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YSU News

Dana's Showcase Concert

On Wednesday, February 8, at 8 p.m., the 17th Dana School of Music's Showcase Concert will be held in the Ford Family Recital Hall of the DeYor Performing Arts Center.

The concert will feature many ensembles, symphonies, and soloists. They will be honoring Donald Byo, the dean and director of the Dana school.

Tickets are \$10, but \$5 for students. For tickets contact Ted Perkins at 330-941-3646.

Fellowship Program

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Student smokers ignore SmokeFreeOhio

Jeanette DiRubba
NEWS REPORTER

It's a brisk afternoon at Youngstown State University. Walking throughout the campus while trying to stay warm, the familiar essence of cigarette smoke infiltrates the air. Someone is exhaling the evidence, and it's not just innocent breath in the cold air, because a cigarette is spotted in hand.

What happened to the SmokeFreeOhio and the adoption of this policy at YSU? Signs were put up, ashtrays were removed and students were instructed to smoke only on street sidewalks far away from any campus building.

Students, however, are still smoking around campus.

Sophomore Justin Banasiewicz can usually be spotted smoking in front of Bliss Hall's main entrance. He said other popular places seem to be in front of Kilcawley, Cushwa and DeBartolo. Banasiewicz said he mostly smokes between classes.

"I can't just go to YSU's 'designated' spot to smoke because I only have so much time in between classes, ya know?" he said.

Banasiewicz said that if caught, he would just pay the fine to avoid hassle, but would continue smoking nonetheless.

"I'd probably make a little bit of a fuss about it, but that's it," Banasiewicz said.

Junior Joe Gintert had views similar to Banasiewicz. Gintert smokes in his room, his car and also between classes. When asked about the university policy to refrain from smoking around campus, Gintert shook his head.

"No, I don't agree with it at all, but what can you do?" Gintert said. "I feel like I can smoke, but smoking affects people around me. I can see why because of the obvious health reasons, but I just don't agree."

Gintert said that smoking helps him relax and keeps his thoughts focused.

"It helps me get by in the day," he said. "Between work-

ing, the 16 credit hours I'm taking, and fraternity life, I need that break. If this ban starts getting enforced, I'm gonna be a wreck."

On average, Gintert smokes about one pack per day, but two if he's drinking. If estimated, he spends about \$1,500 every year on his smoking habit.

"The only reason I would quit now is the cost. I don't plan on smoking my whole life, but once college is over, and a different kind of stress sets in, I'll be able to just have a random cigarette now and then, but never like now," Gintert said.

Standing in front of Mighty Moe's restaurant, by the corner of Elm Street and Lincoln Avenue, two people casually conversed and flung their cigarette butts into the road. Transfer student Brady Seitz and senior Martina Holliday did not feel as strongly about the smoking ban around campus.

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RIGHT: Transfer student Mike Bauder smokes his cigarette on his way to class.



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BELOW: Sophomore Justin Banasiewicz sits on a sidewalk on campus smoking his cigarette.



SHOTS RING OUT IN BEEGHLY WITH ROTC



Jambar | Jessica Woods-Repucci



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BUSINESS COLLEGE

YSU constructs contract with architects

Adrienne Sabo
NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee selected Strollo Architects and Perkins and Will to enter into contract negotiations for the new Williamson College of Business Administration.

The final contract will be up for approval at the full Board of Trustee meeting. Rodney Lamberson, principal vice president of Strollo Architects and project manager for the new business college, said that the team is "delighted" to begin contract negotiations with YSU.

"It is a very exciting opportunity for YSU and the region. This has the opportunity to serve as a link," Lamberson said.

WCBA Dean Betty Jo Licata said she is looking forward to working with Strollo Architects and Perkins and Will.

She listed several priorities for the building. They include gathering spaces where students can relax, study and interact, team rooms, and spaces for each of the centers within in the college.

The building will also integrate state-of-the-art technology throughout computer labs and an atrium.

As for the presentations made Thursday, Licata said, "Concept drawings are out the window. We need to verify the spaces first and then worry about what it will look like."

Presentations from two firms were made Thursday before the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Lamberson said, foremost, the team needed a solid understanding of the business program and the issues pertaining to the building's location.

Licata said the business community is excited about the new venture.

"It is bridging the campus with the outside community both physically and

metaphorically," she said.

After contract negotiations, Lamberson said the next step is a kickoff meeting for the building's design with the university.

Strollo Architects worked with the university before, on Andrews Student Wellness and Recreation Center.

Along with Lamberson, team members are Tom Baker, Gregg Strollo from Strollo Architects, Allen Traugitt and Chris Monroe from C.J.L. Engineers, Jeff Ziearth and Dave Diamond from Perkins and Will, and John Cook from Sextant Group.

The building's opening is slated for Fall 2009.

YOUNGSTOWN

Four south side murders won't affect enrollment

Jenny Boyce
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

The administration and police of Youngstown State University say that the YSU campus is one of the safest places in the city. The area surrounding the university, including the South Side, is a different story.

Youngstown's first homicides of 2007 included four victims ranging between the ages of 19-24. Three men and one woman died from gunshot wounds in a vacant Evergreen Avenue home on the night of Jan. 29.

With YSU's high enrollment rate – an increased enrollment of 11.8 percent throughout the last six years beat out schools such as Wright State and Ohio State – the question now arises if these murders will have any effect on future enrollment.

"We have a very safe campus," YSU President David Sweet said, who explained that he did not believe the murders would affect the enrollment rate. Sweet said that since the campus is in the downtown area, it remains completely independent from the South Side.

"I think we've worked hard to show that the campus itself is very safe, and one of the safest places in Youngstown," Thomas Maraffa, special assistant to the president, said.

Mayor Jay Williams has ordered a zero-tolerance policy on all crime in Youngstown, including traffic stops to catch minor offenses.

YSU is already a zero-tolerance campus, according to YSU Police Chief John Gocala.

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YSU

Students say cold leaves minds frigid

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

The temperatures have dropped and with them, student morale. Almost every elementary and high school in the Mahoning County closed Monday, while Youngstown State University students marched on.

