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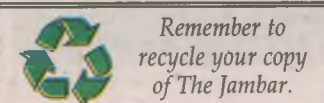
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TEXTBOOK COVER-UP

Taped up textbook cover raises concerns

Chelsea Pflugh
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sophomore Sarah Baker didn't ask questions when she spent \$60 on a taped-up textbook for her English class, until she peeled back the tape.

At first glance, the textbook, "Text Messaging: Reading and Writing About Popular Culture" by John Alberti, appears to have a black cover with just a visible title and author, but further inspection will reveal the book is actually taped with black electrical tape. Two sections of English 1550 at Youngstown State University require the textbook for the fall semester. The book, found in the YSU Book-

store, is being sold at a used price of \$56.25.

"I looked on the shelf to find a book that wasn't taped, but every single one was," Baker said. "I didn't really want to spend almost \$60 on a book that was covered in tape."

Baker said she was unsure if the book was even the right one for the class because it didn't look right with the taped cover.

One day, Baker was interested enough to remove the tape on the textbook and found the words "Instructor's Copy" underneath it in bold letters. Baker's reaction was one of confusion and frustration.

"I was like, 'Why do I have a book that shouldn't be for sale?'" Baker said. "I was al-

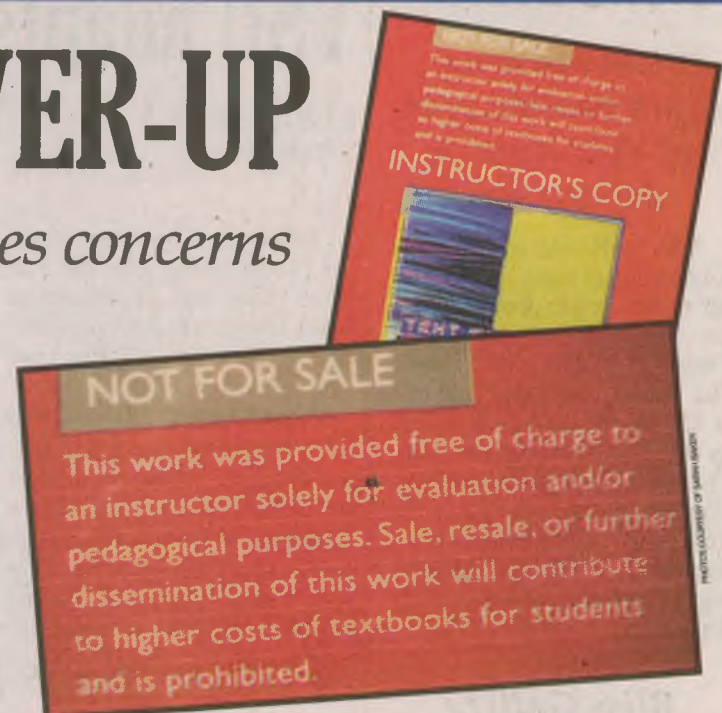
ready ticked off that I had to pay for a book that was in perfect condition but was covered in tape. I didn't even know if I had the right book because it wasn't a student copy."

Baker said she took the book to her professor, Martina Holliday, when she real-

ized she had the instructor's copy instead of the student copy.

"A couple other people [in my class] were talking about it," Baker said. "But when I talked to my professor, she

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GAMBLING ON A VOTE



David Boyer
REPORTER

In November, Ohio residents will vote on Issue 3 to amend the Ohio Constitution to allow four casinos in four major cities: Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati. Penn National Gaming Inc., a gambling company, and Dan Gilbert, owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers and operator of Quicken Loans, are those backing Issue 3.

Surrounded by states such as Pennsylvania and Michigan, which allow gambling, voters will decide if Ohio will join their neighbors. This will be the fifth time in 20 years Ohio has voted on gambling.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, there are already 500,000 jobs in the entertainment, leisure and hospitality industries in Ohio. Supporters of Issue 3 claim that it will create 34,000 jobs.

Youngstown State University students talked about Issue 3 and offered some familiar arguments. "The guys who are backing Issue 3 are bringing in their own people to work, so it is not going to create jobs," said junior Elizabeth Upshik.

"The tax that will come from the casinos is going to education and something is better than nothing. You don't see any other businesses knocking down our door to come to Ohio," sophomore Rose Wilkins said.

Freshman Donna Hendrix is morally opposed to gambling. Hendrix said, "Casinos would bring all kinds of trouble to

Ohio including addiction and prostitution." Hendrix said Issue 3 would make gambling "a lot more accessible and would lead to higher crime rates."

Upshik and Hendrix are not sure how they will vote on Issue 3 in November, but they both said they would vote. Wilkins said she would support Issue 3.

YSU College Republicans President James Shaw neither supports nor opposes Issue 3. Shaw said, "Issue 3 is not beneficial to this area; it does not allow for any type of casinos in or even near the Mahoning, Shenango or Ohio valleys."

Shaw went on to explain how, "Issue 3 would keep casinos in the major cities and it would in no way benefit this area, which could use something of this manner to boost tourism, revenues and build more business opportunities." Shaw said that while he loves to gamble, he has no reason to support Issue 3. Shaw did say that Issue 3 "does stand a larger chance than it did this time last year."

English professor Dr. Suzanne Diamond gave her insight on the gambling.

"While I myself don't see the rationality of gambling, I also don't see the rationale for assuming a moral position about gambling on this issue, since people intent on gambling seem likely to find a method and, if necessary, a place to do it." Diamond said, admitting she is "truly undecided on the issue."

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Two paths through one city

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

The city recently selected as one of the top 10 cities in the United States has also been named as one of the top 10 dying cities in the country by an article on <http://www.forbes.com>.

In another article on <http://www.economist.com>, Youngstown has been portrayed as the city that has fallen and is now back on the rise in more than one way.

Mixed feelings have been felt across campus in regards to the two separate designations the city of Youngstown holds.

