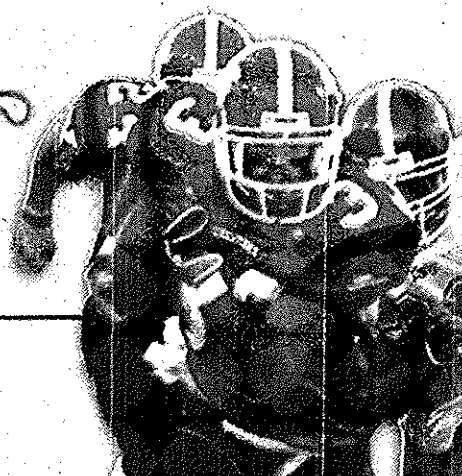


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## Trustees approve same-sex benefits

### Domestic partner benefits package narrowly passes by a 5 - 4 margin

**LEONARD CRIST | The Jambar**  
Same-sex domestic partner benefits have been extended to all Youngstown State University employees after the YSU Board of Trustees voted Thursday to approve a measure extending the benefits.  
"It's about time," said retired YSU professor Glorianne Leck moments after the measure passed.  
"I think it's wonderful news

and I think it makes YSU aligned with the other major universities in the state in supporting diversity," Leck said.  
The board narrowly passed the measure, with four of the nine trustees — William Bresnahan, Scott Schulick, Chander Kholi and Donald Cagigas — vocally opposing the measure, citing economic concerns.  
"This is a very substantial expense," Bresnahan said. "The

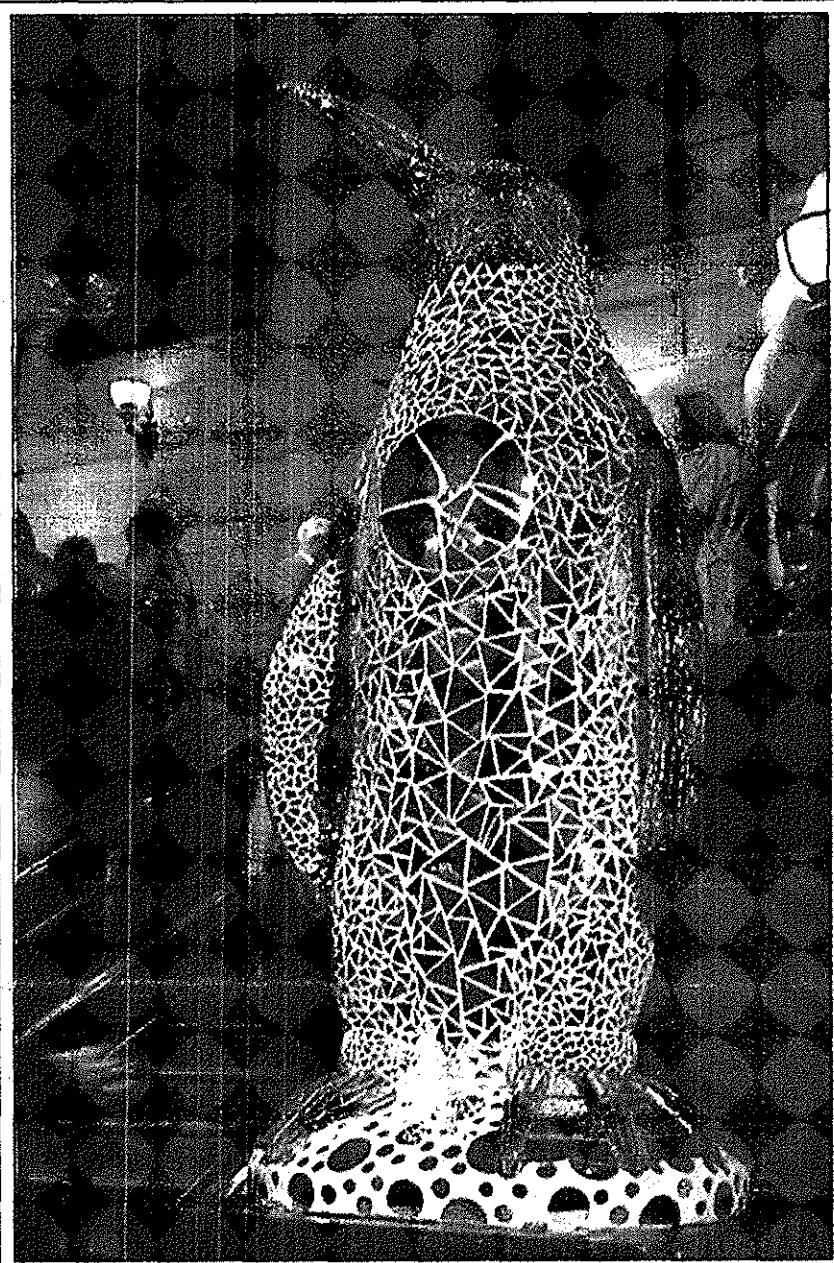
\$60,000 price tag, which has been quoted on this, may or may not be the actual cost."  
Any extra costs incurred will come out of students' tuition, Bresnahan said.  
Cagigas said YSU should be looking for ways to decrease the cost of health benefits and find ways so the burden does not fall on the shoulders of students.  
Pogue countered that the monetary costs are but one aspect of the true cost YSU faces

