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## YSU NEWS

### Ethics essay contest

The Elie Wiesel prize in ethics essay contest is in its 18th year. This competition challenges full-time junior and senior undergraduate students to analyze the urgent ethical issues in this complex world. More information is available at [www.eliewieselfoundation.org](http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org).

### Taiwanese rep. to lecture

David Tawei Lee, a Taiwan representative to the U.S. will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Chestnut Room as part of the Skeggs Lecture Series.

### Correction

In Tuesday's edition of the Jambar 9/26, on page 5, in the Upcoming October Events, The Cell's \$2 drinks / Customer Appreciate Night is listed as Tuesday, when it is actually on Thursday.

## HEALTH

# Beyond java

### Students turn to street drugs to stay focused

Adrienne Sabo & Russell Howell  
THE JAMBAR

Students drowning in homework and cramming for exams sometimes go to extreme measures to stay on top of their game.

Adderall and Ritalin have become "street drugs" at America's colleges and universities, replacing the typical caffeine method, according to a Substance Abuse Research Center study at University of Michigan. The study found that, at some demanding colleges, as many as 25 percent of students are abusing prescription Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder medications, such as Adderall and Ritalin, in order to compete.

Students obtain these drugs through illegal distribution, buying them from other students to stay awake for class or push through research papers and studying for finals.

Dennis Padla, a board-certified psychiatrist in St. Joseph, Mich. said that he has seen cases of students using ADHD medications in order to compete in college.

Adderall and Ritalin are listed as Schedule II drugs because they are highly addicting, Padla said. Side effects include anxiety, increased heart rate and psychotic symptoms.

According to the Bowling Green State University Department of Public Safety, Schedule II drugs have a high potential for abuse and have some medical usages with severe restrictions. Production of Section II drugs is controlled.

"Kids want to do well in school and there is a lot of competition. Sometimes people cram and sometimes they [professors] just give a lot of homework," Padla said.

Youngstown State University students, who asked to remain anonymous, said drugs like Adderall and Ritalin improve focus, helping the homework process. One student said when reading several chapters, he could concentrate because of the drugs.

Padla warns that the side effects of abusing these medications are harmful to the body.

There are other concentration aids besides highly dangerous and addictive Section II drugs. Jason

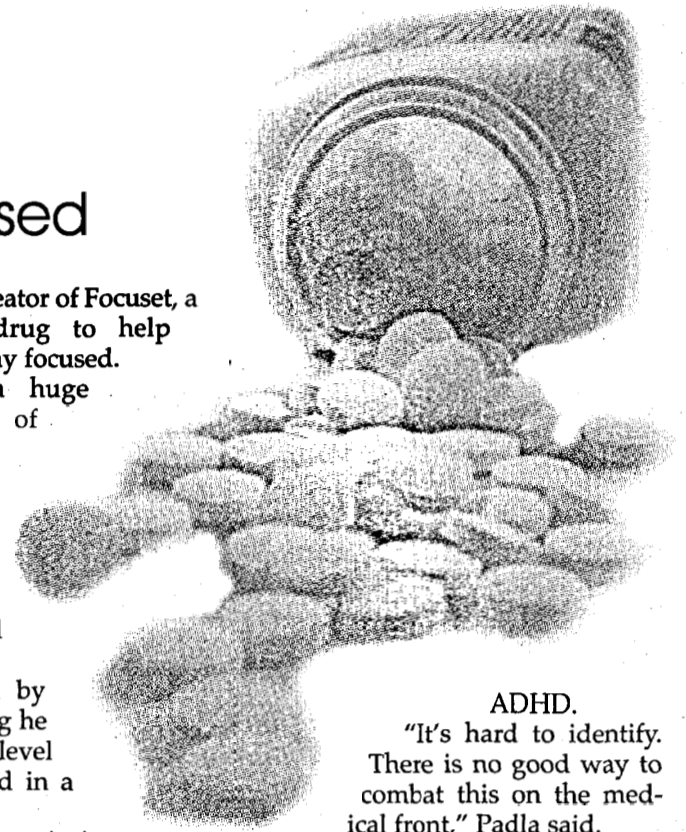
Neufeld is co-creator of Focuset, a new natural drug to help young adults stay focused.

"There is a huge problem of Adderall abuse. In college I didn't want to take it, but it was unfair that others were," Neufeld said.

Neufeld said by creating the drug he could help to level the playing field in a healthier way.

Abuse of prescription ADHD drugs is on the rise nationwide. A report by the National Center of Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University found that teenage abuse tripled between 1992 and 2003. According to Padla, one in four students will take ADHD medication to help stay focused.

One of the major issues when prescribing ADHD medication is that there is no real way to diagnose



ADHD.

"It's hard to identify. There is no good way to combat this on the medical front," Padla said.

Other colleges are taking a proactive approach to the issue. Padla said universities in western Michigan are prescribing smaller doses to students at the health clinic because of potential abuse.

Padla said more articles are being released on the issue and he and his colleagues are beginning to compile data.

## YOUNGSTOWN

# Forum discusses community college

Emery Boyle-Scott  
NEWS EDITOR

Wednesday in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room, Youngstown State University faculty and staff met to listen to Nate Ritchey, interim associate provost, lecture about the possibility of adding a community college to Mahoning County. Currently, Mahoning County is the only county in Ohio not serviced by a stand-alone community college.

Ritchey said "there is reason to believe there is interest in this area" for a community college.

Ron Cole, manager of news and information services, said the YSU Board of Trustees has been informally discussing the ramifications of building a community college in Mahoning County.

In March, the board created a committee, headed by Ritchey, to explore the possibility of developing a community college. Other members include Robert Herbert, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Cynthia Anderson, vice president for student affairs, and Tom Maraffa, special assistant to the president.

Ritchey called this committee the "Plan to Plan Committee."

There will be two more informative presentations in the Kilcawley Center Gallery: the first from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, and the second from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 12.

Cole said the purpose of these meetings is to help the committee determine what the ramifications

will be for Youngstown, local career and technical centers, YSU students, enrollment and tuition.