"The idea that a city is dying because it's getting smaller is dumb."

George McCloud

YSU releases health memorandum to faculty, staff

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown State University recently released a memo to faculty and staff detailing measures to protect against the spread of swine flu and Influenza A, which have already hit residence halls. In the memo, it is recommended that students and staff use hand sanitizer and tissues to stop the spread of germs. These items can be hard to find on campus, however, with only a few dispensers of hand sanitizer in Kilcawley Center and the dorms, and no tissues in classrooms.

Lindsay Lipp, a student who is concerned with the spread of swine flu on campus, carries hand sanitizer with her. She said she believes YSU is clean to an extent, but other measures

can be taken such as more flu shots.

LaChean McRae agreed and while she is not worried about catching swine flu, said, "I think [YSU]

is trying, but it's not clean enough if [hand sanitizer] is not located everywhere on campus."

Freshman Tanasia Clark, on the other hand, stated that students should be responsible for stopping the spread of germs. "It's not anything campus can do, but the people," she said. "Like covering their mouth [when sneezing or coughing]."

YSU, along with Cintas, has listened to student concerns and decided to place hand sanitizers in all buildings. Placement of the dispensers will begin this week and the project is expected to be finished Wednesday. Danny O'Connell, director of support services at YSU, said that plans were finalized Monday and that dispensers will be placed in high traffic areas, by elevators, and in

Who's at risk

- People with: chronic lung disease; kidney disease; heart disease; neurological diseases; lowered immune systems; diabetes; asthma; pregnant women; people over 65 and under 5 years old

Reducing the risk

- Wash your hands** often to remove germs
- Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, mouth
- Cover your nose, mouth** with a tissue when sneezing, coughing
- Eat healthy foods**, drink plenty of water, get enough sleep, exercise
- Avoid close contact** with sick people; if you or your children get sick, stay home

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News Briefs

Steel Museum could become part of YSU history department

YSU's Board of Trustees could vote as early as December to take over operations of the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor. The "steel museum," located at 151 W. Wood St., is owned by the Ohio Historical Society. The OHS will retain ownership under the new plan, but YSU will manage day-to-day operations while also integrating the museum into its history department.

Bliss Gallery exhibits Miniature Books until Oct. 30

Through Oct. 30, the Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books project will be exhibited in the Bliss Hall Gallery. This project consists of 141 miniature books made by artists from a dozen countries; the pieces are presented on a diminutive scale to grant the viewer a more intimate relationship with the work. Bliss Gallery's hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday's program features campus alcohol use

Brent Scarpo, a national alcohol awareness authority, will present his "Last Call" program in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room on Tuesday at 7 p.m. This program will discuss alcohol and how it affects a campus and the community. "Last Call" is sponsored by YSU Greek Campus Life, Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council and co-sponsored by the Department of Athletics, Student Life, Housing, Center for Human Services Development and Student Diversity Programs

Police Briefs

Person stands in middle of Fifth Avenue, refuses to move

On Thursday, a YSU police officer responded to a person standing in the middle of Fifth Avenue. The officer assisted the subject to the sidewalk and discovered that the person was confused. The person a paranoid-schizophrenic was given medical attention.

Cell phone lost in Peaberry's Cafe

A student reported a cell phone missing on Thursday, and claimed to have left it in Kilcawley Center's Peaberry's Cafe. The student called the phone and received no answer. The phone was shut off by its service provider; no suspects are known.

Driver of erratically moving car arrested

On Thursday, a YSU police officer responded to a car traveling erratically down Fifth Avenue. When police stopped the car, the driver claimed he had been talking on his phone and dropped a cigarette. The driver was found driving under suspicion and placed under arrest.

YSU adapts to the times with a YouTube page

Dan Brown
REPORTER

What do Chocolate Rain, the Numa-Numa guy, the Star Wars kid and Youngstown State University have in common? They are all on YouTube.

Ross Morrone, YSU's Web developer and creative director for new media, maintains the YSU YouTube channel. In addition he films, edits and uploads most videos for the channel. YSU's YouTube channel

was created May 24, 2007. As of Oct. 16, 38 videos have been uploaded, the channel has been viewed 6,230 times and has 37 subscribers. Morrone said YouTube is a very useful tool for promotion and can help the university reach a lot of people.

"YouTube has a huge audience," Morrone explained. He also added that the exposure the university receives on YouTube is free.

The people viewing vary from current students to alumni to people just surfing the Web. Morrone said they get com-

ments from a lot of alumni.

"We see 'Go YSU,' a lot of that stuff," Morrone said.

Morrone says the tag function of YouTube helps reach a new audience YSU usually wouldn't reach.

"I'll tag videos penguin so people looking for penguins will find our stuff," Morrone said.

Morrone is looking to expand the channel.

"A lot more video," Morrone answered when asked what is going to be expanded. He is looking to boost the number of videos from 38 to

100 or 200.

"The more the merrier," Morrone added.

Morrone is also looking to expand the social media networks used for promotion of the University. While Morrone thinks that Twitter might not be useful enough for them, he did admit he has looked at Facebook as possible market.

Morrone graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and has been working at YSU since 2006.

Future plans for Williamson Hall in the works

Josh Stipanovic
NEWS EDITOR

With the construction of the new Williamson College of Business Administration building in the middle stages of completion, plans for restructuring the Williamson Hall building are underway.

Interim Associate Provost in the Provost's Office Charles Singler said he and his committee have introduced the proposal of transferring the mathematics and statistics departments into the current Williamson Hall building once the WCBA moves into its new building.

"Moving an academic department there would free up space elsewhere for expanded programs. There is a considerable need for that space because they are expanding, both in enrollment and in programs," Singler said. "The recommendation, [which] was made [for the] Williamson Building, as it exists, be retained for academic division space."

The building offers 23

classrooms, computer labs, 74 staff and faculty offices, and extra meeting and classroom space in the Cafaro Suite on the fifth floor. Singler said this makes the building an ideal place to continue on with other academic departments.

