Sweet	\$192,000	\$203,520
Atwater	\$140,000	\$144,200
Anderson	\$110,159	\$113,464
Ondreyka	\$132,500	\$136,475
Habat	\$120,134	\$129,500

*salaries per year

Source: Walt Ulbricht

HANDS DOWN



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DON'T MOVE: Members of the International Spanish and Latin American Association participate in the "Hand on the Rock" contest on Thursday. Students had to see how long they could stand without taking a hand off of the rock. Other ISLA activities include a "Unity Jam" dance Oct. 12, that will include various universities with a mix of ethnic origins.



Business College offers new programs

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

YSU will now offer two more degrees in the Williamson College of Business Administration.

At the Sept. 24 Board of Trustees meeting, trustees approved a resolution to add a bachelor of science in business administration in the Human Resource Management program and an associate of technical study degree in business and technology.

Betty Jo Licata, dean of the business college, said originally, the bachelor's degree was not an option for YSU students. It previously was offered as the management human resource track within the Business Administration degree.

"This degree has always been a track within the management program," Licata said. "What we wanted to do was clearly define this as a degree."

The resolution passed by the board of trustees stated that: "A change in the title from Management - Human Resource Management, will identify the program more explicitly for students and employers."

Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said there would be a significant variance for students in this degree program. Ulbricht said students would take two semester hours of electives in human resource management instead of non-business electives.

Trustee Eugenia Atkinson was present at the meeting when the resolutions to add the degrees were passed.

"The human resource area in business has changed," she said. "Adding these two programs will serve as a benefit to students and employees."

Licata also expressed satisfaction with the addition of

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Communication resource center opens

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar

Students who need help in their oral communications classes have a new resource to turn to on campus.

The Center for Communication Excellence in Bliss Hall opened two weeks ago to students enrolled in COMST 1545 or other oral intensive courses.

Communications majors are available to help with speech practice and development. Tutors also assist with PowerPoint presentations and

specific course assignments, Larry Hugenberg, the center's adviser, said.

"With a university requirement for oral communication, there is a need for the university to offer support services for students enrolled in COMST 1545 - just as they do for the two required English courses and the required math class," Hugenberg said.

"My vision was to start the Center for Communication Excellence as a way to help students learn about and practice effective oral communication skills."

Hugenberg approached communication majors about the center during the summer, then the students put everything together, said Communications major Andrea Thompson, who works in the center.

Thompson said the center is completely student run and operates on a first-come-first-serve basis.

"We talk to the professors to find out what they want," Thompson said.

Though the center has only been open for a few weeks, students are already

taking advantage of its services.

"I had a number of drop-ins today," Thompson said in an interview last week.

"This is an exciting time for me," Hugenberg said. "We are genuinely helping students learn about and practice one of the most important skills they can learn and use - effective oral communication."

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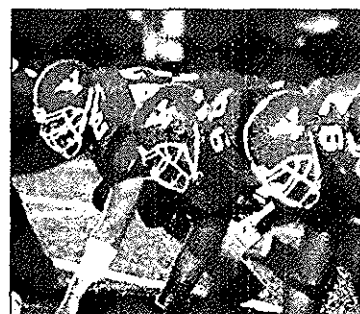
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the two-year technical study degree, but warned the degree is not for "fresh-out-of-high school students."

The degree has a fast-paced structure and experience is needed before entering the program, Licata said.

She said the new technology degree is geared more toward individuals who have already been in the work force or have already obtained training from other recognizable accredited programs.

"The technical study degree will enable us to evaluate technical training based on what [students] already learned from a credible institution," Licata said.

Ulbricht said this will serve as an opportunity to form more partnerships in the community.

"The technical education can be provided through cooperative arrangements with public, private, or proprietary post secondary institutions, vocational centers, or other educational enterprises," Ulbricht said.

Ulbricht said this would help the university to develop "technical concentrations responsive to emerging and changing business needs."

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"President Sweet evaluated and assessed my job performance," Habat said. "And, I believe that is what drew him to the conclusion for my raise."

Others receiving raises were Provost Tony Atwater, Vice President of Student Affairs Cynthia Anderson, Vice President of Financial Affairs Terry Ondreyka, Special Assistant to the President George McCloud, Executive Director for Administrative Services Phil Hirsch and Director of Urban Studies Hunter Morrison.

Sweet said that when deciding the pay increases, he looked at comparable salaries on a national and local level. He also looked at whether administrators were meeting university goals.

"Each division and unit head is responsible for putting together program plans," Sweet said. "We meet with each other and assess proposed

plans and see if all 10 strategic plans were met."

Hirsch, whose salary increased by \$3,170, said he was unsure of how Sweet arrived at his decision for a

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— DAVID SWEET
University President

salary increase.

"All I know is that I got a letter in the mail saying I have been approved for a salary increase, but I am unaware of any criteria that is set or reviewed by the president to

make his decisions," Hirsch said.

Atwater received the second highest salary increase of \$4,200, while Ondreyka received \$3,925. Anderson's salary increased \$3,305 and McCloud \$3,209. None returned calls seeking comment Monday.

Morrison received a \$73,604 increase for changing from a part-time to a full-time employee. Trustees and Sweet said they looked at neighboring colleges to decide on the salary increases.