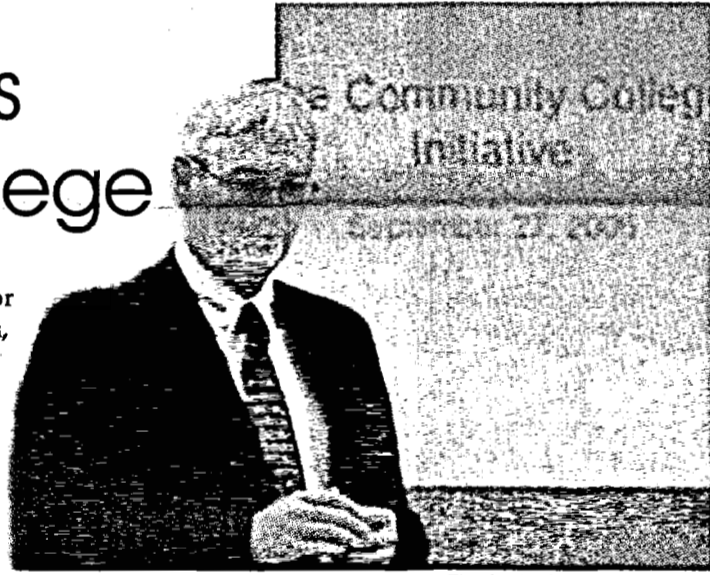
"We want everyone [YSU faculty and staff] to voice their opinions," Ritchey said.

Karla Krodel, director of the health care industry cluster at the YSU Metro College, said a community college project would be a way of expanding the educational experience of those who wouldn't be able to attend YSU.

"Can't call it a 'community college' because that brings out too many negative thoughts," Ritchey said.

During the presentation, Ritchey outlined some of the strengths of a community college. These include lower tuition, higher enrollment, lower cost, increased state and federal funding and a less threatening atmosphere for prospective students.

A community college project undertaken by YSU would have to live within certain restraints, Ritchey said. There is no extra YSU funding for a community college, there isn't enough classroom or lab space and the addition of a community college would require some shifts in faculty classification.



Ritchey gave a lecture on community college initiative in Youngstown

"Financially, whatever it is that we do, we have to be sure we don't wreck YSU," Ritchey said.

He suggested seeking outside funding in the form of grants to finance the project.

However, building an off-site community college campus is impractical for YSU at this time, Ritchey said.

With the addition of a community college, the puzzle of faculty classification would have to be solved. To lower costs, Ritchey mentioned community college instructors teaching up to 30 hours of classes and being hired with a master's degree.

The best approach, he said, would be to partner with local businesses, high schools and the career and technical centers for funding, instructional space and staff. Ritchey said a partnership would be the most desirable way to go.

Ritchey said before undertaking a community college project, YSU should ask, "How could we better serve the people of the community?"

## YSU Students cynical about elections

Rudi Whitmore  
FEATURES REPORTER

In the United States, over 16 million eligible voters are between the ages of 18 and 25. Almost 60 percent of those eligible are actually registered, and collectively make up a voting constituency of 14 percent of the entire population.

Though there is power in these numbers, many young voters feel their ballot doesn't count, at least not the way it should.

Sophomore Laura Young simply shrugged as she picked at her salad in KC Food Court.

"What's the point? Does it really matter if I do? They tell you, ya know ... one person, one vote," Young said.

Wagging her fork disapprovingly, she smirked.

"What a crock. The Electoral College just seems to take it into consideration. Maybe my vote will count, maybe not. The way I understand ... the electoral vote was put there so that if people wrote in, like 'Mickey Mouse,' even if it's a majority vote, they can say the candidate isn't fit. But if the people want Mickey Mouse, they should get him. It should be like American Idol. Call in your vote. Make them sing. I bet more people would care then," Young said.

Young's apathy isn't atypical, and many people are hoping to change her mind. Online non-partisan groups are attempting to wake up young voters to the reality of tomorrow. Organizations like Rock the Vote and the Youth Vote Coalition offer Web sites with issues that face the younger generation, voting dates, ways to register and

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## YSU to receive 'Historic' donation

Jenny Boyce  
NEWS REPORTER

Youngstown State University President David Sweet announced there will be a "historic" donation given to the university today during a meeting in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center at 11 a.m.

In celebration of 25th anniversary of the Williamson Symposium, the Williamson College of Business Administration will feature six entre-

preneurs of the Williamson family during a panel discussion in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

"The symposium is free and open to the public," announced Ron Cole, manager of news and information services. The conference will include topics on broadcasting, entrepreneurship, and technology.

Three hundred people are expected to attend, among them, two hundred

YSU students, according to Christine Shelton, WCBA coordinator of external relations.

Following the meeting will be the press conference, where the big announcement will be made.

"The press conference will be held to announce the new building donation by the Williamson family," said Shelton. "It's open to everyone who wants to attend, and a luncheon will follow."

# Accreditation reaches phase two

Emery Boyle-Scott  
News Editor



**BOWERS**

Every 10 years since 1945, Youngstown State University has undergone the Higher Learning Commission's accreditation process. The process consists of six phases. With one phase already completed, the fall semester begins phase two: information gathering and analyses.

Bege Bowers, co-director of the accreditation steering committee, said accreditation is "an external validation of the quality of the university."

Without accreditation, Youngstown State University students would not be able to participate in federal financial aid, and graduates would not have as many job opportunities, Bowers said.

Bowers called the process of accreditation a "major undertaking" that allows the university to examine all of its programs and services.

Karen Solinski is assistant

director of legal and governmental affairs for the Higher Learning Commission, which is YSU's accrediting organization. She said students should look for an accredited institution because it "provides second-party assurance that the institution provides quality education."

During the accreditation process, "institutions learn about [what] they do well and what they can do better," Solinski said. After accreditation, YSU should improve the programs and services it offers, Solinski said.

YSU left off with the HLC during the last accreditation process in 1998. In 2001, YSU had to submit progress

reports on two major subject areas: general education requirements and diversity.

The general education requirements dealt with the Fall 2000 switch from quarters to semesters. In 1998, the HLC said it did not make sense to implement the new general education requirements on the quarters system when the university would switch to semesters in 2000. YSU had to submit a progress report to the HLC describing the effectiveness of the general education program.

According to the 2001 HLC analysis of YSU's supplemental report regarding diversity and general education requirements, the general education program at YSU is "goal-driven and focused on building basic skills and on five domains of learning. Students take mandated introductory courses for skill development in writing, speaking and math that are followed up with intensive foci on these skills in general education, the major, the minor or elective courses.

Students demonstrate skill development in a capstone course in the major."

The general education program was approved in May 1998 and was implemented with the switch from quarters to semesters in 2000.

The second major area the university needed to improve was racial and ethnic diversity among faculty staff and students. Bowers noted that diversity criteria have changed now, and no longer concern just racial and ethnic diversity. Now diversity concerns such issues as different kinds of learners - from under-prepared to honors students said Bowers.

