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YSU NEWS

Bands to battle for \$1,500 prize

Student Government Association is co-sponsoring the Oct. 7 12-4 p.m. Battle of the Bands prior to the 4 p.m. football game against Indiana State. Bands will compete for a \$1,500 grand prize to the Guitar Center. Applications are available at Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center or the SGA office in Kilcawley Center. Applications are due Friday, Sept. 15.

Tobey Maguire's voice coach runs YSU workshops

Dialect coach and voice-over artist Paul Meier will visit theater classes this week and teach two master classes. An England native and British and American dialect specialist, Meier has coached names like Tobey Maguire of "Spiderman." Today he will speak in Bliss Hall at 9:30 a.m. and teach master classes in dialects at noon and 2 p.m. Wednesday he will speak to theater classes at 1 p.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. Thursday, he will teach a master class in Shakespeare text, and Friday he will speak to theater students at 1 p.m. All events are open to the public.

Money for nothing

Former VP remains on payroll.

Maysoon Abdelrasul
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Youngstown State University is paying John Habat to do nothing.

Habat started a new job Monday after accepting a position as interim executive vice president of finance and business services at Cuyahoga Community College. While he is drawing a salary of more than \$130,000 at Tri-C, YSU is paying him \$127,000 for the 10 months, commencing Monday, that he will not work for the university.

If Habat had an office on campus he would have spent his last day cleaning out his desk. Habat's position required him to work off-campus.

Instead of wishing him farewell, some faculty members are upset because his employment contract requires the university to pay Habat his salary until his contract expires in June.

A woman who answered Habat's home phone Monday said she would try to reach him to see if he would comment. She called

the Jambar back to say she was unable to reach him.

Gabriel P. Palmer-Fernandez, professor of philosophy and religious studies, is among the incensed.

"YSU president Sweet and the Board of Trustees showed neither the political will nor moral courage to uphold their fiduciary obligations to the university. Instead, they gave Habat a going away present, namely two years salary," he said.

According to university policy, faculty members are prohibited from holding two full-time positions. Fernandez said the policy should apply to administrators as well. Fernandez said even though Habat is not working for the university, he is still getting paid his full-time salary.

President of OEA Julia Gergits said because the university doesn't have an excess in budget funds, she wishes the university didn't have to pay him.

His renewed contract included a 3 percent increase effective July 1, 2006 with his new title as

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What they said



Palmer-Fernandez

"... they gave a Habat a going away present, namely two years salary."



Devlin

"The controversy Habat had at YSU would not affect his duties at Tri-C."



Habat

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YSU Outreach programs targeting young voters

Jenny Boyce
NEWS REPORTER

Nearly 43 million 18 to 30-year-olds will have the potential to vote in the midterm elections, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, but only 64 percent are currently registered.

Youngstown State University, the Ad Council, the Federal Voting Assistance Program and the National Association of Secretaries of State are just a handful of institutes and organizations working to get young people more interested in politics, in hopes of helping them to register to vote before the November elections.

At PayAttention.org, a Web site sponsored by the Ad Council and the FVAP, mock-candidates like Spoiled Yappy Dog and Side of Hashbrowns are presented in political advertisements in an attempt to appeal to young potential voters on a humorous level. Beneath the mock-ads on the Web site lie factual information on national and state candidates, voting dates and information on how young adults can register to vote.

"The [PayAttention.org] campaign is trying to pose the question 'if you're not voting, then who are you electing?'" said Ellyn Fisher, editor of the Ad Council. "We'll be running a national public service campaign not only through the site, but through television and radio."

In a nationwide survey done by the Ad Council and FVAP, a total of 81 percent of potential voters, between the ages of 18 to 24, were not aware that 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election this November. The report also concludes that 91 percent were not familiar with this year's registration deadlines.

The National Association of Secretaries of State's New Voters Project attempts to attract potential voters by providing grants to outreach groups and using their Web site at NewVotersProject.org to help new, out-of-state, and absentee voters get started.

Kay Stimson of the New Voters project said, "It really is such a hard process... It isn't that young people don't care. Once we worked with them, they had an easier time with the process."

On the YSU campus,

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THE WEB

Researching getting you down

Adrienne Sabo
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

As freshman Allissa Pullion sits at her computer searching the Internet for the right sources to help her finish her paper, the familiar scenario for most college students becomes tedious.

Pullion said it is frustrating searching the Internet when she has a paper due.

A new Web site will launch this week, hoping to make Internet research a little easier. TrueThinker is a Web-based program that helps users organize information and Web sites on the Internet.

"The most important thing is having the ability to find information. It's all on there [the Internet], if we can just find it," Bill Koehler, president of TrueThinker, said.

TrueThinker's main feature is artificial intelligence. Over time the artificial intelligence feature will learn to model its behavior after the user.

"Every time you do something and save it, the artificial intelligence learns from you," Koehler said.

Once trained, the artificial intelligence will go out and look for information on its own based on the users topics of interest.

The Web site also features communities where people with common interests can join and share useful

information. Within these communities, users can share their links with useful Web sites, thus making the search process easier.

The Web site offers a free 30-day trial and membership costs \$24.99 a year.

For those looking for free and fast tips for easy research, Becky Moore, manager of information literacy and assessment at Maag Library, offers some advice.

"Students use what they know, and when all they know is Google and Yahoo, that's what they use. They limit themselves," Moore said.

Sophomore Elaine Maro, like many students, said she uses the Internet and Google for most of her research instead of materials found in the library.

Moore recom-

mends using research databases to do much of the work. Databases like OhioLink, JSTOR journal storage and Electronic Journal Center are all places to start. Links to these databases can be found on the Maag Library Web site. Moore said the first step for Youngstown State University students is to get a library barcode for the back of their student IDs.

As an added bonus, many of these databases offer citations to the articles, which makes reference pages easier.

Moore said one problem students run into is using too many words for searches. She recommends using key words instead of natural language for searching. Key words help to simplify the search.

"The computer does not speak the same language as you," she said.

Moore also recommends students use

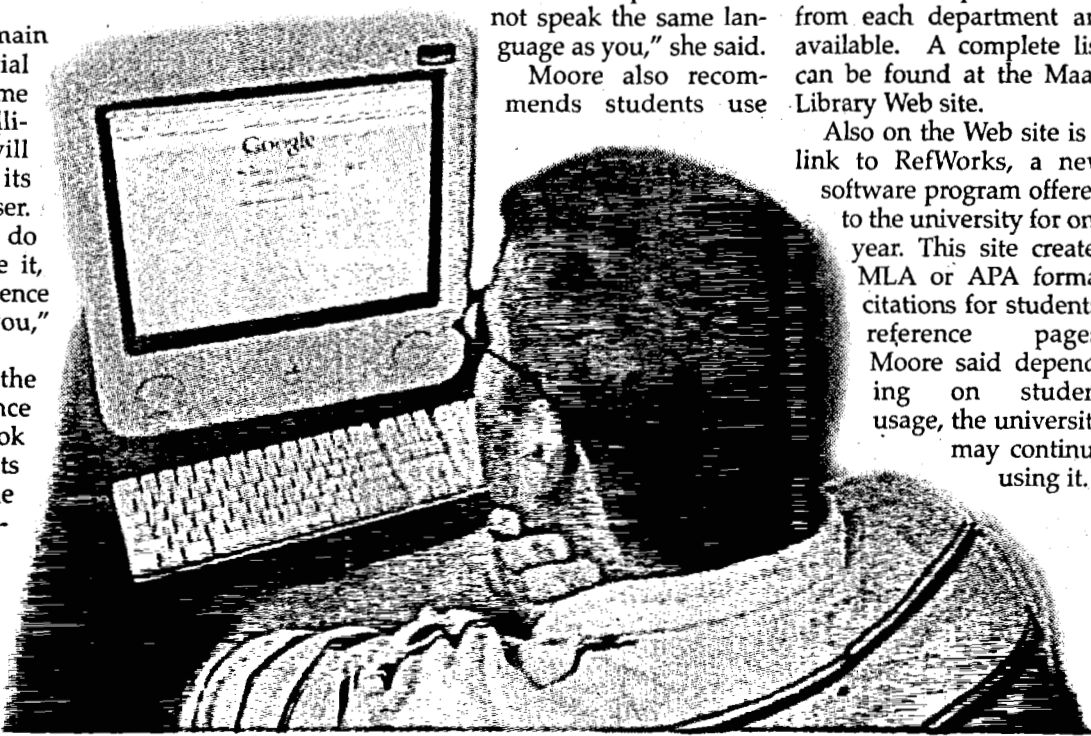
more terms to define what they are looking for. She suggests creating a list of synonyms for the key words, which will ease the search process.

