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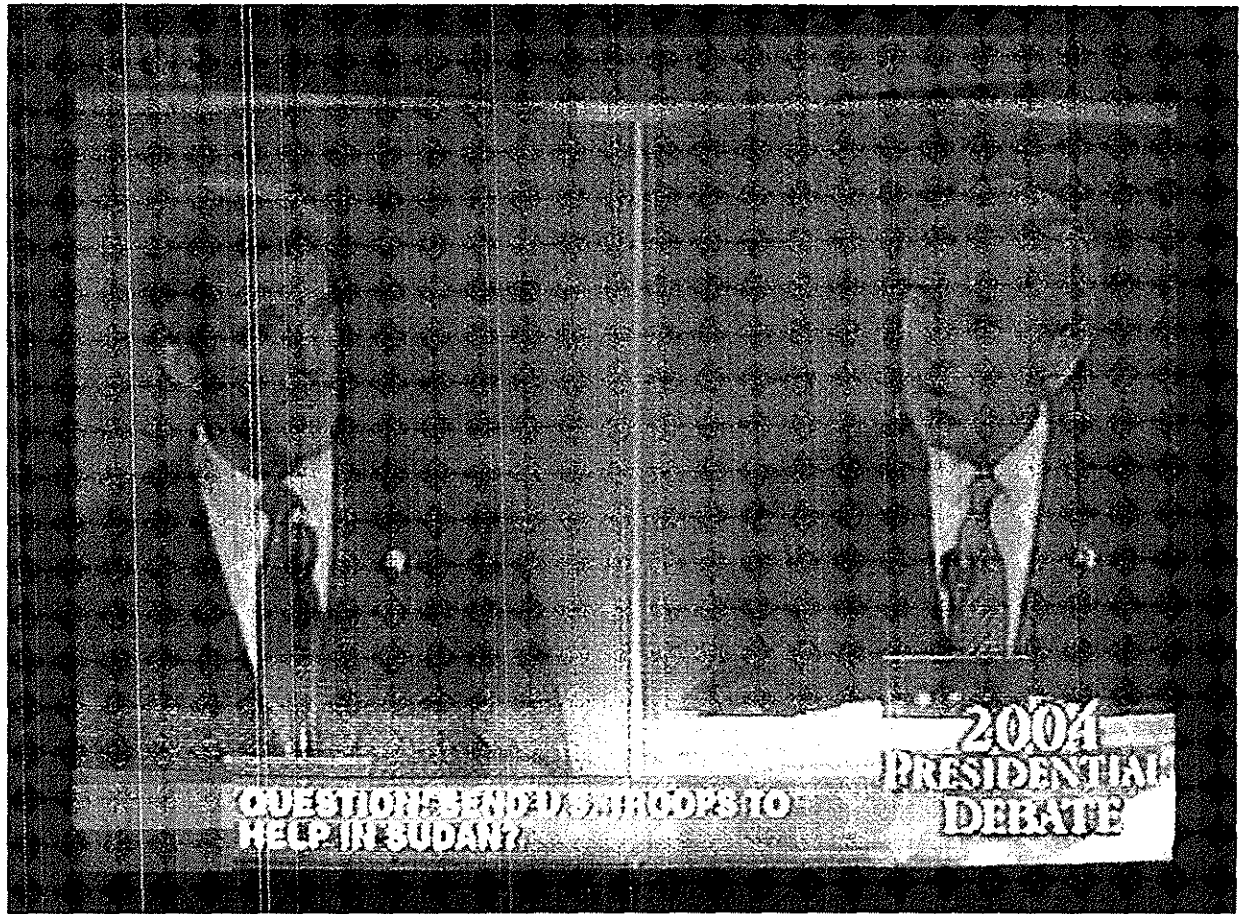
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Chuck Rogers | The Jambar
▲ President George W. Bush (right) and Senator John Kerry (left) faced off on television Thursday in the first of three televised presidential debates. Their running mates are scheduled to debate tonight at Case Western Reserve University.

Polls suggest Kerry as winner of first debate

Over 15 point margin present in Gallop and Zogby polls

CHUCK ROGERS | The Jambar

The microphones have been cold for four days, but political analysts and pollsters are still tallying the score from Thursday's televised presidential debate between incumbent Republican President George W. Bush and Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry.

Results of a Gallup poll released Friday showed that 53 percent of registered voters surveyed who watched the event said Kerry won the debate. Only 37 percent favored Bush's performance.

A more recent poll released Monday by Zogby International placed Kerry over Bush 59 percent to 21 percent.

But some analyst say Kerry's victory may be more in terms of appearance than substance.

William Binning, chair of Youngstown State University's political science department, gave Kerry points for style, but said he did not think there was a clear winner in the debate.

"On issues, nobody outscored anybody," Binning said, adding there was no dramatic shift in the candidates' previous positions.

His colleague, Keith Lepak, associate professor of political science, agreed.

"Substantially, it was a draw," he said, "but stylistically Kerry won."

The subject matter for the debate was foreign policy. Moderator Jim Lehrer of the Public Broadcasting Service questioned the candidates' views on topics including each others' ability to defend the nation from

terrorist attack and plans for concluding the war in Iraq.

Binning said that Kerry was visually impressive, standing erect on the podium and never touching the lectern. He was direct in his answers and looked alert. "Kerry was a top debater at Yale," Binning said.

Binning said Bush's presentation suffered because he often repeated himself. Lepak said Bush needs to work on his body language.

"Substantially it was a draw, but stylistically Kerry won."

— Keith Lepak
Political Science

The President frequently quoted Kerry's criticism of the Iraq war in which he called it the "wrong war at the wrong time." Bush tried to draw attention to Kerry's earlier stance that Saddam Hussein was a "grave threat."

He also displayed his annoyance at some of Kerry's remarks by his facial expressions and by impatiently gesturing to Lehrer for the opportunity to respond.

During the debate, Kerry and Bush both found points to

attack each other's arguments.

When Bush justified the war in Iraq by saying that "the enemy attacked us," Kerry immediately pointed out that Osama bin Laden masterminded the 9/11 attacks.

Minutes later, Bush seized upon Kerry's statement that a pre-emptive strike by the United States on another nation had to pass the "global test." Bush said he would take pre-emptive action "in order to protect the American people."

The candidates alternated between criticism and compliment — shortly after the pre-emptive action exchange, Bush expressed appreciation that Kerry's daughters had been kind to his daughters during the campaign. Kerry then complimented Laura Bush, calling her "a great first lady."

Binning said they were trying to make themselves likable, an area in which one of the candidates needs some help.

"The problem with Kerry," he said, "is that people don't like him."

Like them or not, Bush and Kerry will be pre-empting the small screen several more times before the Nov. 2, 2004, election.

The presidential candidates will meet Oct. 8 in a town-hall-style debate at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. On Oct. 13 they will debate domestic policy at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Edwards and Cheney will hold a televised debate tonight at 9 p.m. at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

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Kerry speaks to Valley on U.S. economy

The Democratic presidential nominee proposes tax breaks for tuition-paying families

LEONARD CRIST | The Jambar

Fresh off Thursday's presidential debate, Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry spoke at Austintown Fitch High School Sunday to a packed gymnasium of energized party faithful in a town hall meeting that focused largely on jobs and the economy.

His voice gravelly from non-stop campaigning, Kerry spoke for more than an hour and then took questions from the audience.

"What we need more than anything in America is to be talking to each other," Kerry said.

"Real conversation, not these negative assault ads that we all see, but real conversation about our country and the future of our country."

Kerry said that while President George W. Bush has visited Ohio many times this election season, he questioned whether Bush really knows what is going on in the lives of middle class America.

Earlier in the day, Kerry visited with locked out workers at RMI Titanium in Niles. Kerry said the workers told him

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University releases hiring review report

ELIZABETH TABAK | The Jambar

After nearly a month of review, Youngstown State University officials handed down a list of recommendations to improve hiring processes, something one administrator called "absolutely necessary."

The two-page report, released from the Provost's office Thursday afternoon, outlined several steps that university officials say will strengthen hiring processes for both part-time and full-time employees.