Sharon Stringer, the director of assessment, said the length of the accreditation process is essential because it is "unfair and superficial if we were to do a brief period of time."

In February 2008, the accreditation process will culminate with a two-day site visit from the Higher Learning Commission.

# Literary conference comes to YSU

Adrienne Sabo &  
Laura Neely

Reader's Theater and many more.

The sessions will discuss the latest info on literacy. Vendors will also be available throughout Kilcawley; many of them will be selling teacher supplies as well as the books.

Friday and Saturday mark the 2006 Annual Reading Conference aimed at demonstrating new teaching techniques to Ohio's educators for implementation into the classroom. This is also an opportunity for educators to share their methods in engaging students.

This is the first year that YSU has hosted the conference. At least 300 teachers, students and faculty are expected to be in attendance.

Mary Lou DiPillo, Associate dean of Beeghly College of Education and faculty coordinators of the conference said, "The purpose of the conference is to provide professional development of literacy to teachers and students."

The guest speakers range from Education Professors and authors of children books from all over the country. Among the slated speakers is Timothy Rasinski, professor of education at Kent State. Rasinski has co-authored 12 books, and has developed eight curriculum programs for teaching reading.

Participants will partake in breakout sessions concerning topics such as Comprehension, Poetry,

The following speakers will be in attendance. Award winning author Debra Frasier, Timothy Rasinski, an education professor at Kent State University will be speaking on Friday.

Jean Feldman who is best known for innovative activities and engaging music for children. Illustrator Steven Kellogg and Linda Gambrell an education professor at Clemson University will speak on Saturday.

The conference is sponsored by Beeghly College of Education, Kent State University's Reading and Writing Center, College and Graduate School of Education and College of Continuing Studies; The University of Akron's Center for Literacy; and The Ohio Council of the International Reading Association.

The conference is from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Saturday. The cost is \$25 per day for students and \$85 for non-students. Contact Beeghly School of Education for farther questions.

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### OUR SIDE

## Voting is our responsibility

With statewide races in progress, November is only a month away, and duty is calling. As a U.S. citizen, it is everyone's right to vote. It is also an obligation. Unfortunately, more than 2.7 million voting-eligible Ohioans are not fulfilling this obligation.

In 2004, the voting-age population in Ohio totaled 8,680,824. Considering non-citizens and ineligible felons subtracted from this number, the voting-eligible population in Ohio was 8,471,152. Yet, the Ohio voter turnout in 2004 totaled only 5,722,443 voters, or 67.55 percent. These are the 2.7 million-plus Ohioans who need to wake up, especially since the preliminary estimate of the voting-eligible population for the November 2006 election is 8,504,258, or 33,106 more than it was in 2004.

The decline in voter turnout for the presidential election in 1996 significantly increased with the last two presidential elections in 2000 and 2004. While the 60.3 percent voter turnout in 2004's presidential election is encouraging, the voting-age population must not forget about local and state elections.

Voting every four years simply doesn't suffice. Those eligible to vote must also consider the races for governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state auditor, treasurer, Ohio congressional and district courts, among others. The Secretary of State Web site, [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us), offers the complete list of offices up for election in 2006.

The State General Election is Nov. 7, but voters must act now. Consider Tuesday the start of Election Day; it is the first day to cast absentee ballots. If citizens fail to vote because they are too busy to wait in line on Nov. 7, absentee ballots are the way to go. Despite speculation that some absentee voters could have voted twice in 2004, once with an absentee ballot and once at county polls, this time around, everyone can vote absentee. To apply for an absentee ballot, download the format <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/elections/Voter/absenteeRequest.pdf>.

Oct. 10 is the registration deadline in Ohio. Act quickly, because the deadline may vary. Ohio's registration deadline rule is 30 days before the election.

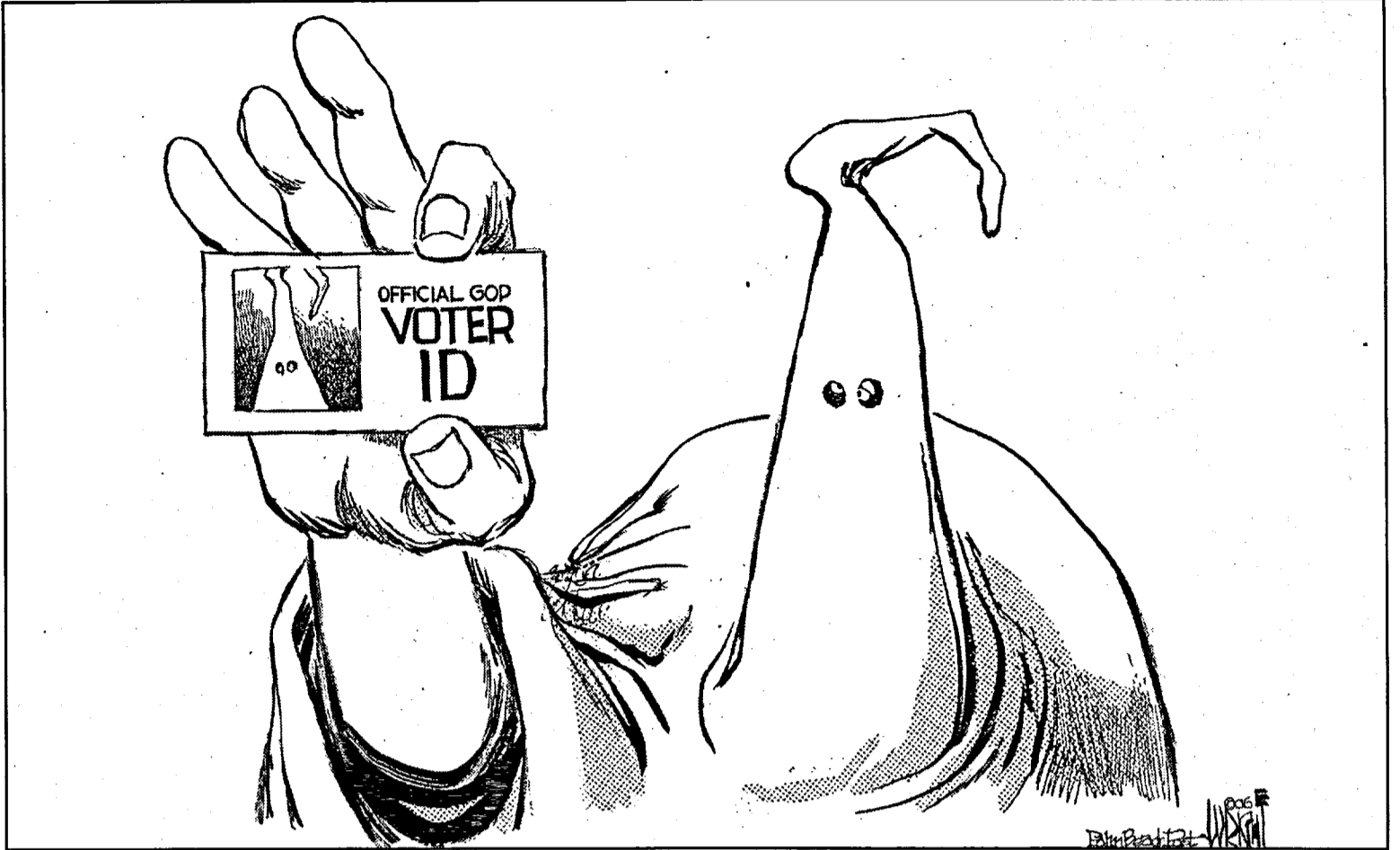
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You can also register to vote at the local election office in your city or county, or online. Try Web sites like [www.govote.org](http://www.govote.org).