Another way to generate more search results is truncation. When typing in key words for a search, remove suffixes and gerunds ("ing") and add a symbol such as an asterisk or dollar symbol to search all entries of the root word. The help menu on most databases and Web sites will list the specific symbol for truncation.

If students need further assistance, ask a reference librarian for help. Moore said after reading some evaluations, she found that students were too intimidated or self-conscious to approach a librarian.

Librarian representatives from each department are available. A complete list can be found at the Maag Library Web site.

Also on the Web site is a link to RefWorks, a new software program offered to the university for one year. This site creates MLA or APA format citations for students' reference pages. Moore said depending on student usage, the university may continue using it.



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YSU

Who's who among students:

A talk with Student Trustee, Erienne Raib

Renee Hardman
REPORTER

What is a Student Trustee? How does a student become one? What are the primary functions of a Student Trustee? Who is Erienne Raib? These are the questions that Erienne is used to hearing, and now she is ready to answer.

Student Trustee, Erienne Raib, is a junior double major in Telecommunications and Communications. She is also a Student Government Representative for the college of Fine and Performing Arts.

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, John Pogue, says that a Student Trustee provides communication between the Board of Trustees and the student body.

"The Student Trustee gives us a connection on what's happening on campus that frankly, we really don't see," said Pogue.

Pogue also explained that the connection between the Student Trustee and the Board of Trustees is established through the committee meetings.

Erienne sat down to answer some questions about her recent appointed position as a Student Trustee.

Q. What is a Student Trustee?

A. "A Student Trustee serves on the Board of Trustees for a two-year term, basically participating in all board activities except for voting during the board meetings."

Q. What are your duties?

A. It is my duty to represent the interests and needs

of the students at YSU. As a Student Trustee, it is important that I am aware of occurrences on campus, and those off campus that could affect our university community. I am responsible for my preparation and attendance of board meetings, and make numerous appearances on behalf of the University and the Board.

Q. How do you help YSU students?

A. I help YSU students by representing them on a board that is the very existence of our college. I am hoping that I can bring a unique perspective to the Board, and that students can feel free to contact me with any of their concerns or questions. I will make decisions meant to benefit the common students, the students normally misrepresented, or often not represented at all.

Q. What is the Board of Trustees?

A. The YSU Board of Trustees is the main governing body and decision-maker of the campus. The Board does everything necessary to maintain the operation of the university.

Q. What are the issues being discussed?

A. Minutes from past meetings are available on the Trustees website at www.ysu.edu. Attend the next board meeting to find out more.



RAIB

Q. How can YSU students contact you?

I am glad to hear any useful feedback or ideas that YSU students may have. I can be contacted through e-mail at eraiib@student.ysu.edu or by phone at (330) 219.8362.

Q. How do you get to be on the Board of Trustees?

A. To become appointed to the Board of Trustees, there is an applications process through Student Life. I have to complete applications, give references, and go through a background check. After the process, I was informed that Governor Taft appointed me to the position of Student Trustee.

Q. Why are you on the Board?

A. I am on the Board to learn. I want to learn the procedures, decisions, and why they are made, so that I can help other students understand. For example, of course the tuition being raised, yet again, makes me a little irate, but maybe if I can try to understand why, it will be easier to show the students.

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SGA proposes executive cabinet changes

Emery Boyle-Scott
NEWS EDITOR

This homecoming election there will be more than just Homecoming Court for Youngstown State University students to vote on. Student Government Association is putting up a resolution for vote in order to amend its constitution and make its executive branch more efficient.

On Tuesday Sept. 19 and Wednesday Sept. 20 students can vote between 14 candidates for homecoming queen and the seven for homecoming king as well as the SGA constitutional

change.

SGA's proposed constitutional change is an effort to streamline the executive committee. Previous SGA administrations were built with an executive vice president, vice president for financial affairs, vice president for student affairs and a parliamentarian as well as a cabinet of secretaries reporting directly to the president. The cabinet consists of a secretary of chief of staff, a secretary of external affairs, a secretary of campus life, a secretary of student services and a secretary of technology.

Chad Miller, SGA presi-

dent said the system in place came with indistinct job descriptions. Miller said if a student comes to SGA with a complaint about housing it is unclear if the secretary of campus life, secretary of student services, or if the vice president for student affairs should handle the complaint. With the confusion which cabinet member or vice president should handle SGA business there is also significant overlap, Miller said.

If the resolution is approved by the general

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News-In Brief

Radio word game show to be taped at YSU

The national quiz radio show "Says You!" will be coming to Youngstown State University to tape a show benefiting WYSU-FM 88.5. Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room will host the taping on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 7-9:30 p.m. Admission for taping is \$35 for the public and \$30 for WYSU members.

Conference celebrates Hispanic heritage

Dr. Jesus "Chuy" Negrete will be the keynote speaker for the Hispanic Heritage Conference that will be held in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center. The conference is Friday at 5:30 p.m. There will be a flag ceremony, dance presentations, and recognition of outstanding local students.

YSU Hall of Fame to induct eight athletes

The Youngstown State University Athletics Hall of Fame will be inducting eight people on Saturday, Oct. 21 before the Homecoming game at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Labor history exhibition opens at JCC

The exhibition "Factories and Factories of Death: A Century of Labor History in Poland" will open at the Jewish Community Center on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6:45 p.m. The creators are Youngstown State University history professors Thomas E. Leary and Helene J. Sinnreich.

Police Briefs

Property damage

According to a police report on Sept. 7, Officer Truman spoke to Joseph Myers in reference to property damage. Myers stated that he parked his Dodge Neon in the upper level of the M-2 parking deck at approximately 9:30 a.m. When he returned to his car at approximately 1:50 p.m., he discovered that the passenger side mirror had been broken off and was on the ground.

Harassment

According to the police report on September 6, Sgt. Remias while on station spoke with Gina Sanetrick who said that on her way to the M-1 Deck after class in Fedor Hall she was confronted by a black male who yelled "hey bitch" to her. Sanetrick advised that when she turned around the suspect grabbed onto her purse. When she had a grip on her purse the suspect pushed her and she fell into the grass north of Ward Beecher. She then got up and quickly walked to her car in the deck. She did not call police immediately because she did not think they would do anything since her purse was not stolen. She also said that there were four other males standing around when the incident happened.

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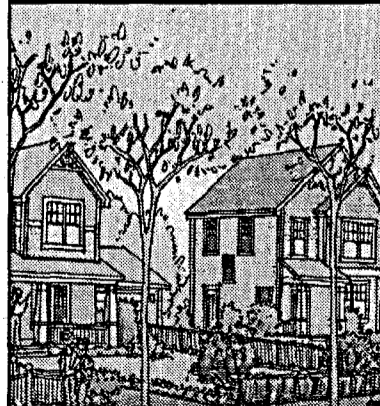
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OUR SIDE

Bad Habat, Sweet deal

Youngstown State University is paying a certain someone's salary and benefits at this very moment, but this person is no longer working for the university.