on this issue. The value of faculty, basic fairness and equality all factor in on the decision, he said.  
"The cost of fairness and equity ... outweighed the financial cost," Pogue said.  
Board President Larry Esterly agreed with Pogue, but said he understood the opposition's position.  
"I think there are other considerations surrounding this issue beyond economic issues. I think the point made by trustee

Bresnahan is very, very well taken. It's hard to estimate what the costs will be for this," Esterly said. "One of the objectives of this university is the diversity objective. I see this vote as consistent with serving that diversity objective."  
L. J. Tessier, professor of philosophy and religious studies, said she was thrilled with Thursday's decision, but she felt the plan was not comparable  
see **BENEFITS**, page 2

## Electoral College may result in a tie

**CHRISTINA POE | The Jambar**  
As voters swarm to the polls, they will be casting their ballots not for their favorite candidate, but for a slate of electors who will cast their vote according to the majority.  
Each state is given the same number of electoral college delegates as they have members in the U.S. Congress — two senators, granted to every state by the Constitution, plus the representatives they have in the House of Representatives based upon the state's population. This adds up to a total of 538 Electoral College delegates, and a candidate must receive at least a majority (270 electoral votes) to win the presidency.  
In 48 states, the popular vote decides which candidate will get all of its electoral votes. Nebraska and Maine combine this rule with the district system, which allows the winner-take-all system to account for two of each of those states' electoral votes. Their remaining electoral votes



Members of the community gathered at Stambaugh Auditorium Friday to bid on 29 of the Penguin Parade Sculptures, including "Reflections of Youngstown Pride."

## Community flocks to penguin auction

### Almost \$200,000 raised by the auction for local arts and community organizations.

**CHUCK ROGERS | The Jambar**  
After months of displaying their plumage on campus and around town, most of YSU's 31 decorated penguins have flown the coop.  
The seven-foot tall sculptures from YSU's Penguin Parade were placed on the auction block Friday night at Stambaugh Auditorium. Proceeds from the Penguin Parade Gala and Auction will benefit local arts and community organizations, including the McDonough Museum of Art, the SMARTS program and the Community Foundation of Youngstown.  
More than \$190,000 was raised by the auction of 29 of the fiberglass birds decorated by local artists. Raffle tickets were sold for the remaining penguin, which is believed to have raised about \$8000 according to YSU spokesman Ron Cole. About 450 people attended the event.  
Spotlights shone down on the penguin sculptures, which were displayed in the upper and lower lobbies and ballroom of the auditorium. A jazz band played while attendees nibbled Hors d'Oeuvres, mingled with

the artists and got a closer look at the decorated birds.  
Bidding began shortly after 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Paul Basinger of Basinger Auction Service. Miss Ohio Amanda Beagle and WYSU-FM radio host David Luscher took turns describing the penguins. Bidding opened at \$1,000 for each bird.  
The highest selling sculptures were "The Mill," by Tom Antonishak and "A Penguin's Dream," by the Prodigal Media Design Team, each netting \$16,000. Prices for the others ranged from \$2,200 to \$12,000.  
Even the missing penguin raised some funds for the project. Jon Fetter, the son-in-law of former YSU trustee Bill Knecht, donated \$2,000 for "Mosaic in Metal." The penguin was stolen when it was displayed on the YSU campus during the summer.  
Three of the winning bidders donated their penguins to the university. "Universal Penguin has Stars in its Eyes" will be displayed in the lobby of the YSU planetarium. It was the gift of Warren Young, professor of physics and astronomy.  
Anthony Lariccia purchased  
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## Moore visits campus to rally "slacker" voters