The University of Akron is one institution that YSU is compared to. Recently, Akron President Luis Porenza wrote his university a check for \$4,000, which

came from his 3 percent salary raise. When Porenza's administrators became aware of his gesture, they followed suit and made contributions to the university's various scholarship funds.

"Faculty were bearing the brunt of budget cuts and students were burdened with higher tuition and [Porenza] felt he should share the same," said John Harold, associate vice president of public affairs at the University of Akron.

Administrators who spoke to The Jambar on Monday said they felt they deserved the raises and would accept them.

Habat said he was unaware of the contributions made by the president and administrators of the University of Akron and said therefore, it was not a consideration.

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could have gone to staff raises, not another raise for President Sweet."

Junior Mike Phillips, a Student Government representative for the College of Arts & Sciences, said he was not surprised by Sweet's raise. He said he felt the president is an ethical man with respectable goals.

"The only bad things you can say about him are that his job description doesn't give him much to do, he's paid a little too much, and maybe he hasn't accomplished everything as fast as expected," Phillips said.

Phillips said pay raises and benefits are justified for qualified people.

"If we treat the president badly and he leaves, then the next president would be sub-par because of a bad working environment," Phillips said.

Some have asked for Sweet to stand behind his statements about the financial difficulties of state universities and give the money back to YSU. Luis Porenza, president of the University of Akron, gave back half of his 6 percent pay raise after citing economic problems.

"I'm disappointed that he doesn't consider giving it back," Phillips said. "I think he should give the money to the SG general appropriations fund, which gives money to various student organizations. The \$25,000 would give the fund almost \$60,000 to give to groups."

"Giving the money to student organizations is in some way beneficial to everyone. It's best to invest the money back into the students."

Dornan said she thinks Sweet should follow Porenza's example and give the money back to YSU.

"I think that's a great idea," she said. "I don't know if I could do it. I'd be a little greedy, too."

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Today's Editorial

Students should protest raise

We hope students were listening last week when University President David Sweet talked about how YSU has prevailed despite economic challenges.

If they did, we have no doubt they are asking the same question we are: If the economy is so bad, why is Dr. Sweet getting a raise?

Good question. Unfortunately, all the answers so far have been bad.

The Jambar strongly opposes Sweet's pay and housing allowance increase. We encourage students, many of whom filled our e-mails and voice mails with angry messages last week, to strenuously oppose the raises as well.

Earlier this semester, when asked about the students' ability to send a message to state lawmakers responsible for continued cuts to higher education, Sweet said the collective voice of the students would be strong.

So, to those of you like us who are appalled by the president's willingness to accept a raise when we are struggling to make tuition, we urge you to speak and speak loudly.

Sweet can ignore his own hypocrisy and that of the YSU trustees, who in their most shameful act yet granted Sweet the raise. But Sweet cannot ignore the will of the students. Separately, our voices sound like typical complaints.

Together, they would send a message of intolerance to an inconsiderate president.

Sweet was able to smooth things over this year despite consecutive increases in tuition. We understood. The state budget cuts left YSU with no choice.

But now Sweet has a choice. He would not offend trustees by turning down the raise. He would, however, offend working-class students and residents if he accepted.

Sweet's salary, at a time of layoffs and pay cuts, has been on a steady rise since he came to Youngstown in 2000. We pay more. He gets more. We pay more. He gets more.

Sweet and trustees have cited another rise — in enrollment — as their reason for being so generous with our money. Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Nohra actually said trustees were afraid the university would lose Sweet to a higher bidder.

Let him go. If money is what Sweet wants, he should go where the money is. That, most definitely, is not here.

Sweet needs a wakeup call.

Dial extension 3101 on campus to give him one. Or, type him an e-mail on the new CUE-mail system. Write him a letter and drop it by his Tod Hall office. Stand outside his window with signs protesting his wealth.

Let Sweet know how you feel. Beat him to the punch on his next campus conversation and start one of your own.

Deep down inside, David Sweet has to know what he is doing is wrong.

Remind him.

