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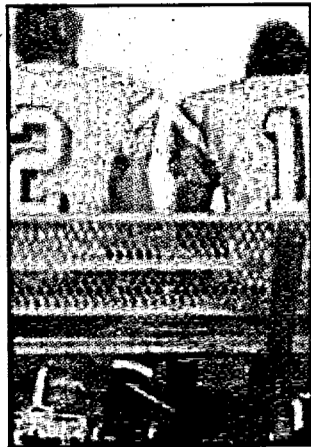
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YSU News

Democratic researcher to speak on 2006 elections

Mark Mellman, will speak on "The 2006 Midterms" How the Democrats Won the Congress". Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. Mellman is the president and chief of the Mellman Group and one of the nation's leading Democratic public opinion researchers and communications strategists.

Jabali returns to YSU

The Africana Studies Program at YSU will celebrate the Seventh Annual Jabali ("the rock" in Swahili) African Culture in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. The keynote speaker is Dolores Sisco, assistant professor of English. Other highlights include dinner, musical entertainment by the Harambee drummers, the African Students union, and a Jazz Ensemble. Dress is semi-formal or African; dinner is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children or students. For more information, call 330-941-3097.

Money, money, money, mon-ay

Campus officials are planning to spend millions to improve buildings and parking

Maysoon Abdelrasul
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After years of Youngstown State University students complaining about parking disasters and no campus life, there might be something in the near future that will silence them.

The multimillion dollar campus improvement project that will address parking concerns and spruce up gloomy buildings has been reduced by \$18 million and students say they are looking for-

ward to overdue improvements.

The proposed initial \$58 million for campus projects was changed to \$40 million at the Trustee meeting Thursday.

Director for the Center of Urban and Regional Studies Hunter Morrison said that there were certain items on the list that can be funded through other sources. More dormitories are necessary and are part of YSU's master plan, but there are more things that are pertinent for this time.

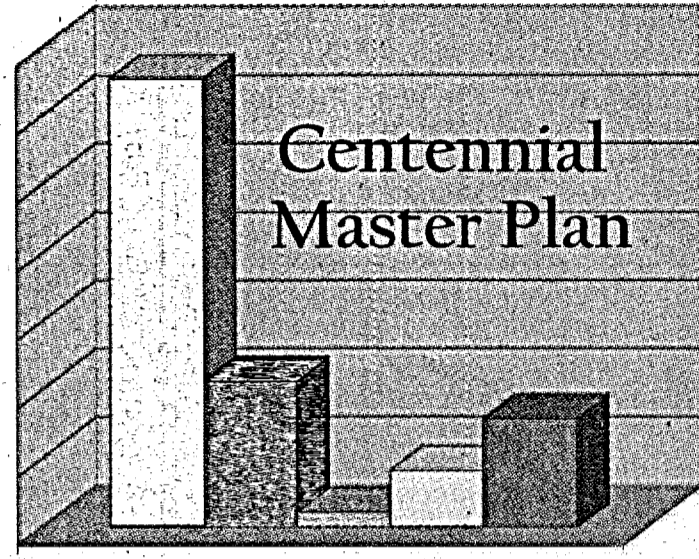
"There are a number of items that can be paid for out of philanthropy gifts," he said.

The M-1 parking garage on Wick Avenue is in good but tired condition, Morrison said. The deck can hold 2,000 cars and needs some basic upgrades, he said.

The plan calls for more lighting and signs to attract people to come to YSU.

The M-2 parking deck's capacity is 1200 cars. He said to completely tear it down and renovate it, would be difficult without having an alternative place to put these cars.

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"Eventually, it has to come down," he said. Campus officials are looking into the most cost-effective way to acquire land for surface parking.

Some YSU students said parking improvements can't come quickly enough.

Junior Justin Waite said that YSU needs to build a whole new parking

deck. "We don't need another paved lot somewhere off in Boardman," said Waite. "We need a new deck right on campus."

Senior Erin Grove said that the parking at YSU is frustrating, especially when there are lots that

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Academic Affairs Funds

Investment type	FY07 - 08 Total
Williamson College	\$26,000,000
Science/Engineering Connector	\$1,000,000
Ward Beecher Upgrades	\$1,000,000
Cushwa Hall Renovations	\$325,000
Maag Library Renovation	\$300,000
Coffelt Hall Conversion	\$1,200,000
Instructional Space Upgrades	\$900,000

Curtain call: Theater Department may part ways with T-Comm program

Jenny Boyce
NEWS REPORTER

Youngstown State University's Theater Department is likely to go its separate way from the telecommunications field after the fall of 2007, according to Director of Theater Frank Castronovo.

"[The Theater Department] is growing in its recognition and its number of students, and we're looking to go our separate way," Castronovo said. "It was an amicable separation."

According to Joseph Edwards, the dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, the primary issue is that the Theater Department needs an identity of its own, as YSU is looking to take the lead of many other U.S. schools whose theater depart-

ments are distinguished separately from other fields.

Castronovo added that most of the programs offered in Fine and Performing Arts are also independent from the Telecommunications Department, and no great changes would be made in a separation.

Edwards said that after a recent visit from the accreditation team, reviewers and creditors strongly suggested that YSU provide the Theater Department with its own identity, which looks to be a smooth transition since the theater program already has a budget separate from the telecommunications program.

"It's not a finished product yet," Edwards said. "If they do [separate], there will be more emphasis on dance, and we'll encourage students who want to, to consider dance as a

minor."

Theater students seem equally optimistic about the possibilities an independent department could offer.

"I don't think there's a lot expected to change, since we're staying in the same building and following the same courses," junior Lori Bailey said. "But it'll be nice to have faculty focused solely on theater in our field, without worrying about non-majors."

Senior Chris Meyers felt an independent route would help to expand the department and possibly present more opportunities for those majoring in theater.

"It probably won't impact us much," Meyers said, "but someday it'd be nice to see more theater-based general curriculum requirements for majors."

CULTURE

Sex or Love: Which side of the bed are you on?

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

Sex is in. In movies, and music, and television. Cosmo built an empire on sex. But sometimes, too much sex is just that. Have Youngstown students ever fallen into the trap of staying in a relationships for the sex?

"Absolutely," says freshman Josh Lambertson, "I mean, don't tell my girlfriend, but yeah, I have." Psychology Professor

Steve Ellyson said that people stay in relationships for all sorts of reasons. "There is something about the physical relationship that in the long run tends to diminish, kind of like a

honeymoon effect where passion simmers down a bit and people have a passionate love that blends into a companionate

love...That kind of red-hot-can't-keep-your-hands-off feeling simmers down over time."

According to Ellyson, there are all sorts of possible reasons for it. "Evolutionary psychologists think that when we get married, we can't get enough of each other and we have a kid. The child needs attention, and it's not going to do well if it doesn't get that attention. Maybe nature planned for a cooling-off so parents could take care of their children.

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YSU

YSU prepares for ban on smoking

Emery Boyle-Scott
NEWS EDITOR

In the haze following Issue 5, John Hyden, executive director of Facilities, is preparing for the smoke to clear. Hyden said that by Thursday, Facilities and Maintenance at Youngstown State University will be removing the cigarette butt containers from outside the entrances of buildings on campus and will be placing them into storage along with posting no smoking signs at all of the entrances to all campus buildings.

Hyden said that YSU has already received a threat of a lawsuit if steps are not taken for campus to make itself legal by Thursday.

YSU is implementing Issue 5, which was passed on Election Day 2006 by Ohio voters. This new law requires "public places" and "places of employment" to be smoke free.

The new law also requires "No Smoking" signs containing a telephone number for reporting violations (1-866-559-OHIO) to be posted and ashtrays and other receptacles to be removed by Thursday.