**LEONARD CRIST | The Jambar**  
Documentary filmmaker Michael Moore burst through the north doors of Youngstown State University's Kilcawley Center Thursday afternoon, surrounded by several large bodyguards.  
A death threat on Moore had been called in to the Jambar shortly before he arrived, causing tight security.  
Moore was whisked into the Ohio Room, where he fielded questions from reporters for about 15 minutes before heading to the Chestnut Room.  
Roughly 800 people watched Moore inside Kilcawley Center. Another 300 - 1,000, by various estimates, watched outside where a video screen and speakers

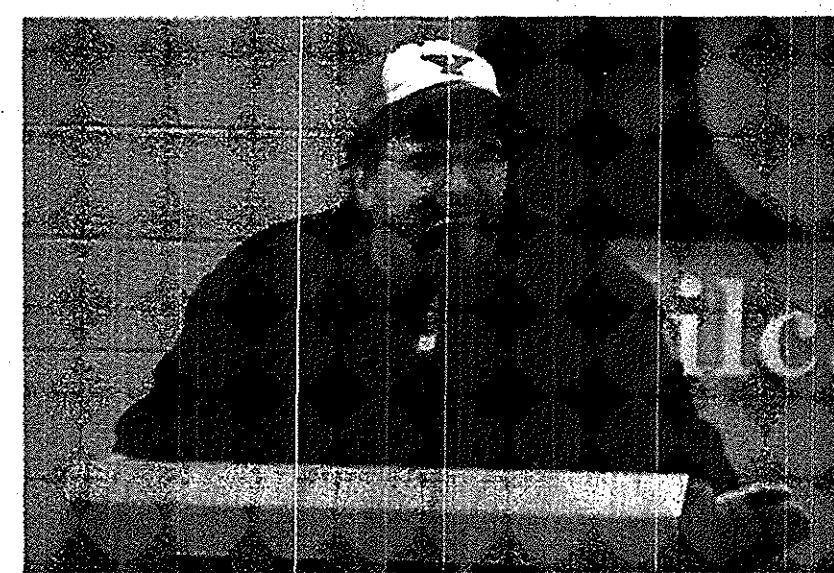
broadcast the speech. Moore's appearance was sponsored by the Center for Working Class Studies.  
Moore visited YSU as part of his 60-city "Slacker Uprising

Tour," which aims to encourage non-voters to go out to the polls. Moore said that 50 percent of Americans do not vote, largely because of apathy and cynicism.  
"There is certainly a lot of

## Outdoor viewing draws crowd

**ELIZABETH TABAK | The Jambar**  
As filmmaker Michael Moore stepped to the microphone Thursday afternoon, cheers filled both the Chestnut Room and the fountain area directly outside of Kilcawley Center.  
Within seconds, there was dead silence.  
The audio feed to the outside screen projection was lost. However, the silence was short

lived as members of the Youngstown State University College Republicans ran to the projection, shouting "four more years!"  
Moore's appearance in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center drew anywhere from 1,100 - 2,000 individuals, university officials said. In anticipation of large crowds, a large movie



Filmmaker Michael Moore addressed over 800 audience members in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room as a part of his "Slacker Uprising Tour."

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- Orchestra concert**  
The Dana Symphony Orchestra will perform its fall concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8 at Stambaugh Auditorium on Fifth Avenue in Youngstown. The orchestra is directed by William Slocum, a music director in the Dana School of
- "All-Steinway School" reception**  
Bruce Stevens, president of Steinway & Sons, Inc., will designate Youngstown State University's Dana School

Music, and will perform three music classics. The concert is to celebrate the school's 135th anniversary. For more information, call (330) 941-3636.

of Music as an All-Steinway School during a presentation at noon Nov. 5.  
The delivery of 68 new Steinway pianos, valued at \$837,000, in July made YSU the first public university in Ohio to be designated an All-Steinway School.  
The Cleveland Institute of Music and the Oberlin College Conservatory are the

other music schools in Ohio using the Steinway manufactured pianos. Only 40 music schools worldwide are designated All-Steinway Schools. These pianos have been placed throughout Bliss Hall in classrooms, practice rooms and faculty studios. These instruments will be used by the 310 students and 41 faculty in the Dana School.