Can you guess who this man is?

Just by reading the newspapers in the past year, you should know his name. It was mentioned in almost every broadcast and printed in almost every issue that dealt with YSU.

The controversial man, now former Vice-President of Special Projects John Habat, began a new job Monday, a position he accepted at Cuyahoga Community College.

Nobody had the chance to tell him goodbye because he did not work at the university, he only worked for the university.

Habat's job description requires him to work off campus because that was part of the agreement to satisfy the Labor Panel and YSU.

Let's break it down into figures that are easy to understand. John Habat will be making \$127,000 from YSU until June and \$130,000 from Tri-C. Add the two together and the total is \$282,829. Now that is a sweet deal.

Understandably, his contract is being fulfilled. So by law YSU does have to pay him this money. Problem is, this settlement made between YSU and Habat should not have existed or at least should have been revised.

Pay the man for his duties here at YSU, but stop when he gets another job. The settlement should have ensured that when he did obtain full-time employment somewhere else, the University would stop paying him. It is really not that hard.

Last spring YSU cut its operations by 1.5 percent, and in the summer Habat received a 3 percent raise. The Labor-Management Panel said Habat can no longer "serve effectively in any capacity."

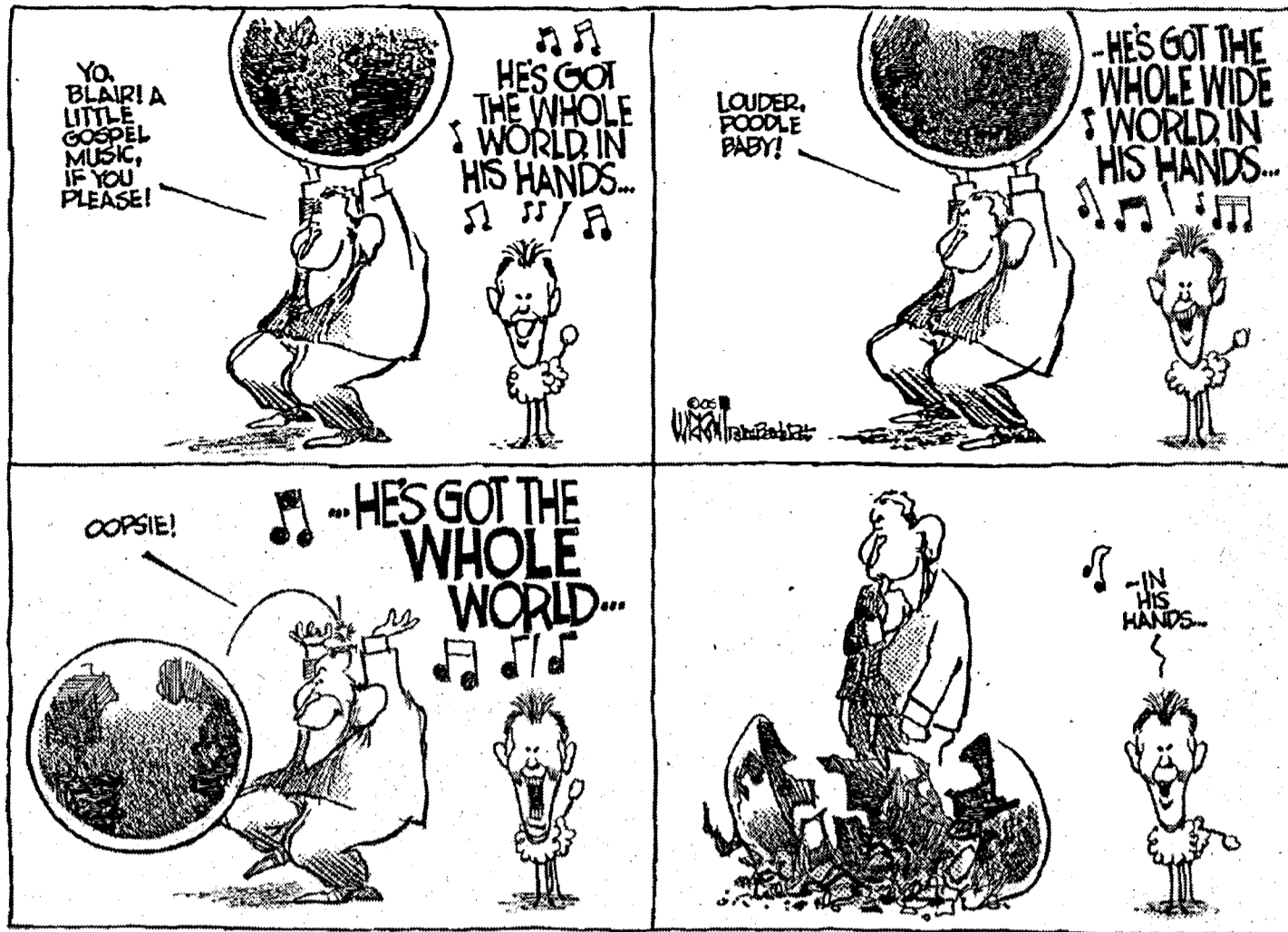
What about the faculty and administration that can serve effectively in any capacity? How much is their raise?

His assignments while he served as vice president of special projects were to look into the Ohio Tax and Expenditure Limitation Law, the Kalamazoo Promise and ballot issues and scholarship funds. According to President Sweet, all his research is in discussion mode.

Based on documents obtained by the Jambar, his research-like assignments resulted in A+ work...for an eighth grader. He produced a simplistic and cursory work that some political science major student probably already did.

It's bad enough we paid him to do junior-high work, but it is even worse to pay him to do absolutely nothing.

The Jambar editorials reflect the opinions of The Jambar and its Editorial Board members. Those wishing to schedule meetings with the Editorial Board should call the editor in chief.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

In my three years at YSU, it hasn't been too often I've missed an issue of the Jambar. Call me crazy, but every time I pick up an issue, there is always some kind of dig at the Bush Administration.

That is fine, because that has consistently been the position of the Jambar (at least in the Our Side section). Today, however, I found myself looking at something that I could not believe, something so outrageous that it made me wince.

There are many aspects of the "Toll of our Terror" piece that made me raise an eyebrow. This needs a little dissecting, so bear with me. "We terrorized and killed Iraqi civilians" is one quote that jumped off the page right away. Is that what American troops are doing, really?

What you have in Iraq are hostilities between terrorists and the American military, and hostilities between Sunnis and Shiites. Unless I missed something, I am not seeing American troops randomly going down the streets of Baghdad blaring gunfire into civilian marketplaces or blowing up cars like terrorists. Let's be realistic, who is really doing the terrorizing?

I had to adjust my reading glasses in the last paragraph of the piece, because it looks to me like the Jambar is claiming the Christians are carrying on the Crusades.

How this staff came to such a conclusion is beyond rationale understanding. In case anyone hadn't noticed, Muslim terrorists bombed the World Trade Center. Muslim terrorists attacked the U.S.S. Cole and countless embassies in the 90s. Muslim terrorists blew up the Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983. Muslim terrorists took the American embassy hostage in Iran in 1979.

Who did you say is fighting the Crusades? Keep in mind it was terrorist leaders that called for a worldwide nation of Islam. How many Christian American presidents called for world domination? None and I challenge you to show me one.

It is almost 9/11, and it pains me to see such anti-Americanism in my school paper. One would think the Jambar could offer something supportive of American troops, but it is evident that they would prefer running an article about how bad the United States is. So let me say something supportive when few others will: God bless America, and may God bless the troops that defend her.

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Gentlemen:

Republican gubernatorial contender Ken Blackwell's post-Youngstown debate bounce is waning even now.