He added the design of the building contributes toward minimal renovation costs because not a lot of work would be required.

Restructuring the building to meet the needs of the university isn't the only issue. A new name for the building could also be in the works as the university comes closer to welcoming the new WCBA building.

But President Dr. David C. Sweet said that there isn't any discussion at the moment in regards to renaming the building.

"We are currently engaged in conversations regarding the programming of the current building and once this is finalized, there will be ample time to discuss the naming/renaming issue," Sweet said.

Blast From The Past!

This Week in:

- 1982**
High-tech captures future needs \$12 million building program to establish an institute for Advanced Applied Science and Technical Studies was unanimously approved.
- 1984**
YSU enrollment winds down to 15,254 for the quarter.
- 1993**
Freshman Lead New Enrollment Freshman enrollment up 2.4 percent to 2,157.
- 2006**
Tyson hits Youngstown Mike Tyson's hosts press conference for his anticipated exhibition fight against Corey Sanders at the former Chevrolet Centre.



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SGA meeting addresses campus concerns

David Boyer
REPORTER

The University Affairs meeting for the Youngstown State University Student Government Association saw discussions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Wick Pollock Cleanup and the Lincoln Avenue parking deck.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is in place to ensure disabled individuals equal opportunities. SGA members will look over buildings on campus to find issues which may violate the requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act. SGA members mentioned the ramp at Debartho Hall that leads to a door that does not open on its own. Problems like this must be addressed to meet the requirements.

University Affairs Chair Nicole Peterson said, "After we go over each building, we will draft a resolution and present it to the university." Members decided who will look over each building and will start this week.

SGA members decided that the Wick Pollock Cleanup would take place around the end of March or the beginning of April. SGA members will remove graffiti and other messes on the Wick parking deck and surrounding areas.

Vice President of University Affairs Jack Daugherty announced that they would not know when the Lincoln Avenue parking deck would be "coming down until late November." Daugherty said they would have to wait to address parking problems until university officials decide.

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WYSU celebrates its 40th year on the air

Nicholas Kloss
REPORTER

WYSU-FM will air a portion of its original 1969 broadcast on Thursday to commemorate the station's 40th anniversary.

The student radio station was the brainchild of drama and speech department chairperson Don Elser, director of radio broadcasting Steve Grcevich and then-president Albert Pugsley in 1967.

At 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, 1969, WYSU-FM signed on the air from a makeshift studio in room 310 of the former Valley Park Motel on Wick Avenue at 88.5 MHz as a charter member of National Public Radio.

The first broadcast was conducted by music director Bill Foster, who



warmed up the airwaves with a brief station identification and played the first track, which was "Sunrise Theme" from the Stanley Kubrick film "2001: A Space Odyssey."

"Back then, we just had what they gave us," said Barbara Krauss. Krauss has worked with WYSU since 1972, when she was a voice major.

Krauss remembers the original studios, located where the McDonough Museum of Art and Bliss Hall now stand.

"There were bathrooms in each room and no soundproofing," Krauss said. "If someone flushed a toilet, or made any kind of noise, we had to start the tape over."

WYSU didn't air live broadcasts until the late 1970s, following the construction of Cushwa Hall and relocation of the station to the building's basement.

"It was a big step up," Krauss said of the station's move. "It was more conducive to broadcasting when we moved."

As a public radio station, WYSU-FM depends on listener support and will continue its annual pledge drive this fall.

"We are unique ... most other stations do a lot more for fund drives, but we do a week in the fall and a week in the spring," Krauss said.

She estimates the station has reached its pledge goal each year and will surpass its \$106,000 goal for the year. As part of the drive, one donor will be randomly selected to win a grand prize trip to Ireland.

"The community has always been very supportive of the station and we've been fortunate," Krauss said. "It's been an absolute joy ... this has been such a miracle job for me."



WYSU Director Gary Sexton (blue shirt, left) discusses the Plant-A-Tree program with Mill Creek MetroParks' Horticulture Director Keith Kaiser (right, tan shirt.) The promotion, which is in cooperation with the Mill Creek MetroParks Wildlife Sanctuary's restoration, plants a tree when anyone wishing to become a member, or renew their membership to WYSU donates a minimum of \$120. There are various other promotions for other donation levels starting at \$40 and going up to \$1,000.

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said there was nothing we could do and just figured the bookstore ripped us off."

Baker also said Holliday has the "real student copy" of the book while all students are studying from the instructor's copies.

Though Baker said some other students in her class have also ripped the tape off of their textbooks to satisfy their curiosity, none had taken the matter to the bookstore.

"Everyone just figured that we got ripped off," Baker said.

The YSU Bookstore purchases used books from the MBS Textbook Exchange, Inc. in Columbia, Mo. Susanne Fox, associate director of the bookstore, said the

books were already taped when they arrived from the warehouse.

"It's not like we get [the books] for free and then sell them," Fox said.

Fox said the bookstore paid the same prices for the textbook as any other used book at warehouse price.

"We are offering the book at the used price, which is an alternative to new book prices," Fox said.

A supervisor representative from publisher Cengage Learning said sample copies such as these are "not to be sold at all under any circumstance" and are most likely a "free copy sent to professors for review." The Infringement Department of the company

could not be reached for comment.

Regardless if the bookstore is at fault, Baker said she would've liked to have had some notification prior to ripping the tape off to be reassured she wasn't paying for a book that shouldn't have been sold at all.

"[The bookstore] sold like 100 students a book that is not for sale," Baker said. "You think one of us won't pull off the tape?"

When asked if students who purchased the books would get a full refund for buying a textbook not for resale by the publisher, Fox said the book would be available for buyback at the end of the semester.

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Johnson added that organized events would help residents within the region notice Youngstown's capabilities.

"Once you get stuff inside of Youngstown, [residents are] not gonna think about shooting or killing, and it's going to change... I know it's going to change," Johnson said.