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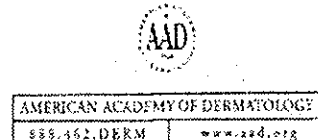
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Youngstown State University Police responded to a call about a fight at Christman Dining Commons on Oct. 28. The victim told police he was hit several times in the face after a disagreement about money. According to the police report, the suspect repaired the victim's computer and wanted \$10 for it. The victim did not want medical attention, the police report stated.

An Oct. 28 police report stated that The Jambar office received a threat on film maker Michael Moore's life. A Jambar employee told YSU police the caller was a male ranging in age from 20 to 30 years old. The caller told the employee, "I am going to shoot Michael Moore on campus today and no one can stop me." Police informed Moore's security of the threat. Moore arrived and left campus without incident.

## Political science class predicts Kerry Election Day victory

ELIZABETH TABAK  
*The Jambar*

With the outcome of today's election hanging in the balance, members of a political science individual studies class have already made their predictions about who may take the Electoral College votes.

The seven-member class, taught by Bill Binning, chair of the political science department, Sunil Ahuja and Paul Sracic, professors of political science, was divided into three groups, each advised by one of the professors. Each group made their prediction by comparing information from current polls and with data from the 2000 presidential election.

After averaging the predictions for each group, Sen. John Kerry was given 279 electoral votes, slating him to beat President Bush by 20 votes. Only one group, made up of senior Megan

Graff and sophomore Lyndsey Hughes and advised by Sracic, predicted a victory for Bush.

Binning stressed that the predictions were made by the students only.

"Though the teams have been named after the professors, there was no direct impact [on the predictions] by the professors," Binning said with a laugh.

Sophomore Murad Shorrah also pointed out that there was no partisanship involved in the predictions, as two of his team members were Republican and they chose Kerry.

Though "Team Sracic" predicted a win for Bush, it did, like the other two, grant Ohio votes to Kerry.

"His poll numbers are up slightly, and there are a lot of newly registered voters that are going to help a mostly Democrat turnout," Hughes said.

She added, though, that she would not be surprised at any election out-

come.

"It is still up in the air," Hughes said. "It all depends on how many battleground states are won."

Ahuja agreed, saying that any of the scenarios presented by the class were possible. However, he did say that if there was a large gap in electoral votes between the candidates, they would most likely favor Kerry.

"It's hard to see a landslide for Bush," Ahuja said.

However, Sracic disagreed, saying that Ohio may turn toward Bush and cause a "Midwest wave" toward one single candidate.

The class did agree, though, that candidates such as independent candidate Ralph Nader and Libertarian and Green Party candidates should have little or no impact on electoral votes.

ELIZABETH TABAK | 330-941-1991

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

► **National writer to speak at the Butler**

National writer Philip Langdon will speak at the Butler Institute of American Art at 7 p.m. Nov. 3. Langdon is known for his writing on the planning and design movement known as New Urbanism. He will also speak at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Poland Library. This is sponsored through a Getty Grant awarded to YSU.

► **PPMV documentary**

A filmed history will be shown to honor the founders and supporters of the Mahoning Valley Planned Parenthood (PPMV). The film will premiere during the organization's 70th anniversary gala being held at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Holiday Inn Metroplex, located at 1620 Motor Inn Drive. Admission for the dinner is \$35/person. Reservations may be made by calling Planned Parenthood at (330) 788-6506, ext.110.

► **Gospel singer feature of WYSU-FM festival**

Gospel singer Kenny Eldridge will be featured at the annual WYSU-FM Classical 88.9 Folk Festival at 8 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The concert is free and open to the public as part of the station's 35th anniversary celebration. This is the first time gospel music will be added to the agenda.

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**BENEFITS**

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to the benefits offered to traditionally married couples.

"I see on the form that one, in order to apply for these benefits, would agree to pay a 10 percent co-pay. My colleagues don't pay anything," Tessier said. She also said there is no tuition remission in the new plan, a benefit offered to married couples.

"It's a move in the right direction, but it still seems to me that we are being told, 'Yes, we recognize that you have partners and you have families, but we're not prepared to give you equity,'" Tessier said.