Dr. AJ Mathew, who works at YSU's Student Health Clinic and the North Side Hospital, said that frostbite and hypothermia are serious concerns in this weather.

"We get a lot of young adults at the North Side emergency room after they've fallen or played in the snow, and their hands are very red, and sometimes blue."

Mathew said it's important to gradually warm the frostbitten skin, not to try and apply heat immediately.

"Any kind of exposed area is at risk. Toes, noses, cheeks, fingers," Mathew said. "Covering any skin that might be exposed is important."

YSU President David Sweet said that the first concern when deciding whether to close the university is always student safety.

"We look at the Highway Patrol advisories, and try to anticipate if the weather will change drastically," Sweet said.

Keeping students on track during the semester is also a concern, adds Sweet.

Sophomore Rebecca DeLost doesn't quite agree with the decision to keep YSU open Monday.

"It sucks," DeLost said. "They should have closed school today [Monday]. The air is really dry, and it's bad for people like me who have asthma. I like snow, but this is like a frozen tundra. It's ridiculous."

"There's always a question of heating buses, and little kids are more susceptible to the cold," said



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Some YSU classes moved from cold classrooms to warmer ones, but had to resort to sitting on the floor because there weren't enough desks. On Monday morning, students from Keith Lepak's political science class, pictured here in Beeghly Center, said they would rather sit on the floor in heated classrooms than sit in chairs in unheated classrooms.

Mathew, explaining that there are multiple reasons why other schools in the area have closed.

Some YSU classes moved from cold classrooms to warmer ones, but had to resort to sitting on the floor because there weren't enough desks. Students from Keith Lepak's political science class in Beeghly Center did this Monday morning, stating that they would rather sit on the floor in heated classrooms than sit in chairs in unheated classrooms.

Unfamiliar with Ohio winters, California-native Sade Tate said, "At home, I joke and say it's negative two degrees outside, but here ... it actually is. It makes me bitter and angry at life."

"It is so cold; this is just ridiculous," said Sophomore Rochelle Boone, originally from Georgia. "You can't compare this to weather at home. I mean, it's cold back home, but I won't freeze when I step outside."

Sweet said that closing the university is not a regular occurrence, and

that the decision is made with input from Vice President for Student Affairs Cynthia Anderson and Executive Director of Facilities John Hyden.

Hyden said the main protocol for closing the university would be if facilities could not keep the parking lots and deck clean from the snow. If there were mechanical system failures, then the university would consider closing.

"I can remember one incident in 1994," Hyden said. "The university closed because it was cold and it was colder than it is now."

Students are paying tuition to attend college, and the university would get parents and students calling to complain about how the school is closed, Hyden said. On the other hand, he added, people would complain because it is so cold.

"It's hard to win," he said.

A problem that Hyden foresees by the end of the week is that frozen pipes will thaw and leak water.

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Police Briefs

Student reports beating

A Youngstown State University police officer responded to noise coming from the University Courtyard Apartments where he only gave a verbal noise warning on Jan. 26.

According to the police report, two hours later while in his vehicle, the officer was waved down by a student who said the entire YSU football team beat him up while in that same apartment where the noise came from earlier.

Stolen items

A student at the Andrews Student Wellness and Recreation center had his pants stolen, which held his cell phone, house and car keys, and \$8.00.

According to the police report, the student did not have a lock on his locker. The video from the Recreation Center showed no unusual activity and the items were not located.

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"We hope that people are able to distinguish the campus from different areas where crime might be prevalent," Maraffa said.

Sweet explained that YSU already has a joint agreement with the Youngstown police, who cover the campus and the outskirts to the north and south.

"I feel that we have a good plan in place to ensure the safety of the students," Sweet said.

Sweet added that it was not only important for others to be able to distinguish the campus from other areas in Youngstown, but for peo-

ple to understand that the South Side murders are thought by police not to be random, since there are issues surrounding the deaths and groups in that area.

According to Youngstown Detective Sgt. Darryl Martin, the victims may belong to one of two feuding groups in that area. Two of the men had prior police records including possession of drugs, while the other was awaiting sentencing for a stolen property charge. One of the men was also the victim of two shootings in the past two months.

2007-2008 Financial Aid Awareness Week

Stop by one of our tables for information on financial aid for the 2007-2008 academic year. The priority deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web or Renewal FAFSA and the YSU Institutional Aid Application is **February 15, 2007**.

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

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Sights, sounds and shopping at the Marketplace

Ashley Tate
REPORTER

On a Saturday afternoon perfect for shopping, bargain hunters hunted late into the evening through the safari of marketplace ware. Loud African music blared over the bustle of busy shoppers who rummaged through countless tables of Afro-centric pieces.

They mingled with each other. They mingled with vendors. Some even stopped to dance.

The eager shoppers quite likely could have been searching through an authentic Kenyan or Nigerian marketplace. But the booming of African drums, the murmur of bargaining, and the clinking of loose pocket change came, instead, from Youngstown State University's own version of an African marketplace in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

The jewelry, books, clothes, hand-made bags, paintings, and African oils and skin crèmes sold at YSU's African Marketplace marked the beginning of a long list of events to come, celebrating Black History Month.

Victor Wan-Tatah, professor and director of Africana studies and philosophy and religious studies, was pleased with the event's turnout and thought it topped last year's crowd.

"There have been a lot of people throughout the day; it's been uniformed and a very good crowd. There are faculty, students and

community members all leaving with items. I'm very satisfied," Wan-Tatah said. "The vendors said they've been doing well also."

Valeria Johnson, Wan-Tatah's student assistant, said the marketplace provides a service to the community and features a lot of artwork and books.

Johnson suggested holding the event in the summer as well, since several people have asked her about it.

Johnson, who is originally from Panama, said celebrating Black History Month is important to her because she has children.

"It's important because of my kids; it puts an emphasis on studying black history. It dedicates time toward learning," she said.