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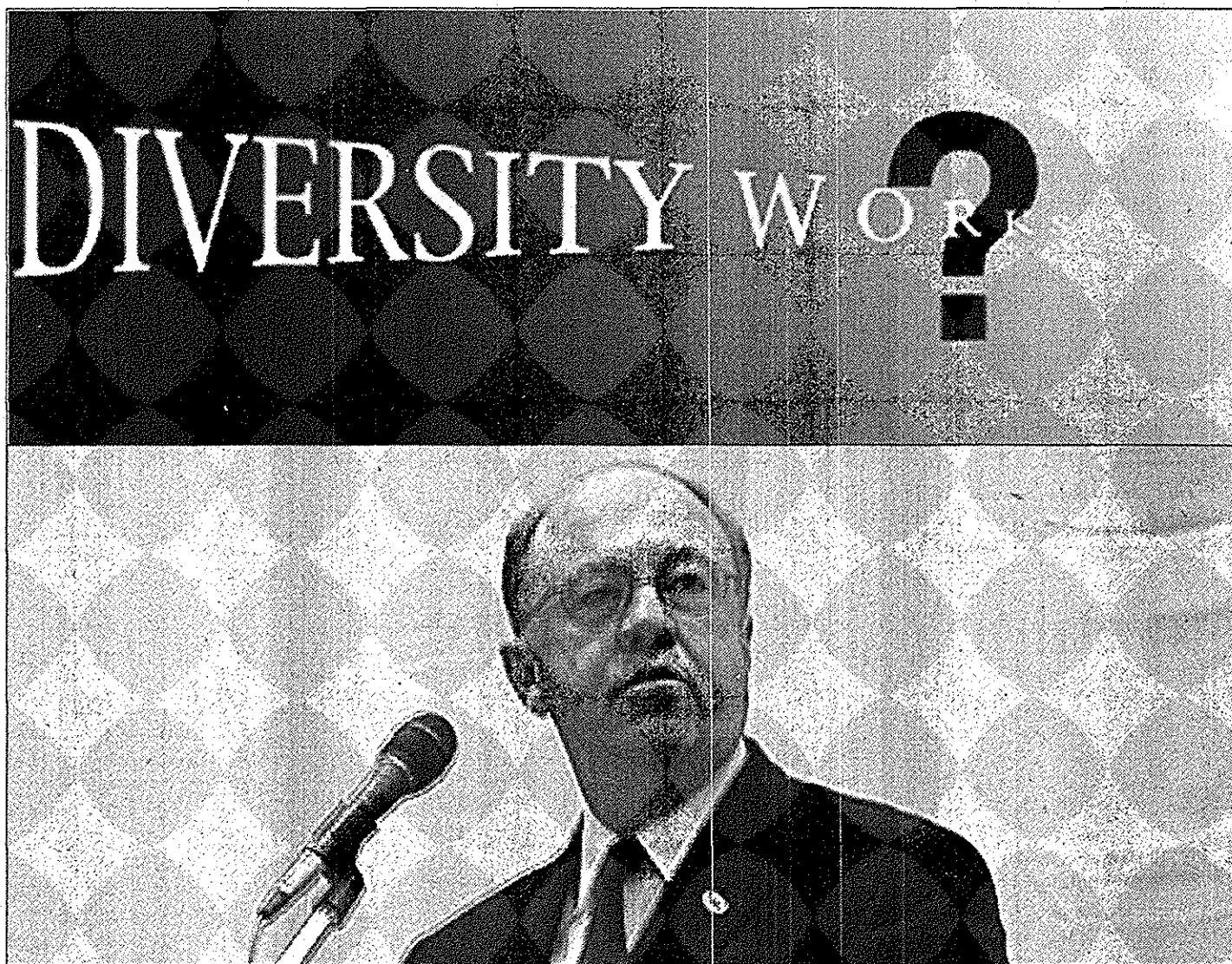
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The State of the University?



Sweet's price is not right for YSU

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Henry Gomez



I first met David Sweet in 2000.

Just before the kickoff of the first Penguin football game of his presidency, Sweet and his wife worked the tailgating crowds. They introduced themselves to students and YSU fans.

"David Sweet," the new president said as he stuck a firm hand in my direction. "Nice to meet you."

Oh, how far David Sweet and I have come.

I admit — I was impressed with Sweet in our first meeting. I had never met Sweet's predecessor, Les Cochran. Here it was, the fourth day of sophomore year, and I had met the man in charge.

Nice.

Since, the president and I have had many chats — some candid moments later that sophomore year and some more formal ones once I became a member of the press.

It is hard not to like him. He is friendly. He is intelligent. He seems to care. He might even be worth all the money trustees want us to pay.

But if David Sweet wants to be friendly, intelligent and caring, he will give back every penny of his latest \$25,000 raise.

I hate to belabor my points from Thursday, but it is important that students understand just how wrong it would be for their president to take more of their money.

"I cringe at each one of our trustees who voted for Sweet's raise. I question their motives, their logic and their sense of service."

Sweet has told us that while it is likely a last resort, a tuition increase "is on the table."

Apparently, a pay increase was, too.

How can Sweet even begin to explain his raise? It is simple.

He cannot.

He will tell us he did not lobby for this raise. Trustees, he will contend, thought so highly of small, possibly coincidental

enrollment increases that they decided to reward him with a raise. He is simply following orders.

If you believe that logic, then you also must believe David Sweet has no authority at this university. He talks so passionately about grooming leaders for the future. Yet, Sweet said he plans to take this raise. Some leader.

Sure, the blame is widespread. I cringe at each one of our trustees who voted for Sweet's raise. I question their motives, their logic and their sense of service. But we cannot reverse their vote.

Sweet can, however, just say no.

Our president owes us an explanation. Even if he retreats and gives his raise back, his quick willingness to accept it makes me wonder if he really is thinking about what is best for students and YSU.

I am worried Sweet does not understand the Valley he so badly wants the university to be a part of. I am worried that last week, when asked about his raise, he did not even offer one reservation about accepting it.

Is David Sweet right for YSU and the Mahoning Valley?

The price certainly is not.

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

Letters to the Editor

Student strike would send university a message

Editor:

Can anyone else feel the pinch as we have to stuff more money into the pocket of President Sweet?

I might be wrong but I have been an office aid for two years now and have not even received a dime raise for the work I do. As it states in The Jambar: "The YSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to raise Sweet's annual salary by \$11,250 and his housing allowance to \$50,000 a year," not to mention these increases are retroactive.