Dean of the College of Health and Human Services John Yemma said he is happy with the recommendations that have been brought forward and said he hopes they will effectively reinforce the hiring process.

"From the experience we

have had, this review and the recommendations were absolutely necessary," Yemma said. "Unfortunately, people were not as truthful as they should have been."

The recommendations came as part of a review of the hiring of Forensic Science Professor Joseph Serowik, who was fired from his job as a Cleveland lab technician after supplying erroneous testimony in the 1988 trial of Michael Green. Green was sent to jail on a rape conviction, but was released 13 years later after DNA testing proved his innocence.

It also comes a week after it was found that Kevin Chakos, a part-time instructor for the Health Professions department during Spring 2004 semester,

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YSU and SRU developing reciprocity agreement

CHRISTINA POE | The Jambar

Interim Provost of Slippery Rock University Bill Williams laughed as he recalled his university's football game against Youngstown State University this year.

"That's what we do — go to Youngstown every year, lose the game and go on to play other teams," Williams said.

Despite their football history, both Williams and YSU President David Sweet said they are looking forward to SRU's continuing affiliation with YSU through the new joint academic program and through working to map out a tuition reciprocity agreement between the two universities.

This semester began the first year for the "three plus two" program between the universities. The program allows students, especially those majoring in various sciences, to attend SRU for three years. After the three years is up, the students can then enroll in YSU's engineering program.

Sweet said at the end of the five years, the students would graduate with a bachelor's degree in science and engineering.

Williams added that both universities have benefited in the past and will continue to benefit in the future from the strong programs each offer.

"Not one school has the

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NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ YESS seeks clean-up volunteers, Oct. 9

The Youngstown Environmental Studies Society (YESS) is seeking student volunteers to assist with the Wick Avenue and Logan Way community cleanup.

The group will first meet at 10 a.m. Oct. 9 in the Time Warner facility on

Wick Avenue, just past Ursuline High School.

For more information, call Jim Petuch at (330) 941-2294

▶ Penguin Prize Patrol

The Penguin Prize Patrol will be handing out goodies in Kilcawley Center next week.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, the patrol will hand out prizes to six Youngstown State Students each hour.

The requirements to

win are to be seen drinking a bottle of any Coke product and to be wearing red and white or YSU apparel.

Students will also be able to register at the Homecoming Coke booth for a drawing to win prizes such as YSU Bookstore gift cards.

▶ Free museum visits

The Children's Museum of the Valley will begin Free Monthly Family Night this week.

Starting tomorrow, the museum will offer free admission to families every Wednesday. Hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m.

The museum allows children to explore and interact with various exhibits in such areas as art, science, regional culture and broadcasting.

For more information about this event or the museum, call (330) 744-5914.

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the jambar poll question

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NEWS IN BRIEF

► **Careers in English panel Oct. 11**

A panel of Youngstown State University alumni will discuss their careers, job searches and undergraduate training during the Careers in English forum next week.

The forum, which will revolve around journalism, professional writing and editing and web communications, will be held Monday, Oct. 11 in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room.

After the discussion, students will have the chance to question and network with the panel.

Those interested in attending can call Christina Hardy in the Office of Career Services at (330) 941-3514.

► **Panel on careers in dietetics Oct. 13**

A panel of Youngstown State University alumni representing various careers from the fields of Dietetics and Dietetic Technicians will hold a discussion next week at the Careers in Dietetics event.

The forum, which will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 13 in room 3112 in Cushman Hall, will include discussions on careers, job searching tips and job preparations.

Those interested in attending can call Human Ecology chair Jean Hassell at (330) 941-3344.

► **"Super Size Me" documentary Oct. 8**

The Association of Family and Consumer Students and Students in Dietetics will be showing the documentary "Super Size Me" later this week.

The film, which offers a funny, yet disturbing look at fast food, will be shown at 2 p.m. on Oct. 8 in Kilcawley Center's Gallery room on the Youngstown State University campus.

Before the movie, community nutrition students will present several short lectures about obesity. Students will be able to question the presenters afterward.

► **Breast cancer awareness event**

The Breast Cancer Awareness Celebration will be held at the Columbiana Career Center this week.

The event that will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 7, will feature a speech by Dr. Patricia Vigder, an auction and a fashion show involving breast cancer survivors.

The celebration is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the East Liverpool Breast Cancer Support Group, the East Liverpool City Hospital and Salem Community Hospital.

The cost is free, but reservations are limited to 70. For more information, call 1-888-ACS-OHIO (1-888-227-6446).

► **Women's health program Oct. 26**

"Soothing Your Spirit, Complimenting Your Life," a women's health program, will be held at the Holiday Inn Metroplex in Girard.

The event, which will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 26 and costs \$20 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Silver Lining Fund.

Features will include a dinner, auction and educational speakers talking about Reiki, Tai Chi and aromatherapy.

Sponsors are the American Cancer Society, Forum Health, HM Health Partners and Youngstown Community Health Center.

For more information, call 1-877-700-4647.

► **BINGO for a Cure**

BINGO for a Cure will be held at McMenamy's Banquet Center on Oct. 21 from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

The event, hosted by Henn, will include 10 games of BINGO, raffles, an auction and refreshments.

The cost will be \$20 and proceeds will go to several teams involved in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life events.

For more information, call 1-888-227-6446.

Beagle uses Miss Ohio title to promote the arts

MAYSOON ABDELRASUL
The Jambar

Amanda Beagle did not just fall into her job as Miss Ohio.

After two failed attempts to capture the crown, Beagle made a third—ultimately landing the position and giving her a ticket to the Miss America pageant that was held in Atlantic City, NJ on Sept. 18.

Though the 24-year-old graduate of Youngstown State University did not make it to the final rounds, she said she is excited to return to represent her state and looks forward to spreading the word about the Students Motivated by the Arts (SMARTS) program.

"I am Miss Ohio and I get to come back and be Miss Ohio for a year," Beagle said. "When you made it after that it is just the cherry on top of the sundae."

When competing in Atlantic City, Beagle said she enjoyed meeting the other women also vying for the crown. She said what she found most interesting was that all of the women were unique, yet united by the Miss America crown.

She said though she did not make it to the top 10, she still enjoyed herself and her performance of one of Giacomo Puccini's opera pieces that she had performed several times before.

"It was quite a rush to be on the Miss America stage."

She added that the support of her friends and family was also very important. Through the duration of the competition, Beagle had nearly 75 family members and friends,



▲ Being Miss Ohio is a full-time job for Amanda Beagle. She promotes the YSU SMARTS program in her public appearances.

including her parents and three brothers, in Atlantic City with her.

One friend, Kelly Bancroft, has worked with Beagle in the SMARTS center for four years. Bancroft, who described the crown-holder as "kind and patient" said she was happy when Beagle returned so she could take her out for a celebration.

Though Beagle said she was slightly disappointed because she had worked so hard for the pageant, she considered herself lucky and, as she said, there are thousands of women who wish they could be in a pageant, and

she was lucky enough to compete in one.

Beagle, whose initial motivation for pageant competition was scholarship money, received a bachelor's degree in vocal performance from YSU. She was accepted to the Cleveland Institute of Fine and Performing Arts before being crowned Miss Ohio and said she wants to further her education in hopes of one day being an opera singer.

However, she is currently holding off on her master's degree.

"Being Miss Ohio is a full-time job," Beagle said.

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POLICE REPORTS

• Police were called to Coffelt Hall on Sept. 29 in reference to pornography being printed on a computer in a lab. A member of the administrative staff, Sherri Martz was shutting down the computers when she saw a student printing 100 pages. Martz asked the student what was being printed and the reply was a paper due for class according to the police report. Martz said there was pornographic material being printed among the pages of Kerry/Bush material. The student said he was unaware printing pornographic material was against university policy. Martz turned over the pornographic pictures, the police report stated.

• A male was punched and kicked in the groin and face area in Cushman Hall on Sept. 27. A female approached him and asked "What does she have that I don't?" and "Why don't you like me?" The male said he thinks she was talking about his girlfriend. The male did not file charges, but asked YSU police to contact her to avoid further problems, the police report stated.