Vendor LaLonnie Terry from Akron has been coming to YSU for the African Marketplace for more than 10 years. Terry displayed cosmetics and Afro-centric pieces at her table.

"I come just to get exposed, meet new customers for Black History Month and [view] the entertainment. It's good to see the youth doing things."

Terry said celebrating Black History Month reminds her of her roots.

"It makes you remember where you came from. I was little when Martin Luther King was shot and I still remember it. It's good to see all the young people, but they really don't understand how hard it was for our ancestors."

Urainey Evans, from Farrell, Pa., was one of the many cus-

tomers leaving with items. Her item of choice was perfume from Avon and African oils, and her niece's was an autobiography on Marion Jones.

Evans said she's been coming for the past seven or eight years, and it was different in the past.

"They used to have programs where you would go into different rooms for shopping and dancing," Evans said.

Evans said she comes to the marketplace to stay aware of changes like these and "to support your community, be more cultural ... [and] to celebrate one common goal: Black History Month."

Vendors Jennifer Roller and her partner Lynnette Hart were newcomers on the scene and were selling Kendall Bags, which were named after Roller's daughter.

"It's a good experience. We loved the [Harambee] dancers. It was very organized from start to finish. The people were really welcoming; other vendors were giving us tips and everything on what to do," Roller said.

Roller said celebrating Black History Month is an important lesson for her children.

"I have small children so it's good when they can come to things like this. My son Trey can come and experience this for himself so I hope he can learn from it. We know that what they are teaching in the schools isn't enough, so anything he can get to supplement it is good," Roller said.

Diversity week events

Feb. 6

Don't label me: Exploring the world of diversity and stereotyping
In Cafaro House Multipurpose Room
From 8:30p.m.-10:30p.m.

Feb. 7

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Feb. 8

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Feb. 8

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7p.m.-8:30p.m.

Student entrepreneur composes 'Kontinuous Jams'

Britta Snowberger
FEATURES REPORTER

Most college students wake up and worry about what they will wear to class, what they will eat for lunch, or who they will ask to the party Friday night. Few students concentrate on dictating the success of their own businesses.

At 24 years old, Michael Moritz juggles life as a college student, a music director and a recording studio entrepreneur. A typical day for Moritz includes attending college classes, conducting five or more hours of recording in his studio and traveling to a theater rehearsal anywhere from Cleveland to Pittsburgh.

A seasoned concert pianist and conductor, Moritz has worked as music director in residence for the Youngstown Playhouse since he graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School in 2000. As music director in residence, Moritz selects the playhouse's upcoming musicals, auditions and rehearses the actors and hires and conducts the orchestra.

Although balancing a college schedule and a career is enough, if not overwhelming, for most college students, Moritz desires a greater challenge. In addition to attending YSU for telecommunications and directing music at the Youngstown Playhouse, he owns and operates his Boardman-based business, Kontinuous Jams Music.

Kontinuous Jams opened in 1997 at its first location, Moritz's basement. Having accompanied his piano instructor to a recording studio as a young boy, Moritz was intrigued with the recording process. Using what money he had as a high school sophomore, the entrepreneur designed a modest studio in his family's home.

"The studio took up my entire basement," he said. "I had a vocal booth in a small space under the steps — I had to do some adjusting."

Kontinuous Jams remained at Moritz's home for three years before experiencing its first major expansion. Moritz relocated his business to a 1,100-square-foot space above Durkin Loan in Boardman, where he was able to hire a part-time secretary and a studio engineer.

At the new location, Moritz could con-

centrate on more than simply recording music.

"The studio expanded rapidly from music recording into mass media duplication, video production for television and agency work, as well as audio production for radio commercials," he said.

In 2003, Moritz began teaching piano and voice lessons. In addition, he added a guitar teacher and a percussion instructor to the studio staff.

Kontinuous Jams reached its maximum potential at that location by January 2006. Packing his equipment, Moritz moved once again to a more spacious facility, above Youngstown Cycle Supply along Market Street, in April.

The current site of Kontinuous Jams encompasses 3,500 square feet and has been completely renovated by Moritz and crew, since the space had been unoccupied since the mid 1990's. Now, the young entrepreneur's growing business has room to breathe.

"We have a 1,500-square-foot recording suite alone, a spacious talent lounge, larger duplication workrooms, six more music lesson rooms, a large waiting area, expanded employee offices and a great space for video shoots," he said. "The new location will be able to accommodate almost 600 music lessons a week and will provide jobs for qualified music teachers."

With nine current employees, Moritz hopes to hire five additional music instructors to the Kontinuous Jams staff by the end of the business year. If everything goes according to Moritz's plan, he will soon be able to hold acting, dance and pilates classes, among other activities.

"I want to be the place for any sort of performing arts. No one else does it all," he said. "We do everything in-house, and we make everything from the initial recording to production. Plus, we're right on the cusp of cutting edge, since I'd like to expand into high-definition video as well."

Moritz's dreams may become a reality in the coming months. As his business's journey continues to gather momentum, Moritz has planned a grand re-opening Feb. 26 to gather additional interest.

"We're mailing over 4,000 people for the re-opening," he said. "I want everyone to come in and see what we're all about."



Michael Moritz, 24 years old is the owner of Kontinuous Jams Music. His 3,500 square feet recording studio will allow him and his crew to expand their business. His equipment includes guitars, pianos and sound systems.

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OUR SIDE

YSU students feel frosted by cancellation policy

The shining sun was deceiving on Monday morning as Youngstown State University students, faculty, staff and administration woke up and realized that we are the only school in Mahoning County that did not cancel due to below-zero temperatures.

Hats, scarves and gloves couldn't protect us from the frigid bitter cold that hit us as we went to start our cars in the morning.

Some of our cars made loud roaring noises telling us that it is too cold for them to start. The coughing and the churning of the engines were just as bad as the coughing and churning coming from our throats.

So why did we have to face the below-zero weather?

We understand we are paying for our college tuition, but many classes were cancelled anyways. So we drove the distance, walked through the chill, or stood outside and waited for the bus only to find out that classes were cancelled.