Sophomore J.R. Harvey agreed with Johnson and said when he thinks of Youngstown, he thinks of the same stereotype Forbes represented, but added that the right things are being accomplished downtown to take a step in the right direction.

"You can't go any further down. You can only go up from there," Johnson said.

Harvey, an electrical engineer major, said he doesn't plan on staying in Youngstown after graduating because he doesn't feel there is any opportunity here for him to succeed.

The Forbes article said that the decline in Youngstown's population since the steel mills went under is one of the main reasons the city is one of the top 10 dying cities. McCloud said this is true, but it's just one small part of the decline.

"The idea that a city is dying because it's getting smaller is dumb," McCloud said. "It's based on hopelessly old-fashioned ideas."

McCloud said Mayor Jay Williams has openly admitted that he is trying to reduce the size of Youngstown to allow for a "smaller city, greener city and a better city."

"We'll be smaller, but we'll be healthier and economically and socially stronger... [Forbes] seemed uninterested in going any further than the obvious," McCloud said. "Forbes got it wrong... that's the bottom line. Forbes did a superficial take, [and] they just played the old prejudices."

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Mahoning County Democratic Party Chairman, David Betras opposes Issue 3. Betras said, "Issue 3 will not help the valley in any way. I believe that if you live in the valley, you shouldn't support an issue that is not helping the valley." Betras said that he is all for building development and construction jobs, but Issue 3 will not create any of this in the valley.

"Think about it," Betras said. "People around here will still go to the Mountaineer because it will still be closer." Betras encourages voters in the valley to consider the actual benefits before voting this November.

The General Election is Nov. 3.

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large buildings, on both sides of the building. 90 dispensers are set to be placed on campus.

O'Connell said he hopes students will take their own protective measures, however. "I don't want someone getting a feeling of confidence because of the hand sanitizer," he said. "It won't help prevent [swine flu] if you don't wash your hands frequently."

He said he is not sure if YSU will supply tissues in classrooms.

"The problem with that is keeping the area supplied," he said. "I anticipate tissues and stuff like that but I don't know how much more that we can do."

O'Connell recommends that students stay at home if sick and to wash one's hands on a regular basis to prevent germs from being spread.



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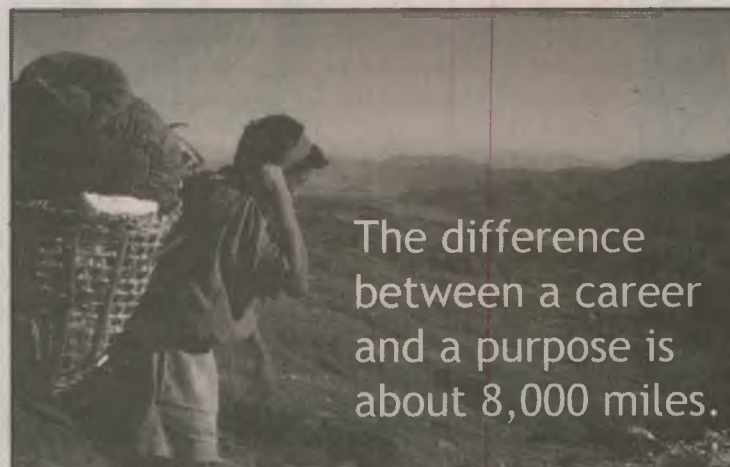
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We didn't uncover a scandal this time, but any time a student comes to us with a concern, it's our job to take the lead.

We understand that the bookstore sells hundreds of books each semester, but when a book comes through the line with enough tape to cover the entire front and back cover, questions should be asked and the situation should be addressed.

In other words, it shouldn't take reporters almost a week to figure out the truth behind the tape. It also speaks volumes that students shrugged off potentially being "ripped off" by the bookstore and accepted it as plausible.

Enter investigation.

It's hard to say at this point who is at fault for selling free copies of the book for the English class, but somewhere along the line policies got crossed to the point where "illegal" became synonymous with "profit."

Regardless if the bookstore knows or doesn't know why these books are taped, they now know what lies beneath it. A statement has to be made to these students and phone calls need to be made to their used book provider. Is the bookstore going to stand for being a part of this process? The book clearly states on the cover in bold text the book is not for sale, and that "sale, resale, or further dissemination" of the text will "contribute to higher costs of textbooks for students and is prohibited."

But still, the book sits on the shelf for sale at the YSU Bookstore.

MBS Textbook, Inc. can expect phone calls from us until all of the questions are answered.

