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YSU NEWS

Williamson College of Business to hold organization fair

The fair will be held on the first floor of Williamson Hall today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students can stop by the tables and receive information along with schedules from the various student organizations offered in the business school.

Rwandan genocide survivor to speak

Justine Mbabazi, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide, will deliver two speeches in Kilcawley Center Mbabazi is a scholar-in-residence through YSU's Judaic and Holocaust Studies Program. She will be speaking Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Ohio Room, and Tuesday Oct. 24 at noon in the Chestnut Room.

Disabilities awareness program at Park Vista Retirement Center

Youngstown State University's Community Diversity Committee presents "How to be inclusive: A Disabilities Awareness Program," Thursday at Park Vista Retirement Center, in Youngstown. Representatives of YSU Disability Services will discuss ways in which organizations can be both compliant and sensitive to the needs of those with physical disabilities. The event is free and open to the public. For further information and to make reservations, contact Susan Mooror at 330-941-2718.

Wick-Pollock garden could 'rock' for students

SGA President discusses garden renovations, YSU President plans to reopen Wick-Pollock Inn

Cristina Cala
COPY EDITOR

If Student Government Association can follow through on its proposal from last week's meeting, Youngstown State University students could soon have a new hangout spot.

Behind the 19th-century Wick-Pollock Inn, next door to Bliss Hall and in front of the University Courtyard Apartments, hides a cozy English rock garden that most YSU students have never noticed.

Sophomore Kyle McQuiston said, "I've never heard of the rock garden."

SGA's Executive Committee accepted the proposal to research the reactivation of the garden, since the inn closed in 1998. SGA President Chad Miller said SGA must ensure the project's feasibility before soliciting too many volun-

teers, but he is already looking for some.

"I've been talking with employees in the Grounds Department about the next steps and am beginning to search out support from student organizations," Miller said.

Miller said he hopes students will be able use the garden as a place to study and congregate.

"I hope it can be used much like the sitting areas in the campus core are: A few small groups of students would fit comfortably in the garden."

Some theater students and Courtyard residents have used it as a secret hang-out, but the rock garden is overlooked by most, because it is tucked away behind the Wick-Pollock complex. The rock garden is overgrown with vines and greenery that canopy the 19th century stone benches,

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Youngstown State University President David Sweet explained YSU's plan for the Wick-Pollock complex and the two issues that have stood in its way: YSU's ongoing search for the right developer and prioritizing the new Williamson College of Business Administration building.

Q: YSU has discussed plans to renovate the Wick-Pollock complex for the past few years without action. What's the status of progress?

A: Wick-Pollock is in our Centennial campus Master Plan; therefore our goal is to restore that as an inn since there are no hotels in the city of Youngstown.

Q: Where does the Wick-Pollock project fall on your priority list?

A: Our top priority is the business college ... We have not closed the door on it [Wick-Pollock].

Q: Who owns legal property rights to the complex?

A: The university owns it. We had litigation over that and we took possession over the entire site over the past year and a half.

Q: Do you have a projected date for renovations?

A: No. I've learned these projects require preparation and good luck.

Q: Do you support SGA's proposal to reactivate the Wick-Pollock rock garden?

A: I never saw the gardens when they were at their peak, but I am told they were outstanding. I think it's a great project, a great idea.

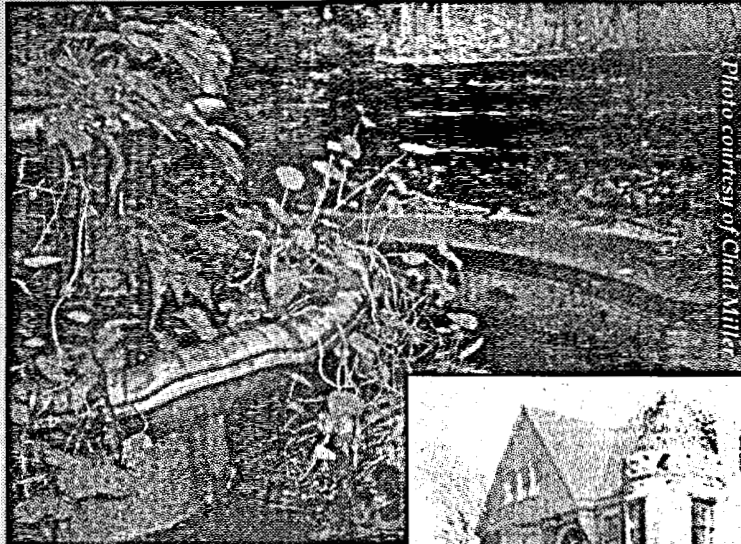
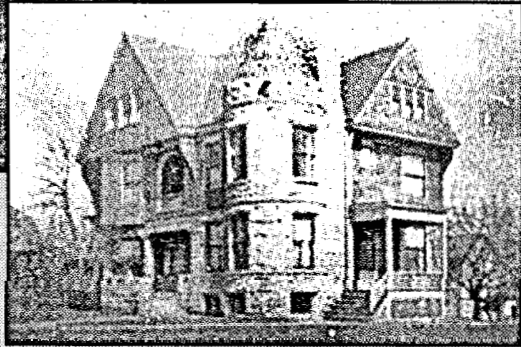


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Over a century ago, the Wick-Pollock Mansion served Youngstown as an inn. Today, the rock garden is overgrown with greenery. SGA hopes to reopen it.



Strickland still has a chance

Jason Kelly

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

William Binning, chair and professor of the political science department, predicts Congressman Ted Strickland (D-OH), will win Ohio's gubernatorial elections despite allegations of election fraud.

