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Regents Fellowship Program

Applications for the 2007-2008 Ohio Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship Program are due February 16.

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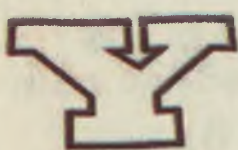
For more information contact the School of Graduate Studies and Research at 330-941-3091.

Planetarium Shows

Youngstown State University's Ward Beecher Planetarium presents Astro 101: Myth-Matched Stars Friday at 8 p.m. Also, the planetarium presents Planetarium Field Trip at 1 and 2:30 p.m. and Oasis in Space at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Free tax preparation

The Department of Accounting and Finance will offer a free tax preparation on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program is part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.



Counterfeit money, do not pass go

YSU student loses cash in fake money scam at Peaberry's

Jeanette DiRubba
NEWS REPORTER

Campus police are investigating a Tuesday incident involving counterfeit money outside of Peaberry's Café at Youngstown State University.

At approximately 4 p.m., a male suspect in Kilcawley Center asked freshman Natasha Clark for change. Clark had just withdrawn money from the bank and said she didn't think twice before handing the suspect two \$10 bills in exchange for his \$20 bill. She said the bill was crumpled, worn, and looked like it could be easily torn. She said she had an uneasy feeling after completing the transaction.

"Something just told me this was odd. I had this negative feeling," Clark said.

Clark said she was curious so she took the \$20 to Arby's inside Kilcawley Center, where she attempted to purchase food. The cashier routinely swiped the bill with a counterfeit detection pen. A brown mark proves a bill's validity, but the mark on Clark's bill came out black, confirming that Clark was given counterfeit cash.

Clark immediately ran out of Arby's in search of the male suspect she said. Less than five minutes had passed since the counterfeit transaction, but the suspect was gone she said.

"I was just being nice," Clark said,

"and now I will never get that money back."

YSU security advised Clark to file a police report. After doing so, Clark discovered she wasn't the only victim.

YSU police said they aware of these events and are taking appropriate action.

"This doesn't happen very often," said Sgt. Michael Cretella of the YSU Police Department. "It's rare, and it's the first [counterfeit money incident] I can think of happening in awhile."

The Home Savings Bank in Kilcawley had a few tips for detecting counterfeit money. The bank con-

siders counterfeit detection pens – like the one used on Clark's fake \$20 – the easiest way to determine if money is real. However, there are other ways to distinguish authentic bills from fakes.

"Feel the texture," the bank advised. "If it feels less grainy or has a different, obscure coloration, then it's fake. Real money has definite fibers."

Other signs that bills are counterfeit include missing watermarks and holograms that aren't shiny. Hold the bill up to the light to look for watermarks, and move the bill around to see the glossy finish over the holograms.

If asked for change, recommend going to the bank, candy counter or any other campus establishment that can distribute change.

"I was just being nice. And now I will never get that money back."



Freshman
Natasha Clark



Removing the label

Laura Neely
GENERAL ASSIGN. REPORTER

What does a devil worshiper look like? How about an ex-convict? The Office of Housing and Residence Life gave Youngstown State University students a chance to identify stereotypes like these during its "Don't Label Me" event for Diversity Week.

Actors performed a skit called "That's Retarded," in which audience members participated by snapping their fingers when they heard anything oppressive or defensive.

Theater major Alyssa Connelly was one of the actors in the skit.

"I felt the skit worked in real conversations that people have everyday," she said.



TOP: Whitney Jennings, Katie Rathburn, and Dan Hug try and guess the stereotypes given to them.

ABOVE: Some of the art displayed during Diversity Week.

Students played "Guess Your Label" and "Step in the Circle" games to experience dealing with stereotypes. The exercises gave students a chance to see how it feels to be labeled. Afterward, students discussed how they approached each person during the exercises.

Senior Antoine Ogbanna said, "I liked the discussion part because it gave me a chance to say what was on

my mind about being stereotyped."

After participating in one of the games, sophomore Deb King said, "I looked around and saw how many people I could identify with and that if I needed to talk, they would understand."

Maria Grothas, housing coordinator, said, "I hope people are better educated on stereotypes and [how] they affect our everyday life."

Minority student increase continues at YSU

Ashley Tate
GEN. ASSIGN. REPORTER

The enrollment rate at Youngstown State University continues to increase, as well as the number of minority students attending YSU.