Will he be persuaded to gain political traction against Democrat Ted Strickland by dropping his Massachusetts-type phantom health reform package, and ripping universal health care from the left-liberal playbook to make it his own cause? Here's how he can do it. Languishing now in the General Assembly is the proposed Health Care for All Ohioans Act, a universal health care bill. By renaming the bill the Restoration of Families and Medical Integrity Act and appropriating it for his own campaign, Blackwell can savage the Democratic left and draw the swelling number of health care-insecure Reagan Democrats who've seen their health benefits evaporate amid corporate bankruptcies.

How will Blackwell deal with Ohio's howling special interest lobbies until the election? Free marketer Blackwell must point out that medical practice is a government-created monopoly by state licensure that favors the costly academically trained clinician over many other professionals, such as pharmacists, and lay practitioners, such as midwives.

What's more, physicians, he'd continue, assumed the radical and unexamined power in the early 1970s of restraining trade against the medically uninsured cash patient for fear they'd be stuck with folks who were increasingly impoverished by Medicare's inflationary effects.

Blackwell will know the solution to too much government, as Medicare was, is enough government to do the job right, as universal health will be. Social conservative Blackwell ought to blast commercial health insurance "family" plans that distribute health care to many Buckeyes not yet of Medicare age.

Archaic and super-expensive, "family" plans don't cover actual families at all, but a standard unit of health risk first devised in the pre-Medicare 1930s. Medicare itself and the screen-out of the cash patient rendered "family" plans obsolete by the early 1970s. A relentless campaigner, Blackwell will have to raise questions that discomfit our all too comfortable political elites.

For example, what portion of Ohio's illicit drug trade is a consequence of a health care system that forces medically uninsured folks to self-medicate with illegal drugs to deal with chronic untreated ailments?

What portion of Ohio's aging and ailing ex-convict population will re-offend to achieve continuity of health care unavailable to them outside prison?

Wait, there's more, Blackwell

will hammer. General medical purchasing parity for Buckeyes means a greatly lessened threat of a deadly and costly epidemic originating in the medically uninsured inner city and communicated to the medically insured suburbs where hospitals now are insurance farming to reduce their uncollectibles.

Years from now ex-Governor J. Kenneth Blackwell will remark his greatest achievement was to make health care safe for families again—by emancipating us from the slavery of the commercial health insurance "family" plans.

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Editor:

Last year was a very sad one for the faculty. We lost several colleagues to terminal illness. Given the intransigence of the administration and the Board, we had no real choice but to strike. And many of us were outraged at the denial of promotion to nine very worthy colleagues by our provost.

Promotion in rank is among the most important events in an academic career. It brings a material reward in the form of a salary raise. More important, it confirms the value of one's research, teaching, and service, i.e., the value of one's labor to the institution and the profession. Consequently, the procedure for promotion should be carefully conceived.

But the procedure for promotion in rank at YSU is among the most illogical one could conceive. I have served in my college's promotion committee several times and consider that service among the most important contributions I can make to our institution and colleagues. But I frequently have found myself troubled by my lack of knowledge sufficient to make an informed judgment on the value of a colleague's work.

Our procedure for promotion is illogical because it requires that many who do not have any expertise in one's field determine the value of one's research contributions. For example, it requires that an art historian evaluate the work of a chemist, or an accountant evaluate the work of a geologist, or a linguist evaluate the research and service of a mathematician. Who among us non-mathematicians really knows what is involved in coaching our students for the Putnam competition? What level of theoretical work is involved? How many hours per week are required of

working through some very complex and abstract problems so that our student mathematicians can, as they invariably do, compete successfully at the national level? Unless you are in mathematics the value of the contribution is very likely totally to escape you. So, too, goes for most of our disciplines. The best judge of our work is the informed judge.

What is to be done, then? I propose that we reconsider the procedure for promotion in rank at YSU. The very broad outlines of the procedure are relatively simple. A faculty member applying for promotion is evaluated first by her or his department colleagues. They have the necessary expertise to render an informed judgment. But their expertise and knowledge are likely not sufficient. The epistemologist rarely knows enough about medieval political philosophy, or the algebraist about statistics to make a fully knowledgeable evaluation. But they are close enough to make the first substantive judgment.

Subsequent to evaluation by one's departmental colleagues, I propose that we use external reviewers within specific areas of expertise. If one's research area is Chaucer or John of Salisbury or Alejo Carpentier, then we have scholars of Chaucer, Salisbury, or Carpentier evaluate one's research contribution. Scholars within those finite universes of discourse have sufficient knowledge to render a well informed judgment.

There are additional virtues to the proposed procedure. For example, the role of the dean and provost will be to ensure procedural propriety, rather than, under the current YSU system, to judge substantive contribution. Deans and provosts are not the best to judge the value of a faculty member's research contribution. In almost all cases they lack the necessary knowledge to render even the first substantive judgment.

The current procedure for promotion in rank at YSU is undesirable because it is illogical. Let's adopt the standard widely used at American colleges and universities—first the department then the external reviewer. As we do so, we must negotiate a commensurate workload, salary, and compensation.

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YOUNGSTOWN

YSU's herbarium aiming for 100,000 specimens

Renee Hardman
REPORTER

If you don't know what a herbarium is, travel to the 4th floor of Ward Beecher Hall and ask Professor Carl Chuey, who resides in the Department of Biological Sciences. Chuey describes the herbarium as a "large library of dried plants."

Chuey, who came to YSU in 1967, has helped the herbarium, which started in 1965, to grow from 200 to over 89,000 specimens. This makes the herbarium the fourth largest in the state.

The specimens are used for research and historical references. The oldest specimen dates back to the 1890's from Siam, which is now Thailand. The newest specimens were gathered from Mill Creek Park earlier this year.

The herbarium grows not only by finding the specimens locally, but by trading through other institutions all over the world. The herbarium has collections from 91 countries, including one plant from Antarctica.

Chuey and students go out to parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio to collect the local specimen. Chuey collects the plants year-round often times on his own.