Jacquelyn Long, East Liverpool resident and democrat, challenged Strickland's right to vote on Oct. 4.

Long claimed Strickland's primary residency is not Lisbon, but is in fact Columbus. Long based her argument on Strickland's most recent federal and state income tax forms, which indicate his property in Columbus as his current address, whereas, Strickland's voter registration lists an address on North Market Street in Lisbon as his residency.

The Columbiana County Board of Elections met specially Thursday to decide if the complaint was valid.

Some board members immediately argued that the challenge was without merit.

"We can only go on what the Board has in front of us. We're not investigators. We do not go out and look and hunt," Dennis Johnson, a democratic board member, said.

Larry Bowersock, the democratic chairperson of the Board, expressed similar concerns. "Board members should not be investigating this. It is my understanding that one in this room did. I don't really appreciate that because I don't think that's our job as board members," Bowersock said.

The Board has three possible courses of action: To ask for additional evidence, to proceed with a hearing, or to throw out the challenge. The

Board could not decide which course of action to take. Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, Strickland's opponent, will break the tie.

Blackwell said he will review the minutes of Thursday's meeting before deciding whether or not he will dismiss himself from the case. If Blackwell does dismiss himself, the case will likely go before the Ohio Supreme Court.

Binning said, even then, it will remain a touchy subject.

"Who's going to want to touch this? You can't tick off Strickland or the republicans," he said.

Binning believes it will be a difficult case to prove. He said the most powerful piece of evidence is Strickland's tax document, which

listed Strickland's residence as Columbus, but Binning said the challenge probably won't be successful because candidates have the right to privacy.

Attorney Donald McTigue, Strickland's lawyer, filed a response to the challenge with the board of elections.

Strickland said the challenge is nothing more than political shenanigans. Likewise, Binning called it the price of doing political business in Ohio.

"It is part of Ohio politics. They [republicans] aren't taking kindly to being kicked out of power ... It is a 'hail Mary' pass," Binning said.

With less than a month remaining before the election, Binning still predicts Strickland to win.

"It is not going to be just a win: It is going to be a landslide. The democrats are not going to know how to act because they haven't won in so long," Binning said.



STRICKLAND

Gambling with education funding

Jason Kelly

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Supporters of Issue 3, a plan to legalize slot machine gambling in Ohio, call the possibility a win-win situation for funding education, but not everyone agrees with their reasoning. Opponents of Issue 3 have said legalizing slot machine gambling is not the answer to funding education.

Two organizations have gathered around Issue 3. The American Policy Roundtable opposes it; The Vote Yes on Issue 3 Committee supports amending Ohio's Constitution to legalize slot machine gaming at seven racetracks throughout the state and two new locations that would be established in Cleveland.

While The Vote Yes on Issue 3 Committee promotes the issue with the slogan "A lot of good will come from this [voter approval of Issue Three]," the American Policy Roundtable counters with "A lot of grief will come from this [voter approval of Issue Three]."

If passed, 45 percent of slot machine revenue would be directed to Ohio residents. Out of the 45 percent, 30 percent would fund a tuition grant program, eight percent would support local economic



would be protect so it can not be used anywhere else," Robinson said.

He argues that the money from the lottery was diverted into Ohio's general fund to support programs other than education. According to Robinson, money generated from Issue 3 would be constitutionally protected so that it cannot be used for anything other than its stated purpose.

If voters approve Issue 3, Ohio college education would

Robinson argued that it's important for college students to consider Issue 3's impact on the next generation of college students.

The American Policy Roundtable counters all of the Vote Yes on Issue 3 Committee's arguments for the issue in November. The American Policy Roundtable calls Issue 3 a "special interest amendment." According to The American Policy Roundtable's Web site, "This

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30 % - tuition grant
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Robinson said he believes not a lot of people understand Issue 3. Robinson said he is concerned about how voters will arrive at their decision on Issue 3.

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OUR SIDE

Unity in diversity; Fear in hostility

The Rock outside Kilcawley Center was painted with anti-gay comments on Tuesday. The defamation smeared the pride painted by YSUUnity, the on-campus Gay Straight Alliance, in anticipation of Wednesday, National Coming Out Day.

As anyone who has stepped outside Kilcawley Center and taken a gander at the south end of campus knows, the Rock is a large, flakey hub for spray-paint sticky notes. Notes usually announce upcoming events, but not always. Occasionally the messages turn into hostile comments.

This time, that's what happened. One of the comments, "stay in the closet," was cruelly painted over YSUUnity logos, rainbows and other messages of support for the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender community. In the words of a Jambar staff member's 50-something lesbian mother, "how rude and hurtful."

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to tell who painted the comments, and why they painted them. That action was absolutely vicious, and immature. It's one of those things that a grade school teacher would waggle his finger at and sternly remind the student that name-calling is wrong and hurts feelings.

YSUUnity was, and still is, attempting to create a safe, diverse campus environment. YSUUnity has stated that it wants to promote an open environment for the whole Youngstown State University community. There is nothing wrong, hurtful, or cruel about attempting to include fellow students in an environment of safety and diversity.

The cold-hearted, blatantly hostile remarks deserve no place in the sun. All hostility breeds fear, but we students should not foster fear or be fearful of one another.

As students we walk by the Rock daily as we walk to class, but don't even see the messages scrawled on its surface.

Our blindness must be cured and our compassion ignited.