Tessier's partner Tara

McKibben, who has multiple sclerosis and a seizure disorder, said the monthly cost of her medication alone is more than what she gets from social security.

"Having the healthcare benefits through YSU is going to be amazing. I'll be able to get the treatment that I need," McKibben said.

"It becomes impossible to stay where Tara can't get medical care," Tessier said. "We're desperate and need these medical benefits more than I can possibly say. I am extremely grateful that the university is making this move."

But even with the extension of domestic partner benefits, Tessier said she is worried the benefits may be blocked if

Issue 1, the Ohio ballot initiative against gay marriage, passes in today's election.

"Issue 1 is a disaster. Issue 1 is the most backward looking legislation I have ever seen. I'm frightened about it," Tessier said.

Pogue said he believes that if Issue 1 passes, it will bar YSU from offering the new benefits, but he said he feels there are significant legal challenges that can be made if it passes.

He added that there was no political motivation behind bringing the domestic partner benefits measure before the board so close to the election.

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- an editorial -  
**Americans:  
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 voices heard**

Today, millions of Americans will cast their vote. We have the opportunity to make our voice heard and to elect leaders that each of us feel will represent and address our needs. Not only do we get to vote this year for state and local officials, but we get a chance given once every four years, to choose our next president.

At this late stage of the game, we realize that it is unlikely we could sway any voters with our own candidate endorsement. An outline of each candidate's strengths and weaknesses would be equally futile. We realize most minds are made up on the issues and the candidates.

Likewise, we have made up our minds on what qualities we want to see in our elected leader for the next four years. We have outlined a few key areas where we hope to see changes and efforts made regardless of who is voted in as president.

**Iraq**  
 American troops are still in Iraq. Day by day, the violence and danger mounts for these troops. We have already lost more than 1,000 of our soldiers.

Whether you support the war in Iraq or not, it is key that we remember these Americans are risking their lives and sacrificing their safety for something we all believe in: America, democracy and peace. It is imperative that we remember these individuals and their families at this time.

We want our next leader to have these troops removed and returned home safely and without incident. We realize that request is idealized and lofty, but we do hope that our troops are removed in a timely way without any more lives lost.

**Economy and the local region**  
 Over the past few months there have been countless campaign stops in this area by President Bush, Sen. John Kerry and others.

Youngstown has received plenty of media attention and publicity because of these stops. We, as well as most others, realize these visits are due to Ohio being a major swing state and because Youngstown is one of the hardest hit areas by joblessness and a slowing economy.

We must insist our leaders not forget us once our votes are cast. If a vote was cast in favor of a certain candidate, it is because the people of this area feel that person has a vision and a plan—we do not want to be disappointed.

**Education**  
 As deficits continue to rise, so does our tuition. Ohio has been especially hard hit in this instance and YSU's tuition has been a prime example of the stress the lack of funding higher education has had to bear. We're sure that you, as students, have noticed the steady rise in the past few years.

Our administrators and officials can only do so much to make tuition affordable. They need help from officials on both the state and national levels. It is absolutely necessary that our leaders pay attention to the education needs and the rising costs and offer more than their condolences.

**Healthcare**  
 Though experts and politicians continue to debate whether or not universal health insurance is feasible in the United States, two things are certain—the cost of health care is rising at an alarming rate and too many Americans are uninsured.

No plan will ever be perfect. However, we do not have time to haggle. Each day that goes by while Washington mulls over the healthcare dilemma is another day that uninsured Americans are struggling to pay for vital medical procedures and medications.

This is not acceptable. Healthcare should be viewed as a right—not an option—for American citizens. We owe it to our elderly who worked to bring this nation to the point where it is now. We owe it to our youth who will be entrusted with the challenges of tomorrow. We owe it to ourselves.

We urge readers to vote and to make their voice heard. If not, these needs may not be addressed.