OUR SIDE POLICY

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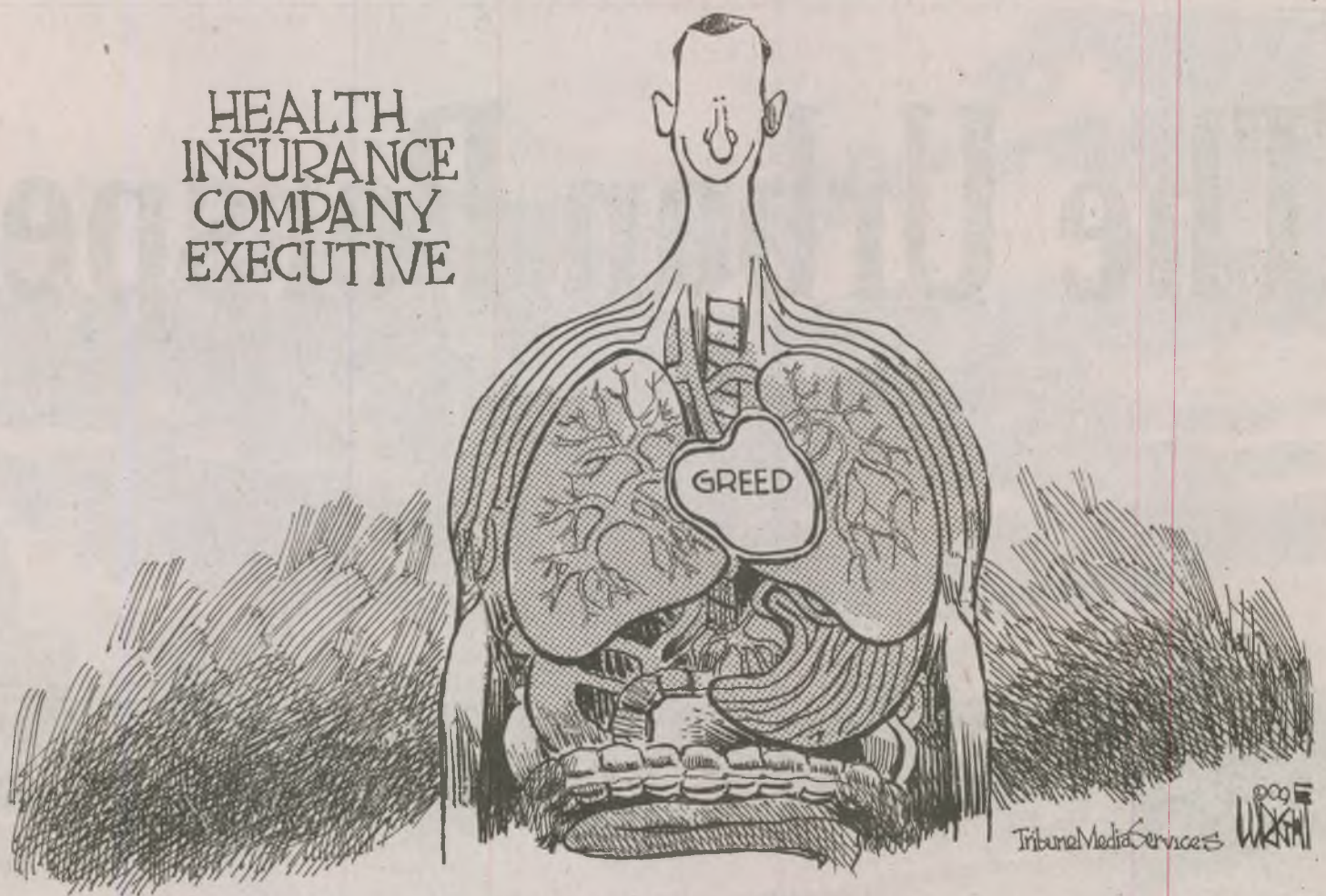
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Petting Zoo



Melissa Mary Smith
COLUMNIST

Childhood was better

I miss childhood. Like, more than most people.

I mean, how can you not miss the days when you weren't responsible for anything, aside from some homework? You could play with Legos, candy was fuel for your body's energy and you didn't have to work a dead-end job.

Sure, there are aspects of being an adult that I enjoy, like paying more than \$3,000 every semester to attend YSU. Wait, no, that's not something I enjoy doing.

I think it's being harassed by male customers at my ca-

shiering job?

No, also not it.

While I have more freedoms and make my own decisions, being a kid still trumps being an adult.

As a child, everything was so much more magical compared to my jaded adult mentality.

Considering it's less than two weeks away, all I can think about is how much better Halloween was when I was little.

I stopped trick-or-treating two years ago. That would have made me 21.

That also made me pathetic for continuing it as long as I did.

Despite accepting the reality of adulthood, I feel more comfortable classifying myself as a big kid.

I still play with Legos, color in coloring books, dress as though I'm a child who picked out her own wardrobe (nothing matches) and make time to visit the playground near my house to play on the swings and jungle gym.

I've been told to grow up by people my age and older. Not going to happen. Too much of my life is consumed by adult matters and it's occasionally nice to partake in something I enjoyed when I was younger.

Besides, whenever other adults tell me to act my age, all I seem to hear is the same noise Charlie Brown heard from teachers.

Letter to the Editor

Editor:

The writer of last Thursday's editorial, originally published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, may actually believe the "Baucus bill is a good start in getting the nation to the goal of universal health care."

This is the same Senator Max Baucus who on May 5 had ejected from the Senate Finance Committee hearing room and then had arrested pediatrician Margaret Flowers, political activist and one-time Senatorial candidate Kevin Zeese, and a half-dozen other physicians and journalists. Their crime? Disorderly conduct, or more specifically, objecting too strenuously to the exclusion of single-payer universal

health care from discussion.

The real skinny on the Baucus bill, or Obamacare, is that it'll defer a bloody showdown between a future president and the AMA and AHIP, the medical and insurance lobbies that pretty much control the debate on health care. Stripped by then of almost all political arguments and policy options, a future president will have no recourse, save for constitutional brute force, to address American medicine's characteristic pattern of high costs and systemic denial of health care for political expedience. Substantively, the Baucus bill is no more than legislative woolgathering.

Jack Labusch



How should the balloon boy's parents be punished?



"Yeah, I think they should be punished. It's child endangerment and neglect."

Holly Timmirs



"They should get their kids taken away from them."

Mike Szlay



"They should be fined."

Alyssa Jackson

The Urban Perspective



Local photographer brings beauty to the streets

Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

Joy Seredesky, local photographer and vice president of Art Youngstown Inc., specializes in photographing urban settings. She is a self-taught photographer who has photographed architecture and landscapes in London, the historic neighborhoods in Ohio and Ukrainian villages in New York and Cleveland. Her photography captures the natural approach of acclaimed photographer Ansel Adams, combined with the art influence of Claude Monet.

Seredesky graduated from Youngstown State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in public relations and advertising. Growing up, Seredesky was surrounded by creative kindred spirits of inspiration.

"My mother is an artist, so I grew up with art books all around me and she took me to art museums all over the country," Seredesky said.

Seredesky was inspired by the mystical experimental tranquility of the Impressionists; the artist who inspires her most is Claude Monet.