Monday YSU's Student Government Association passed a resolution recommending to YSU's Facilities and Maintenance Department and the administration that while YSU must act within the confines of the law, YSU should support its smoking students. SGA recommends that YSU institute two designated smoking areas inside the campus core as well as sidewalks adjacent to roadways, including Lincoln Avenue, University Plaza, Spring Street and Elm Street. The SGA resolution recommends that YSU make the walking area directly between Elm Street and the north entrance of Kilcawley Center non-smoking.

John Hyden emphasized that the full effects of this law will not be realized by Thursday, and YSU might need to change its approach to remain lawful. He said YSU is not certain exactly what steps it will take to both cater to all of its students and remain lawful.

YSU

Cold weather hits YSU students

Adrienne Sabo
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, and the idea of going to class looks less and less delightful. With a high of only 31 degrees, Monday was the first day students had to bundle up for the walk across campus to classes.

Youngstown State University sophomore, Shamarian Coleman said, "It's a little too cold." While she didn't break out the gloves and scarves just yet, she said that once spring semester starts she will.

YSU students not only use the traditional methods of hats, scarves and gloves to stay warm, but many cut through other campus buildings to keep warm. Coleman said, "I try to walk through buildings

more."

Graduate student Mike Calzo said that the change in temperature will get worse as winter quickly approaches, so Monday wasn't too cold. He said, "It's annoying, but it's do-able right now."

Richard Black, YSU junior, said that the cold is bearable right now. He said, "Its not necessarily cold yet. I don't mind it. Now in February, it will be cold."

YSU senior Johnise Wilkins is prepared everyday for the cold weather. She said she prepares by bringing a coat everyday. Pointing to her track outfit and winter coat, Wilkins said, "I'm okay. This is what I wear. I bring a coat with me, but I'm okay."

With temperatures expected to stay in the same range as Monday for the rest of the week, the outlook for students walking around campus looks bleak.

How to dress during cold weather

1. Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Trapped air between the layers will insulate you. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded.
2. Wear a hat, because 40 percent of your body heat can be lost from your head.
3. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
4. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.
5. Try to stay dry and out of the wind.

National Weather Service

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always seem to need repairs every summer.

According to the Centennial Master Plan, approximately \$8 million will go toward campus parking and gateways.

Another large part of the plan is the reconfiguration of Kilcawley House, Kilcawley Center, and University Plaza. The total set aside for Student Life is about \$10 million.

Morrison said Kilcawley Center has offices and conference rooms and it is supposed to the center for student life. He said it is really not just a gathering place for students and the goal is to make it that.

"Compared with sister institutions, it is not a contemporary attractive student center," he said.

Colleges like University of Akron and Cleveland State are investing millions of dollars to renovate their universities.

He said those schools are YSU's competitors and YSU needs to enhance its campus to be an attractive choice to students.

REVIEW

Buzz-worthy punks explode with emo-esque emotion

Brian Cetina
DESIGN EDITOR

Brand New, the buzz-worthy Long Island punk band with a flair for drama, are so good they render musical terms like "emo" completely useless - when isn't good music emotional? The group reaches new heights in expressing inner turmoil on its third album.

The release of "The Devil and God are Raging Inside Me" arrived almost three years after the band's last album. Brand New released "Deja Entendu" in 2003 and has continued to expand its sound from its early pop-punk/emo origins to something much denser and darker. Brand New's earlier work was adored by fans for capturing the epic feelings of the small moments in life.

Just listen to the pathos of singer Jesse Lacey on Track 3, the modestly titled "Jesus Christ." "Well, Jesus Christ, I'm alone again/What did you do those three days you were dead?/Cause this problem is gonna last more than the weekend." With lyrics like this, they've become a deeper, emotional band.

Fortunately, the band backs up its otherworldly angst with an equal level of sonic boom. While most alternative rock bands are well versed in dramatic instrumental dynamics, perfected by the Pixies and Nirvana, Brand New takes it to new extremes. "Degausser" starts off with a quietly pulsating bass (think Joy Division), then builds to what sounds like a hundred-voice chorus chanting "take it all and swallow." On the other hand, "Limousine" descends from the start, then rebuilds layer upon layer of guitar swells, crashing drums and distortion. Pure amazement.

Many of these artfully rendered songs are tightly wound affairs, based around guitar arpeggios and coiled beats that slowly stretch forward for minutes at a time. Meanwhile, Lacey's yearning lyrics display his keen intelligence and emotional insight, as his plaintive vocals toggle between a dusty shiver and an anguished wail.

If there's one complaint here (excluding the grand ones made by Lacey himself), it's the lack of one killer song or hook that pulls the record together. While the first single "Sowing Season (Yeah)" is powerfully vindictive ("I'm not your friend/I'm not your lover/I'm not your family"), the tension and anger overwhelm any sense of melody.

Many a punk band is striving for a more mature sound these days, but that usually just means it pens the same troubled tales in the past tense. That's not the case here. With "The Devil," Lacey's lyrics have become increasingly poetic, opting for the abstract over the obvious.

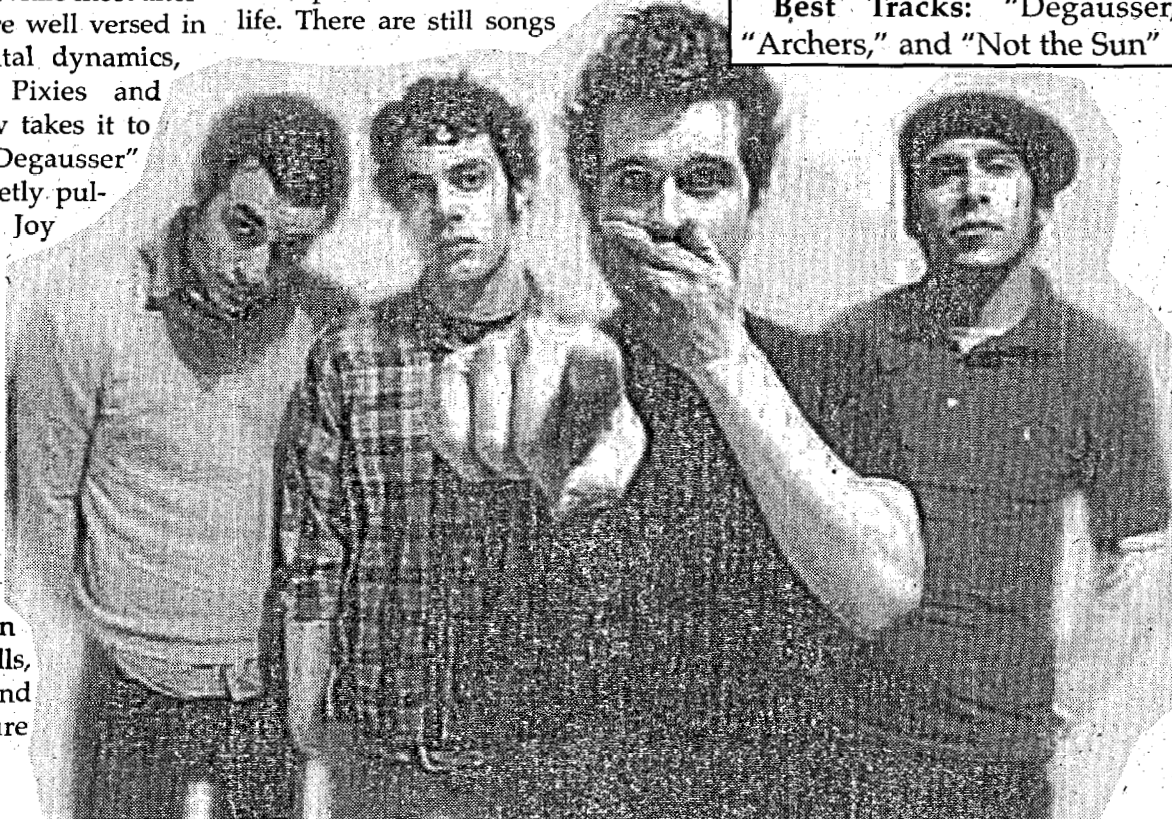
While earlier songs by the band, like "Jude Law and A Semester Abroad," were blatantly bitter send-offs to ex-girlfriends, new tracks like "Archers" and lead single "Sowing Season" deal with subjects like paranoia, politics and the after-life. There are still songs

about love and girls, but just like life, there are more subjects to touch on after high school.