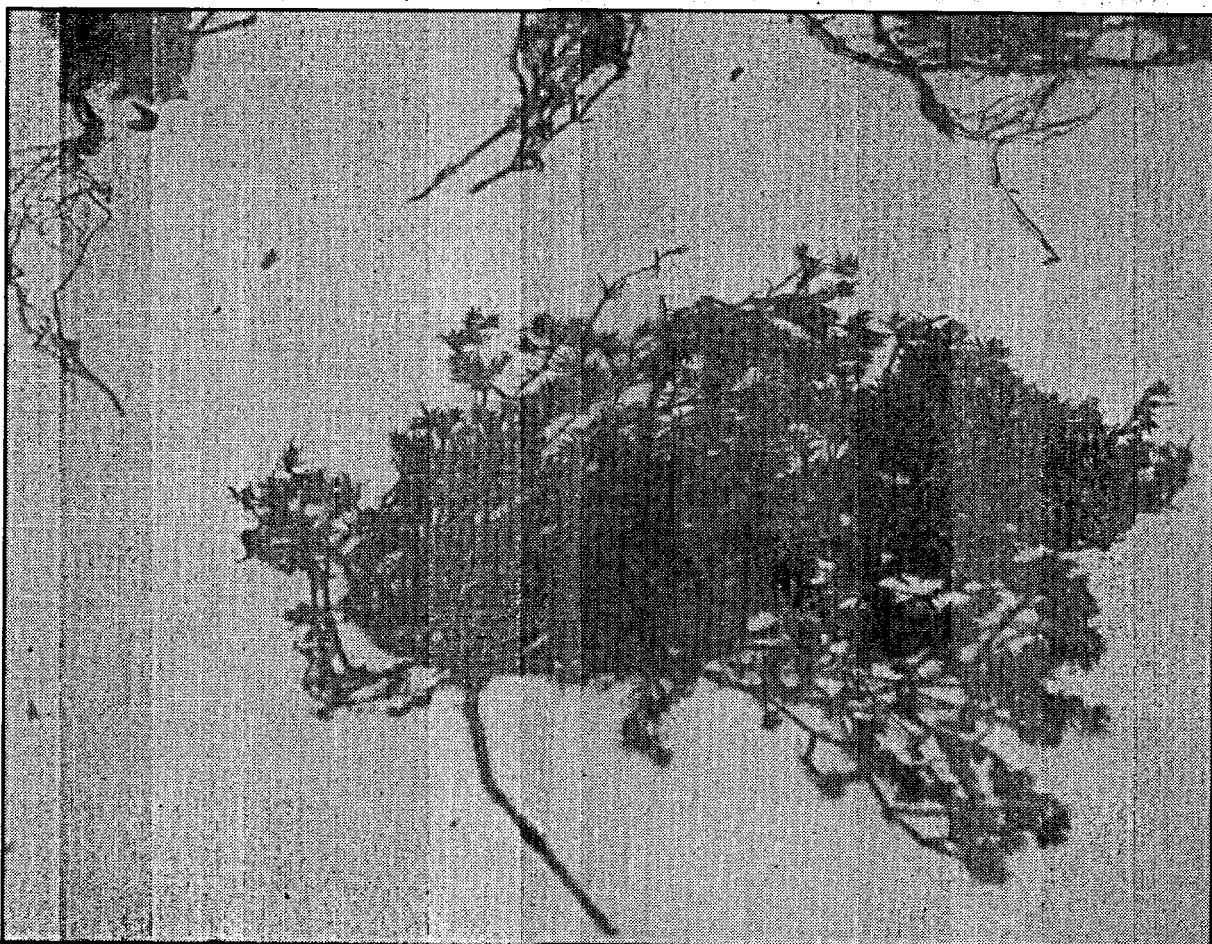
Chuey has collected over 42,000 of the specimens, but contributes a lot of his hard work to the help of his students. "The students have done a lot," Chuey said.

Biology major and student of Chuey, Brandon Sinn, went out on a compare and contrast expedition through Mill Creek Park all summer long. Sinn had a list of 40 specimens that he had hoped to find at the park, but at the end he found only 25. Sinn believes, "Due to environmental changes and unintentional vandalism, the plants were lost."

By unintentional vandalism, Sinn means that many visitors who travel around the park see an interesting plant and pick it up, not knowing that they just ripped it away from its natural environment.

Chuey also credits the plant loss from the temperatures that rose due to the industrialization in the Mahoning Valley.

To help with travel expenses and the addition of plants to the herbarium, a grant was given to Chuey for \$2,200 by the University Research Council. To store the specimen, the National Science Foundation gave Chuey \$35,000 to buy large, waterproof and insect proof cabinets.



Ja,bar/ Renee Hardman

When touring through the herbarium, the cabinets containing the plants stand side-by-side, seven feet tall. Upon opening the cabinets, folders containing the specimens are stacked from top to bottom, color-coded and neatly arranged. Chuey explains that the color-coded folders

symbolize the different countries where the plants came from.

Chuey wants to collect about 20,000 more specimens to make the total tally over 100,000 for the herbarium. When asked when he planned to

accomplish this task he says, "If I am being optimistic, hopefully 2008."

If the goal is reached, then the herbarium will have 100,000 specimens for YSU's centennial year.

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student body some cabinet positions will be eliminated while others will be morphed. The general effect will be of greater efficiency, cost saving and of better service to the students, Miller said.

Sarah Vansuch, SGA vice president said, "by changing the structure up a little bit it definitely puts SGA out

there more than in the past." The changes will bring about increased efficiency, problems will be sorted out and brought to attention more quickly, Vansuch said.

SGA's constitution will be amended if the homecoming voting returns a majority approval of the general student body.

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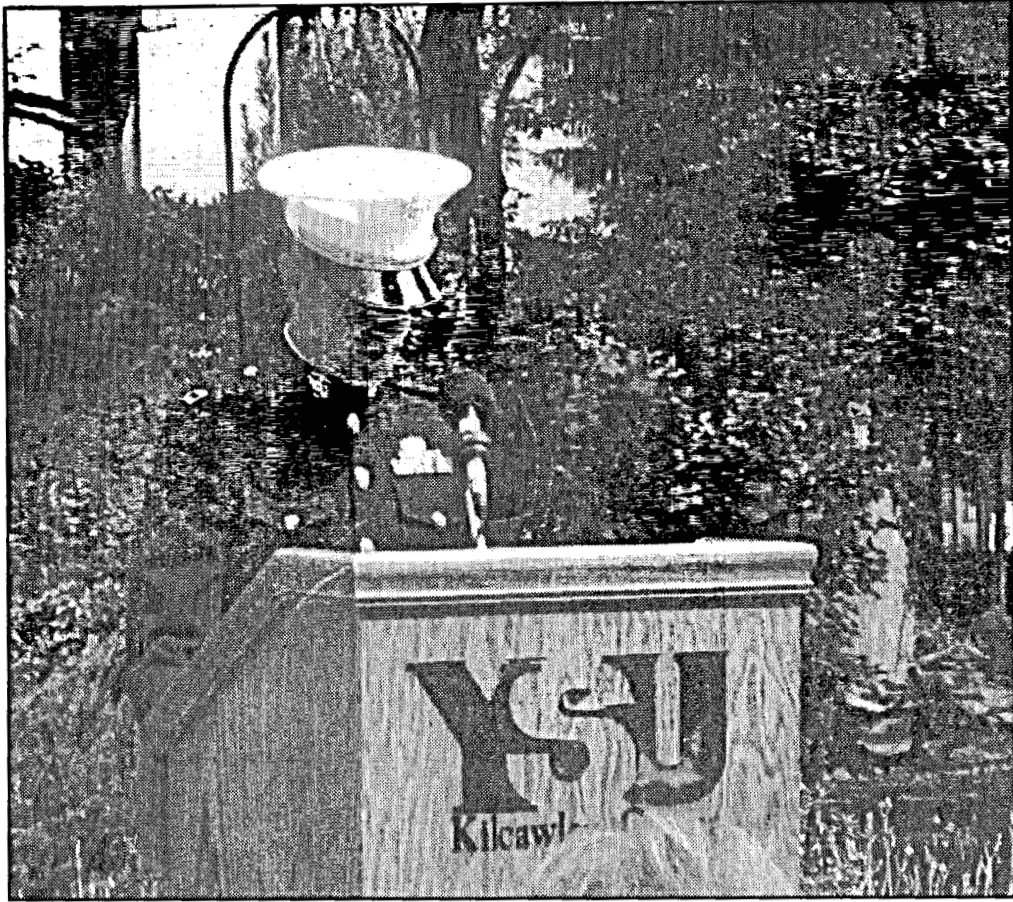
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Emergency

'Pig' production survives lead's sudden illness

Cristina Cala
COPY EDITOR

It was five hours from Friday's curtain call for Youngstown State University's Blackbox production of "Love of a Pig," and the star of the show was missing.

Tony Genovese, the show's male lead, was in the emergency room. The show's student director, senior Richard Bell, stood placidly in Bliss Hall, weighing his options.

"I might have to do the show, but I'm sure he'll be fine," Bell said casually.

Stage Manager Melissa Cook appeared from Spotlight Theater, the venue for "Pig," but Bell didn't rush to her for an update of Genovese's condition. Senior Gary Shackelford, another actor in the show, pushed Bell toward Cook.

"Quit standing there and talk to her!" Shackelford said in a panic.

Cook's expression was strained with bad news.