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opinion

- an editorial -

VP's must show presidential poise

While the focus of the coming election has been on presidential candidates George W. Bush and John Kerry, an often-overlooked aspect of the presidential ticket is the potential power a vice president could possess.

This evening, at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, current Vice President Dick Cheney and Vice Presidential hopeful John Edwards will square off in an attempt to sway voters in support of their ticket.

We already know that we will hear the standard platform rhetoric of each party. But voters should be looking for something more.

The most important facts viewers should take from the debate are not those the candidates say about their running mates, but what they prove about themselves.

As the cliché goes, if elected, each is one heartbeat away from the presidency. Voters must not only ask themselves what each contributes to the ticket, but also whether each is fit to assume the role of president.

Each man, however, has perceived weaknesses in the eyes of the voters.

Though undoubtedly charismatic, Edwards lacks the Washington experience that many voters look for. Edwards will be trying to prove his competency in all areas necessary for a president.

Though voters may steer from the image of the grizzled politicians, they still appreciate the experience possessed by someone who has served multiple terms.

Edwards has not been able to gain this experience through one term in the U.S. Senate. He must display the resolve of a commander-in-chief and the finesse of the nation's chief diplomat.

Current Vice President Cheney also has much to prove.

Four years ago, Cheney had an impressive showing against then Democratic Vice Presidential nominee Joseph Lieberman. We haven't heard from him since.

Unlike former Vice President Al Gore, Cheney has not made a name for himself by identifying with a recognizable issue. Instead, his name is usually associated with Halliburton and "big business" special interest groups.

Whether this association is justified or not, Cheney needs to step into the spotlight to give voters a better perception of who he is.

While the candidates have their work cut out for them tonight, so do the viewers. They must make it through the spin and generalized fluff both Edwards and Cheney will be spouting about their respective running mates. It is up to the viewer to wade through it all and determine who would be best not only in the role of vice president, but potentially in the captain's chair as well.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Boy Scouts have the right to create policies

Editor -
I am writing in response to the letter printed in the Thursday, Sept. 30th issue of your paper regarding the United Way. More specifically, I am addressing the comments made about how the Boy Scouts discriminate against homosexuals.

I would like to point out to everyone that the accusation is unfair. Sure, it has a policy saying that gay men cannot be scoutmasters, and that gay scouts are frowned upon as well, but it is a private group, and they have every right to say who is and is not fit to lead a group of young boys out into the woods alone. Yes, I realize that pedophilia is not bound to homosexuals, but this rule is just a precaution to keep the small number of incidents even lower.

It upsets me when I see people bad mouthing the Boy Scout program due to this policy, mainly because I have been a member of it almost my entire life. I am now an adult leader in a local troop, and I stand next to the national committee on their position.

There are many other groups out there that are more discriminatory against homosexuals for no reason at all, but because their traditions are more deeply rooted, they are never called on it. If people want to complain about a group that is horribly discriminatory against many people, not just homosexuals, they don't need to look any farther than their nearest non-Protestant Christian church. There you will find all the religious, sexual and even racial bigotry you will ever need.

I realize that I have probably made many people upset with this letter, but seriously, look into it. The multiple Christian factions, most notably Evangelical and Catholic, are some of the most inherently bigoted groups I can think of. That is not to say that all people that are Catholic are bigots, because I know many Catholics that have no problems with homosexuals. However, their doctrine professes many anti-gay messages that go unchecked due to this country's predominantly Christian mentality.

To any people that I may have offended, I apologize. It was not my intention to make people angry. Rather, it was my intention to point out that the BSA is not nearly as bigoted as Jean Engle would have you think. The BSA is a wonderful group, and I continue to stand by it.

- Taylor Dunnivant

EDITORIAL CARTOON

AND THEN THE LAWYERS GOT INVOLVED...



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bush has the resolve to fight terrorism

Editor -
Terrorism is the modern day Cold war. This analogy has been presented many times over the past couple of years, yet I do not think people truly have thought about it. We now fear for our lives, our jobs and our country because of this factor of terrorism. It is for this reason that we cannot show weakness when it comes to these terrorists. They hate us because we have succeeded and because we as a nation believe in justice, freedom and equality. It is for these reasons terrorists will not stop their insistent attacks unless someone stops them first.

Terrorism is a new age war that requires new age thinking. By just saying that terrorism is wrong does not stop terrorists. We must act, and we need to make sure there are no safe havens for terrorists to plot. That is why we need a leader who understands that, and unfortunately, Mr. John Kerry is not that type of person. His stance on war and terrorism has been one of weakness in the face of danger and the terrorists have been emboldened by it. We need a leader who has proved himself worthy of the position to deal with terrorists, and George W. Bush is that type of person. He has proven by his strong and unyielding position that he will not allow terrorists to plot against the United States.

- Joe Issue

Children able to see Bush's flaws

Editor -
The debates will prove two things: one, that Bush is an anal-retentive, obdurate, tunnel-vision person still in the sandbox mentality because his daddy's money bought the park. Secondly - and this is good news for the mentally challenged - that anyone in America can grow up and become president. Certainly, Dan Quayle is off in the wings salivating and discussing quid pro quo with Clarence Thomas over a case of Coke.

Forgetting Bush's lack of everything - what about the GOP having the audacity to say Bush even did FAIR! Talk about being in Denial!!

But knowing this would be the spin, and being a real journalist - unlike the FOX staff, I, too, went to an after-the-fact debate party. But I wanted that pure uncontaminated public that wouldn't be so retarded partisan. I found this group at an all-night Day Care Center. There, the toddlers and I watched this 90-minute global-witnessing of the melt down of the highest office in the world.

One toddler hit me with a question I really wasn't prepared to answer. She smirked, "You're old. In all the presidential debates you've watched, have you ever heard a president repeatedly whine about how hard the job is?"

True, I had seen the debates since 1952 - never once heard anyone whine about hard work. But still I resented that. I don't like Bush but he is the president. And what did she know? She was only five!

So I asked a three year old, "Which one of these guys do you like?" He waddled to the TV with loaded diaper, putting his finger on Bush's face, saying, "He! Coz him talking likes me."

Exasperatedly a precocious one-year-old shouted, "How can anyone say that Clinton brought disgrace to the office after this? I just hope the FCC will treat Bush's childish behavior and disastrous in articulation with the same indignation as they went overboard about Janet Jackson's boob," and speaking of which he cried for his mommy.

- Ted Williams

Policy applies to both partisan sides

Editor -
In last Thursday's issue, there was an article on the front page about the controversy of Pete the Penguin holding a "Bush/Cheney '04" sign that had been posted on the Bush website. I understand, to quote last Thursday's article, that "As a state funded university, YSU cannot endorse any political party" and, to quote Jean Engle, assistant director of marketing and communications, that "[The Mascot] is not for use in partisan politics"...well, at least I understood it until Friday.

After reading last Thursday's Jambar, I was tempted by an article to go eat at "Mighty Moe's" on Lincoln Avenue. Upon returning to campus, I cut through Kilcawley Center to escape the rain on my way back to my dorm. As soon as I walked through the doors I was

warmly greeted by a red banner that proclaimed, in white lettering (hmm, the University's colors) "YSU STUDENTS FOR KERRY." Now, something clicked in my brain and I thought to myself, "something doesn't add up here."

If YSU is going to have a policy on not-supporting partisan politics they need to cover both sides of the issue. I've been going to this University for three years and have had nothing more than Liberal media thrown in my face. I do realize that I am in a very Liberal region of Ohio, and thus, I am a minority, but I will not tolerate this University going against a policy that they set in the first place. You might say that if it had been a sign saying "YSU STUDENTS FOR BUSH" that I wouldn't have a problem with that and you are probably right, but after reading about the controversy of our own Pete the Penguin I realize that YSU can't support either candidate. That sign needs taken out of Kilcawley Center and stored in a non-public place. After this article is published, the sign better be taken down, if not you can expect a nice "BUSH/CHENNEY '04" painted on THE rock in campus core.

Before I close, I would like to address one more issue. I do believe people should be educated on an issue if they're going to make concrete statements about something. Lindsay Irvine needs some education about politics. I say this because she said the most idiotic, ignorant (ignorant - a commonly misused word meaning "to be without knowledge"), and by far dumbest quote I have ever heard in my 21 years of existence. "Mascots should not be used by political campaigns." Lindsay, the Democratic Party uses the Donkey and the Republican Party uses the Elephant as mascots and that is the way it is. You must come from a long line of people who protested against the Moose being used for the Progressive Party.