Brand New certainly didn't have a sophomore slump. "Deja Entendu," was highly acclaimed, and "The Devil" is the next step in that progression, with the band shredding almost all elements of the dreaded emo tag. Brand New melds all its influences to a sound that is, well, brand new - all while still sounding like itself. Even with abstract lyrics, Brand New still finds the direct line to your heart. Lacey's lyrics will creep up in the slow songs and hit you hard on the rockers. "No matter what they say, I am still the king," Lacey sings on the ominously layered "Degausser." The message is clear: Brand New is back to reign. With a batch of songs like these it will be hard to argue.

But if you give "The Devil and God are Raging Inside Me" enough time to get its hooks into you, don't be surprised if Brand New suddenly becomes one of your favorite new bands.

Rating: 4 out of 5
Sounds Like: Taking Back Sunday, Saves the Day, Action Reaction.
Best Tracks: "Degausser," "Archers," and "Not the Sun"



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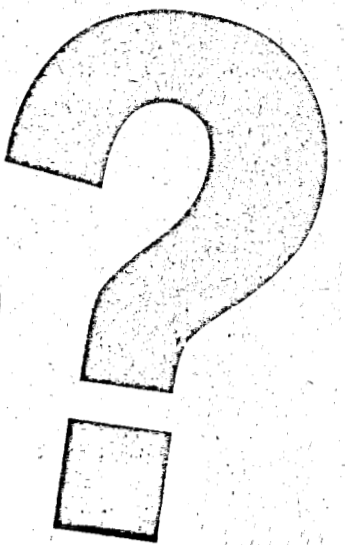
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Team unity Is it really worth it?



Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

What you can learn from eighth grade gym class: More than just dodge ball

Jake Glavies
Since junior high everyone's heard the same tired coach-talk about teamwork: "There is no 'I' in team," "The team that plays together stays together" and so on until the sprints and cone drills are done.

This is about the time of practice when you tilt your head back and start thinking about the last movie you saw.

But wait, what if the cheesy team shirts proclaiming "If you can't pass, you can't play" were right, and the "chosen ones" can't do it on their own?

Then we better pull out those vintage duds and see what our old football coach can teach us.

To play a game a coach needs players, and to get players a coach has to recruit, so the recruiting trail is where to start.

For Matt Anderson, Youngstown State University head swimming and diving coach, recruiting is a way to bring in new talent and, more importantly, like-minded athletes.

"I believe that to build a team you have

to have the right personalities - as much or more so - than the right talent. Because if [they] can't work together, then they're not going to get better," he said.

According to Ian Birky, director of counseling services at Lehigh University, if a coach can bring the right players together, he or she may have to do very little team building afterward.

Not every coach can be in such an ideal situation though; this is where the squad has to work at the most basic aspect of sports - existing as a team.

Why even make an attempt though?

As Birky points out, a

“Team unity isn't always necessary for winning, but it's usually more enjoyable to be part of a winning team that has unity.”

Dr. Ian Birky, Lehigh University Sports psychology expert

team may not need to be united to succeed, but sometimes it helps.

"Team unity isn't always necessary for winning, but it's usually more enjoyable to be part of a winning team that has unity," he said.

Then why not just go to meetings, go to practice, compete and go home?

If playing without unity nets the same result as playing with it - a win - then why do teams care?

They care because Walter "Sweetness" Payton did, bra-baring Brandy Chastain did, and gold-en-footed Michael Johnson did.

Caring about your team is what everyone's always done, so that's what every team has to do.

Caring about team is important, but what do athletes and coaches do to create it?

The Penguin football team builds unity by spending countless hours preparing for games, according to Coach Jon Heacock.

"It's somewhat of a natural thing. They [the players] spend so much time together through the week lifting, [playing] games, [attending] practices, and in the locker room. Those things just naturally have that ability to help you build a team."

Other coaches take a more proactive approach. According to Velissa Vaughn, a sophomore on the women's basketball team, coach Tisha Hill is more unorthodox in her style of readying the girls for the hardwood.

"We worked out with the ROTC a couple times ... we tied ropes around our legs and made a harness and then we had to climb upside down ... it was kind of a thing where we had to depend on each other," Vaughn said.

To form the kind of bond Montana had with Rice and Jordan had with Pippen, it's going to take more than climbing walls and spotting someone on the squat rack; this is where all the miles of running, hours of practice and gallons of dripping sweat come into play.

R.D.

Goodright, a junior

on the YSU cross country and track teams, sees the sore muscles, worn-through tennis shoes and sopping wet sweat bands as a force that unifies the team.

"When you experience a certain amount of hard workouts together it just kind of bonds you that way," he said.

But when the muscles heal, the tennis shoes are replaced and the sweat bands are wrung out, team unity comes down to one thing: can you hang after practice?

If you can, the team will reap the benefits of those friendships.

A bond can form by trash talking over a few videogames or making a late night Taco Bell run.

"Everybody pretty much hangs out within the team ... We always eat dinner together and on the weekends we head out to see a dollar movie or bowling. Stuff like that," Goodright said.

In reality, though, does running sprints and playing a couple hours of PS2 really help the team?

Probably not says Dr. Jeff Bryson, a psychology professor at San Diego State University and an expert in sports psychology.

"There's probably more effort expended on this than necessary. But then who is to say how much is enough? Better to do too much than too little," he said.

Even more, Birky adds that coaches and athletes go to such great lengths to build camaraderie in hopes that it will result in a win. And if team unity can better the chances of getting another "W" then it's worth a try.

According to softball player McKenzi Bedra individual talent can only take a team so far and after that it's all about playing for who's around you.

"Last year ... everyone got along really well both on and off the field, which is a huge plus. That led us to winning games, but it was because of our team chemistry. We had talent all along, but we came together as a unit at the end, and that helped a lot," she said.



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Primed to take the field the Youngstown State University football team stands at the ready as behind Head Coach Jon Heacock prepares to lead the team out. The team enters and exits the field, at each home game, as a group to show unity and commitment to team.

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OUR SIDE

Classroom seating should build brain muscles, not butt calluses

Students need tools to succeed, from notebooks, pens and pencils to quality lectures, assignments and textbooks. But what if the most effective tool is right under our feet, or more accurately, right under our butts.

One of Youngstown State University's own, a doctoral graduate, Maureen Donofrio, did research about the environment within the classroom. Donofrio's research shows that students perform better with comfortable chairs and desks in their classrooms than with the traditional, uncomfortable, desk-armed, right angle chairs.

Donofrio's research focused on the impact of uncomfortable furniture on students in middle school. She found that the discomfort in the classroom leads to distractions, a loss of student concentration, and lessened academic achievement in youth. The youth of our nation learn much in the same way that college students do. We don't think it is much of a stretch to say that college-aged students must be affected by inadequate classroom equipment as easily and severely as younger students are.