We were all really counting on sleeping in Monday morning. We wanted to wake up and see YSU canceled on the television ticker. Many administrators don't have to trot all over campus as us students do.

A typical day for students usually begins with searching for precious parking spots or trudging across campus from our dorms or apartments. But the voyage lasts all day, every day, as we trek from building to building. For once, when the weather is bitter cold, we students would appreciate one day to sleep in and stay in our warm rooms.

It would be nice, for just one day, to forget the daily demands of Ohio winter: how many layers we need to put on, how many minutes we can't sleep in, how long it will take for our cars to defrost, and how many cups of coffee it will take to warm us up.

Our younger brothers and sisters were snuggled nice and warm in their beds Monday, cozily dreaming of how they will spend their snow day.

With a wind chill advisory indicating that it is unsafe to be outside for extended periods of time, the walk from Bliss Hall to DeBartolo Hall counts as an extended period of time.

The safety of YSU students is a priority for the administration, but its actions during the below-zero weather does not reflect those priorities.

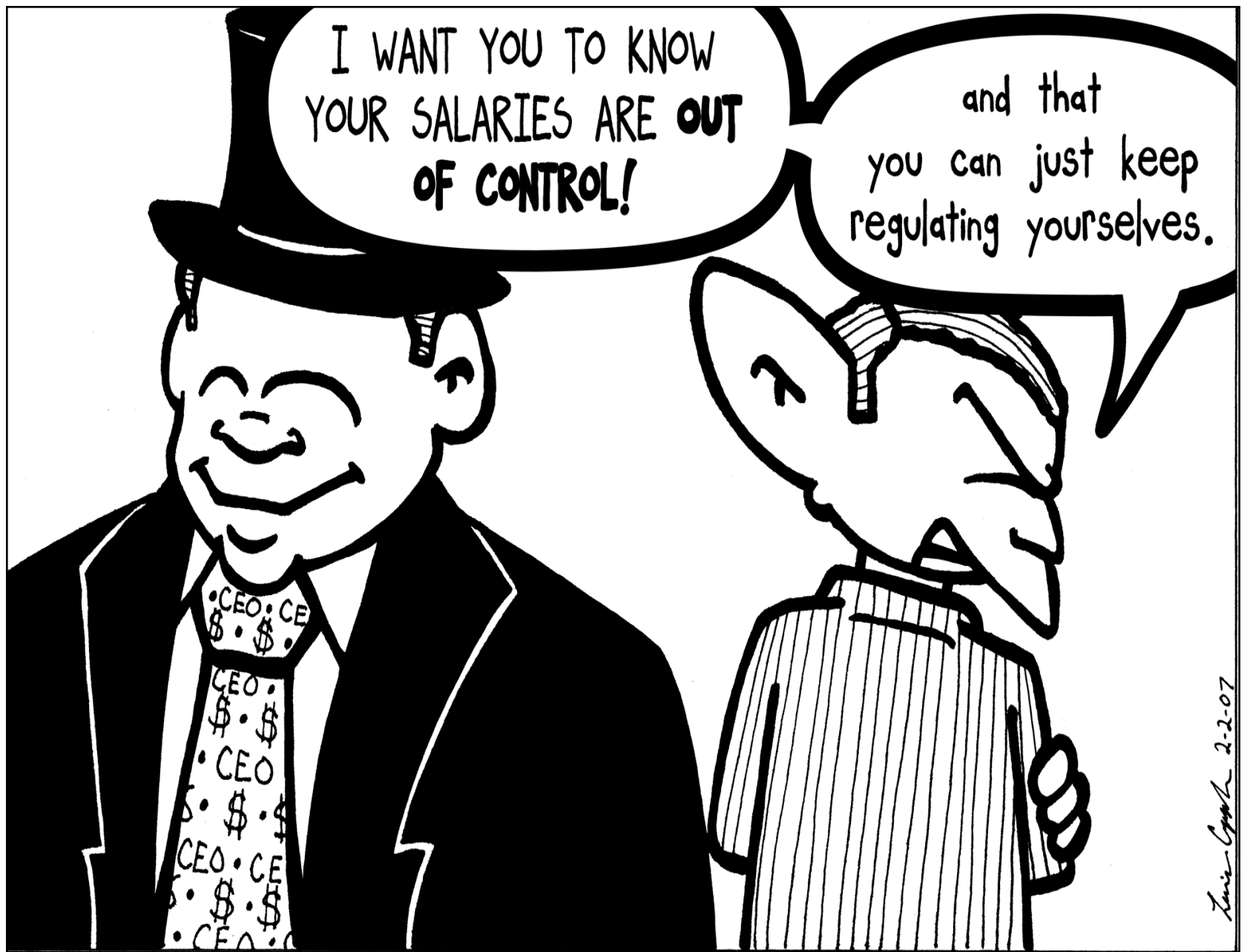
OK, so we're being a little whiney. But can't we get a little hot chocolate (and the snooze button) with our whine?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Conservatives can still come back

Editor,

As most of my liberal friends know, I have always considered and been considered not your average Republican, but a social conservative. Because of following an ideology instead of JUST a political party has allowed me to connect with even more people allowing for more open discussion, and to be able to see different sides. During many conversations I have come across a startling realization.

If the Republicans lose majority in the either the House or Senate, at least some of the blame may rest on the shoulders of national conservative activists groups. I serve in some sort of Executive capacity for two conservative organizations, and although we have stayed the course, many other groups are sitting back, waiting for the Republican Party in particular to get its act in gear. It strikes me that if these organizations wanted a Republican to win, all they would have had to

do was spend some of their war chest on ads throughout the war with Iraq about terrorists, and homeland security as they have in the past, which has been very effective. Traditionally conservative Republicans and Democrats are strong on this front. However the fear seems to be that if conservative groups did that, it would benefit the whole of the Republican Party, conservative and liberal alike, and in a time in which these group are seeking to teach lessons instead of win small victories, I think this is why we have not seen these organizations as motivated as in times past.