To quote the Jambar, "Pete the Penguin is not a registered Republican." The man in the suit may be, and it doesn't take clairvoyant powers to see that, but Pete is not. He is also not a registered Democrat. I'm also sure that not all Elephants are Republican and not all Donkeys are Democrats (although with jackasses like Michael Moore walking around, you never know). To whoever put that sign up, don't speak for me or the rest of the student body and take your sign down.

- Kyle A. Daley

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SRU

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ability to offer every single academic program, there just isn't enough funding," Williams said. "By coming together, we provide more opportunities for our students."

Another program YSU and SRU are joining forces on is a pilot tuition reciprocity agreement.

Still in the preliminary stages, Sweet said he and SRU President Robert Smith are in the process of drafting a proposal for a program to allow Pennsylvania and Ohio students to attend the two universities as in-state students.

Williams said the agreement would allow students from the Pennsylvania counties of Butler, Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer to attend YSU without paying out of state fees. It would also apply to students from the Northeast Ohio counties of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana that enroll at SRU.

Starting at a "half foot

high" pile of folders containing conversations between former YSU administrators and SRU and Pennsylvania officials about the project, Sweet said the road to the tuition agreement might be a bumpy one.

The eventual goal is to have similar tuition programs in place between other Pennsylvania and Ohio universities, Sweet said. However, there have been problems in past attempts to secure such agreements.

"Even though their chancellor has stated that she would entertain our proposal, I don't underestimate the challenges that may lie ahead of us," Sweet said.

J.T. Holt, vice president of the Student Government Association, said the pilot tuition reciprocity program would broaden the perspectives of YSU and SRU students.

"They'll get the best of both worlds and be able to experience both sides of the coin," Holt said.

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Muslim prayer room "fills need"

MAYSOON ABDELRASUL
The Jambar

Muslim students are finding it easier to conduct their religious practices privately while remaining on the Youngstown State University campus.

The Muslim Student Association was recently granted a private room for every day use where Muslim students can perform their prayer known as salat in Arabic. While rooms were available last semester, they were only open a few days a week.

MSA member Raisah Omar said she utilizes the prayer room for Salat whenever she gets the chance. Salat, performed five times a day is the first pillar in the Islamic religion. Omar has classes from morning to late afternoon, making it difficult to go home and pray, she said.

"It is much easier to pray on campus instead of going back and forth," Omar said.

The prayer room changes every

day due to certain restrictions in reserving rooms. This semester the rooms are in Kilcawley Center and Cushwa Hall.

MSA President Saima Khalid said she had no problems getting rooms for prayer. Khalid said she received responses through e-mail from some members of MSA that the room is in use and is helping people. On Fridays, the Muslim holy day, there are usually about 10 people in the prayer room, she said.

"There is religious freedom here on campus," she said.

Assistant Director of the Neuman Center, Tom Bagola said offering a prayer room to Muslim students is a good idea. He said there is no place on or near campus for Muslims to pray comparable to the services the Neuman Center offers Catholic students. He said the prayer is a good way to exemplify the diversity that campus officials often discuss.

Omar said she appreciates that there is a place on campus for her to perform her prayer peacefully and

not be afraid of anything.

"For a woman in Islam, it's better for her to perform her prayer in private," Omar said. "It's better to have our own room and feel secure so I can perform my prayer peacefully."

MSA Secretary Saher Shafi said the rooms are not near her classes and she does not use them, but she still finds a place to perform her prayer. She said she usually prays in the restroom on the second floor of Kilcawley. Shafi said she is comfortable praying there and she has never been questioned about it.

Abdullah al Mutawa, another member of MSA, prays five times a day. However, he said he does not use the prayer room because it is more convenient to find a room in the same building as his classes to perform his duty to Islam.

Mutawa said Muslims organize themselves around the prayer, and if he knows the prayer is in 15 minutes, he will wait to leave his house so he can perform the prayer at the right time.

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KERRY

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"moving, dramatic stories about trying to take care of their kids, trying to keep their health insurance, trying to get another job."

One of those locked-out, Ray Raschilla Jr., joined Kerry on stage in Austintown. Raschilla, locked out since October 2003, has been unable to find a job in the area. He was forced to decide between making payments on his house or keeping health insurance, so he dropped the insurance, he said.

"I've been dodging a bullet up til now," Raschilla said.

Raschilla said being locked out isn't just about money; it's also about family.

A few weeks ago, his daughter told him about the upcoming homecoming dance at her high school. She had a date, but Raschilla could not afford to buy her a dress. She told him she knew he could not

afford a dress, so she asked her mother and grandmother to get her one.

Having his daughter know he couldn't provide for her was one of the hardest things he's ever gone through, he said.

"I run into those stories all over the country," Kerry said, embracing Raschilla.

Another woman on stage with Kerry, Sophia Taylor-Richards, said she was a single mother of five, four of them being foster children. Ever since she lost her job at the MCI call center in Niles in February 2003, she said she has been unable to find suitable work in the area.

"They closed our center and opened up three new centers in other countries," she said. "They gave us two weeks notice and had us train our replacement. I refused to do that."

Taylor-Richards, a life long Youngstown resident, said she does not want to leave the area, but might be forced to if the economic situation stays the same.

Kerry said Raschilla and

Taylor-Richards exemplify what he described as a misguided Bush economic plan where unemployment benefits run dry and jobs move overseas.

After Kerry opened up the gymnasium to questions, one woman who said she worked at Youngstown State University said she knew a number of former and current students who were concerned about their future and she wondered what Kerry's plan for higher education was.

Kerry said he has a plan that will give a \$4,000 per student tax credit for parents to help offset the price of tuition. He also said that if elected president, he will start a program that will allow students to exchange two years of community service for four years of in-state college tuition.

After the event, YSU junior Diane Harris said she thought John Kerry did an incredible job at the meeting.

"He's on a roll after the debate," Harris said.

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Libertarian candidate visits campus

BILL RODGERS | *The Jambar*

The Youngstown State University History Club gathered around the table in room 2069 in Kilcawley Center for their weekly discussion, waiting for their speaker of the week.

On the plate for the discussion was Richard Campagna, Vice Presidential candidate for the Libertarian political party.

That was the plan anyway. Unknown to the History Club at the time, Campagna was delayed because of the trip he had to make to YSU from Iowa.

A long and empty waiting preceded his arrival.

"He's probably driving around looking for a parking space," someone suggested.

Campagna eventually showed up as the club was discussing how feasible it would be to start a history program that analyzed how historically correct historical movies were.

Libertarians are one of

the many third party political groups that exist in the United States. Though they are certainly not one of the "major" political parties in the U.S., they still have a devoted following.

"We have a small campaign, but we have more volunteer helpers than one may think," Campagna said.

Campagna said the Libertarian party functioned like a mesh between the Democratic and Republican parties. The Libertarians believe strongly in personal liberties. They have Democratic ideas of social liberalism and Republican ideas of business practices.

To quote their Web site, Libertarians believe people should be allowed to "live in whatever manner they choose," so long as they don't interfere in the lives of others.

For example, the Libertarians believe drugs should be legalized. They cite the prohibition era to show that dangerous crime

results when substances like alcohol and drugs are controlled.

The Libertarians also believe trade barriers, such as tariffs, diminish consumer welfare. They say individuals trading with people from a different country should be the only regulators in their trade.

Campagna commented on his campaign. He said the televised debates were "not right" and that "they're not reasonable with third party candidates." He suggested the two major parties could be afraid that some third party candidates would bring up a point in the debates to which the other two candidates could not respond.

"The media won't pay attention to the third party candidates because we have no money, votes, or poll support. So we don't get any attention. Because of that, we don't have any money, votes or poll support. It's a vicious, weird cycle," Campagna said.

Campagna said the

debate policy seemed like an "eye wink" between the two major parties and the media.

"This is not what I want as a citizen," Campagna said. "Something needs fixed in the system."