Most of YSU's generic classrooms are filled with the hard-backed, 90-degree chairs with tiny, one-sided desks attached. Specialized locations, like laboratory settings, have other equipment tailored for the specific purpose of the room, such as computers and rolling desk chairs.

It seems true, at middle schools, and at YSU, that purchasers haven't considered health and comfort as a high priority for classroom equipment. Donofrio suggests price and ease of storage, or "stackability," are high priorities when furniture is chosen. As YSU undergoes its continual improvements, it would be a good idea to prioritize student health and comfort in the classroom.

Students have the opportunity to learn, and as the graduating class of Fall 2006 displays, YSU is doing a fine job. But YSU undergoes continual improvement, and in such a spirit, YSU should take the initiative and investigate innovative ways to provide all of its students with the best service possible.

But maybe, when it all comes due, we should just set our sights on the little things: working projector equipment, enough functioning seats in the classroom, and a piece of chalk, or a dry erase pen.

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COMMENTARY

AIDS isn't simple, neither are solutions

Christopher Ott
(MCT)

The simplest thing to understand on World AIDS Day this Dec. 1 is a single grim statistic: In the 25 years since the first reported cases of AIDS, 25 million people have died of the disease.

Unfortunately, it's getting worse.

Although rates of growth have slowed, HIV infections are still spreading. A just-released report from the United Nations and the World Health Organization shows 4.3 million people became infected in 2006 alone.

Nearly half the world's 40 million people with HIV are women, and 2.3 million are children. Most infections today occur in Africa, but rates have skyrocketed in places like

Eastern Europe as well.

For a problem this vast and complex, there are no simple solutions. The disease is taking a terrible toll, despite what is being done right. That makes the things that are being done wrong inexcusable.

One of them is the Bush administration's broad, misguided emphasis on abstinence-till-marriage education. This approach omits and, in some cases, blocks information about other options.

Domestically, the federal government announced in October it would expand support for abstinence programs for teenagers to include 20-year-olds to 29-year-olds.

Abstinence can certainly work, but the problem is that people don't always abstain, despite the best of intentions. They never have. And we have to acknowledge that fact when

a deadly virus is in circulation.

Unless abstinence is combined with information on other prevention options, people are left uneducated about how to protect themselves.

This is bad enough at home, but it's even worse abroad.

Billions of dollars in American spending on AIDS — approved in 2003 — are weighed down by a requirement that at least 33 percent be spent on programs that promote abstinence-till-marriage as the only way to stop the spread of the disease.

But a simplistic abstinence-till-marriage approach is not enough.

Women who lack educational opportunities and financial independence can find themselves unable to say no to husbands who are already infected. As a result, rates of HIV infection among married women are

climbing in some countries, such as Thailand and India.

The United States also denies funding to proven programs, such as efforts to educate commercial sex workers about prevention. Similarly, our government blocks funds to family planning programs that mention abortion as an option, even if no American dollars are used. These programs could provide vital HIV education, if only we let them.

On World AIDS Day 2006, let's recognize that the AIDS pandemic is a complicated, fast-moving, worldwide problem. Imposing narrow ideological views is not a solution.

And let's hope that our new leaders in Congress stop wasting money, time and, ultimately, lives on moralistic wishful thinking.

Readers throw in their two cents

Andrew Cassel
The Philadelphia Inquirer
(MCT)

I argued recently that the one-cent coin has outlived its usefulness. It's a burden not only to millions of trouser pockets, but also to the U.S. taxpayer, since each penny now costs roughly 1.75 cents to mint.

Many readers agree, and some even have their own personal coin-reform programs. Ed Naratil writes: "For many years now my pockets get emptied of change every evening into a jar. ... About every two months I roll up the change and take them to my local bank where I exchange it for half dollars and dollar coins.

"I never carry one-dollar bills. The smallest I carry are two-dollar bills (which) I get in packets of 100. I've been doing this for years. In fact some clerks don't use my name; they just call me 'funny money.'"

Others simply put up with it, though a penny saved seems like a complete waste of time. Jim Tanney Jr. writes:

"I detest the penny. I buy a 20-ounce coffee at 7-Eleven

every morning. It costs \$1.27. I usually have a quarter and take two cents from their little penny collector on the counter. If it is empty, I take my lumps, give them two bucks and leave the three pennies from my change ...

"(At Blockbuster) for whatever reason, it costs \$4.76 to rent a new movie. Give me a break. I usually try to take a penny in with me. Sometimes, if I forget, a daring clerk will give me a quarter change from my fiver.

"Those who never dare are State Store workers ... I think these clerks live in abject fear of losing a penny. I often leave my pennies, but I have never been offered a penny when my bill is \$15.01. They give me \$4.99 from my twenty."

"If we go to the nickel as the smallest denomination, will the merchants all raise their prices, now calibrated in cents, to the next highest nickel? You bet they will," writes John Rooney.

Adds Ralph Swift: "I live in New Jersey where the sales tax is 7 percent. Scrapping the penny would only benefit the politicians who set tax policy

and the retailers who collect the sales tax.

"If I make a \$1 purchase, I pay seven cents sales tax. Do away with the penny and the tax will be rounded to 10 cents. Small change, perhaps, but meaningful to the consumer."

I have to admit that last argument had me puzzled. Even if you do all your shopping in those wonderfully lively and chaotic places called dollar stores, do all your purchases come out to exactly \$1 (before tax)?

What happens when you get a bill for \$1.59? Your 7 percent sales tax is precisely 11.13 cents. Do you offer the store an IOU for thirteen-one hundredths of a cent?

As for prices rolling up inexorably toward the next-highest nickel in the absence of pennies, I'm skeptical.

Think of all those price tags that end in ".99." That's called "strategic pricing" and it's done for a reason: Consumers mentally round down, and somehow we're more willing to buy if something's priced at \$4.99 than at \$5.

Suppose the penny disap-

peared, and merchants had to round down to ".95." Do you think they'd give up strategic pricing rather than swallow the four-cent difference?

But you a nickel they wouldn't.

But the strangest case for keeping the penny came from reader Darrel Morton, who cites the impact on jobs at the Philadelphia Mint.

"Even though every survey shows the public still supports making the penny, you propose the opposite which would likely affect the livelihoods of hundreds of Philadelphia Mint employees," Morton wrote.

Well, OK — although some of the extra tax dollars paid to subsidize the penny also come from the pockets of Philadelphians.

But if local job-preservation is your goal, why not have Washington resume minting half-pennies, two- and three-cent pieces and all the other coins we've abandoned over the years?

Makes cents to me: ...

YSU

Local band combines genres to fill vacuum

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

The band Audion is a lot of things, not the least of which is "easy to categorize." With hugely diverse backgrounds, the members of the band have come together for the past two years to create a sound that brings them together and makes them, "musicians, not just guys who play instruments," so says guitarist Shaun Brown.

Standing at over six feet tall, with a background in semi-pro wrestling, lead singer "Hoss" has a surprisingly smooth and soulful voice, bringing his gospel upbringing to the mic. While drummer "D-rock" has the driving intensity of the punk that's influenced him. Guitarist Brown's favorite blues legend, Stevie Ray Vaughn, guides his inspiration. Bassist Alan has jazz guiding his fingers, and the other guitar player, Kurtis, lets metal lead his licks.

Slamming in-between southern rock, grunge and metal, Audion's creative scope is expanding as well. "Lately we've been writing together as a band, it brings together our creative juices."

Audion's first experience with other bands was at the now-defunct Bad Apple and playing at The Cellar with Danko Jones.

"We've played in Cleveland and Cincinnati, Akron... We're hoping to play in Kent, too."

We really want to get our sound out," said Brown.