I might be slightly jealous since I only make \$5.15 an hour and drive a smashed 1990 Chevy Lumina with 150,000 miles, but this raise should infuriate all people that pay any amount of money for an education at this university.

What exactly has President Sweet done for us that he deserves a raise except raise tuition? The other trustees unanimously voted for this because they will undoubtedly be receiving a retroactive

raise along with all of the other administration.

Do we students have to join together to form a union to put a stop to the unfair wages that we receive? As stated in The Jambar, President Sweet is getting a pay raise of 6 percent, yet I cannot even get a pay raise of 3 percent, which would only be 15 cents an hour.

At an average of \$5 an hour, 20 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, which most students do not even have the chance to work on campus, the annual income is \$5,200. President Sweet's raise is 2.5 times more than this amount.

Without our help, this university would have to hire other non-student employees that would not be willing to work for minimum wage and would demand some form of benefits.

Let's Strike!!

Josh Blackarr
Senior, Electrical Engineering

Fantastic professor deserves a little more respect

Editor:

I'm writing in regards to the Sept. 17th article pertaining to Dr. Fry's arrest.

Thank you for bring this to our attention; it is a university issue. While the second half of the article was a well-written, clear and concise report of the facts, the first half of the article was unnecessary.

"Fry, who does not have a home telephone, staggered to the door ... home surrounded by overgrown weeds ... old Christmas

lights ..."

And I hardly think it's relevant that we know his salary, "according to documents in his personal file." Yes, creative language can make a bland report into a juicy scandal, but this is our professor. Regardless of his personal life, he is a fantastic instructor and an endless source of information. Show some respect.

Bethaney Bosley
Junior, Geography

Hagan accepts apology

BY REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar

State Sen. Bob Hagan, D-Youngstown, has accepted YSU's apology for not including him in the Bliss Hall groundbreaking ceremony Friday at Ford Theatre.

The groundbreaking marked the beginning of construction on an addition to Bliss Hall. The addition will house several art-related classrooms, including a foundry, advanced painting studios, a woodshop, a sculpture court and a computer lab. The expansion will add 18,000 square feet to the building, will cost \$3.3 million, and will take about a year to complete.

Hagan, who is part of the Senate Finance Committee that secured the building funds, said the university made a mis-

"Since the University apologized publicly and were willing to admit they made a mistake, I'll take them at their word."



— BOB HAGAN
State Senator

take in not asking him to take part. He attended Friday's ceremony but was not asked to participate in the groundbreaking.

Friday evening, YSU issued an official statement, in which it apologized specifically to Hagan for not involving him directly in the event.

In a telephone interview Monday evening, Hagan said that he accepted the university's apology.

"Since the University apologized publicly and were willing to admit they made a mistake, I'll take them at their word," Hagan said.

Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said he talked to Hagan on Saturday.

Hagan, he said, seemed to appreciate the apology.

"It was a regrettable oversight," Ulbricht said.

Call Rebecca Marquis at (330) 941-1811.

SG looks to other schools to improve its structure

BY ROXANNE TORELLA
The Jambar

Student Government representatives may soon travel to other universities looking for ways to improve SG structure.

The Student Affairs Committee proposed the idea, called a junket, at the last two SG meetings. The trip will give SG representatives the chance to attend other four-year universities in and around Ohio, to see how they run their student government program.

"We should try to build relationships with other universities," said Jim Breuing, a member of the Student Affairs Committee. "Our Student Government can learn a lot from other schools that have been around longer than us."

The committee also proposed that SG representatives attend other events hosted by universities not related to Student Government. Events such as campus tours, recreational and socials were mentioned by the Student Affairs

Committee at the Sept. 23 meeting.

However, concerns were raised about how SG would fund the proposed trips and how the trips would be structured.

Executives were interested in finding out if there are organizations already set up that offer this experience, instead of starting the trips from scratch.

These details are scheduled to be worked out at the Oct. 7 meeting.

Movie Review

Four Feathers earns its wings

BY ARIC AMENDOLEA
The Jambar

A tale of epic proportions unfolds in Four Feathers.

The story is set in the 1800s and tells the story of the British aristocracy that waged war against savages of the Sudan desert.

The hero is Harry Feversham (Heath Ledger), a soldier who is at the top of his class, engaged to a beautiful woman (Kate Hudson), and popular with all his friends.

Harry's life couldn't be better until he finds out that he is being sent to war.

Harry panics and walks out of the army leaving his fellow soldiers feeling betrayed. He

is rewarded for his behavior by having a package of four white feathers sent to him that are symbols of cowardice.

Harry takes this personally and goes off to Sudan to fight this war on his own terms.

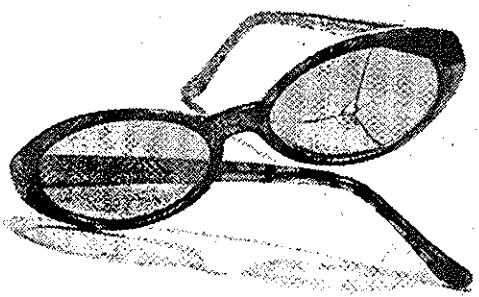
The film has many high voltage battle scenes along with a story that has a few plots turns and twists. The movie will likely fall into the category of an action movie rather than a historical or military movie.