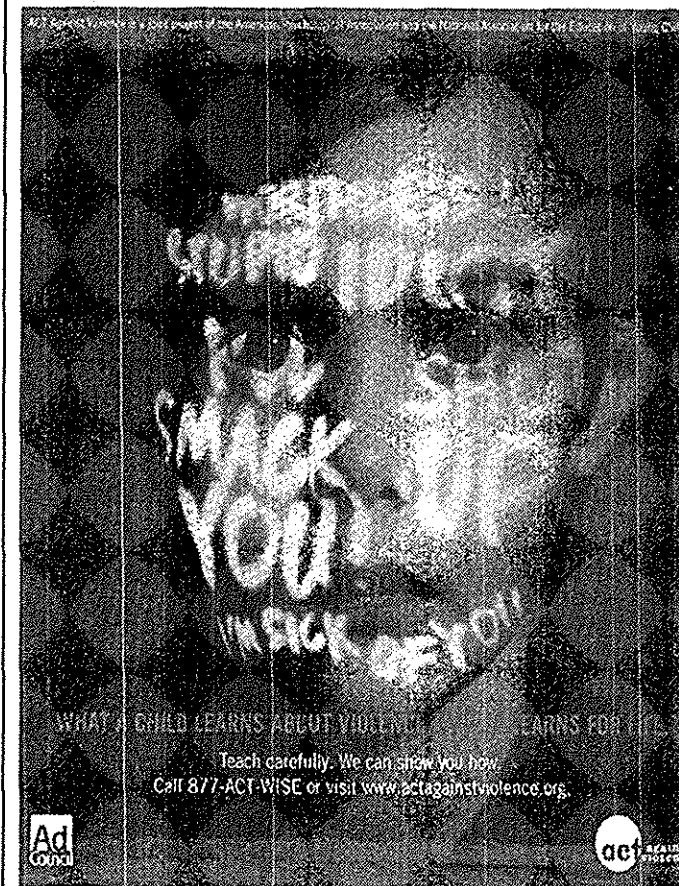
The Libertarians are on the ballots in 48 of the 50 states this fall.

David Simonelli, assistant professor of history, said he was not impressed with what Campagna had to say. He said Campagna was too vague when it came to describing what his actual policies were.

Simonelli said he has problems with the Libertarian platforms because many of the party's ideas would not work in practice.

"They could destroy the social fabric because there wouldn't be enough government regulation to protect people from corporate malefactors," Simonelli said.

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Fall expo presents job opportunities

WILLIAM JOHNSON
The Jambar

Students were given the chance Thursday to look into the future as they attended the 2004 Fall Job Expo.

They were also given a lot of free stuff.

Many employers came to the expo armed with free giveaways to aid them in creating a lasting impression of their companies, offering pens, pencils and notepads with company logos on them. There were also plastic water bottles, Frisbees, travel alarm clocks, key chains, yo-yos, and a number of squeezable stress relievers.

The expo, held in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center, brought alumni and students face to face with

representatives from area businesses. Participants were given the opportunity to network with over 50 potential employers from a wide variety of organizations, ranging in scope from Eat'n Park and Steak 'N Shake to the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the U.S. Department of State.

The expo, in its sixth year as a fall event, is the "kickoff" of recruiting for the 2004-05 academic year, said Bernie Cummins, director of the Office of Career and Counseling Services. Cummins said the expo involves "several intense months" of preparation, which, for the first time, involved an online registration system for employers looking to be involved.

"We want the employers

here," Cummins said.

Employer's reasons for coming to the expo ranged from raising awareness of their organizations to taking advantage of the opportunity to link up with soon-to-be graduates and alumni.

Jeremy Simpson of Community Corrections Association, Inc. called the expo a good opportunity to find talented employees. John Biastro, a representative of Fresh Mark, Inc., a smoked meat processor and producer attending the expo for the second year, called the event a "two-way exposure."

Past success in hiring YSU graduates is another reason employers cited for attending the expo. Paul Williams, director of human resources for Associates in Counseling and Child

Guidance, a mental health service agency, pointed to a portion of the organization's display that listed 45 YSU alumni currently employed by the company.

"We're pretty proud of that," Williams said.

Representing the State Department at the expo were two YSU alumni, Special Agents Margaret Burnett and Dwight Pierce. Pierce attributed the department's interest in YSU students to a strong criminal justice program and the police academy.

Alumnus Deliana Sotol said she was hoping to see more social services represented at the expo, but that the overall experience was pretty decent.

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was convicted on felony drug charges in 2001. He is now facing further charges for possessing oxycodone.

The recommendations for hiring full-time employees include:

- At least three written references are required of all full-time faculty finalists. After a finalist chosen, the hiring committee must conduct two verbal reference checks beyond the written references.

- The office of Human Resources will conduct a background check for the final candidates before the appointment letter and contract is issued.

- Deans are required

to consult with the Provost in any cases in which the finalist has a questionable background that may affect the university. This must happen before the appointment letter and contract is issued. A written explanation for chosen the finalist must also be forwarded to the Provost.

- Finalists will be required to supply any information that might affect his or her employment.

The office of Human Resources is also being commissioned to create an application form for all potential university employees.

Changes have also been proposed for the part-time hiring process. Finalists for a position would be required to dis-

close any information that may affect their employment. Academic credentials will be verified by the chair of the department.

The hiring department would be responsible for new part-time employees completing the application and signing the disclosure statement.

Executive Director of Human Resources Hubert Chatman said he sees the recommendations as the best way to address the faculty hiring problems that have occurred over the past few months.

"When there are questions in a person's background we now have provisions in place to address them," Chatman said.

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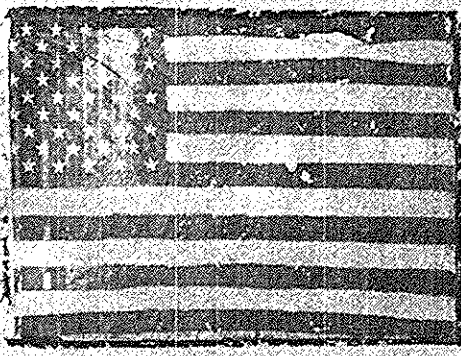
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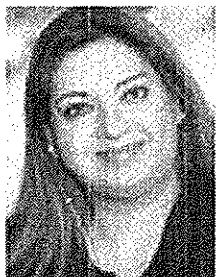


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Chief Operations Engineer, Google, Inc.
Tuesday, October 5
McKay Auditorium
9:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 12:30 p.m.

"Scaling the Web: An Overview of Google (A Linux Cluster for Fun and Profit)"

Jim Reese joined Google in 1999 as employee No. 18. Since that time, Jim has played a key role in managing the hardware and network infrastructure development to support Google's growth. Specifically, Jim directed the expansion of Google's server farm and network from 300 machines to the current number of more than 15,000. To manage all of these machines, Jim implemented a highly automated system for remotely administering and monitoring the entire cluster. Jim also contributed to optimizing Google's network to transfer the petabytes of data involved in the search engine index. Prior to joining Google, Jim worked as a neurologic and computer consultant for SRI International. At SRI, he helped to develop software for qualitative analysis of magnetic resonance images (MRIs) of the human brain.

Jim, a Mahoning Valley native, received an AB in biology from Harvard and an MD from Yale medical school. In addition to having been a singer and guitarist in a number of bands that have released several CDs, Jim is a trained neurosurgeon.



Anu Shukla
CEO, RubiconSoft, Inc.
Tuesday, October 12
Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
12:30 p.m. • 2:00 p.m.
Cafaro Suite, Williamson Hall
6:00 p.m.

"Entrepreneurship in a Global Environment: Lessons Learned"

Anu Shukla is currently CEO and founder of RubiconSoft, Inc., which offers a suite of Revenue Performance Management applications designed to enable companies to set and reconcile revenue and margin targets at a granular level. Ms. Shukla was also the founder and CEO of Rubric, Inc., a Silicon Valley Internet software company that pioneered Enterprise Marketing Automation (EMA). Rubric was acquired for \$366 million in February 2000. Prior to Rubric, Ms. Shukla was the VP of Marketing and Product Strategy at Versata, Inc. (NASDAQ: VATA). Before Versata, Ms. Shukla was the Chief Operating Officer at mFactory, Inc., where she raised significant capital for the company and launched a multi-media authoring tool. As Vice President of World-wide Marketing and Product Management at Compuware/Uniface Corporation she played a major role in Compuware's \$433 million acquisition of Uniface. During her five years there, Uniface sales grew from \$10M to over \$85M. Prior to Uniface, Ms. Shukla held senior marketing positions at Unify Corporation and California Micro Devices.