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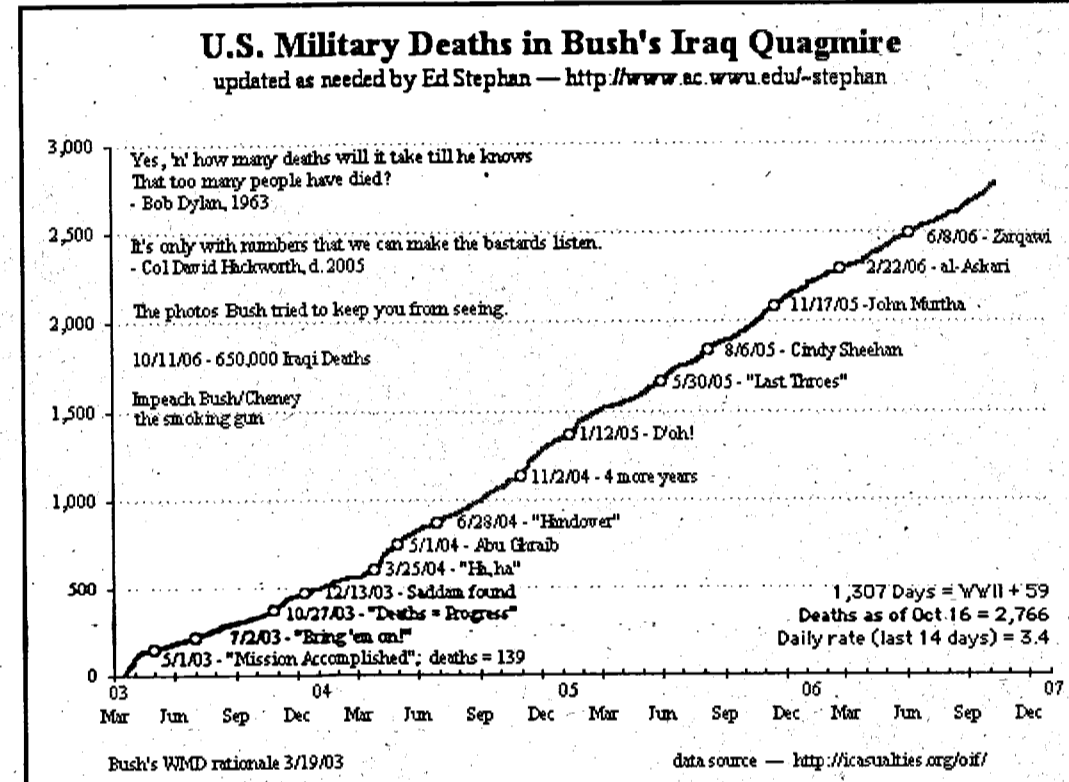
Trading lives for lies

When the toll of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq first passed 1,000 and then 2,000, the world press briefly took note, then quickly moved on to other distractions. This war, started with a lie, is going badly, and is getting worse. The whole world now knows that no weapons of mass destruction ever existed and the ties to Sept. 11 were exactly zero, yet the Republican leadership continues to employ faulty logic and totally ignore facts. The faulty Bush reasoning works like this: The Sept. 11 attack was an act of terrorism and we are fighting terrorists in Iraq.

Feeble-minded Bush is hoping to hammer home his message: Iraq = Sept. 11.

This is as faulty as saying, "All cats have four feet and if a barking creature has four feet, it is therefore a cat."

On Oct. 1, the U.S. Death Toll in Iraq stood at 2,716 lives. Let me now tie Iraq and Sept. 11 together with another sentence. When the toll reached 2,749, which it did last week, the death toll from the Republican war exceeded the deaths in the World Trade Center. We



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must fix Iraq. I do not advocate abandoning Iraq any more than one would abandon a pedestrian you ran over in the street. But we must CUT the Republican leadership in America and RUN a nation we can be proud of once again. On May 30, 2005 (death toll 1,700) Vice President Dick Cheney said, "The insurgency in Iraq is in the last

throes," and he predicted that the fighting would end before the Bush administration leaves office. The graph indicates otherwise.

Richard Pirko
Department of Physics and Astronomy.

YSU

A living wage for Wal-Mart workers

John Cavanagh & Sarah Anderson
(MCT)

It's a core American value that if someone works hard, he or she deserves to live in dignity, and yet the \$7.50 hourly wage that Wal-Mart CEO Lee Scott pays thousands of his workers doesn't meet that basic standard.

These workers often must choose between paying the rent or bringing their child to the doctor. To force workers to make such choices does not reflect good family values on Wal-Mart's part.

Scott recently announced he will be capping wages and using more lower-paid part-timers. Easy for him. He made \$10 million last year.

Defenders of the company will tell you that Wal-Mart saves poor Americans billions of dollars with its low prices. They claim that raising wages would make Wal-Mart uncompetitive.

Wrong. Wal-Mart could lift the aver-

age salary of its 1.3 million U.S. workers by a hefty \$4,000 a year without raising the price of its pickles or Pampers even one penny.

How? In 2005, Wal-Mart cleared profits of \$11.2 billion. It would take less than half of that to cover the cost of these raises for its workers, leaving profits that would still dwarf all but a handful of giant firms.

The descendants of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton could also help spread the wealth. According to Forbes magazine, seven of them have combined fortunes of \$82.5 billion. They could contribute a little of the fruits of the company to help Wal-Mart workers live with more dignity while still keeping their billionaire status.

Henry Ford's old adage that it's good for business to pay workers enough to buy the products they make still holds true. When Ford hiked his workers' pay to \$5 a day in 1914, he sold more cars. Similarly, a living wage for

Wal-Mart workers would likely boost the company's bottom line.

Still, there will be those who say that sharing some of Wal-Mart's profits this way would unfairly burden shareholders. But should public policy cater exclusively to their narrow interests? In the Wal-Mart case, this means catering to a large extent to the Walton heirs, who own 40 percent of the company's stock.