However you do it, register now. Even if you're not a first-time voter, bring a photo ID to the polls, and research candidates and issues before voting. You must present an Ohio driver's license or other State ID card with your current or former address. Other valid documents include a military ID, paycheck, copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or other government showing your name and current address.

The college-age demographic should not go underrepresented this time around. Remember that your vote can make a difference.

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### COMMENTARY

## The tipping point

McClatchy  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
(MCT)

You're dining out at a swanky restaurant. Your server has helped you and your date get a romantic little table in the corner. He's given you the skinny on the coq au vin and the rack of lamb, and he's delivered your meal with perfect timing. His final act of the evening is to bring you the check. Do you give him a fabulous tip?

Or do you stiff him?

Restaurant patrons beware: If you leave a stingy tip, the world may find out about it.

The Associated Press recently reported that waiters are employing the Internet to express their displeasure with their customers. One Web site gives waiters around the country the opportunity to divulge the names of customers who

have tipped less than 17 percent.

On other Web sites, waiters mouth off about people who tip less than 20 percent. One New Yorker has a blog (WaiterRant.net) on which he gives scathing reports about rude and impatient customers, including details on their poor tipping habits.

It's hard to blame the waiters. There aren't many occupations in which you do the work and then the employer decides how much to pay you (or whether to pay you at all).

A former Atlanta waiter who's now a restaurant manager has been trying to persuade restaurant owners to follow the lead of Europeans and charge an automatic 20 percent service fee on every check.

Michael Lynn, a professor at Cornell University's Center for Hospitality Research, has

found that many people do feel strong social pressure to tip in the 15 to 20 percent range. (Increasingly they're feeling pressures to drop change in tip jars as well. But we digress.)

"We've found that customers tip more when servers do things such as writing thank you on the check, calling the customer by name or even squatting to talk to the customer," Lynn said.

In general, customers don't want automatic service charges. It strips the server of the motivation to do a good job if he or she knows he's going to be paid the same anyway.

Research shows that customers believe waiters should be paid more, but customers aren't always willing to pay higher prices for their meals to subsidize those higher wages. And restaurateurs aren't always willing to hike their

menu prices and/or take a bite out of their profits to boost waiters' salaries.

It seems unlikely that many U.S. restaurants are going to adopt the automatic service charge, though many do impose one for larger groups. Waiters' earnings will continue to be based in part on tips, and those tips will sometimes be generous and sometimes stingy. That's the nature of the job.

A word of advice: Give them a break. If you can afford the price of the meal, you can afford to be generous to the waiter. And treat them respectfully. A seat at the table doesn't come with a license to treat the waiter like a lackey.

And if that doesn't convince you, remember: You don't want to show up on WaiterRant.net.

## How to tick off a dictator

Bronwyn Lance Chester  
(MCT)

Did you hear the one about the Kazakh comedian?

No, of course you didn't. He's in solitary confinement. Or so the punch line would go if they had a sense of humor in the Central Asian nation of Kazakhstan.

What has the autocratic Kazakh president's knickers in a knot that's important enough to appear on his agenda with President Bush this month isn't his country's rampant corruption, his soldiers in Iraq or the murder of opposition-party politicians.

Instead, it's a boob named Borat.

For the uninitiated, Borat is a fictional, mustachioed Kazakh journalist who makes out with his sister, wears a Day-Glo-green thong, utters anti-Semitic, anti-gay and anti-gypsy quips, and hits the fabled American highways on a quest to marry Pamela Anderson. His tour-de-force of political incorrectness will soon be at the nearest Cineplex in the aptly named "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan."

Borat is the alter ego of Cambridge-educated British

comedian Sasha Baron Cohen himself Jewish best known in America for his riotous HBO series "Da Ali G Show," in which he interviewed unsuspecting celebrities and politicians in a rapper guise.

Now Borat's movie is doing the same with average Americans. Think the "Tonight Show's" Jaywalking segment on crack.

Did I mention that Borat isn't real?

No matter. President Nursultan Nazarbayev is so livid over the "misrepresentation" he intends to waste the most powerful man in the world's time kvetching about fictional movie characters.

His government has already threatened Cohen with the most Western of menaces a defamation lawsuit and pulled the plug on his borat.kz Web site.

Yet with Nazarbayev as their leader, it's no surprise that Kazakhs don't understand much about freedom of expression.

The blast-furnace-operator-turned-prez has systematically muzzled the media, outlawed opposition parties and harassed advocacy groups, according to The Washington Post. And Transparency International ranks

Kazakhstan as one of the world's most corrupt countries.

Then there's the small matter of \$78 million in bribes that U.S. prosecutors accuse Nazarbayev of taking from an American businessman.

It's hard to know which camp looks more ridiculous here, Kazakhstan's suddenly sensitive dictator or the White House, which last month \_ to great fanfare \_ launched a campaign against high-level foreign corruption as "a critical component of our freedom agenda."

Never mind. Nazarbayev not only gets an Oval Office tour, he gets a sleepover at the Bush family compound in Kennebunkport.

Maybe the two leaders are commiserating on their mutual experience with parodies of idiocy. Or maybe it has something to do with Kazakhstan's vast oil reserves.