Ms. Shukla has a MBA, marketing emphasis, from Youngstown State University. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in History with honors from St. Stephen's College in New Delhi, India.

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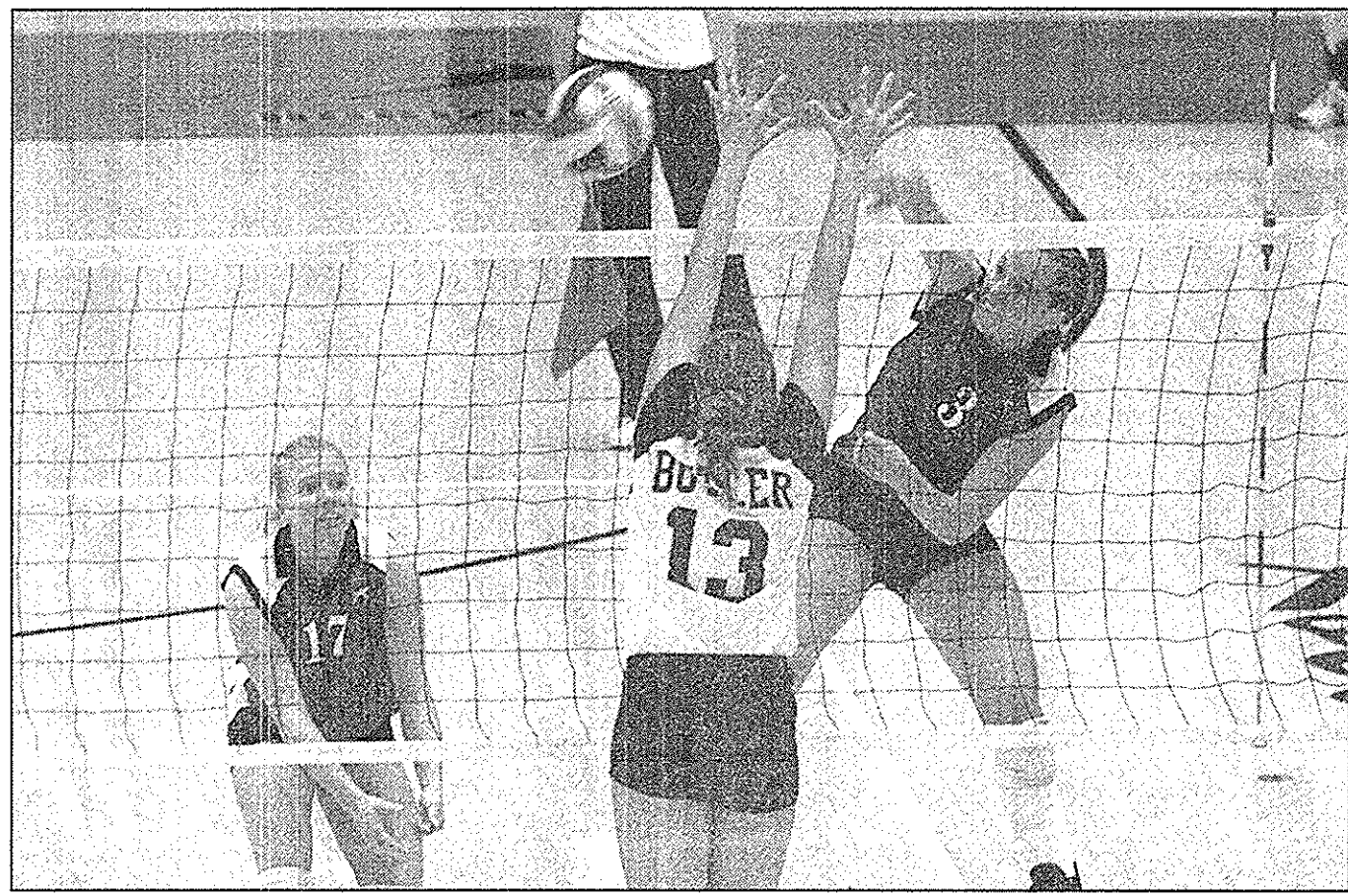
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▲ Sophomore Cari Leslie (right) spikes one past Butler's Sara Gallegher (center) as sophomore Amanda Cindric (left) stands ready to assist. The Bulldogs went on to beat the Penguins three games out of five Saturday at the Beeghly Center.

YSU volleyball drops two

SHAWN BUSKIRK
The Jambor

The Youngstown State University volleyball team came back home this weekend to take on a pair of Horizon League opponents. First on the list was the Wright State Raiders on Friday night, followed by Bulldogs of Butler this past Saturday. The team was looking to put an end to its three game losing streak going into the WSU game and also trying to get Coach Joe Conroy closer to his 200th career win. Conroy needs 15 wins to reach that milestone.

Wright State came into the match on Friday with a (2-11) overall record and having lost its only previous Horizon League game. The Penguins would struggle from the beginning. WSU took the lead from the start in each of its three match victories. The Penguins would not see its first lead until the third match when they went up 6-5 and would go ahead as far as 9-6.

The Raiders were led by the play of senior outside hitter McKenzie Tiffin who

had 12 kills, one ace, and one block. Freshman outside hitter Alisha Kimbro had four aces, and junior middle hitter Lisa Griffith recorded six blocks to head WSU.

YSU relied on the play of freshman outside hitter Jessica Fraley. Fraley recorded 10 kills, one ace, and one block. In aces, it was senior captain Melanic Pounders who lead YSU with two. Abby Ettenhofer, a junior middle hitter, was tops for the Penguins with two blocks.

The power and experience of the Raiders proved to be too much to contain. Wright State defeated YSU in three straight sets 30-23, 30-22, 30-22.

On Saturday, the YSU women's volleyball team looked to rebound from the WSU loss as they took on Horizon League favorite, Butler.

When questioned about the team's attitude coming off a tough loss to WSU and dropping its fourth game in a row, Conroy stated, "Well, it's a new day, new game, and a new challenge. Butler's

picked to be number one in the league. They're a very good veteran team."

YSU came out eager and anxious for an upset. The Penguins would give the Bulldogs a hint of that upset in the first two matches. In game one, the Penguins would take its first lead early at 3-2. That edge wouldn't last. Butler rallied and went ahead as far as 25-20 in the last moments of the match. The Penguins made a comeback and tied BU at 25 and then took the lead 27-25. YSU won game one 30-27.

Game two was much in the same as the first. YSU lead by one point, 9-8 and would hang on to finish the game with the win by the score of 30-21.

However, it was the experienced, veteran team that Butler brought to finish off the Penguins in the next three straight matches. Butler won game three 30-24 in a hard fought battle. In game four the Bulldogs wore out the Penguins 30-15, and in the rubber match Butler would finish off YSU 15-11.

"I highlighted the first two games and told the girls I was proud that we were able to bounce back after yesterday with that type of effort," Conroy said.

Conroy also mentioned, "That's why they (Butler) are a championship team. They did that same thing to Cleveland state the other day."

Senior outside hitter Kali Carter lead BU (8-7, 3-0) with a team high 19 kills and five aces. Senior middle blocker Areal Bienenmy had six blocks for the Dogs.

The Penguins were lead by Pounders who had 11 kills, one ace, and a team high three blocks. Freshman outside hitter Sarah Wellner lead YSU with 14 kills. Co-Captain Angie Pasquinnelli, a junior setter for the Penguins, had two aces along with sophomore Janelle McDonald.

The Penguins have six more games on this home stand. They take on non-league opponent St. Francis next, Tuesday night at 7:00pm in Beeghly Center.