"I used to go to the Cleveland Museum of Art and just stare at Monet's paintings and sit in the Impressionist room when I needed to be grounded," Seredesky said.

Seredesky's main inspiration in the world of photography came at the Butler Institute of American Art while viewing the late Linda McCartney's



Local photographer Joy Seredesky uses unique angles and ideas to shoot city landscapes. Photos courtesy of Joy Seredesky.

"Roadworks" showcase.

"I sat there for hours studying the photos. Many of the photos were taken on the road when Linda was touring with the Beatles," Seredesky said, adding that this moment marked an inspirational turning point.

Seredesky also creates commercial designs, and is using this skill to establish a creative event planning business called Joy Etc. She said this business will orchestrate fundraisers and weddings, among other events. It will also incorporate in-home design, make-up

artists and wardrobe stylists. Still, reading about the lives of Salvador Dali and Andy Warhol inspired Joy Seredesky to experiment with commercial designs in the first place.

"I've went as far as to e-mail Ultra Violet since she was the mistress of Dali who introduced Warhol to him, and had a lasting effect on our nation's pop art culture," Seredesky said.

Seredesky sticks to photography with a gritty indie feel, taking shots of simple raw landscapes, as well as eclectic architecture.

"I have taken many photographs of my old neighborhood in the Tremont section of Cleveland, the Ukrainian Village in that same area and various places from my travels, like London or out west in the desert," Seredesky said.

Seredesky has also snapped photos at Yosemite National Park in California.

"I've stood on the same mountains as Ansel Adams in Yosemite National Park and finally got why he took all of his photographs there. I was inspired by the majestic scenery to snap a few myself,"

Seredesky said.

Seredesky also enjoys enhancing specific elements in her photos through Photoshop techniques. She trusts her inner muse and uses a 5.1 megapixel camera.

"I look at photography from a design aspect, looking at the photo, the matting, the frame and then I style it up to make it more modern," Seredesky said. "Then I think, would I hang that photo in my home? Would I pay money for that photo? If yes, then, I feel I've produced a worthwhile photograph."

Seredesky used to be a therapist for autistic children, and used photography and writing as creative outlets.

"My photography and the creative things I do, such as writing, have always been my getaway when I was a therapist working with autistic children. No matter what positions I've held, I need my photography and my writing as a creative outlet."

About 10 years ago, Seredesky took a course in graphic design, and her ambition and goal is to take more graphic design-related courses. She wants to enhance her skills in commercial designs to network her art with the greater masses.

"I also plan to find a photographer willing to teach me or take me on as an apprentice or assistant," Seredesky said.

At this point, Seredesky sees photography as a hobby, but is also working to craft it into a career.

Ohio offers a haunting experience for fright fanatics

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

During Halloween, fear becomes the most marketable emotion. Several attractions around Ohio are sure to scare the money out of you.

From haunted hayrides to run-down penitentiaries, finding a good scare tactic is easy, especially if you're willing to take the trip.

The Canfield Scaregrounds offer a haunted hayride and

house. While the haunted house offers the typical experience — following a path while dressed up ghouls use every power they can to scare the living daylight out of you — the most unique and interesting is the haunted hayride.

Customers ride a wagon throughout the fairgrounds to some unsightly scenes reminiscent of famous horror movies. Expect recognizable horror movie villains to appear out of the darkness and for a few unwelcoming guests to catch a ride as well.

The fairgrounds also offer a corn maze full of surprises and

a haunted house of creeps and cries.

Campbell's Roosevelt Park After Dark, presented by Nocturnal Terror Productions, is working this year to scare using some original ideas and unique horrors.

Michael Dilisio, a representative for the event, said Roosevelt Park After Dark was planned about six to eight months in advance.

"We're doing some innovations with makeup and design to look as professional as possible," Dilisio said.

Dilisio said the conventional horror movie characters

would not appear at Roosevelt Park.

"We steer clear of the conventional Hollywood stuff," Dilisio said. "We want to give a unique experience."

The park's main attraction is the Samhain Asylum. In this mental clinic gone wrong, prepare to walk inside rooms full of terrifying work. The asylum offers some of the most detailed scenes in the city. Small children and the easily scared are advised beforehand due to the graphic work.

However, if you're interested in a real scare, take a trip to the Mansfield Reformatory.

Located in the city of the same name, the decommissioned prison is certainly a sight to see.

The event capitalizes on its location, choosing not to decorate the building too much, as the prison itself is scary enough. Fear seekers will travel through authentic prison cells and hallways. While still following the typical haunted house format, the reformatory is sure to draw attention based off of novelty alone.

For more scares, check out the Haunted Schoolhouse in Akron and the 7 Floors of Hell in Cleveland.

Where The Wild Things Are

Directed By
Spike Jonze

Starring:
Max Records
James Gandolfini,
Catherine O'Hara,
Forest Whitaker,
Chris Cooper,
Lauren Ambrose,
Paul Dano,
Catherine Keener

Grade: A-



Spike Jonze brings a melancholic take on children's story

Tyler Landis
CONTRIBUTOR

It's really hard to imagine how this film got made. The genius behind critical hits of years past has crafted a film that will split audiences' opinions and puzzle little kids. Spike Jonze, the auteur behind all of this, made sure he got permission from writer Maurice Sendak to adapt his beloved children's novel into a live-action film. The film has had a rough timeline in terms of production; it was due out last year, but studio executives thought it was too dark for its

target audience. Yes, the same audience who marvels at the yearly Pixar films. This \$80 million dollar spectacle is now finally released, and is something to behold. The film stars Max Records as Max, a confused, lonely, and angry little boy who is sent to his room one night after screaming at his busied mother played by the lovely Catherine Keener. He jumps onto the kitchen table and yells, "Feed me, woman!" Max then runs away into the woods where he finds an imaginary boat that will take him through a treacherous journey to the island of the wild things. The wild things are a marvel to look at. They're