The biggest drawback the film has is that all the themes that have been worn out, such as loyalty, honor and other ways of the warrior.

Audiences may think they are simply watching Gladiator in the desert. But in the excitement level, Four Feathers definitely earns its wings.

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The students explored photographing with toy [plastic], vintage [old] and even modern [digital] camera. The students' work ranges from personal to documentary and from traditional to digital.

The show is free and open to all weekdays through Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A reception will also be held tomorrow from 5-7 p.m.

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Radio Club to hold meeting tomorrow

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the second floor of Cushman Hall.

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Credit cards bills racking up for college students

BY CRYSTAL LINDELL
Western Courier (Western Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) MACOMB, Ill. - According to a study done by www.college-creditcounseling.com, a not-for-profit debt consolidation service that helps with college credit debt, 78 percent of college students have a credit history and a credit card.

This situation is not helped by the bombardment of free stuff students are offered by credit card companies in the Western Illinois University Union.

According to Judy John, who works in the scheduling office for the Union, credit card companies are charged more than other vendors to solicit in the Union. The credit card companies have a fee of \$125 per day, compared to the \$75 non-student vendors. Student organizations have no fee to use the Union to pass out information.

"We have, in the past, met with the Illinois treasurer about ways to educate students (about credit cards)," John said.

She added the credit card companies are required to provide education on the topic, however, that information is sometimes in small print.

According to the study, of the 78 percent of college students with credit cards, the average debt is \$2,748.

Brooke Nelson, a sophomore social work major, said she got her one (and only) credit card through a telemarketer who called her in her residence hall room.

She thought it would be a good way to establish credit. Nelson, however, threw away her credit card after she reached her \$600 max, purchasing clothes and withdrawing money.

"At first I was really good; now I wish I had

never gotten it," Nelson said.

She is still paying off her balance and plans to never get another credit card.

The study also said that of the 78 percent of college students who have credit cards, 32 percent have four or more cards. Emily Weber, sophomore law enforcement and justice administration major, said she has six credit cards including Visa, Master Card, American Express, Gap, Old Navy and Victoria's Secret.

Weber was 15 when she first got a credit card. The three major credit cards are in her parents' names. Weber got the other three because the stores offered her discounts to sign up.

"My parents pay all the bills as long as I'm not out of control," she said, adding she mainly uses the credit cards for online shopping, due to the lack of stores in Macomb.

Weber does not recommend credit cards to her fellow students because it is hard to get loans with bad credit.

According to Bill Bushaw, Western's director of financial aid, the university offered workshops about credit cards during assessment days during the 2000 school year.

Bushaw added the committee that offered the workshops was set up to do a study and gather information, but upon completion, was discontinued.

"If there was a demand or enough people wanted it, it could be done (again)," Bushaw said of whether Western would offer the workshops again.

According to Bushaw, if you have a credit card you should pay your balance each month and not let it roll over, because that is where people get in trouble.

He added that he recommends only one card for students who should use it for one item a month, to build a credit rating.



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Campus Calendar

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Wednesday: The Center for Student Progress is sponsoring a workshop: Asperger's Syndrome De-mystified featuring William Stillman, an Autism Consultant. The workshop will be held in the Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center, from 9 - 9:30 a.m. For more information call Chris Khumprakob at 330-941-3098.

Notices:
Tongzhi - A Gay/Straight Alliance will have a business meeting every other week, alternating with a social get-together in Peaberry's. Both will be on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. All LGBT people and straight allies are welcome to attend. The upcoming dates are as follows:
Tuesday, 10/8: Social in Peaberry's Cafe
Tuesday, 10/15: Meeting in Bresnahan Reception

Thursday, Oct. 10: Informational meeting for students interested in Road Trip to the U.S. Holocaust Museum in D.C. (Nov. 8-11, 2002 and Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break Trip '03 to Florida, at 12:00 noon and 1:00 in the Cochran Room, Kilcawley Center. Both meeting will be identical. For more information call (330) 743-0439. Sponsored by Protestant and Catholic Campus Ministries at YSU.

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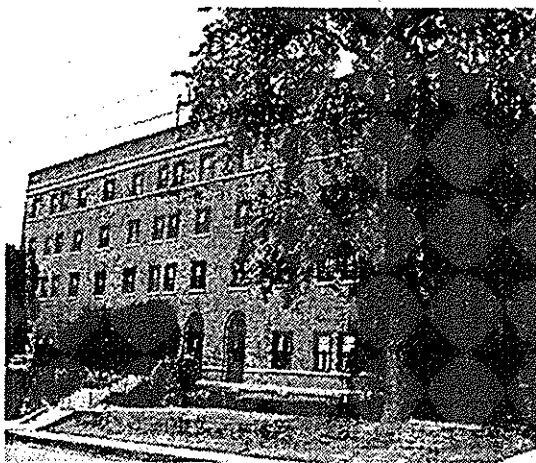
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Sports & Recreation



Student's gym gets national attention

By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar

Two national weightlifting magazines have recognized a Struthers gym owned by a YSU senior.

Eric Rudiak, sole proprietor at Sunsation Fitness and Tanning, opened the gym nine years ago. An exercise science major, Rudiak said he balances his busy schedule with a lot of organization.