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Birthday beers and the OSU Buckeyes

JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH
The Jambor

This past weekend my best friend and I made the trip to our great state capital, Columbus. Our mission was to celebrate his 21st birthday, and celebrate we did. There is no experience quite as strange and exciting as a college road trip. You could also substitute filthy and or disgusting in place of strange and exciting if you'd like since both are appropriate. The following is a list of things that I noticed on our last road trip:

- The actual drive to Columbus might be the worst in the world. 71 south is nothing more than a straight drive through nothing. Come on state of Ohio Department of Transportation, gimmie a turn or something!

- I noticed a strange trend on our highways on my trip. I saw no less than eight huge adult bookstore signs at nearly every exit. I really can't envision the road trip where adult magazines are a necessity. "Ok man, we got the drinks, food, I got my clothes, and don't worry about the Playboys, we can stop off at one of eight convenient locations on the way."

- Saturday night saw the Buckeyes lose to Northwestern. Now, as an impartial observer, I was pretty unfazed by the whole event. But Ohio Staters stalking the streets of the campus were another matter. In a matter of seconds the mood on the campus went from happy-go-lucky to riotous.

- Now while I'm not really sure if there were any riots on campus, what I did see was even more hilarious. While walking the streets, a rowdy group of ruffians walked past and I was introduced to the most unusual type of rioter. For all intents and purposes I will call him the "riot coordi-

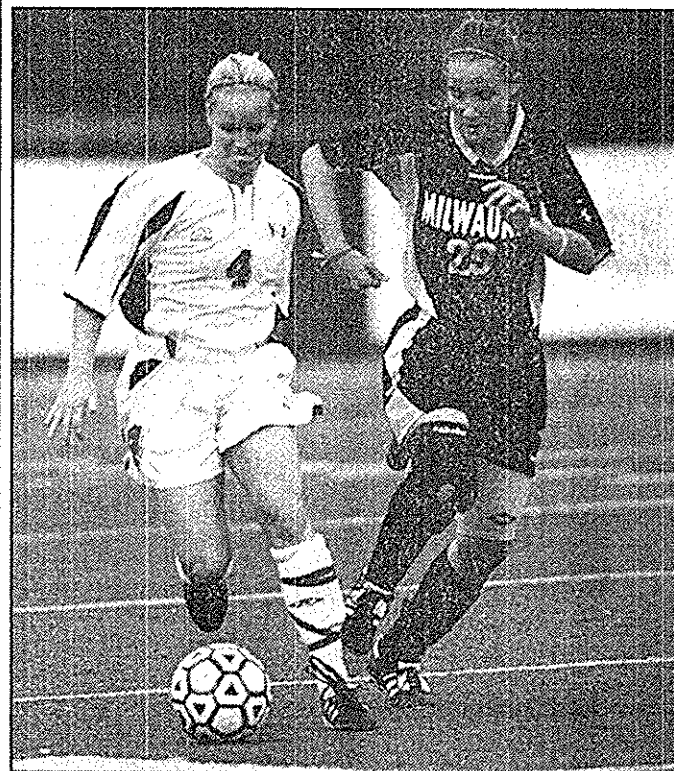
nator." This guy was leading the pack, giving out the orders and telling the gang the logistics of that night's trouble making. "Ok guys listen up! We are going to cross High Street then go to 15th, because I don't feel like walking that far, plus I hear the rioting is good over there." Thank you Ghengis Khan of the campus riot, you made my night.

- After the emotions died down a little, we went party jumping. Now since most of you have been to parties at other universities, you have more than likely been asked this question. "So where are you from?" You answer Youngstown State. They say "Ohhhhh." But not an excited "ohhhh", filled with joy. But the kind of "Ohhhhh" where their tone indicates sympathy. There is no response to that noise. So when I am in that awkward situation, I just kick shins and walk away.

- Lastly, is there anything worse than waking up the morning after a night of college debauchery? First, it is a given that you will be sleeping at your buddies place, and more than likely you will be sleeping on the couch. I say couch but in all actuality, it's more or less some loosely put together boards and ragged cushions that you fear sitting on let alone sleeping on. The worst however comes when you wake up. It is almost a guarantee that when you wake up with a mouth that is drier than Death Valley and a headache that makes you want to take a time out from consciousness, your friend's mini-fridge will only contain a plate of leftovers and a bottle of hot sauce. Come on man, is fresh squeezed orange juice and three sausage McMuffins too much to ask for? I thought we were friends!

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SOCCER



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▲ Sophomore mid-fielder Katie Duracky (left) stays one step ahead of Milwaukee defender Molly Duffy (right) in Friday's match at Stambaugh Stadium. Duracky took three shots for the Penguins, but couldn't keep the team from being mauled by the Golden Panthers. Milwaukee won 6-1.

Penguins can't top the Toppers

JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH
The Jambor

Despite scoring first, the Penguin football squad couldn't overcome turnovers as they dropped their third on the year to sixth ranked Western Kentucky 44-19 on Saturday night.

Early in the first quarter, sophomore Monquantae Gibson barreled into the end zone from inside the one-yard line to give the Penguins the early 7-0 advantage.

Following Gibson's run, it would be nearly two quarters before the Penguins would score again. The Hill Toppers (3-1, 1-0) railed off 13 points to end the first half, and solidified their scoring by adding another 17 straight to start the second half, includ-

ing 21 points in the fourth quarter alone.

The thorn in the collective side for the Penguins all night was turnovers as the Penguins gave the ball away four times which led to 23 Western Kentucky points.

The Penguins' next score came via a Tom Zetts touchdown throw to Kyle Smith from nine yards out. Zetts then had his two-point pass batted down to keep the game at 30-13. The Zetts touchdown pass capped off a 10 play, 58-yard drive. Zetts finished the night 28 of 40 including 286 yards and two touchdowns.

After another quick Western Kentucky touchdown, which brought the game to 37-19 in favor of the Hill Toppers, the Penguins

went out and chewed up 61 yards in 10 plays. Once again, Zetts connected for another scoring strike as he found Matt Rycraft from six yards out. Josh Cayson's two-point attempt was unsuccessful. Following the touchdown, the Penguins attempted an onside kick. Kicker Nick Terracina's punt traveled only nine yards and the Penguins were called for illegal touching, giving the Hill Toppers excellent field position.

The Hill Toppers would find pay dirt again as they broke another long run and finished the scoring at 44-19.

With the loss the Penguins fall to 2-3 overall and 0-1 as they drop the Gateway conference opener.

Due to a leg injury, Gibson was missing from the

second half. Gibson finished with only 37 yards on the night. This is the first time in three games that Gibson has not broken the century mark in rushing yards. Josh Cayson provided a solid game by rushing 13 times for 64 yards.

The Penguins return to action as they take on Southern Illinois who is currently ranked number one in the country in Division I-AA. The Salukis are currently coming off a come from behind win over Northern Iowa 40-36.

The Penguins will take on the Salukis next Saturday at Stambaugh Stadium. Game time is slated for 6 p.m.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball

The Youngstown State University Penguins softball team finished the fall season with an impressive 11 wins and four losses. This past weekend the Penguins took part in the Ohio Charity Softball Classic. Day one of the tournament saw the Penguins split two games, winning against Toledo 3-1 and dropping a contest to Kent State in eight innings 3-2.

The second day of play for the Penguins was not as pleasant as they went 1 for 3 winning a game against Akron 2-1. The two losses came to Ohio University 4-1 and Bowling Green 1-0.

The Penguins resume their traditional season on Feb. 26 and 27 at Eastern Kentucky.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team remains unbeaten

as they defeated Duquesne 4-3 for their third straight victory. The formula for victory was taking four of six singles matches. Winning for the Penguins were Tom Barth at the number one singles spot, Brian Meek at number two. At number three, Scott Katherly pulled in a win.

In doubles play teams, of Meek and Barth won at the number two doubles spot.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team held complete control over St. Bonaventure Sunday afternoon, as they did not drop one set to the Bonnies and won every match.

At number one singles, Karen Najbert earned a 6-2, 6-0 victory. Whitney Thomas won a 6-1, 6-2 decision. At the number three spot Heather Hagood won

6-1, 6-3 and at the number five spot Nicole Muzechuk won 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles teams of Hagood and Peretti and Najbert and Thomas both won for the Penguins.