9-foot tall puppets that look as real as humans. They're all voiced by numerous A-list actors, including James Gandolfini as Carol, Forest Whitaker as Ira, Catherine O'Hara as Judith, Lauren Ambrose as KW, Paul Dano as Alexander, and Chris Cooper as Douglas. They live amongst each other as a sad and broken family until Max takes his role as king and promises that he will "make the sadness go away." The sadness is layered on thick, especially in Carol, voiced by Gandolfini, who has violent and angry mood swings. I'll leave the social commentary subtext for others to decide upon, but I'll just say that the

film is simple and complicated all at once. We watch Max enjoy his time with these creatures as they erect forts, sleep in piles, and throw dirt clods at each other. This will all appeal to the younger crowd, but it's the innocence and honesty that rings true in almost every scene. Director Spike Jonze's portrayal of childhood is one of wonder, fear, and excitement. The score by Karen O and The Kids, along with Carter Burwell, is nuanced and haunting. The film, which was shot by Lance Accord, is lush and beautiful in imagery, and the sweeping landscapes and oceans signify an honest and believable departure for Max.

The film serves up a melancholic tone of sadness throughout, which may confuse the youngsters. The screenplay by Spike Jonze and Dave Eggers gives these creatures interesting dialogue and realistic ways of expressing themselves. I get the distinct feeling that this is the film Jonze wanted to make, a bittersweet and honest love letter to the rigors of childhood and all the fear and isolation that comes with it. As of now, this is my favorite film of the year.

Editor's Note: Tyler Landis is a contributor to the Jambar who writes reviews for his own blog.

YSU Red & White Day

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Wednesday, October 28th

The PENGUIN PRIZE TEAM
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3 Ways to Win Great Prizes!

1. SPIN THE PRIZE WHEEL to win fabulous Prizes! (See how to qualify to enter above)
2. The PENGUIN PRIZE TEAM will be looking for you! Those dressed in outstanding YSU school spirit may be sighted by the Penguin Prize Team and awarded additional tickets to spin the PENGUIN PRIZE WHEEL to WIN.
3. Register to WIN the GRAND PRIZE TAILGATE PACKAGE on display! (See above how to enter)

What Can I Win?

Prizes Include: Sports Bags, Restaurant Gift Cards including Chipotle Mexican Grill, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, and Five Guys Burger & Fries, Movie Gift Cards, Homecoming T-shirts, YSU Key Chains, Frisbees, 6-Pack Coolers, and More!

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How Do I Enter To Win?

- (1) You must be wearing Red & White to win prizes!
- (2) And, you must be drinking a 'bottle'* of any Coke soft-drink product, PowerAde, Dasani Water, Vitamin Water, NOS, Nestea, or Minute-Maid Juice. *Bottles only. No cans or fountain cups.
- (3) Register 9am-1pm at the Homecoming table in front of ComDoc, lower level Kilcawley Center.

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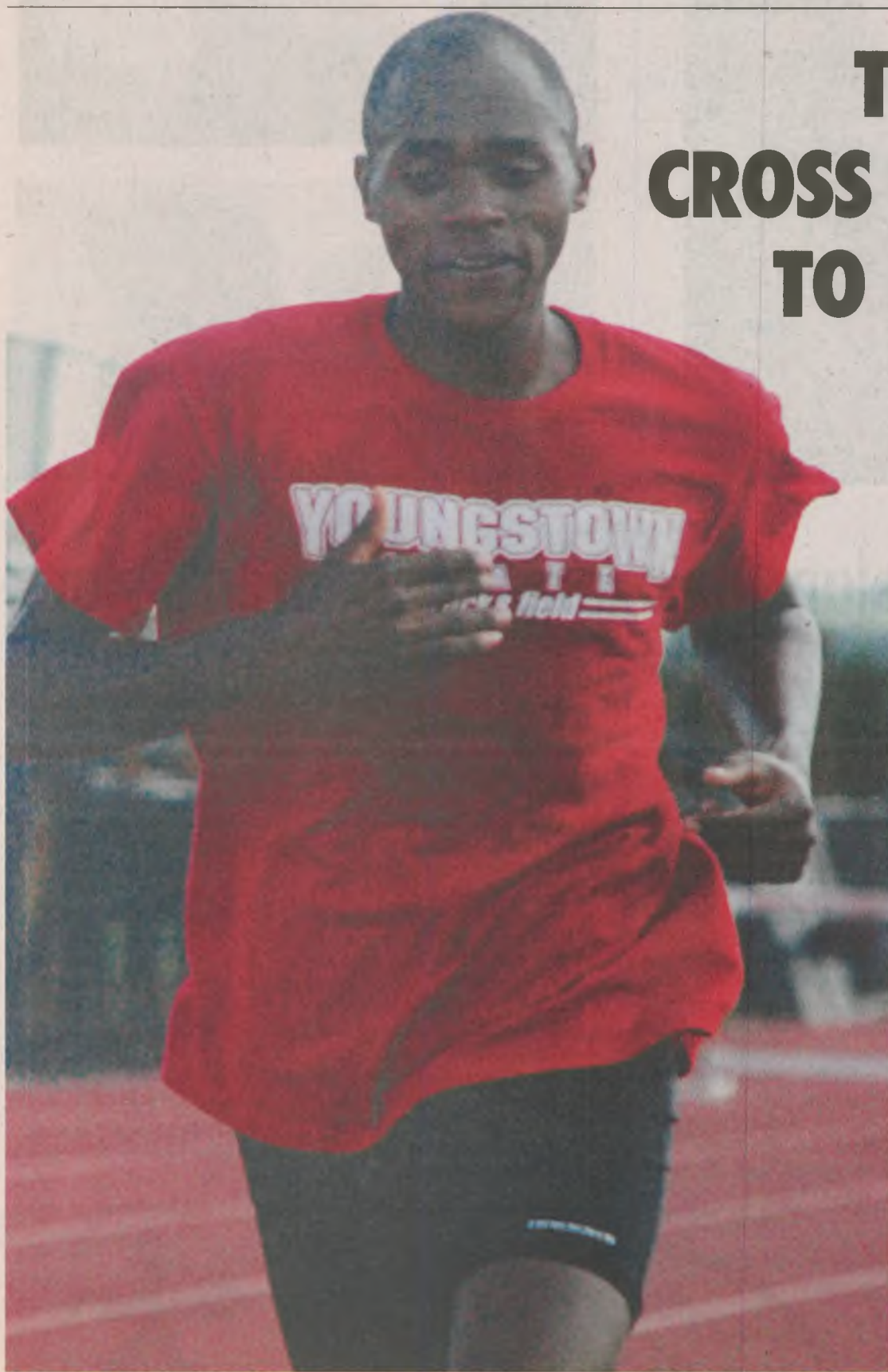
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Freshman Kiplangat Tisia leads the men's cross country team in the 5K run.