Sure, some ordinary folks also own Wal-Mart stock. But corporations, particularly mega-firms like Wal-Mart, have impacts that go far beyond shareholders. Alas, their corporate charters tell such firms to maximize profits no matter whether that means paying poverty wages, shifting health care costs to taxpayers or polluting the environment. Those charters should be revised.

In addition, it's appropriate that government at all levels should set rules that encourage firms to do the right thing.

New data underscore the need for this. The ratio of corporate profits to workers' wages has never been greater in the post-World War II period. And CEOs now bring in more than 400 times what the average worker makes.

Fortunately, there are practical tools for narrowing the gaps. A good start would be to raise the wage floor so that all Americans - whether they stock shelves at Wal-Mart or flip burgers at McDonald's - can live in dignity. We should strengthen protections for workers who want to form unions to negotiate for better pay. And we should attach strings to government contracts to make sure our tax dollars support good jobs.

Without new incentives, the Wal-Marts of the world are unlikely to change. And in the richest nation in the world, there's just no excuse for staying the course when it comes to the blatant gap between those at the top and the working poor.

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arcs and fountains among the enchantment. "It was dedicated to Mary Wick-Pollock in 1930. She and her husband, Porter, were given what is now the Wick-Pollock Inn in the 1890s, and the carriage house and rock garden were built on site subsequently," Miller explained.

Complex Ideas
Sophomore Cory Doran has his own ideas for the Wick-Pollock complex, since few students know anything about its supplemental rock garden.

"I actually think they should renovate the inn and make it into dorms. Then everybody would know where it is," Doran said.

In the past, the university has made proposals to convert the Wick-Pollock Inn into apartment-style housing for students. In a publication from the Office of Marketing and Communications in December 2004, President Sweet stated that with the completion of the Rec Center fund-raising campaign, his top fund-raising priority was future development of the inn. Today, Sweet said his top priority is

the new Williamson College of Business Administration building.

Hunter Morrison, director of the YSU Center for Urban and Regional Development, said in the publication that the inn is a critical component of the emerging Wick district and Smoky Hollow. Patti Choby of the Cobalt Group Inc. in Cleveland had proposed a \$2.3 million to \$8 million project to construct about 36 new guest house/units contiguous to the Wick Mansion, thus establishing a 50-room guest house.

The Fiscal Year 2005 Report of Progress listed a goal to "finalize a plan and secure funds to restore the Wick-Pollock Inn." The document stated that a request for quotation was distributed to over 20 developers, but only one responded. No restoration has been made to date.

"We negotiated with that person to the point it became clear [he] was [a] very successful and appropriate developer. But he wanted the university to take all of the risk. What we're looking for is a partner who will invest in the

restoration of the inn," Sweet said.

YSU has negotiated with other developers since then, but now the plan is to reopen the inn as a hotel for Youngstown visitors.

"Sunday we gave a tour to a developer that was in town. [YSU] scheduled later this week for another developer to come in," Sweet said.

Funding and Upkeep

Junior Dean Anshutz said he likes the idea of hanging out in the rock garden. "Of course I would hang out in the rock garden," he said, adding, "Only if they kept it clean."

Miller confirmed that SGA and other interested departments would fund the garden's clean-up/reactivation.

"We only anticipate needing funding for the new plants, as we hope much of the labor will be supplied by student organizations (including SGA) and that most of the tools will be supplied by grounds," Miller said.

McQuiston said he wouldn't mind his tuition money going toward the rock garden.

"A little extra for my benefit is not gonna be

bad ... as long as it's not going to the president," he said.

Anshutz's only worry is that the garden will become a campus eyesore after it opens to students.

"Where [the rock in front of Kilcawley Center] used to be just became a sore. So this could become an eyesore like that," he warned.

Contradicting his last thought, Anshutz jokingly offered a cheeky alternative.

"I think they should bulldoze the Wick-Pollock Inn and leave everything there and then they would have a bigger rock garden," he said with a grin.

McQuiston supports making the rock garden accessible to students, but said he isn't likely to use it.

"I probably won't go there, but it's a good idea to benefit students as a whole ... to improve campus and Youngstown's image and make the area look better," McQuiston said.

Bocchieri gives presentation at YSU Metro

Doug Dierkes

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Rep. John Bocchieri (D-OH) visited students in a psychology class at the Youngstown State University Metro College in Boardman to talk about the class's letter-writing project Friday. Students in Molly Burdette's Psychology of Intimate Relationships class

have been writing letters of support to soldiers stationed overseas.

This is the third semester Burdette has used the letter-writing project in her classes. During that time, the classes have sent about 500 letters. "These letters aren't for or against the war. It's just a show of support for our troops," Burdette said.

Bocchieri, formerly a C-

130 pilot in the United States Air Force Reserves, described how positive morale can influence troops using personal experiences and a slide show of his four tours of duty in the Middle East.

"You're adapting to the climate. You're adapting to being away from home. You're adapting to ... a very stressful situation and the

fact that you don't know when you're going home," Bocchieri said. "You change as a person when you're in that element."

"I think that a lot of the students forget that we have men and women all over the world who are away from their friends and families and serving their country," Burdette said.

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BAND PROFILE

Let All Prevail is 'On The Rise'

Britta Snowberger
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Youngstown State University sophomore Kyle Hoffman thinks his band has what it takes to rise to the top of a nationwide MTV2 band challenge.

Hoffman plays keyboards, sings and screams for Let All Prevail, a post-hardcore band anchored in Newton Falls. The five-piece band, which also includes Scott Byer, John Baker, Mike Layshock and Payson Cowie, recently joined MTV2's online music competition "On The Rise."