"I was on the phone with Tony. He was screaming in pain," Cook told the gathering crowd of theater students.

"Tony is currently passing kidney stones," she confirmed, as dread washed over the cast members.

Silent but for gasps escaping their mouths, the students stood for a moment to let the dilemma sink in. Shackelford was the first to break the hush. "Sometimes I wish I were a smoker because right now I just feel like I need a cigarette," he said, pacing Bliss Hall's lobby.

Displaying drama suited for the theater, Bell began to crack.

"I want to kill myself because for some reason nothing can go right for one day," Bell said, refuting what he expressed minutes earlier about the show's successful debut the night before.

"You might have to do it," Cook said.

"Do you understand that I won't fit into that costume?" Bell said, exasperated.

Considering the other options for a stand-in, Bell had not cast an understudy

- Cook stepped in. "Where's Vaughn?" she asked, referring to sophomore Vaughn Schmidt, who was originally cast as "Joe," but replaced by Genovese due to a conflicting schedule.

Amused by the situation's irony, senior Max Pivik, a cast ensemble member, started to chuckle. "I don't know if he'll do it," Pivik said, "He might just say no."

Showtime

As they say in show biz, "the show must go on." At 8 p.m. Friday, it did, but without Genovese. While Genovese lay painfully in a hospital bed, Schmidt anxiously lurked backstage with script in hand.

"I actually did remember a lot of the blocking from the rehearsals I'd been to, but I was freaking out backstage," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said he was pleased with his performance, and many fellow cast and crew members agreed.

"It's a completely different show. Tony plays Joe really sweet where the audience likes him and then in the end you can't believe what a jerk he turns into. Vaughn plays it like a jerk the whole way through the show," Properties Master Angela Medaugh said.

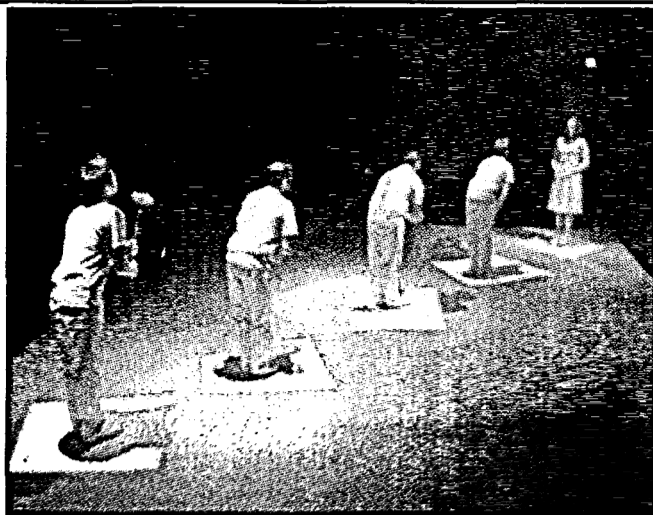
The Concept

Audience members couldn't have guessed they were watching an unrehearsed version of the show.

The comedy by Leslie Caveny chronicles Jenny's yearning for Joe as she overlooks the real Mr. Right. According to Ottey, the comedic potential is in the text, but this cast manifested physical comedy with Bell's staging and concept.

"[The show was] originally done with chairs where the actors stand up and speak, then sit back down. It was very weird and boring. I felt the script was missing something. My concept holds it together," Bell said.

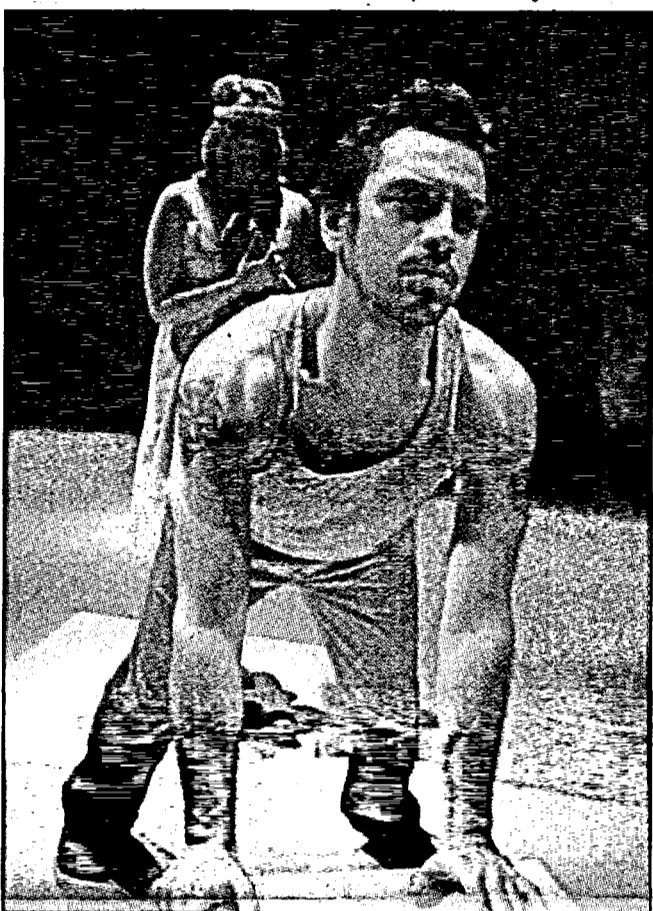
His concept was, in a word, white. To represent the hilariously awkward, not-so-romantic encounters



ABOVE: Dan Poppe, Shawn Lockaton, Max Pivik and Randy Huffman stand as fleeting paramours to Stephanie Ottey's hopeless romantic character, Jenny.

BELOW: Tony Genovese as "Joe" makes Ottey's character melt, before making a trip to the ER Friday, leaving the role to Vaughn Schmidt.

photos courtesy Richard Bell



Jenny replays in her mind, the stage floor and all but three costumes were white.

"I just imagined her mind as white. I didn't want a real situation, because the whole story takes place in her mind," Bell said.

Though Bell considered his concept a creative risk, it worked for the show's designers. Make-up Designer and ensemble member Randall Huffman helped further the concept's aesthetic transmission.

"To me, Jenny really only connects with the mailman and Joe, who are all in color. To contrast, I made the ensemble look dull and two-dimensional. We're really artificial; we look doll-like," Huffman said.

A Standing Ovation

Other elements aside, however, what kept the audience laughing was the

cast's execution of physical comedy. As the only "normal" character - the mailman who is in love with Jenny - Shackelford said he considered Ottey's acting especially "over-the-top," with hilarious attempts at intimacy with Joe's character, including an awkward one-night stand that lasted all but three pumps until Joe's big finish.

"He [Bell] gave me a lot of free reign on my actions. I combined that with things I took out of the script and it became this weird, quirky, awkward character," Ottey said.

For a night that began with impending onstage doom, Schmidt and Ottey saved the show Friday, and Genovese recovered in time to perform Saturday and Sunday - all to prove the magic of theater.

Physical comedy has audience rolling like pigs

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

The sight of the set in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Theater for Thursday night's premiere of "Love of a Pig" left many Blackbox regulars a bit confused and skeptical. Blackbox, so dubbed for the black floors and walls, was given a new face by director Richard H. Bell. The conceptual whitewashed floor popped vibrantly in the dark theater.

Blocking for the show in Spotlight's arena theater was effortless through Bell's direction and a truly talented cast's execution.

"Love of a Pig" is a comedy centering around Jenny, an early 20-something looking for Mr. Right. Played with skill, understanding, and grace by junior Stephanie Ottey, Jenny is, embarrassingly, everyone who has made an attempt at romance. She has moments of painstaking clarity, and ones of excruciating embarrassment in her irrational pursuits of Joe, the object of her affections.



photos courtesy Richard Bell

Gary Shackelford poses as the mailman - the real Mr. Right for Jenny.