And while this message may come too late to sway most voters' decisions, we simply hope that all voters cast their ballots with the country's best interests in mind, just as we hope those who are elected by the people remember they were placed in office FOR the people.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Elect a leader Nov. 2 — not a crusader

Editor —  
 Is it just me, or do other people see the same things going on in each of the three Presidential debates? We have a current president who lies, deceives and is generally not concerned with the bottom 98 percent of America and has to resort to slogans, catch phrases and repetitive attacks versus facts. Doesn't that say something to the American people? Shouldn't it? Shouldn't it mean something when we have a president who can't defend his record? If he were doing half as good for this country as he claims, wouldn't it be easy to refute any argument during a debate (health care, jobs, the economy, the safety of this nation)? After all, shouldn't this be about his track record? Shouldn't that be the fence from which he preaches from? Sen. John Kerry keeps winning the debates, knocking him off his fence and that should say something (more than anything else) to the American people. Or they could always refer back to the CEOs of Enron and Tyco who failed to be convicted (the ties that bind?), but good thing we got that homemaker!

Contrast the current president's persona to that of his opponent, Kerry. He fights with facts, his slogans are used at the end of his closing arguments after the facts have been laid out (he has no smirks!) and let's just be realistic here, Kerry has no Halliburton, no Enron, no Saudi royal family ties, so what would he possibly have to lie to the American people for? This is the presidential race yes, so obviously there will be promises, some followed-up on and some not, a president only has four years, but from a realistic perspective, I truly believe (and I believe it can be seen by others) Kerry holds the interest of America as a whole at heart versus his opponent and his ties to the top two percent.

In the end, Kerry may prove not to be the best president ever, he may not live up to the hype (many haven't), but at the end of the day, the U.S. sits in a much better position with his

painting in the oval office. It's time for the American public to embrace change, to embrace reality in the true definition and to hold truth to the highest standard!

American needs a true leader not a crusader!

— Jeff Wright

### Mrs. Kerry's remarks on homemakers "appalling"

Editor —

The remarks made by John Kerry's wife were utterly appalling! My mom is a stay at home mom and I think what she does at home can be more challenging than what most jobs can be for either gender. It seems Mrs. Heinz Kerry is totally out of touch with the average American and it is something that I am greatly distressed about. Mrs. Kerry stated she made a mistake, but it seemed a matter of not being truly apologetic, but a matter of playing politics with retractions. I feel she is not someone who would be able to adequately deal with dignitaries from other countries, both allies and enemies alike. She seems to have a lot of biases, and she does not want to admit to the fact that other people are out there different from her. I think a lot of voters in this election, including me, are trying to look at all of the facts, and trying to make the best decision, yet who a person is married to is also a wonderful representation of what their own standards are!

Mrs. Kerry has proven once again by her off-the-cuff remarks just how biased her beliefs about stay at home mothers truly are, and how it seems she feels she is better than a lot of women out there because of her privileged upbringing and her interesting married life. If you put all of the politics aside of their husbands, it should still be a matter of great concern and distress for Democrats and Republicans alike. I would think the Democratic Party is sitting back pounding their heads upon their

desks and holding their breath as how this will play out with the average voter.

— Joe Iesue

### Two-party system not adequate

Editor —

With the presidential election upon us, we are faced with the choice of dual mediocrity. Millions of Americans will routinely vote for their candidate with only the party name in mind. Misguided union members will support Kerry with the false assumption that they will be given better contracts and increased health care status from whatever corporate flag they toil under. Others have been fooled that Democrats will end the occupation of Iraq more quickly by injecting more troops to put down a budding civil war there.

Those voting for Bush are under the assumption that enforcing American values on Islamic Republics is a good thing, while naive conservatives believe Bush will fight for their values via legislation, which is laughable. Most of us don't take time out to do things that are in vain and do not like to contribute to losing causes. With this idea, we all want to be on the winning side and be able to triumphantly say that "I voted for so and so and look, he won."

Fortunately for the rational-minded, there is a solution to this dichotomous quandary. Stated simply: vote for Ralph Nader. "Are you crazy?" you say. "If we vote for that guy we will never be on the winning side." Wrong, we are in a struggle in which we must lose, and lose again to eventually obtain victory over extremely powerful corporate barons/influences. We have seen recently here in Ohio the desperate and unconstitutional lengths taken to prevent Nader's ballot access. Of the 5,000 signatures needed, more than 14,000 were submitted for ballot access. The Democrats in this particular occurrence paid a lot of money to the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis to find some legal trivialities for removing Nader from the

Ohio ballot. Their effective intimidation on signature circulators has put a sneer of approval on Ohio Democrats who don't want you to have the option of voting your conscious. These are actions of an eroding and desperate Democratic party. The splintering of each party is forthcoming and long overdue.