Upon reading W. James Antle III's article in The American Conservative entitled "Exit Stage Right", and after many night long conversations with friends and colleagues around the United States, liberal and conservative alike, I have concluded that even after Republican mismanagement, wartime distress, scandals, leaks, blunders, and misspeaks; that one of the greatest reasons conservatives

will stay home, is to reign in the Republican Party and remind them who fills their coffers, and butters their proverbial bread. I predict not just a Spring Cleaning by the Republican Party, but truly a revolution back to the times of Goldwater, and Reagan. Conservatives are pissed as hell at the moderate policies of George W. Bush, and it seems that this election will be the telltale sign of how much they hold the Republicans responsible. We can say that the Democrats have a clear mission, but truthfully they do not. We can say that Iraq has drained any chance for Republican victory, but that is false because although the American people never rejoice in the death of innocent people and American soldiers, they are not stupid, nor are they feeble minded. I feel the true reason Republicans could lose in this election will be because of themselves. Conservatives may just stay home this November, but will it be better for the country? God bless America, but God save the

Republican Party! Conservatives should realize that to turn your back on political friends in need might just allow those who are your enemies to gain positions of power to strike at you and your core beliefs. What is better? A Republican who has strayed slightly from the conservative pack, or a liberal who does everything within their power to destroy that pack? Considering divided government a positive political power move takes some bravery, but also some plotting. If conservatives can rebuild the Republican Party, and force cleansing of the dead and mismanaged weight, than it may prove a productive strategy. However come election day what Republicans fear is if conservatives feel the devil they don't know is much better than the devil they have been confronted with. Once again You Decide 2006.

Joe Iesue
Student Diversity Council
President

COMMENTARY

Hiding the facts about climate change

McClatchy-Tribune
MCT

Fresh evidence emerged last week that the White House can't tell the difference between fashioning policy and spinning the facts to suit its own politics. Most administrations share this problem to a degree, but it's far worse when the White House decides to tighten its grip on federal regulators at the expense of those who write the laws.

First, to the case in point. Government scientists claim the Bush administration has been trying for two years to force them to soften their findings on global warming. Complaints about interference were aired at a House hearing last week where a survey of

nearly 300 scientists in seven agencies studying the subject found that almost half had experienced or heard about pressure to downplay warnings about the growing amount of evidence of climate change and global warming.

The scientists said Phil Cooney, a former oil-industry lobbyist who at the time headed the White House's Council on Environmental Quality, had blue-penciled reports about the effects of climate change on human health and the environment. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said Cooney _ who now works for ExxonMobil _ had "imposed his own views on the reports scientists had submitted to the White House."

Waxman called it an "orchestrated campaign to mislead the public about climate change."

Call it the fox guarding the henhouse. This is not the first time the administration has been accused of politicizing science, but it comes at a time when the White House has decided to assume more control over the regulatory process. An executive order signed by President Bush orders each federal agency to have a regulatory-policy office run by a political appointee.

Regulations are a way to spell out how to conform to legislation passed by Congress. It doesn't take a political scientist to understand that putting the process under the direct control of White House appointees enhances the president's authority over domestic government and diminishes the role of Congress. The timing _ just after the Democrats

claimed Capitol Hill _ surely is no coincidence.

The move fits neatly within the administration's pattern of boosting presidential power at every turn, without regard to the system of checks and balances. The president's habit of issuing "signing statements" that outline which provisions of new laws he will enforce and which he will ignore is another example of this imperial intention.

Congress can fight this dangerous tendency by giving closer scrutiny to White House appointees. They should reject those who are clearly unfit or have a conflict of interest _ such as former oil lobbyists making decisions about the quality of the air we breathe.

YSU

Accreditation has YSU planning for 2008

Jeanette DiRubba
REPORTER

Next year marks the ten-year span of Youngstown State University's accreditation deadline. These past years, several committees at YSU worked on reports to accredit the university. YSU is working on an institutional-wide base accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission. Committee members must gather specified criteria over the period of 10 years and produce documentation of self-study at two-year intervals. As such, accreditation requires participation of a huge segment. "The last accreditation we had was in 1998," Associate Provost Bege Bowers said. "The committee needs to work together and partake fully in this endeavor for a successful 2008 accreditation."

Six different committees are leading this accreditation process. Tammy King, the chair of the Mission and Integrity

Committee said, "YSU is moving along quite well in this process, and we are on task, current, and headed in the right direction."

Paul Kobulnicky, chair of the Engagement and Service Committee, said the efforts to remain on task have shown positive results in the university's qualitative assessments.

Accreditation affected YSU since 1945, and the university has positively met each accreditation report scheduled every ten years. Since then, the YSU increased its student population.

"This accreditation process has changed in the fact that we are more focused on how we assess student learning," Associate Provost Jan Elias said. "The past was more concerned with various recreational areas, and student to faculty ratio."

Accreditation, according to Bowers, is the "external validation of the quality of the university" and a time when certain

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Bege Bowers
Associate Provost



university members identify the strengths, weaknesses and challenges that the institution possesses. Bowers, like the other committee members, is trying to efficiently gear YSU in the direction of success.

Accreditation aims to point out these strengths and enforce the mission statement, but it also challenges the university to face its weaknesses. King explained that some of these weaknesses include financial situations.

"We can definitely do better with managing our university budget because it impacts the

services we can offer students," King said.

King also said that diversity and global culture issues could always become a stronger quality of any university and not just solely YSU.

Accreditation criteria could include recreational improvement, opening of new campus sites and creation of distance education programs.

February 2008 is the up-and-coming date of site visitation for YSU. Associates from the accreditation department come to view all the material collected

from past and current university documentation. Bowers said that all the compiled information is saved in a special resource room so it's easily available, and site visitors have no problem accessing the documents.

"In order to be successful, everyone needs to constantly contribute," Bowers said. "YSU needs to continually meet the specified criteria, like we have been, to successfully complete the accreditation process."