Last month, Powerlifting U.S.A. magazine ranked Sunsation the top gym in the country.

"It's a great honor," said Rudiak, 30. "It's been a long time coming."

Also this summer, House of Pain magazine ranked Sunsation No. 14 for "hard-core" gyms.

House of Pain called the equipment "basic and reliable," which is essential to concentrating on lifting. According to the magazine, although new techniques work, they need to be mixed with old techniques to get true results.

Since junior high school, Rudiak has been interested in weight training. He began at YSU as an engineering major, deciding to change his major to exercise science and open a gym after he started power lifting at age 21.

The walls at his Struthers gym are lined with photos of competitors and trophies won by the Sunsation Fitness and Tanning Strength Team. Rudiak said a team of 18 competitors has won state, national and world trophies.

"We've come a long way, but we have a long way to go," he said.

Since Sunsation Fitness and Tanning is a small gym, Rudiak says many people think the prices are affordable. For one month of lifting and tanning, the price is \$60.

Mark Balale, 31, has been lifting at Sunsation Fitness and Tanning since it opened. He said he uses the free weights and treadmills for personal goals.

Balale said that he started coming to the gym to support the owner, whom he has known since high school.

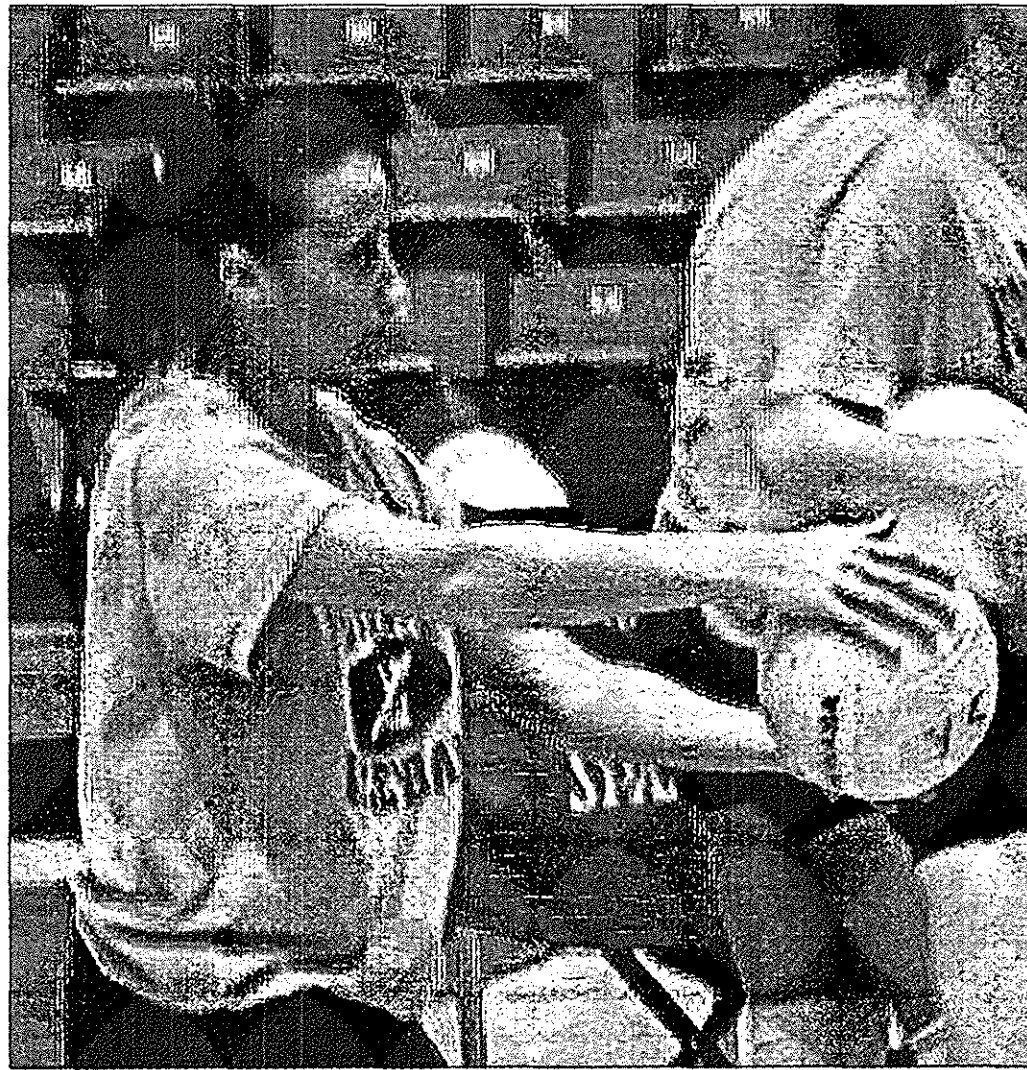
Rudiak says he is working with investors to expand the gym into a facility that accommodates everyone. Eventually, Rudiak said he would like to own franchises across the country.

"We're going to expand to become a multifaceted, multifunctional gym."

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Penguin volleyball drops league opener



By LiskolThe Jambar

SERVE IT UP: Junior Beth Boscarelli gets set to serve at a YSU volleyball team practice Monday. The Penguins will host St. Francis 7 p.m. tonight at Beeghly Center.