"I was just viewing the Web site of a large local band, Ten Count Fall, and saw that they were in this contest. I went to the site and thought to myself, 'Why can't we be on here?'" the vocalist said. "Next thing I knew, we were."

The Internet-based contest allows artists to advance three levels according to the number of votes they receive. With each level they improve, contestants may gain recognition by adding pictures, biographical information or

songs to their "On The Rise" pages.

Currently on level two, Let All Prevail boasts nearly 6,000 votes and ranks 12th among 48 Cleveland-area bands. To reach the final level of MTV2's competition, the band must acquire 25,001 votes or more – a task Hoffman feels is a feasible one since his band is dedicated to reaching out to fans.

"The best part is that anyone can vote, and they can vote as many times as they want," Hoffman said. "We don't care that we sit at our computers every night, commenting people and sending them messages. This is what we have to do in order to keep fans and make new ones."

Juggling the never-ending tasks of promoting a band and completing schoolwork, Hoffman finds that informed

decision-making is the key to keeping his head above water.

"Do I read Chapter 16 or write lyrics for our new song? Do I write this computer program or go out with the guys to sell tickets? I have choices like everyone else. It's not easy, but I usually end up breaking even in whatever I do," he said.

The YSU student has a better chance of balancing his schedule successfully since each member of Let All Prevail works equally hard to maintain the band.

"In other bands, it's usually just one member who writes the music," drummer Scott Byer said.

"We write our own music, and we

write it together, which we think is the best way."

Guitarist John Baker agreed that the band's unity and drive is what sets it apart.

bands organized by MTV2," Hoffman said. "It's very rare that an unsigned band ever wins that competition."

With increasing community support, Let All Prevail may have what it takes to make a name for itself on the national scale, through "On the Rise" and a possible "Dew Circuit" bid, the lead singer and keyboardist suggested.

"I think that our fan count at YSU would be close to zero," Hoffman said. "It's hard to coerce people to come to shows in Warren or Newton Falls, and even though I've left some demos on the bridge to Meshel Hall, I really wish we could have more college support."

In the interest of gaining local college encouragement, Hoffman suggested ways YSU students can assist the band in breaking onto the national scene.

"We have a Facebook group and a MySpace page where students can reach us, and as for 'On The Rise,' I can vote 10 times in seven seconds," he said. "Our band is fun. If you like fun, we're the band for you."

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Photo courtesy of Let All Prevail

Homecoming week activities



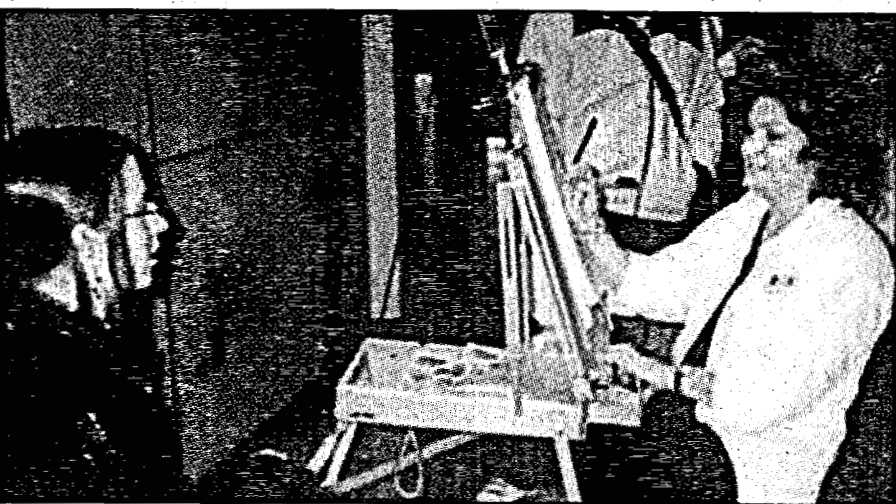
The Jambar/ Britta Snowberger

"Jocko the Clown" entertained YSU students during Homecoming Week festivities on Monday. He created a number of balloon animals and balloon hats for students willing to wait in a lengthy line.



The Jambar/ Britta Snowberger

"Jocko the Clown," or Joe Sullivan, entertains a group of YSU students in Kilcawley Center on Monday. Jocko created a myriad of balloon animals for students during Homecoming Week festivities.



The Jambar/ Britta Snowberger

YSU freshman Amy Hermance chats with caricature artist Jodie Fleming. Fleming sketched caricatures non-stop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and finally had to turn many disappointed students away.

Upcoming Events

Today

Jesus Christ Superstar
Edward W. Powers Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

James Blunt
State Theatre 7:30 p.m.

Evans Blue and Smile Empty Soul
Agora Theatre and Ballroom
7:30 p.m.

Respect: A Musical Journey.
Hanna Theatre 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Forbidden Broadway
Theatre Square Cabaret 7:30 pm
Ongoing Exhibits at the Butler
Stephen Hannock: A Survey
through November 19

Cundy House: Pastels
through November 26

Peter Falk: Drawings
through November 26

Sally Weber: Strata Series
Holograms
through December 30

Martha Jane Bradford: Digital
Prints
through December 30

Kyle Lapidus: VideoWear
through January 14

Homecoming Events

Today

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wax Hand Sculptures
Kilcawley Center

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Chi Alpha Beer Blast III
Kilcawley Center

Noon
KFC Snackers Sandwich Eating
Contest
Kilcawley Center

Wednesday
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Airbrush Tattoos
Kilcawley Center

Noon
Arby's Mozzarella Sticks Eating
Contest
Kilcawley Center

Do you have an event? e-mail us
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

New simulator gives cadets an edge

Sam Robinsom
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Cadets enrolled in the Youngstown State University Peace Officer Training Academy will soon have the opportunity to put their judgment to the test by using potentially lethal force against a digital adversary.