Soccer

The Lady Penguins soccer team lost another heartbreaker 2-0 as they fell over the weekend to University Wisconsin-Green Bay. After going scoreless for the entire

first half, The Phoenix scored two second half goals to beat the Penguins who drop to 0-11-1 on the season. The Penguins offense struggled as they were out shot 19-9. YSU goalkeeper recorded eight saves for the Penguins while sophomore Katie Duracky tallied five shots on goal.

entertainment

Votar es Poder {to vote is power}

CHRISTINA POE | The Jambar

Kilcawley Center came alive with passionate speakers, captivating dances and deep-rooted history Saturday at the Hispanic Heritage Conference.

Organized by Youngstown State University faculty, the conference was part of a celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month. A Spanish Traveling Art Exhibit, panel discussion and dance lessons were also among the events of the day. The theme for the conference was "Votar es Poder - To Vote Is Power," to make Hispanics and Latinos aware of the importance of their participation in this year's presidential election.

Before presenting keynote speaker Ezra Escudero, Provost Tony Atwater discussed the relationship between YSU and Youngstown's Latin-Hispanic community.

Atwater said he and YSU President David Sweet have a "hunger" to create an alliance with that population to benefit both parties and bring more Hispanic and Latino students to the university. "We feel it is extremely important to build a stronger bond and become a stronger force in the present and future growth of our Hispanic-Latino communities," Atwater said.

Escudero, executive director of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, discussed issues in this year's election such as

education and the job market.

Escudero said despite the decreasing overall population in Ohio, the Latin-Hispanic population has increased to almost 400,000 in the state.

Due to this rising number, it has become even more important that they get their voice heard, Escudero said.

"There is no indication that our population is shrinking - it's spreading rapidly," Escudero said. "We need to be more active and get involved in our government."

Later that afternoon, the crowd in the Chestnut Room was hushed as two groups of Peruvian dancers swayed and swirled before them.

The Peruvian Group, consisting only of one man and woman, moved between passionate and placid paces as they treated the audience to four traditional dances, including the Marinera.

Freshman Yazmin Torres said she has been dancing with her aunt's group, Las Niñas Del Caribe, for three years and helped with the choreography.

Torres, along with 11 other girls ranging from 8 to 18 years old, seemed to float in front of the audience in white silk shirts and skirts, each trimmed in different colors.

Torres said participating in the group not only built her strength, but also a familial relationship with the other girls.

"I love them and take them in as little cousins and sisters," Torres said. "It's a family function."

Junior Jenny Frease thought she was in for an uneventful afternoon helping out at a voter registration table.

She was pleasantly surprised by the dancers and anticipated catching another one of their shows.

"I thought it was fun. It was the first time I ever saw the outfits, the ritual style. It was a whole new thing for me," Frease said.

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▲ Yazmin Torres, a YSU freshman, is one of the members of Las Niñas del Caribe. The Caribbean-style dancers performed Saturday at Kilcawley Center.

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Dancing the dance

MAYSOON ABDELASUL
The Jambar

Stepping inside the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center was like stepping into another country. From the front of the room came the rhythmic and pulsating sound of Merengue music while people quickly chattering in Spanish gathered together in the middle of the room.

Then, the instructors introduced themselves and the lesson began.

As part of Hispanic Heritage week at Youngstown State University,

Assistant Professor of Dance Christine Cobb and her husband, Thom, offered free dance lessons.

The couple was in charge of trying to teach a group of 12 this Spanish dance. Now, while I do have a little background in dancing, nothing could have prepared me for what was to come.

"OK, now everybody get into a circle!" Christine Cobb exclaimed. With that the lesson began.

The first step our group was taught was pretty easy. All I had to do was step to the left. A person with no

background at all can do that.

Then there were some hip movements. It gave the dance a snazzy look and it was pretty funny to see the men in the group moving their hips.

As the lesson went on, everybody continued to smile and laugh - and then the instructors decided to complicate things. Christine Cobb paired us off and I danced with 8-year-old Janeetsa Otiz, who was about two feet shorter than I. Since we were both girls, one of us had to be the guy. Guess who that was?



▲ Amateur merengue dancers follow the lead of Christine Cobb, YSU assistant professor of dance during a learning session Saturday at the Hispanic Heritage Conference.

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Not only did I have to lead but I had to listen to the instructor at the same time. When they said move forward, we moved backward and vice versa. I don't think we kept up with them, but I think it was because we could not stop laughing. I wasn't the only one messing up. Almost everybody was. A good humor was kept

about the group, some people opting to just made up their own dance moves and were shaking it with the music.

It was quite a trying task to learn the Merengue in one hour. Christine Cobb said she normally teaches it in six weeks.

Finally, Thom Cobb took my hand and danced

with me for a bit. He told me what dance steps to do and I did them. I found out, at least with dancing, it's much easier to follow than lead. Thom Cobb continued to reassure me that I did know how to dance.

I think he was just trying to boost my confidence.

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Seymore tames the brush instead of the Wild West

BILL RODGERS | The Jambar

Cars lined the driveway to the Butler Art Museum on Saturday evening as well-dressed people walked inside, where a suited doorman took people's invitations.

Inside, tables were immaculately set with more silverware than many of us are inclined to use at one meal. Individually boxed chocolates sat beside ornate plates.

Waiters weaved between the tables carrying huge trays of hors d'oeuvres that had everything from meats to skewered fruits. In another room, a massively stocked bar stretched out across the room.

I was glad I decided to dress in something a little more formal than my usual ripped-up jeans and Led Zeppelin T-shirt.

The cause for the festivities: Painter Jane Seymour, of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" fame, had chosen the Butler to be the first museum in the United States to exhibit her paintings. What's more, Seymour showed up for the event.

Joe Lando did not make an appearance. Sorry girls.

Colleen Ferguson was one of those in attendance for the event.

"This dinner was my birthday present," Ferguson said. "Jane Seymour is my favorite actress and I never thought that I'd get to meet her in person."

Jeff Draime, one of the directors for the Butler Art Museum, was also attending.

"This is a win-win situation," Draime said. "This is Jane Seymour's first show so it creates both interest in her artwork and in the Butler."

Her paintings seemed idyllic and cheerful, bearing names like "Katie: A Splash of

Life" and "Country Cabin." Seymour's paintings included self-portraits and scenes of her children enjoying themselves.

Seymour's work has been described as "impressionist," meaning she tries to capture the beauty of everyday life in a moment of spontaneity. Impressionist artwork gets its punch from the overall effect the painting has on the onlooker rather than the details within it.

Standing close to her work was Seymour, hemmed in by a television news crew, answering questions in her soft English accent.

I managed to sidetrack Seymour away from the endless parade of people trying to get her attention to talk with her for a few minutes inside the museum's gift shop where she was signing stack after stack of her various children's books. I asked my questions of Seymour while the dinner attendees around me asked theirs. It was a small press conference of sorts.

"When did you start painting?" I asked. "Oh! What's this book about? It looks adorable," asked a woman who stood inches away from me.

Seymour answered both of the questions at once:

"I've been painting my whole life, but I just started to seriously do it about 13 years ago. That's a little children's book I wrote to explain pregnancy to kids. It answers the questions they ask like 'Why is mummy getting fat?'"

"How would you describe your artwork?" I asked.

"Ooh, this book looks cute!" said someone else.



▲ Some of Jane Seymour's paintings echo the impressionist style of Claude Monet. "Dreams of Giverny" is a giclee on canvas painting of Monet's garden in Giverny, France.

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"My artwork is joyful. I take my everyday experiences like the places I go, the people I meet or my family and I paint them. My artwork is very eclectic with what influences me," Seymour said.

Seymour pointed out that the "cute book" in question was intended to help children learn to read. Each page of the small book had a single word with a picture that illustrated it.

She addressed me again: "I've been described as an American Impressionist,

which is funny because I'm English. Though, I should become a citizen here any day now."

"I heard that you were giving a dinner speech tonight. Any idea on what you'll talk about?" I asked.

Seymour stopped signing books for a moment. "Hmm," she said. "No one told me that I was going to have to speak tonight."

Crap. It was time to go.

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