For the record: As a native of Appalachia, I understand a thing or two about negative stereotypes. For years, we've been plagued by toothless jokes, gene-pool jibes and Jeff Foxworthy. So I'm not wholly unsympathetic to the Kazakhs' gripes about Borat. National identity has been a sensitive topic there since the country's

split from the Soviet Union.

But I've also learned something: Those eye-rolling saws often shed more light on the teller's ignorance and prejudice than they do on the butt of the joke. And judging from the "Borat" trailer, the movie is less about poking fun at Kazakhstan than it is about exposing the goofiness and bigotry in everyday America.

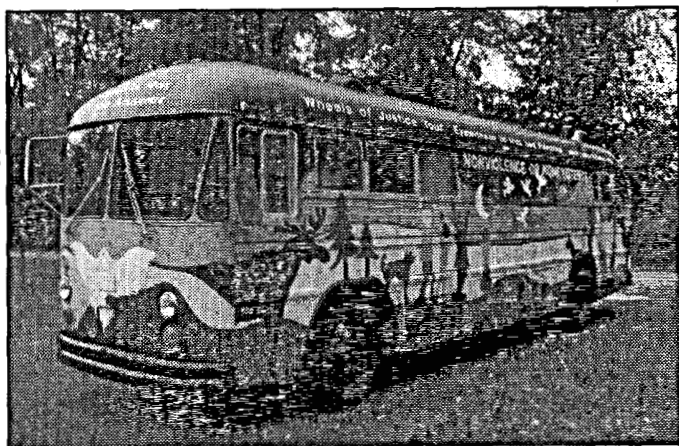
A friend who served in the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan assures me that the Kazakhs do, indeed, have a sense of humor. Perhaps they should see Borat as a boon instead of a battle.

Thanks to Cohen's character, Kazakhstan has just received more publicity than it could buy with a battalion of PR agents, which, by the way, it recently hired.

Instead of threatening Borat, Kazakhstan should be thanking him, maybe even hiring him as a humorous travel pitchman. Hipper-than-thou yuppies and smirking backpackers would undoubtedly flock to the semi-desert nation.

Instead of carping in Washington, Kazakhstan should take a lesson from Hollywood: There's no such thing as bad publicity.

LOCAL



Courtesy of Wheels of Justice

The wheels on the bus make rounds in Youngstown

Ashley Tate  
REPORTER

The Wheels of Justice Tour is making a stop in Youngstown to talk about nonviolent education and action against war and occupation in Iraq and Palestine.

Speakers Elce Redmond and Dan Pearson will be at Youngstown State University today in Kilcawley Center's Presidential Suite from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Gary Sexton, representative for the Valley Coalition for Peace & Justice, said the Wheels of Justice is a national organization of people who have peace work experience on the ground talking about their experience in Iraq.

"The group is based in Chicago and they were here in the fall of 2003 after the war began. This was the next time the tour stopped in our area so we wanted to take advantage of that," Sexton said.

According to the Wheels of Justice, its mission is "To seek and practice nonviolent alternatives to the current violence and advocate solutions to the roots of war in Iraq and Palestine/Israel and our own communi-

ties. The Wheels of Justice Tour canvasses the United States with education, outreach, active non-violent resistance, and network / community building."

Pearson said participants have seen and lived with war, terror and occupation in Iraq and Palestine.

"Traveling on a colorful biodiesel bus, participants offer first-hand experience, irrespective of partisan politics and sound bite sloganeering," Pearson said.

The organization traveled to over 3,000 venues in 48 states over the past four years.

"This fall, speakers will join the bus as it tours the northeastern states. We began in Chicago and go through Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire," Pearson said.

About half the organization's stops included schools: elementary, middle and high schools, and colleges/universities, Pearson said.

"The impact was tremendous in reaching out to the U.S. public through events, media coverage, etcetera and mobilizing communities," he said.

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voter rights. They present information in an easily-followed format with language any college or high school student can follow.

Sophomore Becky DeLost laughed with Young.

"They're all twisted and crooked anyway. I mean, some politicians set out with good intentions, but..."

Here DeLost trailed off, with a small frown.

"What do they do for us anyway? How about tuition? Have they done anything about that?" DeLost inquired.

Rising loan debt is a huge concern for the age 18-25

crowd. Two-thirds of all college students graduate with a median debt of \$1,900. Some high school graduates won't even go to college, as tuition costs continue to rise and federal aid continues to drop. In the 1970s, Pell Grants covered about 74 percent of a four-year education. The average coverage today is 34 percent.

"Politicians don't care about college students," junior Mandy Taylor argued. "When's the last time they did anything good for a college student? They just care about people [who] can get them into office."

Taylor makes College Republicans President Alex Mangies' point.

"Our generation is apathetic. If we want things to change, we have to get our voices heard. We do that by voting," Mangie said.

"It's hard to get people involved. Health care isn't exciting, but it's important to look ahead, and be informed," he added.

Junior Joe Ilesue believes the problem is very simple.

"Politicians aren't going to care about our generation at all if we're not a powerful voting constituency. Social

security is a huge issue because the people that care about social security vote, and in large numbers. Even our protests don't translate into votes," Ilesue said.

He paused for a moment and sighed.

"The less involved our generation is, the more we're gonna get trampled on. These are serious times and we need to take serious notice of what's going on. If we don't hold them accountable, they aren't ever going to be. We need to vote or they'll never take our generation seriously," Ilesue said.

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# Hey buuuddy!

Pauly Shore comes to Youngstown this weekend

Rudi Whitmore  
FEATURES REPORTER

Pauly Shore has done it all. He's acted, directed, produced, written and, enviably, VJ-ed.

"Yeah," Shore said over the phone with the Jambar, "What can I say? I'm a bona fide Jewish businessman. Ever since I was a kid, I've done it all. Singing, dancing, surfing, being a mod."

Deciding on his favorite stumped him for a moment.

"Writing, producing, starring and editing is best. No one else can screw it up, because ... basically, it's your vision."

After another thoughtful pause, he elaborated.