For being around for two years, Audion has played with a lot of local talent. "Intention" was from Florida, they were really nice guys with incredible music. Disowned, from Cleveland, Asleep, Tilt 360, Grey Dealer, Relic. Via Sahara is one of my favorite local bands."

Audion must have friends in strange places, because apparently one of their tracks made it to the radio in Nashville. "We knew a guy who took our demo down there, and I guess they played us as an unsigned band," said Brown.

The band's luck took a turn for the better this Halloween, when they played at the "Hell at the Cellar" concert. "It went over really well," enthused Brown. "Third Arm Promotions heard us. They print tickets, and give them to us, and then we sell them, and they take a small cut, but

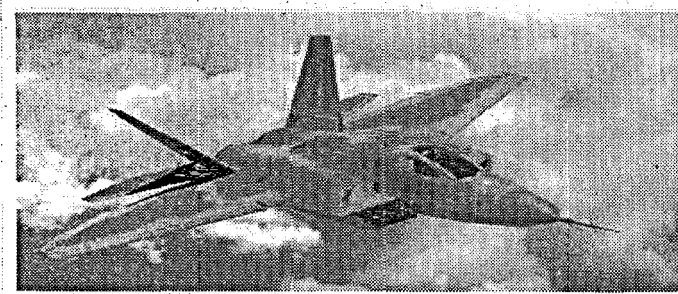
leave the bigger part to us. They're thinking about paying for us to go into the studio." Brown expounds on the studio the band and Third Arm Productions is considering, "It's Mind Rocket Studios. They're inexpensive, but they turn out such an amazing product." Brown considers them recording geniuses.

Audion joined the mySpace revolution in June 2005, and haven't looked back since. "There was almost a small legal issue," Brown smirked. "Apparently there was a techno artist in the UK using the name Audion." The artist has a copyright over his entire name, instead of just 'Audion.'

But what's the deal with the name anyway? "An audion is a vacuum tube in radios that create reception to broadcast audio waves," explains Brown. "When television was invented, the audion saved radio. We think that what we're doing is bringing something new to Youngstown radio."

Audion is playing a show Saturday December 23 at Barley's. It is an 18 + show, tickets are \$5, or \$7 at the door. The show starts at 9 pm and features Grey Dealer and special guests.

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Maag library to celebrate 30th birthday

Laura Neely
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's William F. Magg Jr. Library is named after the late editor and publisher of The Vindicator and will celebrate its 30th birthday Dec. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the library lobby. "I think it's an exciting time, people can take note of all the changes in the last 30 years," says Jan Schnall, Associate Director of Information Services.

A display showing the library's history and prizes,

and a birthday cake are planned to celebrate the library's three decades on campus. "We are coming up on the centennial and we wanted to take advantage of that by tying in the fact that Maag has reached a milestone as well," said Paul Kobulnicky, the executive of the library.

"I think the event needs to be recognized and celebrated, the library has improved since then," said Ana Bobby, the manager of Library Operations.

The history of YSU's library dates to the start of the college in 1908, when

the library was nothing more than a reading area in the YMCA law school in downtown Youngstown. In 1931, the new main building, later known as Jones Hall, opened on the corner of Lincoln and Wick avenues. The library occupied one room on the main floor. When the collection out-grew the space, the library moved to the building's fourth floor attic.

In 1953, after extensive fund-raising, the library moved to a new facility in what is now Tod Hall, where it remained until the \$6.64 million, six-floor Maag

Library opened in 1976. Constructed on the site of the old East Hall, the 150,000-square-foot library was in some ways the crowning jewel of a campus building boom that started with YSU becoming a public university in 1967. The new library had space for 485,000 volumes and seating for 1,600 students.

"We want people to be aware of the changes that have taken place over the last 30 years as far as accessing information," says Kobulnicky.

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Students find security in their childhood belongings

Renee Hardman
REPORTER

Blankets, pillows and teddy bears aren't just for children. In fact, these childhood belongings seem to follow their owners throughout their lives. Several Youngstown State University students still have their memories sitting right on their dorm room beds, or go to great lengths to be with them.

Senior Erin Rowan, 22, who lives on campus, has a white "blankie" that she left at home earlier this semester. One night when Rowan was particularly stressed, she called her mom and made her UPS her blanket to her.

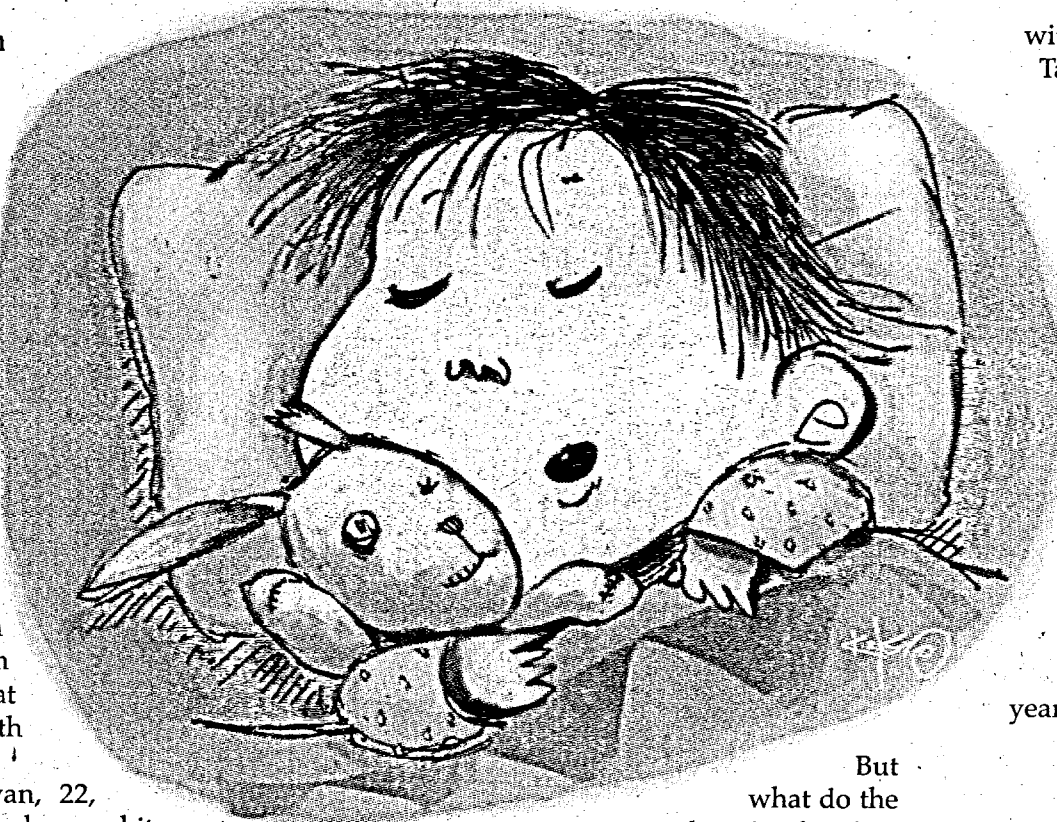
She also made her mom get insurance on the blanket, in case it was lost.

Junior Jason Lisko, 20, has a white blanket with cars on it that his grandmother made for him. Lisko uses his blanket every night to cover him while he sleeps.

"When I went to Kettering College to visit my buddy over the summer, I took my blanket and a pillow," Lisko said. "There are holes in it and I love it."

Senior Lindsay Lemke, 22, has a medium-sized brown bear named Coco.

"I've had Coco since I was seven and I make sure that I have her every night to cuddle with when I go to bed," Lemke said. "I would die if anyone threw Coco away."



with a Tasmanian devil named "Little Taz."

"If I'm in my room I can't sleep without it," Daniels said. "I'm not embarrassed of it, I'm keeping it forever."