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TISIA, BLASE LEAD CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Health, alongside running multiple miles in all types of Ohio weather, prepares and also hinders the cross country team as it tries to get healthy before the Horizon League championships on Oct. 31.

"We have a couple people with the flu. We need to get rid of the flu heading into the Horizon League championships. We're going to try to get them better in the next 12 days," head coach Brain Gorby said.

Saturday, at their most recent meet, a couple of performers for ran personal best time for the Penguins.

Senior Lauren Blase on the women's front continued to run well as she posted a personal best time of 22:32 in the 6K at the Bowling Green State University Falcon Invitational.

"She's running at an extremely high level. All the hard work in the summer she put in is paying off," Gorby said.

Freshman Kiplangat Tisia continued his success for the men as he ran a personal best time of 25:39 in the 8K race to finish 22nd overall.

Gorby says Tisia still has a lot to learn about cross country, but says the freshman's ability to adapt will do him well.

"He likes to go to the front

and hang on for as long as he can. He can hang around for the first 15 minutes: This last race, he went out a litter easier and ran a lot smoother. He's still learning to run an 8K race instead of the 5K," Gorby said.

Although Gorby said his teams run better at the 5K level, running a longer distance will build confidence for his team as they head to the Horizon League championships where they will both run a 5K instead of the normal 6K for women 8K for men.

A confidence boost for the teams was beating three Horizon League schools that took part at the meet.

"It's a great confidence builder when you take out three teams from your conference. We beat three teams and because of that we should be able to crack the top five come conference," Gorby said.

Gorby said the teams have worked hard to this point in the season and should have a strong showing at the Horizon League championships.

"The team has logged over 1,000 miles of running and the team has to take that experience and use it at the Horizon League," Gorby said.

Butler's the top dog in the Horizon League but Gorby says his teams are excited to go into the championships to try to crack the top five.

INTRAMURAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Chris Auman

Chris Auman, a sophomore computer engineering major, was nominated as intramural player of the week this week after leading his Ultimate Frisbee team to victory. His team, The Awesomes, had two consecutive victories of 16-0 and 17-3 and are a force to be reckoned with on the field. Ben Dooley, who works with intramural sports, said Auman deserved this honor because he can throw the Frisbee the entire length of the field.

Swim team charts new waters

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

According to an annual survey conducted by the National Sporting Goods Association, interest in swimming is on the rise. It is currently the second most popular sport activity and has been climbing steadily since 2003, except for a drop in 2006. Experts credit this jump to popular athletes such as Michael Phelps, who with his super-star status, have brought swimming back to the national forefront.

Youngstown State University's athletic program has been seeing this rise in popularity as well. Women's swim coach Matt Anderson, has been coaching at YSU for six years. He said the swim team this year is bigger than it has been in his years of coaching.

There are 23 women on the team. When the team was formed at YSU in 1975, there were 13 girls, but it ran into trouble with recruiting and funding. In 1977, with only four women competing, YSU could not schedule any meets, and later in 1987, the team was disbanded.

The men's team went through a similar fate. In 1970, the men's coach resigned claiming YSU offered no support and too little funding for him to adequately recruit members. A large number of the team quit and it was eventually shut down.

With the implementation of Title Nine in schools, the women's swim team was reinstated in 1996. YSU has no men's team, but the women have been making great strides through the ages.

In 1976, YSU's co-ed swim team made history when they broke the Guinness World Record by continuously swimming 100 miles. With 20 swimmers pulling three-hour shifts, they beat the old time of 25 hours, 55 minutes

and 3.2 seconds with a new mark of 23 hours, 57 minutes and 42.3 seconds.

Perhaps one of the best swimmers in school history was Olivia Arnold, who swam from 2005-2009. Anderson said Arnold was one of the best players he's coached. Arnold was named The Vindicator/ Youngstown State Athlete of the Year in August and was the first female swimmer in school history to take such honors. She left YSU holding the records in 1,650-yard freestyle with 1 minute, 30 seconds in the 1,000-yard freestyle, and 15 seconds in the 500-yard freestyle. During her senior year, Arnold also did well in the Horizon League Championships, placing third in 1,650 and fifth in the 1,000.

Also a top-scorer for YSU was Brandi Goettsch. Goettsch, a diver on the team from 1998-2002, was named three-time conference diver of the year, and earned two Mid-Continent Conference awards and a Horizon League award.

In 2003, Kalya Leveto won Diver of the Year honors as well. In 2004, she won Diver of the Year again. She also holds several school diving records.

In 1983, when YSU was a Division II school, swimmer Janet Kemper won the Division II 50-yard butterfly. She also currently holds the school swimming records in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events.

This year, the program hopes to have another record-holder in sophomore swimmer Nishani Cicilson. This August, Cicilson competed at the 13th FINA (Federation Internationale de Natation) World Championships in Rome representing her native country of Suriname. She placed 77th in the 100-meter backstroke and 69th in the 50-yard, while dropping her personal-best times. "To have someone competing in that event is definitely a feather in our cap," Anderson said.