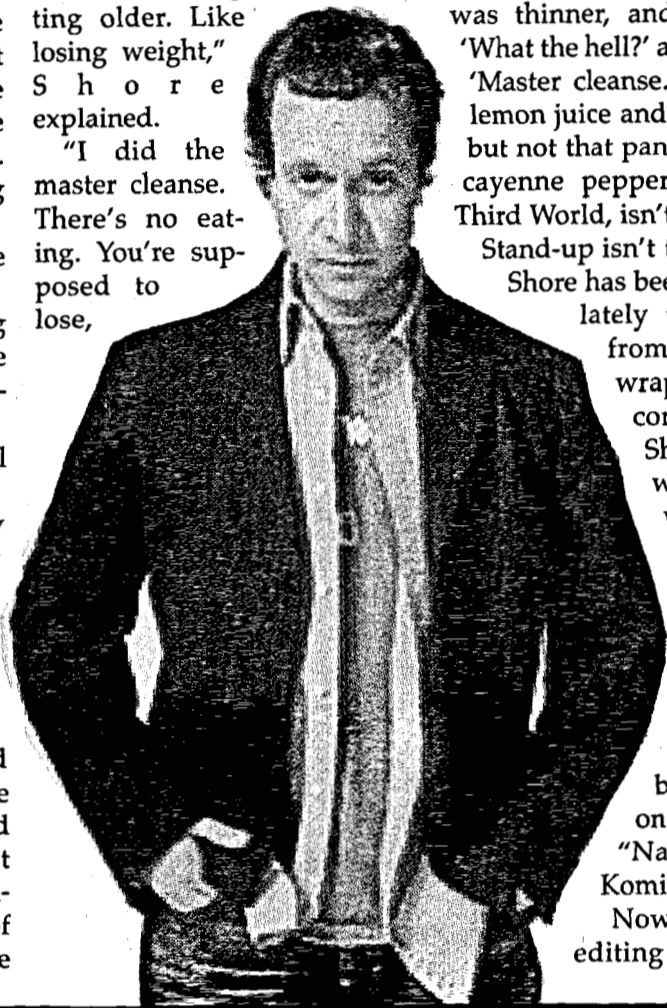
"We all see things differently and there's nothing wrong with yours or mine ... they're just different. You're putting together your own product. No misinterpretation by any means."

Many know Shore as a mid '90s iconic stoner in movies like "Encino Man," "Bio-dome" and "Son in Law." They shouldn't despair of losing him to a completely serious reincarnation of himself when he comes to the

Funny Farm Comedy Club this Friday and Saturday.

"The stand-up? I talk about everything, ya know? From child molestation to the stuff we deal with getting older. Like losing weight," Shore explained.

"I did the master cleanse. There's no eating. You're supposed to lose,



like, five to 10 pounds, because ... dude, you're not doing it at the gym. I heard about it from my friend, this guy, huge guy, I saw him at the Russian-Turkish baths, and he was thinner, and I was like, 'What the hell?' and he told me 'Master cleanse.' It's all this lemon juice and maple syrup, but not that pancake shit, and cayenne pepper. It's kinda Third World, isn't it?"

Stand-up isn't the only thing

Shore has been involved in lately though - far from it. After

wrapping a dark comedy, "Pauly Shore Is Dead,"

which Shore wrote, directed

and starred in

about faking his own

death to get in the media

spotlight, he

began working

on a new project: "Natural Born

Komics."

Now in the final

editing stages,

"Natural Born Komics" is a bit of everything.

"We've got hidden cameras, parody sketches, we have celebrities punking normal people, some stand-up and

music.

There's still a bit of finishing to do with

it. We have to mix and master

it, then package it, and when I'm

done with that, I'm

doing some

more episodes of "Entourage"

in February and March," Shore

said.

Shore feels that a lot of comedians

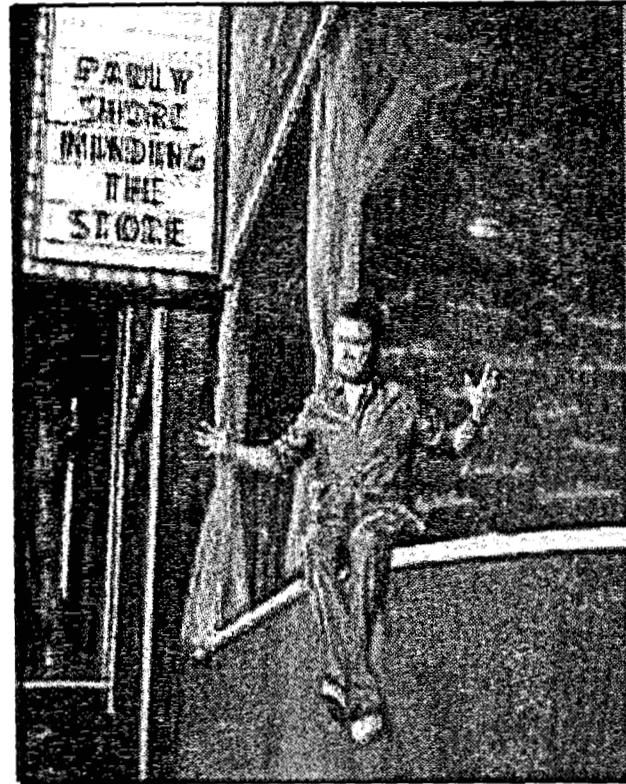
use their own darkness for comedy.

"There's a lot of comics that

can do drama. I think I'm ready

to try it. There's a lot of pain

and insecurity, and it'd be great



Photos courtesy of www.myspace.com/paulyshore

to do that in a role, especially after 'Natural Born Komics' ... It's a little wacky, but it's smart."

Shore will be appearing at the Funny Farm Comedy Club in Youngstown at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night as part of his tour.

## COMMENTARY

# Blogsploring the Blogosphere

Bob Mackey  
COLUMNIST

Blogs. As stupid as that word is, guesstimates indicate that about 90 percent of you young college readers have them. And if you don't, you're as lame as your parents or those people who are baffled into submission by such simple technology as self-checkout lanes at the grocery store and those tennis shoes that inflate in some way to provide maximum jumposity. Blogs are important in these modern times because they help us use the power of the written word to establish an identity far more exciting than our lame, cotton/poly-blend covered selves could possibly be in real life. For example, I bet most of you didn't know that in reality I am a 63-year-old woman who collects pictures of cats with amusing (and sometimes inspirational!) messages inscribed on them.

If you think this is remarkable, the power of the written word once turned a 7-foot tall alcoholic lumberjack famous for his debauchery into a soft-spoken poet who wrote about leaves, grass and sometimes both. But please, keep the hidden life of Walt "Iron Pelvis" Whitman the secret it deserves to be.