On opening night, junior Tony Genovese brought Joe to life. Joe is the wonderfully confused, gorgeous, but skeezy guy that good friends will warn others about, and Genovese played him with good spirit.

The show wouldn't have been as successful portraying the repetitive bad choices, and stammering embarrassment when talking to someone attractive, without the help of the ensemble. Gary Shackelford, Rachel Rossi, Roxanne Hauldren, Shawn Lockaton, Randall Huffman, Noelle Nackino, Dan Poppe, Nicole Dionisio, and Max Pivik were hilarious in their multiple roles, and moved seamlessly through the blocking, and Jenny's complicated mind.

Lighting Designer Melissa Cook's vibrant lighting against a minimalist set helped separate the fantasy in Jenny's mind from unkind reality. The lighting was excellent in conveying the space between people, the space they shared, or the space they needed to themselves, aiding in driving the plot forward.

Sound and props went hand in hand in the play, where minimal props like sunglasses, flowers, or party hats could change entire moods or scenes. Sound by Michael Moritz Jr. was ingenious for its bits of pop culture laced throughout. Musical snippets like Law & Order and Sex and the City themes made everything more surreal, but still comical, and provided the soundtrack to Jenny's life.

"Love of a Pig" was a beautiful directorial debut by Bell, an aesthetic success by the crew and a side-splitting display of physical comedy by the cast. With the successful show as this season's debut, expect many wonderful things in store for the rest of the season.

A taste of that old time night life

Emery Scott-Boyle
NEWS EDITOR

"It's like controlled domestic violence that looks pretty," said Christy Leonard, Youngstown State University sophomore. Leaning back on the plaid couch in the basement of Cafaro House, she laughed. Leonard said she didn't mean to sound so harsh, but she couldn't help but see some similarities.

"The guy can push the girl around wherever he wants, however hard he wants and can hold her as tight as he wants."

Leonard might make it sound menacing, but she hurries to say swing dancing

is actually fun and awesome.

Nationally, there are hundreds of professional competitive events. On the local level, dance companies hold ongoing ballroom dance classes.

Many area bars/dance halls host nighttime outings, and free lessons on swing and other ballroom dances are available at YSU Dance Club. YSU Dance Club's first meeting will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Beeghly Center Room 100.

Nicole Caravella, YSU junior, toting a laundry basket past the orange and brown couches overheard Leonard's description and laughed a bit. Caravella

said it does depend on the guy. There are "sleazy guys, guys with no rhythm, guys who like to show off and the guys who enjoy dancing," she said.

The Youngstown area is relatively rich in a swingin' nightlife. Monday nights at the Wedge, 1743 S. Raccoon Road in Austintown, Wednesday nights at Jillian's in the Southern Park Mall, Boardman and Thursday nights at Cedar's Lounge, 23 N. Hazel St. Youngstown are all host to swing dancing every week.

YSU freshman Tom Peachman talked about swing nights. He said he loves swing because, "Dang. It's cool. I get to

wear a fedora." Beyond the obvious swing appeal, Peachman said he has always wanted to learn how to dance. He likens learning how to dance to learning to whistle or how to ride a bike.

"In life, you have to have certain skills," he said.

"It's the 'swing' and not so much the 'dance' I like," he said.

Upstairs YSU sophomore Katie Pylypiak is readying herself for Thursday night's outing. All three nights have different atmospheres. The Wedge is a dance hall, with a large dance floor, air conditioning, a bar and a couple pool tables. Jillian's is an entertainment complex

and restaurant with pool, bowling, arcade games and a bar. Cedar's is exactly that, a compact lounge. Pylypiak said she likes the Wedge's big dance floor and colorful light ball. Jillian's holds a special place in Pylypiak's heart because "that's where I fell in love with dancing," she said.

Cedar's is fun because it's "a swanky thing," she said.

As the night moves on the dancing gets a little bit more haggard, the line at the bar lengthens and people start to leave. When swinging, success is measured by how much fun the evening was. For Pylypiak, the night out was very successful.



Photo courtesy Katie Libecco

Ramon Ramos and Katie Pylypiak swing at The Wedge.



T.J. Peterson, is our Jambar Penguin Player of the game for his performance in YSU's 34-14 victory over the Maine Black Bears.

- Peterson finished the day with five catches for 110 yards and two touchdowns.

- His first touchdown came on a 42-yard reception in the second quarter while his second was a short 16-yard slant route that put the Penguins up 20-14 in the third quarter.

- With this game Peterson has already matched his touchdown total from last season with two.

FOOTBALL

Zetts to Peterson: Simple as playing catch

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

In the second game of the season the Penguins' faced a Maine team that looked as though they had all the pieces in place for a win. After a first half in which the Black Bears scored on drives of 75-yards and 85-yards the two teams went into halftime with the score 14-13 in favor of Maine.

This one point differential was a result of a partially blocked extra point on the Penguins first touchdown during the first quarter of play.

With hopes of turning around their dismal first half performance, the offense began the third quarter by throwing an interception in the Penguin half of the field.

The tide of the game began to turn as YSU stopped the Black Bears on a fourth down

attempt on the ensuing drive. After taking over possession at almost the exact spot they started the half, the Penguins began to march down the field.

Trailing for the first time in the 2006 season the team responded with zeal. In a drive that saw and even mix of run and pass the Penguins marched to the Maine 16-yard line and began knocking on the door for a touchdown.

Quarterback Tom Zetts lined-up the offense on first-and-10 at the 16-yard line. The drive to this point saw running back Marcus Mason carry the ball three times, while Zetts' attempted two passes and rushed twice.

With Mason and fullback Demetrius Ison in the backfield the Maine defense was unsure as to what the Penguins were going to do.

Split out wide were receivers T.J. Peterson, who had already caught a 42-yard touchdown pass from Zetts in the second quarter, and Rory Berry. Additionally, tight end Derrick Bush was set on the line as an extra receiving threat.

After the ball was snapped Zetts was pressured by senior defensive end Matt King and was forced to scramble and step up in the pocket.

While he was creating time for the play to develop, T.J. Peterson,

Zetts primary receiver on the play, ran a slant route over the middle and came open in the front of the end zone.

After seeing his receiver, Zetts stepped up in the pocket, threw a strike and Peterson caught it for a 16-yard touch

down. This was his second touchdown catch of the game. Peterson would finish the day with five catches for 110 yards and two touchdowns.

This score, with 8:35 left in the third quarter, put the Penguins up 20-14 after the extra point.

Quarterback Tom Zetts said of the play, "We had a little crossing route, and I got pressure up field, but our linemen handled it, and I stepped up in there, and he (Peterson) beat his guy. That was all it came down to, I had a pocket to throw in and there he was."

Of his role in the touchdown wide receiver T.J. Peterson described what he saw on the play.

"That was a play that was designed for me to go across the middle. I got open, Tom threw it and I was there."

Zetts finished the game 12-of-21 passing for 178 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

Luckily for Zetts his two interceptions did not turn out to be cost-

ly, as neither led to Maine scores.