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar

In a tough five-game battle the YSU volleyball team (7-9, 0-1 Horizon League) dropped their home opener to the Cleveland State Vikings (12-3, 1-0 Horizon League) Friday night at Beeghly Center.

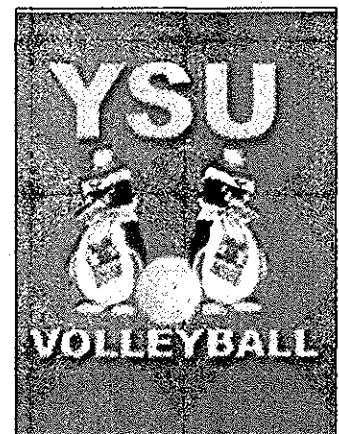
The game initiated Horizon League play and could be a tough loss for the Penguins to swallow.

After winning the first game 30-20, the Penguins slipped and lost two straight. In the third game, the Penguins were leading 23-14, yet, as Head Coach Joe Conroy said: "We let (game three) slide out of our grasp."

After taking a commanding nine point lead the Penguins stalled and scored just three more times as they were defeated 30-26.

Although the team did rally to win the fourth game, they were defeated 15-13 in the fifth and final contest. The loss came despite 17 kills and six

blocks from junior Annie Buschur. Colleen Royer also recorded 17 kills and grabbed another double-double as she added 14 digs to her resume.



Royer continues to have a strong season as she leads the team in kills, 188, and digs with 158.

Conroy said this was a contest his squad should have won.

"I actually thought we should have won it in four," he said. "We let one slip away."

Primarily citing the game

three collapse as the definitive letdown. Conroy said the group is young and needs to learn how to finish teams off.

"We had an opportunity to put (Cleveland State) away and we played not to lose instead of playing to win... in the sport of volleyball when you play not to lose you generally do," he said.

Although Conroy was disappointed by the defeat, he wasn't upset with the team.

"I'm pleased with how the team is progressing, but it's hard to lose close games that we should be winning," Conroy said.

Conroy also said the team, "needs some upperclassmen leadership" in order to be successful.

The team will try and regroup after their suspense-filled loss to the Vikings, as they are back in action 7 p.m. today against St. Francis (Pa.) at Beeghly Center.

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Penguin Sportswire

Soccer

Dayton, OH -- The Youngstown State Women's Soccer team dropped a 7-1 decision to Horizon League foe Wright State on Sunday afternoon at Alumni Field.

Freshman Maura Patton scored the Penguins lone goal and her fifth of the season at 80:36 off an assist from junior Kara White.

The Raiders outshot the Penguins 30-9 and outcornered YSU 13-1. Freshman keeper Caitlin Bestard recorded 11 saves for the Penguins.

With the loss, Youngstown State falls to 1-8 overall and 0-2 in the Horizon League. Wright State improves to 3-6 with the win.

The Penguins return to action on Friday, Oct. 4, when they travel to Tucson, Ariz. for the University of Arizona Tournament. The Penguins will play Arizona on Friday at 9:30 p.m. eastern time.

Source: ysu.edu/sports

Softball

Kent, Ohio -- The Youngstown State softball team improved to 9-1 during the 2002 fall season after a 4-1 record at the Kent State Fall Softball Invitational.

Junior Amanda Berry cracked three hits, including two inside-the-park home runs, to paced the Penguins to a 7-1 win over Akron. Freshman Kelly Murphy tossed a complete-game for the win.

The Penguins also defeated Ashland, 3-2, but lost to Kent State, 8-2, on the first day of competition.

On day two, freshman Tiffany Patteson went 3-for-3 and Berry went 2-for-4 to push YSU past Eastern Michigan, 6-4. Berry also led the Penguins with a 2-for-3 performance in their 4-0 win over Edinboro.

YSU football prevails 24-17

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar

After losing its conference opener and dropping their last two games in heart-wrenching style, the YSU football team (2-2 overall and 1-1 in the Gateway) faced a must-win situation Saturday against the Southwest Missouri State Bears (3-2 and 0-1).

In an awe-inspiring game, in which YSU got back to their run-happy, smash-mouth style of play, the Penguins prevailed 24-17.

Freshman Aaron Marshall got the start at quarterback, the third different quarterback to start for YSU this season and the fourth to play in a game.

Although red-shirted and moved to wide receiver earlier in the season, Marshall got the nod from Head Coach Jon Heacock.

The Penguins starting quarterback was only 2-5 for 17 yards, but one of his two completions was a touchdown pass to Phillip Harmon. The connection gave the Penguins a 7-0 lead and was Marshall's first completion and touchdown pass as a Penguin.

Junior running back Josiah Doby scored the first points of the second half with a 61-yard touchdown run. Mike Burns then added a two-yard burst up the middle to give the Penguins a 21-7 lead early in the second half.

After Mike Stewart's yard field goal split the uprights, it seemed as if it was going to be smooth sailing for the Penguins the rest of the way.

After building the 17-point lead, the Penguins offense stalled and the Bears got back in the game by scoring 10 points in the first few minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Penguins opportunistic defense was relentless throughout the contest and refused to let this game slip away. After accumulating just two turnovers in the first three games of the year, the YSU defense was stellar as they forced five turnovers and came up huge with two fourth down stops late in the game.