Sophomore Alex Rokicki, 19, has a white Puffalump.

"I have had her since I was two, and I got her from 'Santa.' As lame as it sounds, I love her," Rokicki said. "I sleep with her every night. She smells really good and, for some reason, reminds me of home."

Senior Megan Chianese also has a Puffalump that is a yellow baby chick; she calls it "Chickie." "I keep it in my drawer after years of sleeping with it every night," Chianese said. "I love it and I don't think I'll ever throw it away."

Whether the students formed emotional attachments to their blankies and bears, or just keep them as a reminder of home, they all agreed on one thing: ain't no shame in it.

But what do the students' families think of their beloveds?

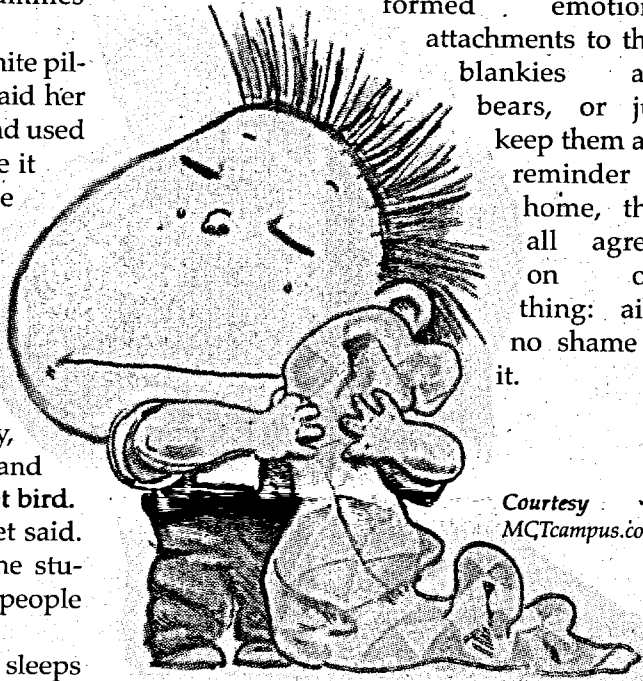
Freshman Stacy Rhoads, 18, has a white pillow with a blue kitten on it. Rhoads said her family endlessly made fun of pillow, and used to tell her that they were going to take it and "burn it for days." Even though she used to sleep with it every night, Rhoads hid her pillow in her closet last year.

"It took me a long time to adjust without it," Rhoads said.

A police cadet, who refused to be named, had a green "blankie." One day, the cadet's parents took the blanket and used it as a bird cage cover for their pet bird.

"I was next to devastated," the cadet said. "Definitely traumatized." However, the students don't seem to care what other people think about their prized possessions.

Sophomore Anthony Daniels, 23, sleeps



Courtesy of MCTcampus.com

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GIFTS

All I Want For Christmas...

Diane Platten
CONTRIBUTOR

If Youngstown State University students get the hot items they've added to their Christmas lists this year, they'll be cruising into 2007 with style.

"All I want for Christmas is a Jeep Liberty or Landrover from an anonymous secret admirer paid in full," said 20-year-old YSU student Jessica Speece.

Speece also said she would like an iPod, preferably with the songs already loaded.

Jessica Morris said she wants a black 2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse with a sunroof and a spoiler on the trunk, but her odds aren't good, so she asked for something Santa can fit in his sleigh.

"I just asked for two tickets to a Clay Aiken concert," she said.

Clarence Howell wants a red Ford Mustang with a light brown interior. If he doesn't get that, Howell said he is hoping for an Xbox 360 because his is broken.

Journalism major Chelsea Pflugh, said she wants a size medium black Sidney Crosby jersey because she cannot find a medium anywhere. She is hoping that her parents might find it and buy it for her at the Pittsburgh Sports Store.

"I want my parents to buy it for me because I'm not paying \$200 for it!"

Twenty-year-old Courtney Pack said, "I'm an easy shop." Pack said she wants something practical that she can use like a Giant Eagle card or a gas card.

Jim Lewis, a political science major, said he wants the James Bond DVD set from his girlfriend.

In the Stores Thomas Yuricek works at J.C. Penney Co. Inc. at the Eastwood Mall in the shoe department. He said the shoe department is selling a lot of casual dress shoes right now for holiday parties and other formal events, but said tennis shoes would be the big sellers around Christmas. People like to buy sneakers

as gifts, he said. Yuricek said there are a lot of shoplifters this time of year.

"We aren't allowed to do anything unless we see them take the item, even if we know they have it."

Wilson Okello is a YSU student and employee at Target in Boardman. This is his first year in retail.

Okello works as a runner on the sales floor primarily in the home, electronics, and health and beauty areas. He said he is anticipating electronics as the big sellers this year.

Okello said game systems have done really well and will continue to do so throughout the holiday season.

Okello worked Black Friday but said, "I think I missed a lot of the chaos," because he did not work until 6 pm. He is bracing for his first busy holiday season.

"Being that our society is so materialistic, I can see it being busy."

Hot holiday games:

Mike Schiller
POPMATTERS.COM
(MCT)

"Gears of War": Xbox 360
(Microsoft) \$59.99

The next-gen game wars are on. Tech-junkies want the PS3, casual and family gamers want a Wii, and then, there's a quiet faction of gamers sitting back and smiling while people fight over the two flavors of the month, content in their belief that the Xbox 360 will outshine the other two in good time. The first sign of such dominance? None other than "Gears of War," the end result of what can happen when a system is given a year-long head start over its primary competitors. "Gears of War" simply "feels" like everything a next-generation title should, from the intricacy of the graphics to the brilliantly-designed cooperative play mode to the elements of horror that permeate every single byte, it feels like more than just a game. Quite simply, it's exactly what "next-gen" "should" be.

"Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Kubricks"
(Rockstar Games) \$35.99

The mere existence of a product like this is bound to have you feeling warm and fuzzy for the holidays. Have you ever seen a "Kubrick"? It's like a little posable Lego dude, painted up to look like a given character. Tommy Vercetti is bound to be a popular figure, but even more popular will be one Ms. Candi Suxx, the adult film star here given endowments worthy of Picasso. If your target gamer has every game he or she could ever want, if the Playstation 3 is hopelessly sold out, then think of these Kubricks as an investment - maybe by next year they'll be going for exorbitant prices on eBay. Besides, the fully-posable nature of the figures means that you're only a step away from modeling Hot Coffee, "Vice City"-style... and who wouldn't want that?

Top 5 Christmas movies



Rudolph



A Christmas Story



A Christmas Carol



How the Grinch Stole Christmas



A Charlie Brown Christmas

Health sciences honorary sponsored World AIDS Day activities at YSU

Ashley Tate
REPORTER

World AIDS Day is observed every year on Dec. 1. This year, Youngstown State University's Eta Sigma Gamma, a national health sciences honorary, chose to promote AIDS prevention in "hang-out spot" Kilcawley Center, according to President Margaret Beniston.

Community health senior Natalie Finamore said the colorful posters Eta Sigma Gamma hung in Kilcawley advertise World AIDS Day to draw people in. The games and prizes are a nice incentive too, she added.

"I think it opens people's eyes up to AIDS and sexual protection. We also have free condoms," Finamore said.

Eta Sigma Gamma offered

pamphlets on HIV facts and sexually transmitted diseases, information on HIV testing, and a sexual exposure chart.

The chart explains how many people an individual is exposed to if his or her partner has the same number of partners as the individual. For example, if a person has four partners, then he or she is exposed to 15 people.

There was also free swab testing done on the second floor by a Task Force division person.

Beniston said the reason for the program is to inform people about HIV prevention and awareness. She said they also wanted to have something to go along with World AIDS Day.