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African American History Month 2007

Proverb of the Month:
"A fight between grasshoppers is a joy to the cow." *Lesotho*

Saturday, February 3
11am-4:00pm, Chestnut Room, Kilcawley 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 converge at the marketplace to buy and sell 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 grand as hundreds of vendors and the Drum Circle of the Unity Building of Youngstown.

Sunday, February 19
7:30pm, Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
LECTURE: CONFRONTING RACISM IN AMERICA TODAY
by James E. Clinegan
James E. Clinegan is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His widely syndicated newspaper columns, "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.S. in studio art with painting and graphic concentrations. In over 20 years of painting, he has developed his own impressionistic style with a personal response to the world around him. Constant was trained by master abstract expressionist Professor Emanuel Wright 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)

Thursday, February 8
7:00pm, Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
LECTURE ON DIVERSITY
by Muhammad Rizal
Muhammad Rizal 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)

Wednesday, February 14
8:00pm, Peabody's Cafe, Kilcawley Center
HORNS '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 scotch, jazz, and set everyone in the mood for Valentine's Day. (Co-sponsored with the Office of Student Diversity)

Saturday, February 17
7:30pm, Dance Workshop, Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center (Under 18, adults \$10)
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YSU ROTC

ROTC CADETS AIM FOR ARMY

Jessica Woods-Repucci
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Shots rang out Friday as Youngstown State University students serving in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps gathered with Kent State ROTC cadets at Beeghly Center's rifle range. Students spent the day practicing their hands-on training in rappelling, water survival and M-16 rifle marksmanship.

The ROTC program was originally brought to YSU in the 1960s as a method of commissioning soldiers as second lieutenants. Forty students are currently participating in the program, including four females.

The stigma attached to the ROTC program is that once you take a class or two, you have signed your life away, according to Captain Mike Stull, assistant professor of military science. But, added Stull, this is not true.

"It's not until a student's third year that [he or she] have to make a commitment to become a commissioned officer in the Army," Stull said. The first two years are done on a volunteer, elective basis, with students receiving credits for the training classes they take, regardless of whether or not they stay with the program.

Stull said freshmen and sophomores are part of the Basic Course, which serves as an introduction to the Army. The course familiarizes students with two principle themes: leadership and management.

Juniors and seniors are part of the Advanced Course, a phase focusing on tactical operations, commands and military instructions. Additional emphasis is placed on leadership skills and how to apply them, Stull explained.

During the summer of their junior year, ROTC students spend time at Fort Louis, Wash. to apply these skills in

full-time training. This is the point in the program when students must make a commitment.

During the school year, students spend two to four hours a week performing ROTC tasks. Physical training takes place twice a week, with "labs" every Friday. It is during these labs that students can engage in activities such as climbing the Rec Center's rock wall and learning water survival skills in the Beeghly pool.

The Army awards YSU students annual scholarships to help fund up to four years of their college careers. These scholarships cover tuition, books, uniforms, supplies and other necessary cadet expenses.

The Gold Bar and Carl A. Nunziato Room and Board scholarships are awarded to YSU ROTC students.

Students looking to join the program can choose from serving time in the Active Duty Forces, the National Guard or the Army Reserve.

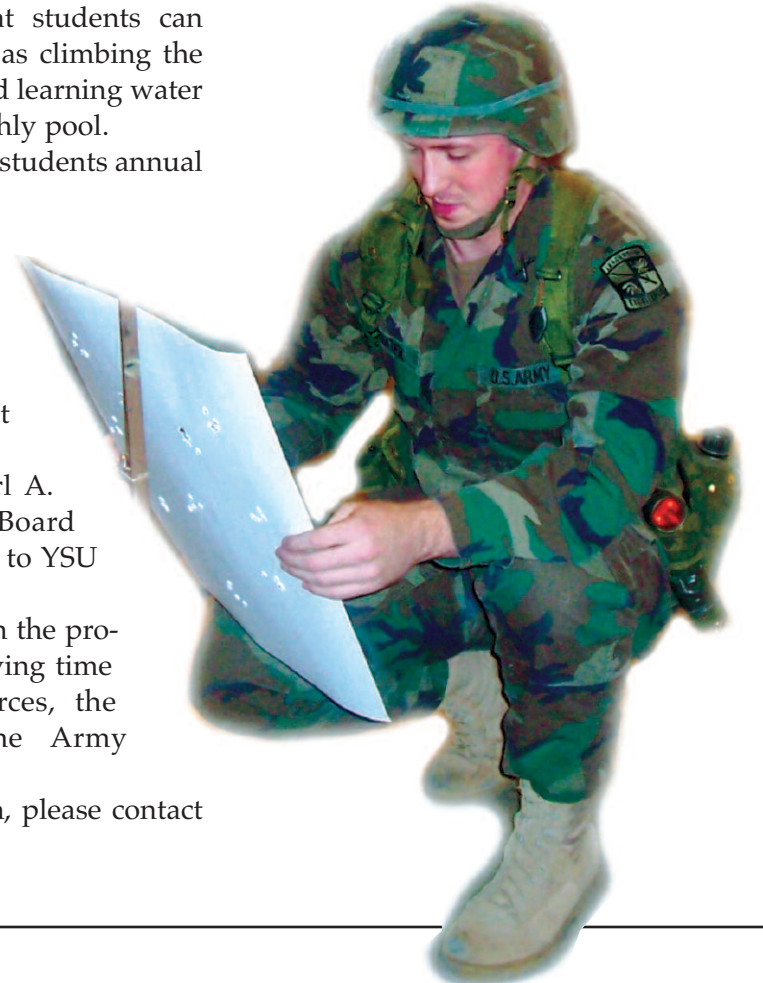
For further information, please contact Stull at 330-941-1916.



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YSU

YSU holds 10th annual student leadership retreat

Elizabeth Boon
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Students involved in Youngstown State University's campus organizations were invited to attend the 10th annual Student Leadership Retreat on Friday.

The workshop focused on the theme "Coming Together-Working Together" and featured several speakers including Herb Washington, the owner and CEO of McDonald's restaurants and the Youngstown SteelHounds.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Greg Gulas stressed how important the retreat was to YSU's student organizations. He said he hoped students would leave with a "renewed interest and energy for their organization."