According to a YSU press release, Spring 2007's enrollment rate has increased 2.5 percent from Spring 2006, and the number of minority students has increased nearly 7 percent.

Susan Mooror, coordinator of diversity initiatives, said, "I think it's fantastic. I have participated in pre-college workshops to encourage students to attend YSU."

Mooror said the increase is probably due to a number

of reasons, including low tuition, which offers students a good education at a reasonable price.

Thomas Maraffa, special assistant to the president, said YSU has looked at the relationships between fall and spring semesters, and the spring enrollment is 95 percent of fall enrollment.

"We are right where we need to be, which is 95 percent," Maraffa said. The spring minority increase is a carryover from last year and the new student enrollment rate has increased nearly 5 percent from last spring, he said.

According to the press release, minority students account for 16 percent of YSU's students. Maraffa

said YSU has done scholarship programs that will hopefully make YSU attractive to students and is engaged in recruitment activities.

Maraffa said YSU is home to many outside activities such as Journalism Day and the English Festival, which gives them the chance to expose high school students to YSU and the faculty.

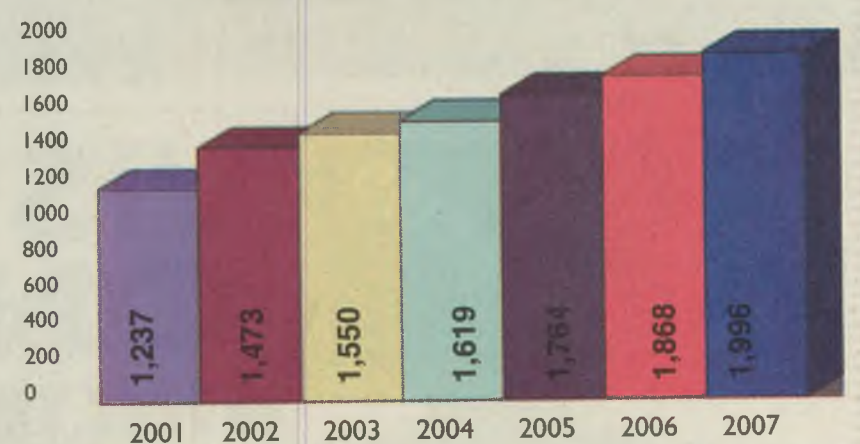
"Hopefully, we'll get them

to realize what a great campus we have and they'll see this is a great place to continue their education," Maraffa said.

According to Jef Davis, director of the Center for

International Studies and Programs, there are 116 international students involved in undergraduate, graduate and English Language Institute programs.

Minority Enrollment



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The following is list of places, dates, and times when staff from the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

- Monday, February 5, 2007 10 a.m.-3 p.m. * Kilcawley Center- 1st floor across from bank
- Tuesday, February 6, 2007 10 a.m.-3 p.m. * Kilcawley Center- 2nd floor in main hallway
- Wednesday, February 7, 2007 10 a.m.-3 p.m. * Kilcawley Center- 1st floor Arcade-Elevator
- Thursday, February 8, 2007 10 a.m.-3 p.m. * Kilcawley Center- 2nd floor in main hallway.



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OUR SIDE

Stomp out butts for bucks

When the SmokeFreeOhio campaign passed in November and went into effect in December, YSU removed all ashtrays from campus in order to enforce the new law.

YSU's campus should be breathing clean air by now, but the ether remains smoky. Some YSU students are still ignoring the smoking ban, and they are leaving a nasty trail behind them.

During the first few minutes of a Friday meeting with The Jambar editorial board, Youngstown State University President David Sweet voiced his concerns about the smoking problem on campus.

After passing an entranceway to Kilcawley Center on his way to the meeting, Sweet said he was worried that the image of strewn cigarette butts did not give the best perception of our campus. Kilcawley was not the only building Sweet saw in need of a serious cleanup. This led the president into a discussion with The Jambar staff about ways we, as the student voice of YSU, could handle this problem without acting as the campus police.

The plan? Sweet told The Jambar he would offer a \$100 check to any student who can come up with the best idea to stop others from littering butts across campus.

"It's the little ideas that mean a great deal to me," Sweet told The Jambar.

Sweet is still deciding on a second and third-place prize to award, but students may be happy to hear that the first-place prize will come out of Sweet's own back pocket.

In his opening statement to The Jambar, Sweet showed his general concerns for getting students, and possibly groups, involved in a contest to clean up the YSU campus. It'll be a hard challenge, but the plan is to stop the littering of butts, not to hunt down students who are ignoring SmokeFreeOhio.