Thankfully, Whitman wrote in a pre-Internet age; his works are in books and can be easily ignored. However, young reader, it is you who has the chance to truly be recognized as the Internet celebrity you deserve to be. To grab the brass ring on the

"No one on the Internet cares about your personal life, and most of your friends in real life are waiting for you to die so they can rummage through your closet and discover items that will taint your memory forever."



Bob Mackey  
Columnist

blog-go-round! To go for the gold in the Internolympics! To verb the noun in yet another Web-related analogy! And I, owner of the World's Most Popular Blog (Internet Census 2005), am here to help you with these goals.

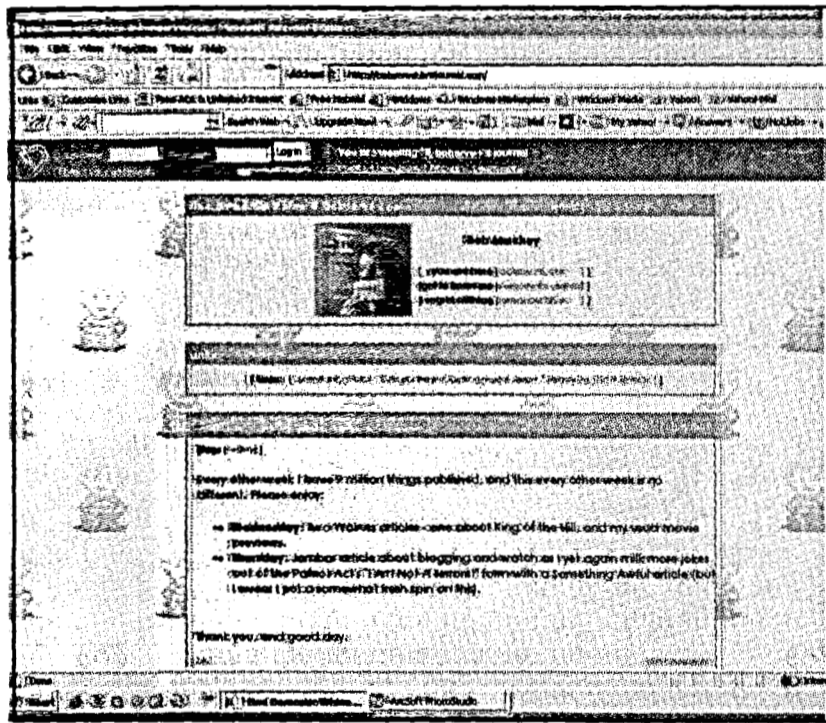
As I stated before, your new identity will be the first major factor in blog success and newfound popularity. A fancy new Internet name will allow you to ditch your boring suburban name, or even your hard-to-pronounce foreign name. Just choose something that reflects your personality and interests, with a helping of badassery. For example, the words "Mustang," "Willow" and "Sephiroth" are all excellent choices; if you can add as many suggestive number combinations to these words, then the more, the better.

Obviously, "MustangWillowSephiroth6942080085911" is currently the record-holder for the Internet's coolest name, but this alias has been taken by a 12 year-old boy in Mason City, Iowa. You'll have to try a little harder.

The next thing to do is to decide where to plant yourself in the drainage ditch full of deer carcasses next to the Information Superhighway called the blogos-

phere. Consider MySpace if you would also like to annoy everyone with your unique musical tastes, as this blog service's embedded music feature can force your visitors to see just how much you love The Baha Men. And since MySpace somehow makes sure that this embedded music plays ten times louder than jet engines, The Baha Men will be the last thing your visitors will hear ... forever. You also have other options such as LiveJournal and Blogger, should you decide to go a route that involves less sadism.

When deciding the content of your blog, eliminate yourself from the possible choices. No one on the Internet cares about your personal life, and most of your friends in real life are waiting for you to die so they can rummage through your closet and discover items that will taint your memory forever. Instead, choose to become cool not by bragging on the Internet about personal accomplishments, but by becoming an expert in a field that no one cares about. Beware: finding untouched areas of disinterest is very hard to do, especially on the Internet. Think about something no one could possibly care about, and go much, much deeper. Is there a



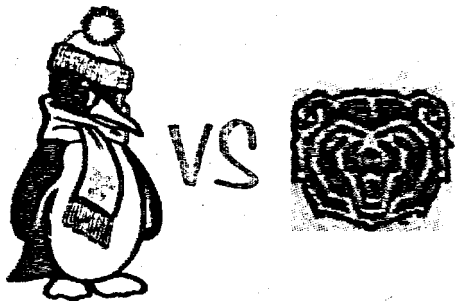
comprehensive blog about cel-painting errors in Duck Tales? Do people need to know the band on Uncle Scrooge's hat in the episode "Micro Ducks from Outer Space" was miscolored at the 13:55 mark? The answer is yes. And remember, constant updates will keep people coming back.

The final step in making a successful blog is what has made shows like MTV's "Laguna Beach" the vomit-inducing successes they are: drama. A healthy dose of drama will make sure that your readers will hang onto your every word and value you as the unquestioned authority in whatever marginally important field you have chosen. So how do you create this drama? Simply find someone with a similar blog, leave a passive-aggressive comment or jokes about your opponent's choice of font (contact me for up

to 50 jokes about serifs), and imply that your readers should do the same. You could also test the codependency of your readers by threatening to leave the blogging game for good. Just post a message such as, "Folks, I'm taking a hiatus; I need to stop cataloging the guest stars on Green Acres, and start cataloging what really matters: my feelings." Then, when the waves of pity come in, immediately return the next day. They'll fall for it every time!

With this information, you should be able to get out there and start "bloggin' it," as we say in the blogging circles. But I can't give away all my secrets; those are between me and my cats. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to get back to my stories.

You won't believe this, but Bob Mackey has a blog. You can reach it at <http://www.bobser-vo.com>.



## 3 keys to the game

### one

Not only will the Penguins have their hands full with the Missouri State offense, but they will have to contend with their special teams play as well. In the Bears' 16-14 loss to Central Arkansas, wide receiver Eric Davis returned a punt 88 yards for a touchdown and the all-time school record. The Youngstown State University special teams unit has played spectacularly this season, allowing just 2.6 yards per punt return. Youngstown will have to continue to play smart on special teams if they want to keep Davis from being the game's difference maker. One of the Penguin punt returners may look to answer Davis' prowess with a long return of his own.

### two

After getting its running game back on track against UC Davis, the Penguins' offense will have to continue its solid play on the ground against Missouri's stout group of linebackers led by Jerron Poole and Derrick Byrd. Poole, a 6-foot-1, 240-pound junior from Austin, Texas, has the speed and size to bring runners down in the backfield; he also leads the team in tackles this season. For YSU's gang of running backs to be successful, the Penguin offensive line has to continue its stellar play this week against the Bears' defense.