Networking was at the top of YSU Student Trustee Erianne Raib's list. She said it was important for students to network with

Keys to successful leadership

- Opportunity
- Faith
- Vision
- Positive people



Herb Washington

each other to find things they had in common.

Some students found Raib's speech helpful.

Sophomore Ramon Ramos, a member of the United Nations Association of the United States of America of YSU said, "Having a network can help my organization by allowing me to reach out to a large number of people."

Washington explained how to go from being an employee at McDonald's to being the CEO. His speech "Keys to Successful Leadership" encouraged University Trustee Carol Ann Pitcarim.

"Mr. Washington's story

was very inspiring," she said.

He told the students that some of the keys to success include opportunity, faith, vision, and surrounding oneself with positive people.

Washington's lecture was followed by a talk about "Leadership in the 21st Century." Interim Executive Director Human Resources Ronald Chordas spoke of the experience that he has had in his field and how it is important for students to enjoy what they do.

"Part of leadership is having a passion for what you do," he said.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday

"I can't stop loving you" concert
@ The Edwards w. Powers Auditorium
7:30pm

Jonathan Pappas Solo Musician
@Peaberrys Café
10a.m- 11:30am

YSU Student Stand-up Search Spectacular Try-outs
Peaberry's Café
11:30a.m. - 1p.m.

Wednesday

Autumn Nayers, Literate Folk
11a.m.-12:30p.m. @Peaberry's

Youngstown State University Black Alumni Chapter
Presents: Evening at the Butler "Reception and
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Emeritus and Artist

Thursday

Gab Bonesso, Comedian
11a.m. - 12p.m @ Peaberrys

YSU

SGA allocates money to student organizations

Adrienne Sabo
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University Student Government Association has found itself in an unfamiliar situation. More student organizations are requesting money from SGA than usual.

A high, 11 organizations requested funding from SGA for the spring semester.

Dave Spatholt, vice president for finance affairs, said, "I've never known this to happen this way," and that the amount of groups requesting money is not typical for only the second week of meetings.

Representatives from the student organizations came to Monday's meeting to discuss how the funds will be used to the general assembly.

SGA allocates \$20,000 for fall semester and \$10,000 for spring. With the amount of organizations requesting money, SGA will only have about \$4,000 to allocate to student organizations for the rest of the semester.

Some organizations request money include: Sigma Tau Gamma, Panhellenic council, Inter-fraternity council, Institute for Industrial Engineers, Dana Flute Society, ect.

Spatholt said that SGA should be able to allocate money to student organizations for the next three to four weeks and after that, "our hands are tied."

Organizations requested money to fund programs, events and trips to conferences for the spring semester.

During the general assembly meeting three representatives were elected to a research committee on tenure and promotion. SGA President, Chad Miller said that the committee will work with the Academic Senate committee currently researching tenure at YSU.

The students will work closely with the Academic Senate committee and provide a student's perspective on tenure. The reports will be finished in April.

Miller said that the idea for a committee was sparked by student protests when Eric See, criminal justice professor, was denied tenure.

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"I don't smoke on campus. I smoke in my car and on the streets. I can really go about four hours without having a cigarette," Holliday said.

Seitz affirmed that he's not too concerned about the policy since he lives in Pennsylvania, but "if they want to enforce the damn law they should just do it."

Holliday said she's bothered by the conundrum of what to do with the remains of her cigarettes.

"I have to throw it in the street because there aren't any city holders. This just makes the campus and streets look dirty," she said.

Seitz agreed with the "smoking oasis" in that there should be some place "you can put it out" without dirtying YSU's campus.

Leaning up against the wall outside of the Kilcawley dorms was a 20-year-old female and 22-year-old male who wished to remain anonymous.

The female said she would like to see "little

spots" emerge where students are permitted to smoke. The male agreed, but also understood the policy.

"If I had to pay a fine for getting caught, I would," he said. "It's like any choice you have in life. If you get drunk, drive home, and get caught, you have to pay the consequences."

When asked whether or not the two would like to stop smoking or attend the university's Smokeless event this February, the female said that the option to quit rests on inner drive.

"You have to want to quit," she said, "but I like programs like that. It might help someone to go and get some incentives to stop smoking."

The male said he's been smoking since age 16, and he sees the health risks that are involved because both of his parents smoke.

"I want to quit after I graduate while I know I still have time to," he said.

Wheeling his way over to

Moser Hall in a wheelchair to light up a cigarette was Mike Bauder, a 27-year-old transfer student. He said that going to a designated area to smoke would be a "major inconvenience."

As for the smoking prevention around campus, Bauder said that if he's outside it should be OK. He stated that it's not like he's sitting right next to someone, "blowing smoke in your face." This is just a ban he would "preferably deal without."

Lieutenant Gregory Clementi of the YSU Police Department said regulations will be sent out shortly from the Ohio Department of Health. The university has already complied with the original adoption of the smoking ban by removing all ashtrays from campus.

"Students should be smoking about 25 feet away from any campus building and only on the street sidewalks," Clementi said.

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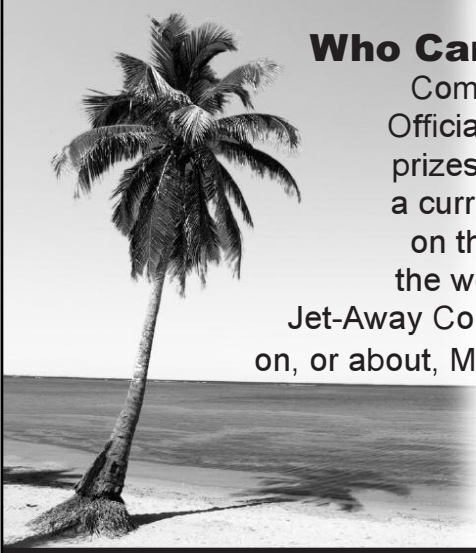
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SPORTS FEATURE

The weight lifters way to hitting treys and turn-around Js

Emily Thayer
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

For some college students playing basketball is a great escape from the demands of juggling school, work and relationships.