The goal now is for students to render ideas that would effectively stop the littering of cigarettes across campus. SmokeFreeOhio is the law now; ignoring it makes us criminals and makes our campus dirty. Along with Sweet, The Jambar urges you to think with us. Be creative. Please send your contest ideas to thejambar@gmail.com and we will pick the best idea. Don't forget; the winner gets a "Sweet" check.

LETTERS POLICY

Letters must be typed and should not exceed 400 words. Each letter must include a name and telephone number for verification purposes. Submissions are subject to editing for spelling, grammar and clarity. Letters must be received by noon Friday for Tuesday's edition and by noon Tuesday for Thursday's edition.

The Jambar will not print letters that libel others or threaten harm. The editor in chief reserves the right to reject letters that do not follow policy. The views and opinions expressed in published letters do not necessarily reflect those of The Jambar staff or YSU faculty, staff or administration.

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

COMMENTARY

Student Stand-up Tryouts Promise Worthwhile Finale

Britta Snowberger
FEATURES REPORTER

They waited anxiously Tuesday on benches in a Kilcawley hallway. They scribbled some contact information on a notepad outside the door, and as their names were announced one by one, they entered Room 2036.

Five pairs of eyes followed the students' every move to the head of the table. Hastily, the students mentioned pertinent details about themselves — names, ages, majors, character flaws.

They were trying out for the YSU Student Stand-up Search Spectacular, a competition scheduled for Feb. 21 that offers a \$500 prize to YSU's "funniest penguin."

In turn, the judges, seated at the table, introduced themselves — Dr. Ray Beiersdorfer, geology professor; Carrie Anderson, Student Activities; Dave Robich, Funny Farm Comedy Club owner; Greg Gulas, Student Activities Director; and Britta Snowberger, Jambar features reporter.

Then, the contestants' time began.

During the allotted five minutes, students presented their most worthy material to the panel of judges. Some had prepared sets weeks in advance and had memorized their jokes. Others read punch lines from notebooks they had written in the previous night.

One student showed up to the tryouts with no material. However unique, his angle of awkward silence was not enough to help him through to the final round.

Contestants opting for the audible approach faced diverse competition. Representing all classes, genders and back-

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grounds, the students displayed various personalities, delivery styles, and levels of experience. Some contestants stood nervously in front of the room, their hands shoved deeply in their pockets, their eyes focused intently on some inanimate object. Others paced frantically across the floor, gesturing animatedly and shouting at the tops of their lungs.

Regardless of its delivery, the YSU contestants' material, for the most part, focused on a few central ideas. Among the most talked-about topics were the university, the weather, relationships, sex and...tampons. That's right. Though 14 of the 15 students who participated were male, the subject of tampons came up more than once.

In addition to telling jokes, some contestants whipped out their best impressions. Most commonly, these imitations involved their mothers, George W. Bush or Christopher Walken.

Despite their differences, the contestants all brought heart and originality to the try-

outs. With these comedic prospects, the YSU stand-up competition is destined to be a memorable, worthwhile event.

Of the students who tried their hand at comedy Tuesday, 10 have earned passes to the YSU Student Stand-up Search Spectacular on Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. in Peaberry's Café. Names of those students who have advanced to the final round will be announced at today's comedy performance in Peaberry's, beginning at 11 a.m..

The YSU Student Stand-up Search Spectacular, which carries a \$500 prize, will feature guest judges A.C. McCullough and Kelly Stevens from HOT 101 and "Mr. Sports" John Batcho. Collectively, the audience members will have a hand in judging the contestants, since the audience will be able to rate each comedian during the Stand-up Search finale. Contestants will be judged on originality, presentation, stage presence, material and time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SGA snubs community service

Editor:

Saturday, February 3, 2007 the Muscular Dystrophy Association held its annual Stride and Ride to raise money for its noble and worthy cause.

Upon receiving notification of this event, the Student Diversity Council voted to represent its constituents at this event, serving the community, bettering themselves, and showing what Penguin spirit is all about. Yet where was the Student Government Association?

No one from their body, nor from their executive committee bothered to show up to the event, or sponsor a team. I can understand organizations who do many charity and community service projects such as the University Scholars, Fraternities and Sororities or the many other organizations not in attendance, due to the fact that they have many other events that they sponsor, host, or work at. However Student Government, which is supposed to serve as a representative for the student body, seemed too busy writing letters and complaining then they were proving the Jambar and others wrong!