"We want to educate everyone on campus about HIV and our goal is to raise \$1,000 so we can send five kids to camp," Beniston said.

Beniston said she is very excited about this camp - Camp Sunrise - because it's important

to World AIDS Day, and the day in itself is very important.

Camp Sunrise is a non-profit organization that targets HIV/AIDS services in Youngstown, Toledo, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus in order to help children who are

affected.

In order to raise the \$1,000, the organization sold red silicone bracelets with "Prevent HIV/AIDS" engraved on them for \$1 each.

Beniston said the camp is for kids to spend a week together and not worry or feel different just because they have AIDS.

According to literature the Jambar received from health professions professor Kathleen Akpom, the camp provides AIDS-diagnosed children with the opportunity to have fun in an environment free from the social stigma that is usually associated with having AIDS.

It also provides them the chance to master new skills and develop friendships through play, art, drama, games and the traditional camp activities.



"We want to educate everyone on campus about HIV and our goal is to raise \$1,000 so we can send five kids to camp,

Margaret Beniston



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That's just one possibility. It helps explain why the fire of passion has a lifespan that's predictable."

Senior Edwina Baier simply laughed at the question, and said with her friend Shanna Richards agreeing that she's never stayed in the a relationship for that. "No. The sex has never been that good."

Student Sam Silbe carefully considered. "There's got to be more perks than just sex... Can she do my taxes too? Or how about cooking?"

Ellyson said one of the biggest dangers of staying for physical reason is that the passion subsides. If there's nothing else to fall back on, if they're not fun to be with, or a great friend, if there is no trust, then there's not a lot of reasons to stay in a relationship.

It sparked a bit of a discussion as a group of students passed around pizza and sandwiches at Inner Circle. "If a person isn't being deceived, why is it wrong? If he puts on a front, it's wrong. If everyone's on the same page... I think it's okay," says junior Katie Papay.

Richards disagreed. "Sex without any feeling behind it isn't that good anyway."

Baier seemed confused. "Should it be? Aren't you putting constraints on it?"

Ellyson explained that the social expectation is that "sex is for men".

"Women don't have to have an orgasm

to have children, but men do. In some cultures, women do their wifely duties, what they have to do to fill their role. Then Masters and Johnson came along in the 50's and 60's and studied changes in plumbing during sexual acts, and found that women are capable of multiple orgasms and men aren't.

"Men are hydraulic," Ellyson continued, "women have possibility of more sexual pleasure by a single act. But if you go back to evolutionary thought, women carry the baby and have a greater investment. They have one egg a month, from menstruation to menopause, which is less than 40 years to reproduce. Even if you multiply that out... men have billions of sperm a day."

Senior Beth Farrow thought about it all for a few minutes. "I don't think I've ever stayed with someone for sex." She thought for a moment. "No, nope I don't think so!"

Sitting next to Farrow in class, Andrew Golubic, a senior, leaned in to confide his story. "It happens though. Sometimes, because it's convenient or comfortable. I knew these two people... they pretty much hated each other. It was easy from his point of view. He'd call, she'd come over, then leave. One time she rode a bus from Cleveland to Erie just to have sex with him, and left the same night."

Ellyson wants students to know the

physical risks don't just lie in HIV and AIDS, but that there are other sexually transmitted infections. He insists he's not telling people to have or not have sex, but that they should do so intelligently.

"You put on seat belt," he said reasonably, "and don't expect an accident, but it's good to have one. You use contracep-

tives for the same reasons."

Psychology 2692 discusses all this and a lot, lot more, according to Ellyson, and fulfills Personal social responsibility, so "Have sex twice a week in Human Sexuality next semester," he encouraged laughing.

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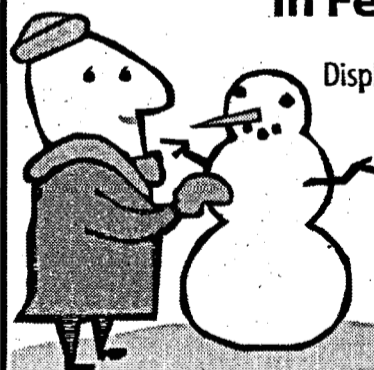
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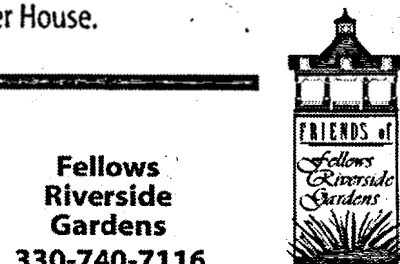
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James Terry is our "Jambar Penguin Player of the Game" for his performance in YSU's 28-21 victory over the Illinois State University Redbirds.

This is Terry's first Player of the Game Award, and first for a linebacker this season.

The junior finished the day with six

tackles, tied for second on the team, and a game saving interception in the fourth quarter which he returned 8 yards.

Season stats: 67 tackles; 10 tackles-for-loss; 5 sacks; 1 interception; 4 pass break-ups; 3 forced fumbles; 2 fumble recoveries

FOOTBALL

Defense holds on for hard fought win over ISU

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

With a 28-7 lead heading into the fourth quarter of Saturday's rubber match against Illinois State, the Youngstown State University defense was in celebration mode.

And they had good reason to be.

The team put a few wrinkles in the game plan to throw off their Gateway Conference rival, and in the early going they worked.

"You've got to find some new ways to do what you do. We tried to change a few formations and change a few gaps. There was a play or two in there that was probably a little bit different," Head Coach Jon Heacock said. "But really [we] just stuck to doing what we do."

Aside from a first quarter touchdown from ISU quarterback Luke Drone to wide out Laurent Robinson, the Penguin defense had the field on lock down.

The secondary was taking sure points off the board by taking the ball away from the Redbirds.

Cornerback

Codera Jackson snagged his fourth interception of the year deep in Penguin territory, and free safety Dorian Chenault followed suite by grabbing one of his own in the middle of the end zone.

While the YSU secondary held the passing game in check the linebackers and down linemen did what they could to slow second team All-Gateway Conference running back Pierre Rembert.

Although the front seven allowed Rembert to gain 89 yards through the first three quarters, they were able to keep him out of the end zone and limit the tailback to just one catch.

But this is only half, or more like three quarters, of the story.

With the game seemingly in hand and only 15 minutes

left to play, the YSU defense dropped the ball and allowed the Redbirds to recover and almost fly away with it.

Two quick scores by the ISU offense, divided by only a Marty Hutchinson interception and a fumble by Marcus Mason, left the defense fighting for its life with the score 28-21 and just three minutes left in the game.

"Illinois State's a good team and ... coach told us that if we were up they could come back at any time. They have an explosive offense and Drone likes to get his guys the ball ... They're play makers," senior cornerback Jason Perry said.

After the offense's third three-and-out of the quarter the defense again took the field looking

to stop Illinois State the way they had James Madison, Southern Illinois and Western Illinois earlier this year.