### three

Rarely can it be said that the fate of a game rests solely on the leg of a punter, but YSU's Joe Bishop may hold the key to a Penguin victory. Bishop averaged nearly 42 yards a kick in last weeks 38-24 win over UC Davis. The strong-legged punter also contributed to the Aggies' poor field position, as UC Davis' average starting spot was its own 20-yard line. So far this season Bishop has done a fantastic job of angling his kicks to not only limit the returner's abilities, but to pin opposing offenses deep in their own territory. The senior punter will have to continue his stellar play as he will face another elite return man in Eric Davis.

FOOTBALL

## Key match-up

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G. Davis

Jake Glavies  
SPORTS EDITOR

With plenty of key match-ups between the Penguin defense and the Missouri State offense, every offensive series for the Bears will be a battle.

Youngstown State University's secondary and down linemen will have to play solid to disrupt Missouri State's duo of signal callers. Similar to other positions on offense, the Bear quarterbacks act as a one-two punch that often knocks out opposing defenses. Freshman Matt Krapfl, 6-foot-1 and 209 pounds, is the set-up job, while sophomore Garrett Congdon, 6-foot-4 and 230 pounds, is the lights-out haymaker. With no dominant performer, both players split time under center. To minimize the healthful effects of alternating quarterbacks, the Penguin defense will have to keep pressure on both passers throughout the day.

From the pass to the catch, Missouri State wide receivers Jeremy Nicholson and Eric Davis have combined for over 400 receiving yards and three

touchdowns this year. At 6 feet 3 inches, Nicholson is a match-up nightmare for the Penguins. The speedy receiver towers over YSU starting cornerbacks Codera Jackson, 5-foot-10, and Jason Perry, 5-foot-8. Although Davis is more physically defensible and his speed on deep patterns poses a major threat, YSU defense still has a chance. Slowing down the receiving pair is easier said than done, but if the defense can play tight coverage and get in some big hits, Nicholson and Davis should become non-factors in the game.

The Bears backfield doesn't fit the mold of a "thunder and lightning" combination. With Michael Cooper at 6 feet 1 inch and 240 pounds and Gerald Davis at 6 feet and 225 pounds, this twosome more resembles a full-blown natural disaster. Both players have posted similar numbers in yardage and carries this season. The task of stopping this downhill duo is squarely on the broad shoulders of the Penguin defensive line and linebackers. The hard-hitting style of these two groups should make Hurricane Missouri just a blip on the radar.

## YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF



### Cross country looks to continue improvement

The Penguins will travel to South Bend this weekend to compete in the Notre Dame Invitational on Friday. The team is nearly two weeks removed from its previous competition where it showed flashes of improvement at the Mel Brodt Invitational held at Bowling Green University. Senior Nick Kruse and freshman Justin Dickman have led the men's squad early on this season. Dickman scored an eighth place finish in the season opener while Kruse came in at 23rd in the men's 8K course with a time of 23:39.59 at the Mel Brodt. Freshman standout Lisa Lee has been the top finisher for a women's team who improved on its times at the Mel Brodt by at least one minute compared to scores at the opening invitational.

### Soccer teams will face Valparaiso

The first of a four-game homestand will begin for the Penguins when Valparaiso University comes to town on Friday. It will be the last non-conference match-up for the team before Horizon League play begins in October. The women's squad has had a week off since their trip to South Carolina to prepare for a tough contest with the Crusaders, who are riding a six-game winning streak. The Penguin offense will need to work hard against a solid Valparaiso defense that has allowed just eight goals in 10 matches this season. The game is scheduled for a 4 p.m. kickoff at Stambaugh Stadium.

### Perry, Bishop earn Player-of-the-Week honors

Senior cornerback Jason Perry and senior punter Joe Bishop earned Gateway Conference Player-of-the-Week honors for their performances in Youngstown State University's victory over UC Davis Saturday. Perry was named the Gateway's Defensive Player of the Week after recording four tackles, two pass break-ups and an interception returned for a touchdown. Bishop was named the conference's Special Teams Player of the Week. The strong-legged punter from Canton, Ohio averaged 41.5 yards on his six punts in the game. He also landed three inside the 20-yard line. Perry and Bishop are the second and third Penguins to earn Gateway honors this season, as wide receiver T.J. Peterson received the award for his performance against the Main Black Bears.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Brookman adds depth to young squad

Nijma Awadallah  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Tessa Brookman, a junior midfielder on the Youngstown State University women's soccer team, has brought vital experience to a group that boasts 17 underclassmen out of 22 total roster spots. So far this season the 5-foot-3 environmental studies major has appeared in all eight of the Penguins matches and has started six. Statistically, she has recorded four shots on the year; although none of them have found the back of the net all of her attempts have been on target.

Beyond her numerical contributions, Brookman has been able to provide

much needed depth and experience to a young and inexperienced Penguins squad. During her previous two years on the team she appeared in 30 matches and started 20. She also recorded one goal and two assists during this time.

Recently Tessa Brookman took some time out of her busy schedule to sit with a Jambar reporter and talk of her times at YSU.

J: Where are you from?  
B: I am from Morgantown, W.Va. I had a wonderful childhood. I lived in the country.

J: How long have you been playing soccer?  
B: I have been playing soccer for 15 years. My parents got me started around five or six. This

is my third year playing at YSU. I have had my struggles but it's all worth it in the end.

J: What made you come to YSU to play and were there any other schools that you were thinking of?

B: My soccer coach, Coach James, made me come here. He has been coaching me for about nine years. I couldn't play college ball for anyone else.

J: How are the girls on the team?

B: The girls on the team are like my family. We are one BIG happy family.

J: You also got to play

## 4 Things I know

**Favorite color:** Purple.

**Favorite food:** Chinese.

**Favorite movie:** Tommy Boy.

**Word that best describes her:** Eclectic



Brookman

soccer here at YSU with your sister, Sadie, how was that? Do you miss her?

B: It was amazing to play with my sister at the college level. I wish she was still with me. We would always push each other to become better everyday.

J: What do you like to do in your spare time?

B: I don't have much spare time, but in the summer I enjoy camping, backpacking and hanging out with my friends.

J: Do you have any role models?  
B: My role models consist of my parents and sister. They are wonderful people and I strive to be like them.