The event however was a suc-

cess, even with the apparent snub by SGA, raising awareness and money for this hereditary disease. It was heartwarming to see these children march around five times in the Stambaugh gym before the double header basketball games, striding and riding behind two YSU icons, Pete and Penny, making signs for YSU.

Yet YSU's own voice for the students was absent, leaving these children in the cold. Were any executive SGA members in attendance at either of the games? One wonders where the SGA is, and how they could turn their back so deftly upon needy and deserving causes?

I do not mean to be harsh, nor point the blame only at SGA, due to the fact that I understand how difficult it is to find time, money, and energy sometimes to support all the causes we would like.

However it was ironic for me to read three letters to the editor two of which very similar in tone and substance, and then go to an event held at the University, before a YSU game and not see at least one SGA member not on SDC in attendance.

Joe Iesue
SDC Executive President

Not closing school attracts attention

Editor,

Tuesday's editorial on weather-caused closings, and their absence, prompts some recollections and reflections.

Once upon a time, about 1971, we had a fine load of snow, at least five inches. YSU remained theoretically open, though there was not even a pretense of any attempt to plow parking lots. Many faculty made it to campus; since I had a short drive, snow, tires and front drive (a novelty in those days), I had little trouble, and as I recall I conducted two classes, with one student present in one and two in the other.

Many of us regarded the snow incident as evidence of administrative lunacy. President Albert Leroy Pugsley, who deserves a lot of credit for helping motivate the faculty to form our union, scoffed at complaints, saying "this is northern country." I suggested printing shirts with "Northern Country University," and was warned by my Department chair against attracting hostile notice from the Administration.

A more positive interpretation of the no-closing stance, which has persisted, was that it

embodied blue-collar toughness, an image compatible with smash-mouth football, etc.

It was suggested, however, that there was another reason for YSU's habit of ignoring weather problems. It's not invariably true that the economic explanation is the decisive one, but it's worth considering.

If the University closes, the hourly workers who have to be here to keep the buildings running are paid overtime, as if on a holiday. True, faculty don't come in when we're closed, but faculty are paid by academic year, not by hours on campus, so there's nothing saved by having faculty stay home.

Thus it costs money to close, and that's what counts—not whether instruction is tangled by the need to repeat information when the mass of frozen, snowed-in, child-care-entangled students return. We may also lose State subsidy for days when we close.

Maybe the bottom line isn't the key. Never underestimate the power of plain confusion. But consider as many explanations as possible.

Martin Berger
Professor
(Emeritus),
History

The Jambar will keep a running tally of how much YSU is paying former Vice President of Special Projects John Habat. Habat left the university, but due to a clause in a settlement case YSU must pay him until June 30, 2007. As of today's date we have paid Habat approximately \$64,950 to not work for us. Stay tuned for Tuesday's edition to watch this number increase.

As of today YSU has paid Habat:

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REVIEW

New album, same old Fall Out Boy

The band's lyrics still impress, but composition fails to measure up

Brian Cetina
DESIGN EDITOR

Respectable music fans might be ashamed to admit it, but Fall Out Boy's new album, "Infinity On High," is decent.

It's no punk rock album, that's for sure. There are punk aspects to it, but there are also aspects of punk in Kelly Clarkson's music, and no one ever called her a contributing member to the punk scene. "Infinity On High" is more of a well-crafted pop rock album, not too far removed from something like Third Eye Blind. This considered, listeners can stomach it.

Patrick Stump's vocals on the album are as phenomenal and precise as they are in concert. With Stump's ear for melody and vocal dynamic and Pete Wentz's lyrics, the literary talent exceeds the album's musical composition.

Stump's vocal tone sounds crisp, the drums hit amazingly and the well-written songs are concise. There are some sappy songs like "Golden" and the annoyingly titled "I'm Like A Lawyer With The Way I'm Always Trying To Get You Off." This song is as bad as its title, and both rank in as the worst songs

as evidence of the band's ability to get an ass or two shaking. Now we all know those asses belong to mostly teenaged girls, but that's what makes music popular for FOB. The band's shows sell out to screaming girls who industriously voted for "Sugar, We're Goin Down" on TRL.

FOB really set the bar with its album intro by Def Jam CEO Jay-Z. "Thriller" opens the record, first with Jay-Z, then soaring vocal harmonies and very distinct drumming.