To start the fourth quarter, the Penguins saw a commanding 24-7 lead disappear. On YSU's initial possession in the final quarter, Southwest Missouri State free safety Kailla Williams scooped up a Burns fumble and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown.

Fourteen of the Bears 17 points were scored by the defense. The first occurred in the second quarter when Darry Robinson intercepted a Marshall pass. Robinson momentarily tied the score at seven when returned the pick 67 yards for a Southwest Missouri State touchdown.

Still in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter, Brian Long kicked a 48-yard field goal to put the Bears within a touchdown of tying the game.

When a couple of Penguin drives failed to score any points, it was up to the defense to hold off the resurgent Bear offense.

The first big stop came midway through the fourth quarter on a key fourth and five-situation. Stuck on the Penguins 14-yard line, Southwest Missouri State quarterback Michael White dumped a pass out to running back Zach Dechant.

At first glance it looked as if it was going to be an easy fourth down conversion for the Bears, but senior defensive end Martin Stachowich came out of the woodwork to make an outstanding tackle, inches short of a first down saving the Penguins from a near disaster.

After another Penguin drive failed, and a punt of only 16 yards gave the Bears outstanding field position on the YSU 44-yard line, the defense again was called on to yield the comeback.

With less than three minutes remaining in the game, Southwest Missouri State moved down to Youngstown State's 27-yard line. It was crunch time for the Bears as they faced a fourth and eight situation. Again it appeared as if Southwest Missouri State had another opportunity to get the first down and continue their drive.

Yet, quarterback Michael White got cold feet when he saw an opening in the defensive secondary and opted to throw another short dump pass instead of attempting to gain the yards by scrambling.

Coach Heacock was excited about the win and said playing four quarters is nothing new with Southwest Missouri State. "We always know we're going to get four quarters of action from them."

The team remains undefeated against the Bears at 7-0 all time, and got their first win in the Gateway Conference.

The Penguins now come home for the first time in four weeks to take on another divisional opponent, Indiana State. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on Saturday at Beeghly Stadium.

NOTES: QUICKLY BECOMING A FORCE

Linebacker Jon Tekac, Gateway Conference player of the week, had an interception, a fumble recovery, a team high 10 tackles and forced a fumble by stripping the ball from running back Zach Dechant - not a bad game... Tekac's interception was the first of his career and the Penguins first of the season. Tekac's fumble recovery was initially returned 45 yards for a touchdown, but a clipping penalty brought it back. He also led the team in tackles with 50.

GROUND GAME BACK IN TACT

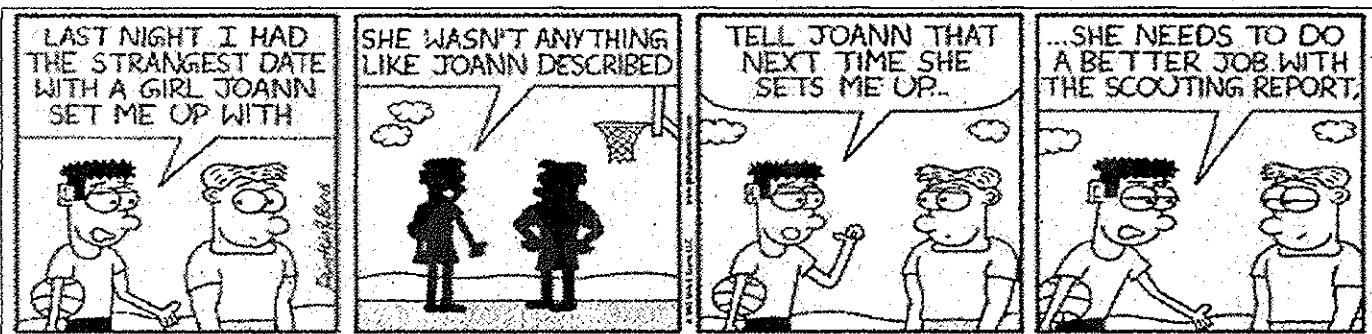
The Penguins had three running backs with more than 10 carries, including quarterback Aaron Marshall who carried the ball 18 times for 30 total yards... P.J. Mays led the team in rushing with 95 yards on 20 carries, just missing the 100-yard mark. Josiah Doby wasn't far behind with 93 yards on just 11 carries and one touchdown, and Mike Burns brought up the rear with 22 yards on 8 carries. He also had a touchdown. In total the Penguins ran the ball 60 times for 244 yards and two touchdowns... 60 of the Penguin's 65 plays were runs, not exactly a balanced offense but we'll take it.

NO QB CONTROVERSY

Freshman QB Aaron Marshall didn't have eye-popping statistics, 2-5 for 17 yards, one TD pass and one interception, but he made plays in key situations and gave the Penguins their largest offensive output since the opening game against Clarion... Marshall's one interception occurred when he was hit while throwing the ball and was necessarily his fault... Marshall's mobility adds another dimension to the Penguin offense and it played a large part in the victory.

STILL RANKED: The Penguins remained ranked 22nd in The Sports Network Top 25 Poll and dropped a spot from 21st to 22nd this week in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. Montana remains on top in both polls.

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