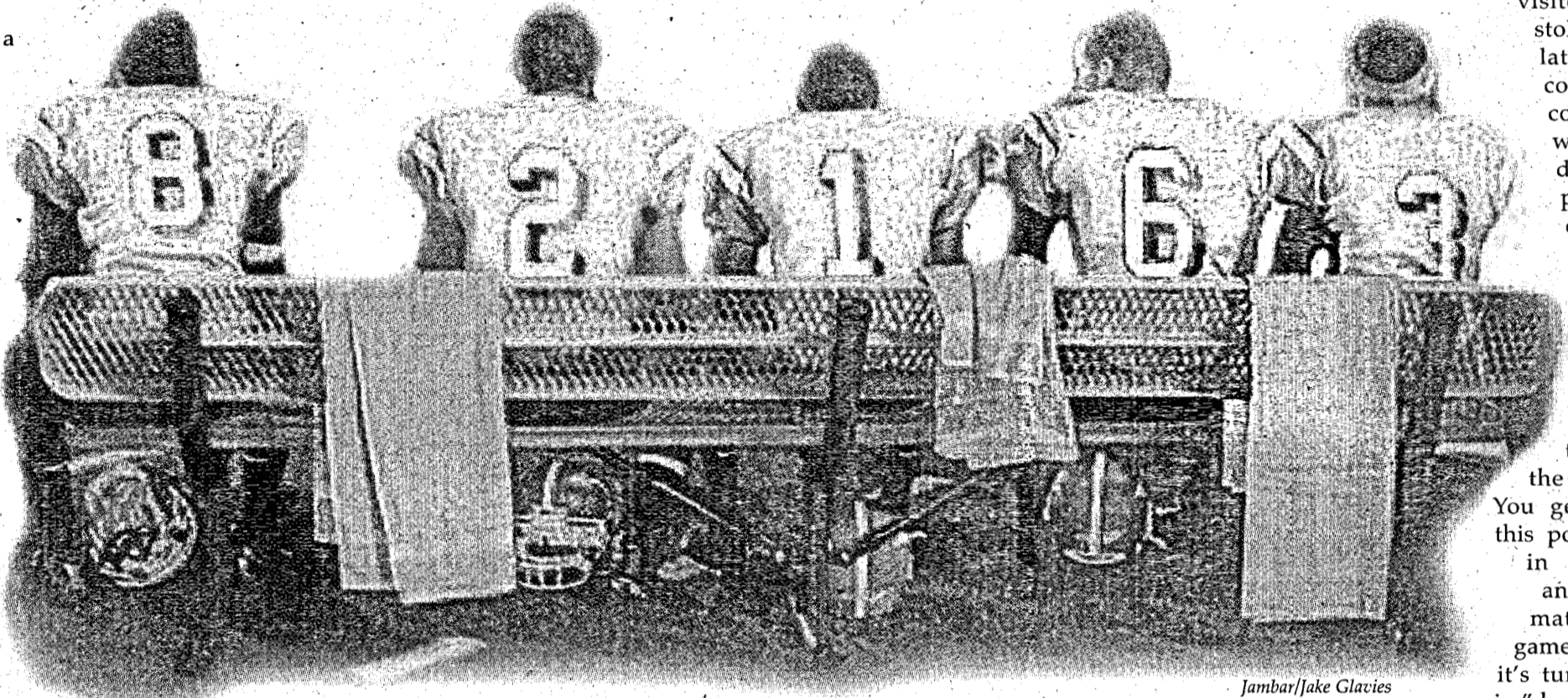
Youngstown's big break came when linebacker James Terry snatched a Luke Drone pass out of the sky at the Illinois 21-yard line. The play ended the Redbirds drive and season.

The team totaled four takeaways on interceptions - two of which resulted in a short field - to the Redbirds' one fumble recovery.

Terry's game saving interception, which allowed YSU to hold on for a 28-21 victory, set up a showdown at No. 1 Appalachian State University Saturday in the Football Championship Series semifinals.

Although the visitors almost stole the game late, Heacock couldn't discount how well the defense played down the stretch.

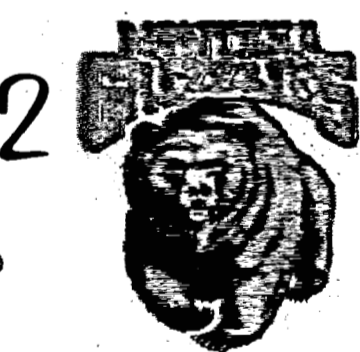
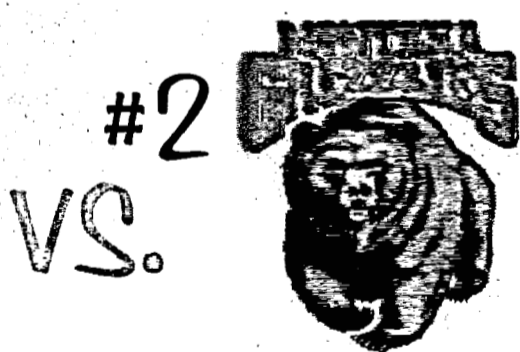
"That's the key. The turnover margin is going to be the key to the game ... You get down to this point in time in the season and it doesn't matter first game, last game it's turnover margin," he said.



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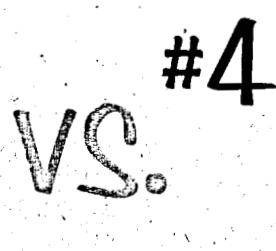
7:30 p.m. Friday @ Missoula Mont. ESPN2



Conference: Atlantic 10
Record: 12-1
Rank: No. 3
Avg. Pts. Scored: 29
Avg. Pts. Allowed: 19

Conference: Big Sky
Record: 12-1
Rank: No. 2
Avg. Pts. Scored: 28.3
Avg. Pts. Allowed: 15.8

4 p.m. Saturday @ Boone N.C. ESPN



Conference: Southern
Record: 12-1
Rank: No. 1
Avg. Pts. Scored: 34.7
Avg. Pts. Allowed: 14

Conference: Gateway
Record: 11-2
Rank: No. 5
Avg. Pts. Scored: 32
Avg. Pts. Allowed: 18

YSU

YSU rocks out at climbing competition at Kent State

Andrew Berry
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Employees of the Fladd Mountain rock climbing wall at the Andrews Wellness and Recreation Center have found a way to turn their campus job into an opportunity to athletically compete on the national stage.

The five person group ventured to Kent State University to take part in the Seventh Annual American Bouldering Series event on Saturday. It marked the second consecutive year staff members from the Wellness Center competed in the national event.

Under the direction of USA Climbing, the ABS represents the "bouldering," or technical discipline, of the sport. Beginning as a local circuit in 1998, the ABS quickly gained interest from surrounding areas, launching the organization onto the national stage within three years of its inception.

Group member Troy Brant, a sophomore at YSU, said they initially discovered the contest through communications with KSU.

"We talked about what they were doing with their wall on campus and learning what we could do, and found out about the ABS through them," he said.

Last year, the inaugural team from Youngstown State University was only a three member group who nicknamed themselves "Team Homeless" for their first ever competition.

"We had to be there early in the morning, and we were joking around about how tired we looked and hadn't shaved in days," Brant said of the team's choice of name.

The ragged group had four hours to climb the KSU rock wall for this year's event. This particular wall was designed with 50 bouldering problems reaching up to 12 feet.

Each contestant climbs as many routes on the wall as they desire within the four hour time limit. Based on height, the top five routes count toward the individuals final score. Ribbons were awarded to those who placed in one of the three categories of difficulty.

Sophomore Travis Dusz scored 4th place and senior Sean O'Neill finished 5th in the intermediate category. Senior Sam Silsbe earned 3rd place in the beginner category with Brant and Brian Ashman walking away with honorable mentions.

"As a group I think we did as well as we could have. Because of our school schedules we didn't have as much time to train as the others," Brant said.

Brant also said being at the mercy of their class schedules forced the team to have to train on their own instead of as a unit. For next year's competition, the team plans to train together, a method which Brant said is the best way "to motivate each other properly."

"It helps to have someone there to push you and you learn a lot watching other climbers," he said.

The team plans to appear in three more local events before heading back to KSU next year. Even though Brant feels slightly disappointed with his own performance, the outcome didn't take away from the emotions of being a competitive athlete.

"We had fun, which is the important thing," he said.