Critics have beaten to death FOB's "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race." It's not particularly denotative of the entire album's concept, but it

allows the listener to hear that the band's not afraid to take a few chances.

The lyrics "I am an arms dealer / Fitting you with weapons in the form of words" explain the song title, but not the metaphor. The stomping, full-blown pop-punk chorus goes a long way toward retaining the metaphor ambiguity,



one of FOB's best songs to date.

"You're Crashing, But You're No Wave" is probably one of the worst songs on the album. It's not unlistenable, but it's worthy

mula: FOB is a hit-or-miss band. Their singles either hit a homerun or completely whiff.

The album's biggest flaw is its own hype. Even before giving the first note a listen, Fall Out Boy's new album is what listeners expected - same old thing. The band did step up its game on a few tracks, but it's still nothing to be too impressed with unless you are a 12-year-old emo girl who

is in love with Wentz and his Internet-exposed private parts.

The truth is that it's FOB's third (official) full-length album. If you're already a hater, don't fool yourself into thinking you just might like this one - because, honestly, you won't.

Frontman Stump boasts one of the best voices in pop-punk right now. Unfortunately, the songs start to sound the same as you make your way through the record. Then again, the album could have been a hell of a lot worse.

This ain't a scene...

of the skip button on your CD player. The music is repetitive and boring, the lyrics mediocre.

The album closes as strongly as it began with "Fame < Infamy," which, by all means, is true for FOB. While the entire album may not be everyone's cup of tea, this song can bridge a small gap. This one will get stuck in your head.

Listeners, by now, should be familiar with the Fall-Out-Boy for-

Review

Best songs: "Thks fr th Mmrs," "This Ain't a Scene..." and "Thriller"

Rating: 3 out of 5

Sounds like: Same old Fall Out Boy



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Upcoming events

Today

SteelHounds vs. Bossier-Shreveport at the Chevrolet Centre, 7:05 p.m.
"Name That Tune" at The Wedge, 9 p.m.

Friday

SteelHounds vs. Bossier-Shreveport at the Chevrolet Centre, 7:05 p.m.
Sean Kent from Last Comic Standing 1, 2 and 3 at the Funny Farm Comedy Club, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., \$15.50, 21 and over.
Sotaro and Finding Mike Vagas at Barley's, 10 p.m., \$5 at the door.

Saturday

SteelHounds vs. Bossier-Shreveport at the Chevrolet Centre, 7:05 p.m.
"I'm With the Band Karaoke" at The Cellar, doors open at 9 p.m., karaoke begins at 10 p.m., \$3 at the door, 18 and over.
Sean Kent from Last Comic Standing 1, 2 and 3 at the Funny Farm Comedy Club, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., \$15.50, 21 and over.
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African American History Month 2007

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"A fight between grasshoppers is a joy to the cow." Lesotho

Saturday, February 3
11am-4:00pm, Chestnut Room, Kitzway Center
THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE
The African Marketplace is one of the major highlights of African American History Month. In typical African tradition, vendors and people from all walks of life convene at the marketplace to buy art objects and sample a wide variety of goods and products, and to catch up on the latest news in town. YSU's Marketplace draws vendors from Ohio and neighboring states with artistic creations from Africa and the African Diaspora. The atmosphere is festive and graced by Harambee Youth Group and the Drum Circle of the Uday Building of Youngstown.

Monday, February 19
7:00pm, Ohio Room, Kitzway Center
LECTURE: CONFRONTING RACISM IN AMERICA TODAY



by **James E. Clingman**
James E. Clingman is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His weekly syndicated newspaper column, "Blackonomics," is featured in hundreds of newspapers, magazines and newsletters. He is author of five books and has been a featured speaker for numerous organizations across the country.

Monday, February 5
6:30pm, Auditorium, McDonough Museum of Art
ART EXHIBITION in the gallery of the College of Fine and Performing Arts throughout February
PANEL DISCUSSION ON ART: THE COLOR OF HISTORY



by **Walter A. Constant**
Walter A. Constant was trained in traditional methods of painting and drawing and holds a B.A. in studio art with painting and graphic concentrations. In over 20 years of painting, he has developed his own impressionistic style with a personal resonance to the world around him. Constant was trained by master abstract expressionist Professor Ernesto. At Bright of Youngstown State University. A discussion of the artist's work with Constant and YSU art faculty will take place. (Co-sponsored with the College of Fine and Performing Arts)

Friday, February 23
7:30pm, Room 206B, Kitzway Center
LECTURE AND RECEPTION: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY



by **Sergeant De Lacy Davis**
Sergeant De Lacy Davis is a police officer, community leader in his community as Brother De Lacy. Mr. Davis joined the East Orange Police Department in New Jersey in 1986, and has been an instructor at the Essex County Police Academy and a New Jersey State-Certified Firearms Instructor. He has served as the vice president of the Police Benevolent Association, Local #116, and executive director of the East Orange Police Athletic League. A recipient of the prestigious Renault Robinson Award by the National Black Police Association, Mr. Davis has traveled frequently to West and South Africa. He holds a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and reception.