The Firearms Training Systems Law Enforcement and Security Training Platform is a computerized firearms training simulator designed to teach police officers how to correctly use force in potentially dangerous situations.

Richard Mahan, retired Niles police officer and director of the YSU Peace Officer Training said, "The simulator puts officers in situations they may face in the street."

The simulator can also "weed out" cadets who may not feel confident enough to continue their training.

"You might get a student who may use the simulator and feel that law enforcement is not for them," Mahan said.

Mahan said the current class of cadets would be the first to use the simulator. The YSU Police Department will also use the simulator for training. In addition, he said that YSU is the only university in Ohio that has the simulator. This summer, police departments from across the state used the sim-

ulator during the YSU Police Department in-service program.

Officer Douglas Pusateri of the YSU Police Department had the opportunity to use the simulator during the summer program and said he was impressed.

"I think that it is a great tool to train our officers," he said.

The \$79,000 simulator gives cadets more than 200 scenarios in which they have to decide the cor-

rect use of force. Cadets are given a choice of several weapons modeled after the real weapon's specifications.

During a demonstration of the simulator, Mahan encountered an angry woman outside of her boyfriend's home. Armed with a knife, the woman threatened to kill Mahan. He decided to ask her several times to put the knife down. The woman finally com-

plied, but then pulled out a handgun, and Mahan had no choice but to shoot her.

Although he had to kill the woman in this scenario, Mahan stresses the importance of the weapons available to the cadets depending on the situation.

"The more tools you have, the less that you have to hurt somebody," he said.

Mahan also pointed out that

cadets are required to explain in writing what type of force they used and why.

"We want the cadets to understand why they did what they did," he said.

Mahan said the simulator is a valuable training tool that can give police officers an edge that may possibly save their lives.

IRS brings fraud investigation project to YSU

LaTeese Riddle
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Accounting and criminal justice students received hands on experience in investigating cases of fraud during a workshop and seminar Friday. The project is a partnership between Youngstown State University and the Criminal Justice Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

Friday's workshop gave students the chance to be IRS special agents for a day, during a "mini investigation."

YSU is the first school in Ohio to offer this project and there are hopes to make it an

annual event.

The five students, who were hand-selected to participate in the workshop, were placed into teams and assigned various investigations. These investigations included a business owner skimming funds from his company and a bar owner who kept two sets of books and a multi-filer tax scheme.

Each of the five students were given a scenario and were allotted time to investigate or "crack the case." Students learned from IRS special agents how to investigate such crimes.

The program exposed students to the inner-workings of a

fraud investigation through the eyes of an IRS special agent.

"It is the best way to let students get hands-on simulation of what it's like to be a special agent," Ray Shaffer, accounting professor, said.

Jeffery Cooper, assistant special agent, said the project "gave the students a better understanding of what special agents do and to hopefully encourage them to apply for a job within the Internal Revenue Service."

The project, which started at Adrienne College in Adrienne, Mich. in 2002, has been providing accounting and criminal justice students from various col-

leges the opportunity to get the experience they need in their fields of study.

"The program showed me the proper investigative techniques and how important accounting is," Jeannine Baker, senior criminal justice major at YSU, said.

Anyone interested in becoming an IRS special agent can get the hands-on training they need to apply for a job. The IRS always needs special agents and will begin hiring Nov. 13. Anyone interested in applying can do so at www.usajobs.opm.gov.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF YOUNGSTOWN-DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-FINANCE DEPARTMENT- \$55,016.00.

Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, or related field. Applicants should have a minimum five (5) years experience in Economic Development. Continuing Education of Professional Development Courses- CEcD Certification curriculum preferred. Knowledge of and experience with incentive strategies and business assistance programs available at the local, state, and federal levels: Ohio 166 Program, HUBZone, CRA, Small Business administration. Knowledge of and experience with land use planning and real estate development, Ability to develop/ coordinate strategies to attract, expand, and relocate new and existing business at the municipal level. Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with City and State officials and private sector executives and business representatives. Must be resident of Youngstown when appointed or must become a resident within 120 days following appointment. Applications accepted at the Youngstown Civil Service Commission Office, 7th floor, City Hall, Youngstown, Ohio, from October 16, 2006, through October 26, 2006. Hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are a veteran and wish to claim military preference credit, bring a XEROX copy of FORM DD- 214 showing proof of honorable discharge. For additional information applicants may visit the City website at www.cityofyoungstownoh.org. The written exam will be given on Saturday, October 28, 2006, at the Choffin Career and Technical Center, 200 E. Wood Street, starting at 10:00 a.m.

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Youngstown State University Law Day

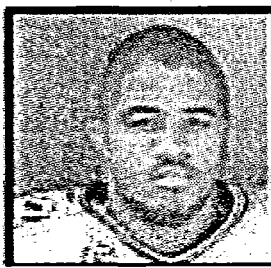
YSU Law Day will take place Wednesday, October 18, 2006 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center.

Representatives from various law schools will be available to answer questions, distribute catalogues, applications and financial aid information, ect for their particular schools.

This unique opportunity for students who are considering a career in the law to gather information about law school programs and to become acquainted with the representatives who will be reviewing their applications.

This event is free and open to the public.

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Marcus Mason is our "Jambar Penguin Player of the Game" for his performance in YSU's 35-28 victory over the Western Illinois Leathernecks.

This is Mason's second consecutive Player of the Game award and third of the season.

The senior running back has the biggest game of his career as he finished with 266 rushing yards, three touchdowns and a 13.3 yard per carry average.