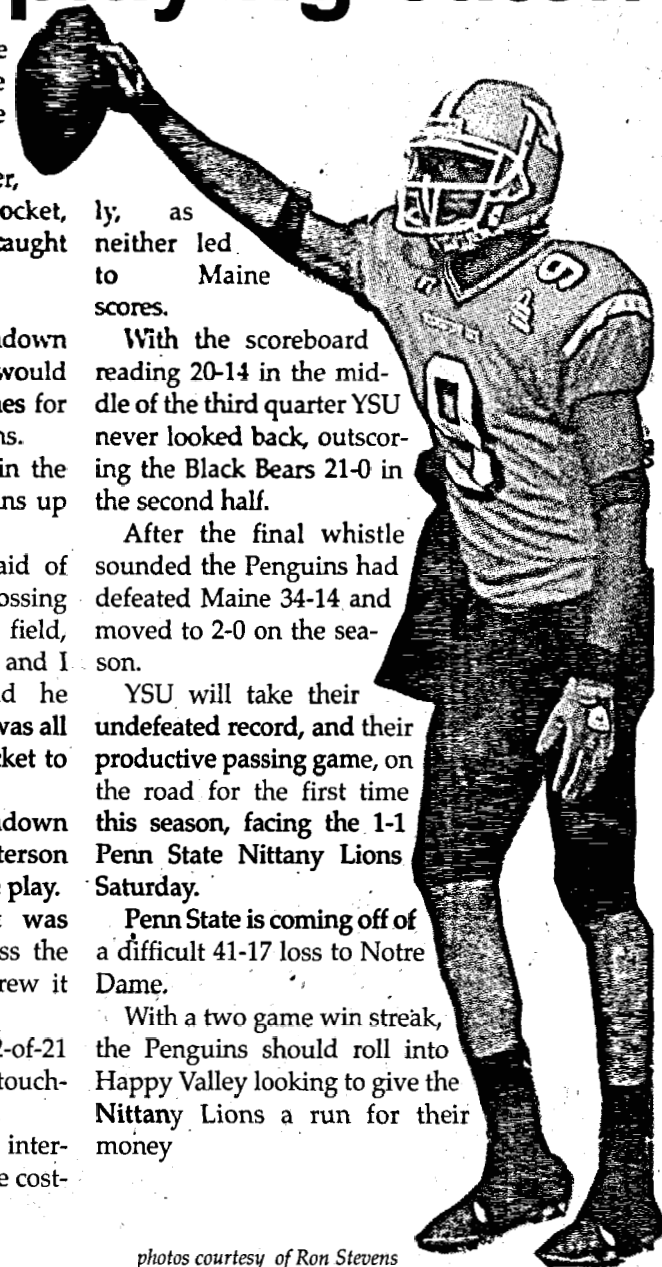
With the scoreboard reading 20-14 in the middle of the third quarter YSU never looked back, outscoring the Black Bears 21-0 in the second half.

After the final whistle sounded the Penguins had defeated Maine 34-14 and moved to 2-0 on the season.

YSU will take their undefeated record, and their productive passing game, on the road for the first time this season, facing the 1-1 Penn State Nittany Lions Saturday.

Penn State is coming off of a difficult 41-17 loss to Notre Dame.

With a two game win streak, the Penguins should roll into Happy Valley looking to give the Nittany Lions a run for their money



photos courtesy of Ron Stevens

YSU to play against the big time

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

Youngstown State University has burst onto the national sports scene in recently by playing the likes of the University of Pittsburgh in football and Oklahoma State University and the University of Texas in baseball.

This year YSU competition against top shelf competition continues as football and volleyball teams match-up against some big-time talent. Although schedules for spring sports have yet to be released this trend is sure to continue into next year.

Beyond this year, the Penguin football team will open their next two seasons at Ohio Stadium as they square off against Ohio State University.

Penn State University Football

Saturday YSU will play their third game of the season against the top 25 caliber team, the Penn State Nittany Lions. PSU is coming off of one of their best seasons, going 11-1 and winning the FedEx Orange Bowl 26-23 over SEC powerhouse, Florida State. Although the Nittany Lions are coming off of a 41-17 loss to Notre Dame they should still be a formidable opponent.

This will be the second time in as many years the Penguins will play a strong team from Pennsylvania. Last season YSU lost 41-0 to University of Pittsburgh.

Ohio State University Football

The Penguins will kick off the 2007 and 2008 seasons against the Ohio State Buckeyes in Columbus. Currently ranked number one in the country, the Buckeyes will be the most formidable foe the Penguins have faced yet. Earning \$650,000 in each appearance YSU will come across its largest pay day as well.

Volleyball

The only team to travel to Youngstown will be OSU's women's volleyball team Wednesday. Currently ranked 19th in the nation, the Lady Buckeyes are undefeated this season. With national championship aspirations

OSU will be the Penguins most difficult opponent to date, and with no financial reward for the game YSU will be playing solely for the experience.

Basketball

The second game of a tough road trip will be against Ohio State at the Jerome Schottenstein Center in Columbus Nov. 24. After finishing 26-6, the Buckeyes lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament against Georgetown. OSU has had a very productive summer landing the top high school prospect in the nation, Greg Oden. Following the Penguins trip to Columbus the Buckeyes will face off against the top ranked UNC Tar Heels. The pay out to play in Columbus is the same as Ann Arbor, \$45,000 to \$60,000.

University of Michigan Basketball

As the first of two road games against top 25 caliber teams the Penguins will take on the Michigan Wolverines, a perennial powerhouse, Nov. 22 at Crisler Arena. The pay day for this game will be between \$45,000 and \$60,000. The Wolverines finished last season 22-11, just missing the NCAA Tournament but advancing to the finals of the NIT Tournament before losing to the University of South Carolina.

VOLLEYBALL

Penguins set to face 19th ranked Buckeyes

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

After opening the season with 11 straight road matches the Youngstown State University women's volleyball team will make their home debut tomorrow at 7 p.m. against the 19th ranked Ohio State Buckeyes.

The Penguins will head into this Ohio hodium riding a four match tournament win streak after taking the Navy Chesapeake Challenge championship in Maryland this past weekend. With a 6-5 record on the season YSU may look to surprise the undefeated Buckeyes.

Ebony Barbosa, a sophomore outside hitter was just named Horizon League Offensive Player of the Week. Barbosa has high hopes of the Penguins chances against OSU.

"We're hoping to come out of the match with a win. So far we've worked really hard and we're trying to push to get a win for the home opener."

For Barbosa a YSU victory wouldn't mean just another tick in the win col-

umn.

"We want to gain respect from other teams and gain more fan support."

Respect has been hard to come by in recent years for the YSU volleyball team. The Penguins - only 11 matches into the 2006 season the Penguins are already one victory off of matching their win total from last year.

After starting off the 2005 season 7-3 the team dropped their last 19 matches to finish 7-22.

With a group that looks to be much improved this year the Penguins hope to show what their made of against the Buckeyes.

Head Coach Joe Bonner made it clear what he expects from the team during tomorrows match.

"It doesn't matter who we put out on the court, as long as they play hard and don't quit that's all I want. If I saw them not playing hard and giving up then I'd be upset."

According to Bonner his main goal against OSU is for all of his players to stay healthy.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Cross Country teams start off season on the right foot

Youngstown State University freshman Justin Dickman finished eighth to lead the men's squad and fellow freshman Lisa Lee had the best day on the women's side with a 22nd-place finish at the Tommy Evans Invitational

on Saturday. Dickman clocked in with a time of 21:57 over the four-mile course, leading the men's team to a third place finish. Lee ran a time of 21:31 on the 5K course. The women's team placed fifth.

Women's tennis team set to start season

The Lady Penguins tennis team will begin their season Sept. 15 at the Bowling Green Invitational. The tournament will run until Sept. 17. The team finished their spring season 9-9 last year and will look to improve on during the

fall tournament season. Returning this year, among others, is senior Gina Peretti, a 2005-2006 Second-Team All-Horizon League selection and sophomore Emily Thayer.

T.J. Peterson earns Gateway Offensive honors

Youngstown State University wide receiver T.J. Peterson earned Gateway Offensive Player of the Week honors for his performance against the Maine Black Bears. He finished the day with five receptions for 110 yards and

two touchdowns, with an average of 22-yards per reception. He set career highs with receptions, and shattered his career record for yards in a game, 66 set last season at Liberty, by 44. Entering the game Peterson had just two career touchdown receptions, both of which came last season.