Thursday, February 8
7:00pm, Chestnut Room, Kitzway Center
LECTURE ON DIVERSITY



by **Mohammed Bilal**
Mohammed Bilal is a former MTV "Real World" star and diversity consultant. He has helped many people in colleges and organizations move beyond mere tolerance of differences to accepting diversity through his 12-step program. His interactive presentation is enjoyable and thought-provoking. (Co-sponsored with the Office of Student Diversity)

Saturday, February 24
7:30pm, Planetarium, Ward Beecher Science Hall
FEATURE FILM: THIS AMERICA
The film "This America" presents the adventures and challenges of an African immigrant facing conflicts of survival and adaptation in American society. This fast-paced, entertaining documentary is produced by an African film company based in New York.



Monday, February 26
7:00pm, Ohio Room, Kitzway Center
STUDENT PUBLIC FORUM: GOING BEYOND STEREOTYPES

A student forum on stereotypes between Africans and African Americans. The forum will examine perceptions and images of Africans by African Americans, and vice versa, and seek ways to transcend their prejudices. Selected faculty members will be present to share their observations. The forum will be moderated by Madonna Chiam Pielard, community relations director, WFSM/INCB Television, Inc.

Wednesday, February 14
8:00pm, Peaberry's Cafe, Kitzway Center
HORN'S 'N THINGS



The famous jazz group from Cleveland has performed to countless audiences nationwide. The group features the very best in jazz, and promises to soothe, dazzle, and not everyone in the mood for Valentine's Day. (Co-sponsored with the Office of Student Diversity)

Wednesday, February 28
7:30pm, Ohio Room, Kitzway Center
LECTURE: UNDERSTANDING THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR



by **Dr. Isam Amin**
Dr. Isam Amin is an associate professor of geological sciences at YSU and a native of Sudan. Since Hitler's atrocities against the Jews and similar manifestations of unthinkable evil, including Bosnia and Rwanda, people of conscience joined in rage to declare, "never again." But the Darfur genocide has become a baffling phenomenon. Dr. Amin will examine the causes and possible solutions to the major human tragedy of our time. (Co-sponsored by the Valley Committee of Conscience)

For further information, call the Africana Studies Program at 330-941-3097

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MENS BASKETBALL



Forward Jack Liles

Jambar/Ron Stevens



Guard Quin Humphrey

Jambar/Ron Stevens

Penguin double threat

Penguins focus on rising up against 13-11 Phoenix

Andrew Berry
SPORTS REPORTER

Off the heels of what head coach Jerry Slocum called the team's "biggest win of the season" in a wild 92-87 victory over the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames, the Youngstown State University men's basketball team is not about to lose focus down the stretch.

The time to celebrate has come and gone and the Penguins must find a way to work their magic away from Beeghly Center today at 8:05 p.m. when they clash with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix.

Despite putting out the Flames for the first time since joining the Horizon League, senior guard Quin Humphrey said Slocum wanted the team to remain focused on the task at

hand following the big win. "He said we couldn't rest on it. We have to get back in practice and continue to work hard because the next game we have coming up is just as important," Humphrey said.

The Penguins were unable to top the Phoenix earlier this season as the team fell 59-49 in front of a crowd at Beeghly Center. With a 4-10 road record, the team will be put to the test in Green Bay.

"It's going to be a tough game. Lately we haven't been playing well on the road, so we're going to have step up our focus," Humphrey said.

The Phoenix will have to step up their focus on Humphrey in order to shut down the Penguin's top offensive threat.

The forceful 6'4" guard exploded for a career-high 37-points against UIC on Saturday and leads the team with 448 points.

Averaging 18.7 points per game, Humphrey has been the spark igniting the offense throughout the season.

For the Penguins, honing in on Green Bay top shooters will be key.