He also earned his second Gateway Offensive Player of the Week honor of the season.

FOOTBALL

Penguins ride Mason to big victory

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

At 5 foot 9, 215 pounds and running a 4.5 forty yard dash, Youngstown State University's Marcus Mason appears to be an average college running back.

Rated as a middle-of-the-road prospect when he signed with the University of Illinois Fighting Illini football team in 2003, Mason looked as though he was destined for an undistinguished college career.

Now just three years and one school later, he has broken free of his mediocre categorizations to become the most explosive player on the Penguins' roster and one of the top-running backs in

Div. I-AA football. His fortuitous decision to leave Champaign, Ill. was due to a number of factors, one of the most prominent being his lack of on field appearances.

"I wanted to be closer to home and I wanted to get more playing time ... YSU has a good history with Tressell being here ... They like to run the ball," he said.

The jump from the Big 10 to the Gateway Conference has been beneficial for Mason, and the Penguins, as

he has amassed 1,792 yards and recorded 20 touch-

downs during his two years at YSU.

Mason had his biggest game yet as he carried the Penguins to their sixth win of the season in a hard-fought

35-28 victory over conference foe Western Illinois University.

In the contest, the YSU running back dashed for 266 yards, with a 13.3 yard per carry average and three touchdowns.

After proclaiming that he didn't have sufficient speed to break big runs, the senior surprised even himself when he scored on rushes of 1-yard, 75 yards and 95 yards. His 95-yard dash not only put the Penguins up 28-14 with 12:38 left in the fourth quarter, but it also put Mason in the YSU record books, as he recorded the longest run in school history.

He also totaled the second-most rush yards in a game in the Penguins' 68-year history.

Additionally, the performance moved Mason into fourth place in rushing yards and third in touch-

downs in all of Div. I-AA football.

Individual accomplishments aside, the Potomac, Md. native is motivated most by helping Youngstown snap its five-season-long playoff drought.

According to YSU's feature back, the Penguins' march to the playoffs will be tough as their next three Gateway Conference opponents are ranked in the Div. I-AA Top 25.

"From now on ... each game just gets harder and harder. So we have to keep moving, just step and breath," Mason said.

Season Stats

Yards: 900
Attempts: 132
Touchdowns: 12
Average: 6.8
Long: 95

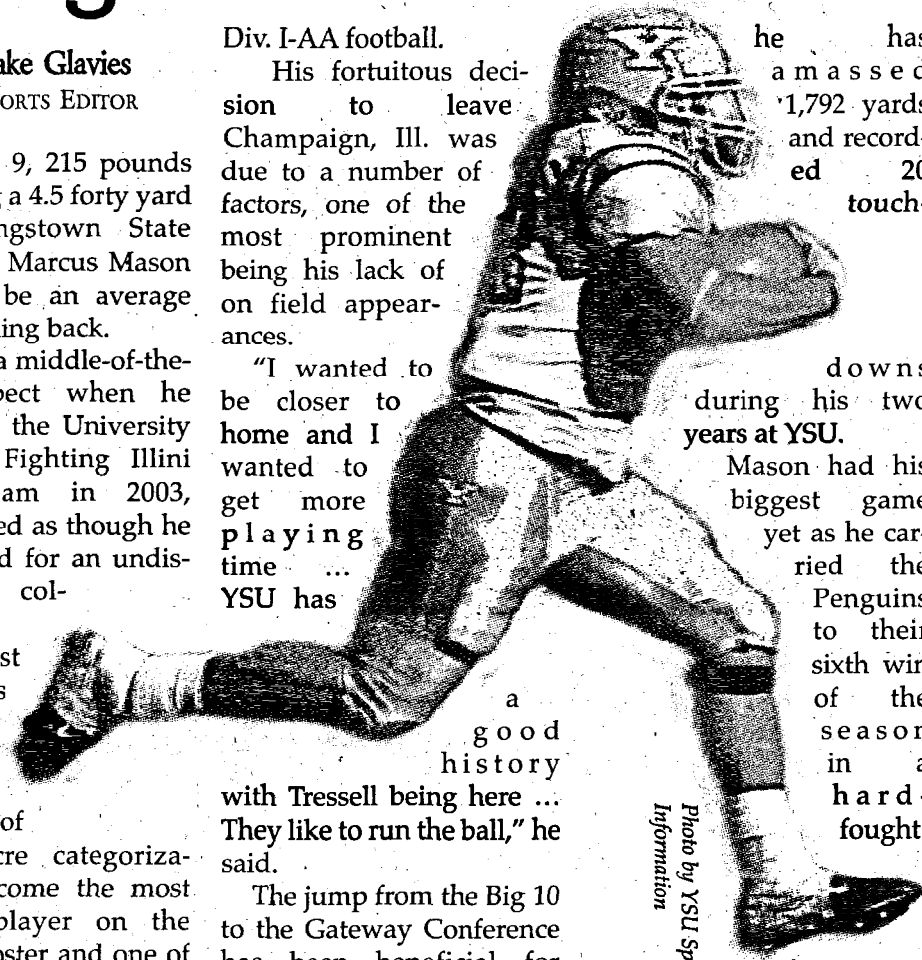


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IAA TOP 25

1. Appalachian State
2. Montana
3. Illinois State
4. Cal Poly
5. Youngstown State
6. Massachusetts
7. New Hampshire
8. James Madison
9. North Dakota
10. Richmond
11. Hampton
12. Furman
13. Southern Illinois
14. Northern Iowa
15. Harvard
16. Tennessee-Martin
17. Eastern Illinois
18. UC Davis
19. Maine
20. Alabama A&M
21. San Diego
22. Princeton
23. Portland State
24. Coastal Carolina
25. Sam Houston State

Teams YSU will face in blue
Source: The Sports Network



(13) Southern Illinois 10 (5-1)
(3) Illinois State 37 (5-1)

(14) Northern Iowa 34 (4-2)
Indiana State 14 (0-7)

Western Kentucky 17 (3-3)
Missouri State 14 (1-6)

With this loss, Southern Illinois fell to fourth place in the Gateway Conference. Illinois State's big victory propelled them to second in the Gateway behind YSU.