But whether you're playing a pick-up game with some friends or in an organized intramural league the competitive drive that pushes you to trash talk when you're down by five or try a three-pointer that's well out of your range will always shine through.

The truth of the matter is nobody wants to lose a game, even if it's just part of your daily workout.

So in order to start winning you're going to have to start training.

Leave the basketball out of the equation though because all you'll need to get better on the court is to pump a little iron off of it.

According to Youngstown State University strength and conditioning coach Todd Berky a little weight training will help all aspects of your game from improving a weak jump shot to helping you play stronger in the paint.

Berky, who is currently in his sixth year at YSU, trains the men's and women's basketball teams as well as the football, baseball, track and field and volleyball squads.

"Most recreational players can benefit their game on the court by adding [in] a gradual weight lifting program," he said.

Just lifting the occasional dumbbell won't be enough to turn you into Dwayne Wade though.

"In order to see improvement you need to isolate each muscle by doing specific

exercises to strengthen that muscle," Berky said.

To improve your game Berky recommends a combination of exercises to target each muscle group combined with 10-15 minutes of abdominal work and 10-20 minutes on the treadmill.

Following this workout routine will give you a leg up on your next opponent on the hardwood.

Here are the exercises Coach Todd Berky recommends to use in the weight room to improve your basketball game:

The Exercises

FOR LEGS

Leg Press - This exercise develops your overall lower body strength and will help you to box out in the paint.

Leg Curl - This move will improve knee stability and help you to avoid a major injury.

Calf Raise - A simple exercise that can be done anywhere there's a step, this will improve lower leg strength and give you that extra boost when sprinting down the court.

These leg exercises will help you infuse more speed and strength into your game without spending hours on the treadmill.

FOR CHEST & ARMS

Chest Press - The old standby of weight training will develop your upper body strength and help in low post play.

Triceps Extension - Whether it's kickbacks or skull crushers this lift will improve your upper arm strength and will help with long passes and shots.

Not only will these exercises give you arms like dynamite, but they'll help your strength with passing, shooting and dribbling.

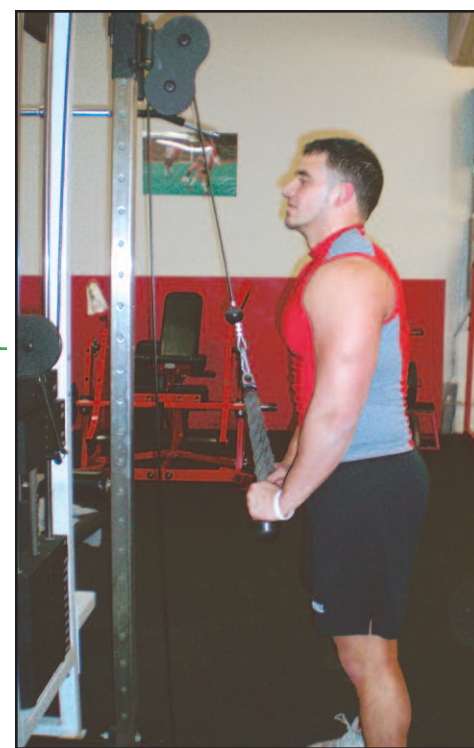
FOR ABS

Crunches & Back Extensions - Choose your favorite abs workout mix in a few sets of back extensions and go to town. These moves will improve your core strength which will help in every facet of your game from running to jumping.

As an added bonus to improving your play on the court, these abs workouts will help your play off the court as well.



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Berky recommends doing three sets of 10 to 15 repetitions and gradually adding weight, starting lower then working up depending on your body strength. Always remember when doing some of these exercises you should have a friend or even that cute new trainer at the gym spot you on your lifts.

FOOTBALL

YSU to honor stadium, football greats during 2007 season

Penguin fans will be able to vote on just who and what were the best ever at Stambaugh Stadium

Aaron Blatch
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

In its first 25 years of existence Arnold D. Stambaugh Stadium has been the site of many exciting Youngstown State University football contests.

From the team's improbable run to the 1991 National Championship, to its come from behind victory over James Madison University last season, the stadium has been the heart and soul of the YSU football team.

While playing in what has been nicknamed the "Ice Castle," the Penguins have amassed a home record of 125-41-1, including a 14-1 mark in playoff games.

Now, in honor of Stambaugh Stadium's 25th anniversary, YSU fans will have the power to determine the best-of-the-best ever to be seen at the stadium.

According to Associate Director of Athletics Rick Love, the voting will be part of a year long campaign that will

honor the stadium this fall.

"The theme of the whole season will be to celebrate the stadium's 25th anniversary," Love said.

From March 1 to Aug. 1 voting will be held on the YSU Web site, where fans can decide on the 25 greatest Penguin players ever and the five best games played at the stadium.

Voters will be given a list of approximately 50 players and 15 games to choose from.

The selected players will be announced during one of the Penguins seven home football games next season, while clips of the greatest games will be shown at halftime.

The 1982 football team, the first ever to play in the stadium, may also be honored during the season.

According to Love, promotions for the campaign could include posters of the selected players, as well as replicas of the stadium.

Medical Mutual of Ohio will sponsor the year long event.

"Stambaugh Stadium is really a special place," Love said. "Not many

Possible nominees for Penguins best-of-the-best

Tameron Smith
P.J. Mays
Jeff Wilkins
Ron Jaworski
Kyle Smith
Mark Brungard
Leon Jones
Ryan Jewell
Marcus Mason
Tim Johnson

Harry Deligianis
Adrian Brown
Jim Ferranti
Dave DeSignore
Kevin Statzer
Jermaine Hopkins
Tom Harder
Dave Roberts
Joe Bishop
Randy Smith

stadiums in the country have seen the success that we have had here."

The football program's success isn't limited to just on the field victories,

as Stambaugh Stadium has finished first in the Gateway Conference in attendance for ten consecutive seasons.