Senior Ryan Evanochko and sophomore Mike Schachtner both average nearly 15 points per game for the Phoenix and keeping the duo in check will be top priority.

"One through five they got kids that shoot the ball pretty good, so we have to make sure we get to them," Humphrey said.

The Phoenix will also have to reckon with sophomore forward Jack Liles who has been impressive in recent weeks with his strong play in the paint on both ends of the court.

In the Penguins last five games, Liles has contributed 36 points and grabbed 38 rebounds with one double-double.

Liles nearly had his second double-double in three games Saturday against UIC as he finished the night with 15 points and nine rebounds.

"I'm always looking to play good, I just have to keep up my

intensity," Liles said.

To have success against the Phoenix, Liles will need to maximize his muscle on the glass.

Liles biggest threat will be sophomore Terry Evans, who has grabbed 142 rebounds this season, with 105 coming on defense. Boxing out Evans and scoring points on put-backs will be Liles main focus of the game.

Even though the squad's confidence is boosted and the momentum is in its favor, Liles knows not to take the Phoenix lightly.

"It's always good to have momentum. They've been playing well and hopefully we can take this momentum and just get a win. Green Bay's a good team," he said.

For YSU to once again summon the magic that lifted them past UIC, Humphrey said it will come down to one thing, focus.

"I know the coaches are going to get us ready so it's [on] us as a team to try to continue to stay focused on the road and maybe we can do the same thing we did at home. It's all about our focus," he said.

Penguin Spotlight

Jack Liles, #50



Position:
Forward
Height: 6'8"
Weight: 235 lbs
Rank:
Sophomore

6.8 **6.1**
Points per game Rebounds per game

.6 **1.08**
Steals per game Blocks per game

.558 **1.2**
field goal % turnovers per game

Quin Humphrey, #2



Position:
Guard
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 205 lbs
Rank:
Senior

18.7 **7.0**
Points per game Rebounds per game

1.4 **.4**
Steals per game Blocks per game

.425 **3.1**
field goal % turnovers per game

Up next



Time:
8 p.m. Sunday

vs.

Location:
Resch Center



BASEBALL

Penguins picked No. 3 in league, Diedrich receives first-team selection

Aaron Blatch
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Despite fielding a team with 17 newcomers and just three returning seniors, the Youngstown State University baseball team has been picked to finish third in the Horizon League for the 2007 season by Baseball America.

Although head coach Mike Florak doesn't pay much attention to preseason polls, he is happy with the direction his program is heading and wants to keep improving as a team.

"We feel very confident...It's nice to start being recognized," Florak said.

Last season the Penguins

bounced back from a slow start to finish with a 16-13 league record, which was fourth-best in the Horizon League.

For the upcoming season the team is ranked behind last season's regular-season champion the University of Illinois-Chicago, and tournament champion Wright State University.

According to Florak he and his staff don't set specific season goals for the team, but the eighth year coach didn't rule out the possibility of the Penguins' making a run at the conference championship this year.

For the team to compete for a league title, its 15 freshmen must

grow up quickly.

Florak believes the group will, in part because of the leadership of the squad's upperclassmen.

"We have possibly the best leadership since I've been here from our upperclassmen," he said.

Much of that leadership will come from junior Eric Diedrich.

Diedrich, who is coming off a First-Team All-Horizon League season, was recognized by Baseball America as a preseason all-conference selection.

The catcher and designated hitter will return as a team captain, joining senior Brent Parks and juniors Lucas Engle and Josh Page.

Diedrich is currently rehabilitat-

ing an injury, and may see extended time as a designated hitter until he is fully recovered.

Florak hopes the team's inexperience won't lead to mental mistakes and big innings for opposing lineups.

He also said that the development of the squad's pitching staff will be a key to having a successful season.

The rotation will be anchored by Engle, a right-hander who set the single-season record for innings pitched last season with 99 and tied the mark for starts with 14.

Florak said that a deep, aggressive batting order should carry the team while the pitching staff con-

tinues to develop. That lineup will be led by Diedrich, who hit .357 last season with nine home runs and a school-record 58 RBIs.

With such a young team, the coach is careful not to let preseason expectations carry too much weight, as his main goal is a simple one.

"The game is still played between the white lines," Florak said. "What we really want to do is continue to get better everyday."

The Penguins will begin play Feb. 17 as they travel to take on the University of Dayton Flyers. The team won't return home until its March 28 meeting against Malone College.