Indiana State continued its dismal season by falling to 0-7 on the year after being routed by the Panthers of Northern Iowa. UNI improved to third in the Gateway.

The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers pulled out a nail-biting win against the Missouri State Bears. WKU ranks fifth in the Gateway, two spots ahead of MSU.

Referee program fields new batch of officials

Andrew Berry
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Intramural referee experience has led to serious employment. For many former Youngstown State University intramural referees the experiences they gained in the on campus officials training program have been a pipeline to professional careers in the field as a result of the services provided by YSU's Department of Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports.

Coordinator of Intramural Programs Joe Conroy said he thinks the training program has been a success. "Once college is over and you're in your job, this is something that can be done on the side. We encourage them: [students] to get their licenses and pursue it," he said.

Following Conroy's advice, some alumni have landed work in high-level college football conferences including the Big Ten, the Mid-American Conference and the Atlantic Coastal Conference.

These past university employees have been able to transition from YSU's intramural leagues to the big time because of their rigorous on-campus training.

All applicants must be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours at YSU. In addition to learning the ins and outs of the game, student referees earn \$7 for each hour of service.

To help ready the current batch of officials the intramural staff has organized a training program complete with handbooks, instructional videos and comprehensive tests.

After a student is hired, he or she is required to pass a 30-question test to com-

plete training and begin officiating.

Although the program has seen great success Conroy said he thinks that it is far from perfect.

"Do I believe we're the best? No. But we're getting better," he said.

With participation in intramural sports up this semester, the need for trained officials has also increased.

In training its referees, the Intramural Sports Department also has the help of the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association, an organization that collaborates with university intramural programs all across the nation. The NIRSA developed many of the instructional videos used at YSU in the training program.

There is only so much, however, that a prospective referee can glean from books and videos. According to Conroy, the best way for an official to learn the job is by getting out on the field.

Even after a referee steps onto the turf at Stambaugh Stadium or Beede Field, the learning curve doesn't end. Performance evaluations are completed once an official has finished working an event and they determine where each referee needs to improve.

Conroy is enthusiastic about this semester's group of officials. "Most of the time they know immediately what they need to work on. I really like the crew we have," he said.

Players are not always the only ones being scouted for talent from the stands. If a referee shows a real knack for the craft, the Intramural Sports Department will put the word out to major sports conferences.

English transfer joins soccer team

Natalie Brady enjoys solid first season with Penguins

Dan Pompili
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Natalie Brady is just a regular Youngstown State University freshman. She lives on campus, goes out with her friends and is a member of the Lady Penguins soccer team.

The fact is, though, that Brady is far from being a regular YSU student athlete. She's not even an average American college student.

She's not even American. A native of Lancashire, England, Brady has been dribbling a soccer ball, or "football," since she was 5 years old.

Her early start ended up paying big dividends when she became a member of the English and Scottish national team pools at the age of 16. When she played for the Everton Ladies' reserve football squad she was named Player-of-the-Year three times.

Brady, who has completed advanced level soccer classes, also had a hand in leading her side to the 2005 Lancashire Cup and twice to runner-up honors.

Still she's just a regular, exceptionally-qualified student athlete. Or she would be if her charming British accent didn't turn heads all over campus.

Although it's an honor to have an international athlete take to the pitch in Penguins' red and white, many have asked "Why here?"



Photo by YSU Sports Information

Natalie Brady, a soccer transfer from Lancashire, England, has made seven starts and appeared in 11 matches this season.

"It found me," Brady said of her unlikely transfer to Youngstown.

Soccer coach Anthony James, of Port of Spain, Trinidad, brought Brady to YSU as part of his plan to add international diversity and skill to the team.

According to the 5-foot-1-inch midfielder, joining the Penguins squad was an incredible opportunity.

Remarkably, in a country where the fanaticism surrounding soccer rivals that of American football, no athletic scholarships were available.

Varsity squads at universities are not ideal for any athlete who takes soccer seriously. Rather than train only one day a week and play once a month, like she did in England, Brady said an athlete in America has a greater opportunity to improve.

"Every step of the way, I'm learning," she said.

Beyond soccer, Brady is learning a lot about American customs, such as American football. Brady is a regular in the student section at Penguin football games.

Brady has also seen a great deal more of America than just Youngstown - her favorite destination is South Carolina, because England lacks good beaches, Brady said.

So far she has enjoyed being an average American college student: although she still

keeps up with English gossip via webcam.

Average is exactly how the Lady Penguins have fared on the soccer field so far this year. Brady said she finds the squad's lack of success frustrating.

"I think we play really well ... we don't get the rewards we should from the performance we give," she said.

According to Brady, however, the team is growing closer and next season they will turn their fortunes around.

How to speak like an English Bloke

Football - Noun - English for American soccer.
Boots - Noun - Soccer cleats.
Snog - Verb - To kiss lenthily or passionately.
Piss around - Verb - 1. To

waste time. 2. To annoy someone.
Sack-it - Verb - To stop or put an end to something.
Nutmeg - Noun - A soccer move in which the ball is kicked

between a player's legs.
Tube/Underground - Noun - The London subway.
Git - Noun - Contemptable person.
Whip - Verb - To steal.