With the tremendous flux of demographics across the American landscape in just the last 50 years, can we really conclude that our interests lie in a two-party system?

Stop kidding yourselves and write-in NADER while striking a blow at the corporate-sponsored stranglehold they have created.

— Matt Boggs

### Heterosexuals slighted in new benefits

Editor —

What is a "partner?" Same-sex marriages are much in the news. Ohioans get to vote soon, as the YSU Board of Trustees passes a policy to allow fringe benefits to same-sex partners. Question: What about "heterosexual" partners? If a man and woman live together and sign an affidavit that to that effect ("of having a long-term committed and personal relationship"), why would they be denied the same fringe benefits? It seems as though this is an unfair labor practice. The issue of same sex marriages and/or gay/lesbian rights is not the focus of this letter. Although one could argue that a common law marriage between a heterosexual couple would exist after a number of years of co-habitation, then why would YSU allow same-sex partners to have fringe benefits earlier, after only a one-year period. Though I am not an attorney, it simply appears that a class-action suit based on unfair labor practices to heterosexual partners would win in a court of law. Affirmative action is designed to protect the rights of all by virtue of nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation. What is discrimination and what is not, if you are heterosexual partners?

— Edward Orona

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## CROWD

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screen and projector were set up outside for those who did not make it inside.

The fountain area screening drew both supporters and protestors.

As technicians worked to fix the audio feed to the projection, most attention was focused on the members of the Republican group who were holding Bush/Cheney signs and wearing flip-flops on their hands.

The group shouted "God bless you" to those who told them to leave and to not vote for Bush.

One person telling the Bush supporters to leave was Senior Diana Samad.

"Why are you voting for Bush?" Samad asked. "You re-elect him and you see where our economy goes."

Samad's friend Shaden Amireh also spoke out against the protestors.

"I feel the same way as

her," Amireh said. "He is ruining the economy, everything."

Though the members of the Republican group shouted at passersby, they refused to comment to a Jambor reporter. One student, who would not identify himself, said that he and the members of the group "are the minority on this campus."

He added, "we are voting for the president, not for the media."

Soon, however, the audience's attention moved from the protestors to Moore's image as the sound was restored.

As the audience stood watching, some expressed their opinions on Moore.

Barbara Harris of Brookfield said she saw Moore as a "necessary factor" for educating society about voting.

"You don't always have to agree, but he gets his points across," Harris said. "I am glad he is here because this is the most

important election of my lifetime."

Ron Dull of Liberty was moving through the crowd selling dolls that mimicked President Bush. The small, stuffed representations of the president wore a cowboy hat and boots and had flames rising up his pant legs.

Dull, who said he has been a peace activist for over 20 years, said he got rather good response when selling the dolls. He also said he was selling them because of his dissatisfaction with Bush.

"Bush, in his time in office, has done nothing to help us," Dull said. "Under his administration, I feel like I am living in Nazi Germany."

Don Ramsey, a YSU graduate, stood by watching Moore and yelling to the College Republicans who remained behind the projection of Moore the entire time.

"It's like, yeah, it's a free country, but I have not

experienced this kind of open hostility since Vietnam," Ramsey said.

After Moore finished speaking, the crowds slowly moved away. However, a shouting match between the College Republicans and Kerry supporters erupted next to the fountain.

Junior Matt Bradley was one of the students in the area. Though a Kerry supporter, Bradley said he

appreciated the effort made on the protestors' behalf.

"I would be out here doing the same thing if George Bush were here," Bradley said. "I don't blame them."

Bradley said he supports Kerry because of issues such as education and Iraq.

"I have friends in Iraq," Bradley said. "And it's like I said to these guys

over here, 'If they are convinced that Bush is fighting the right war, then why don't they sign up?'"

Bradley, who described Moore as "funny as hell," said he enjoyed listening to him, even though there was no more room left for him in the Chestnut Room.

"Yeah, at first I was disappointed, but I got to have fun," Bradley said.

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## MOORE

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despair in places like Youngstown," Moore said. "I'm inviting anyone at home who has not voted in past elections to come out and vote in this one election, just this once, you can go back to non-voting after this if you want, but you have to vote in this election."

For the voters in the audience who admitted to not voting in 2000, Moore offered them the "sustenance of slackers": a package of Ramen Noodle Soup. He also offered a clean change of underwear for anyone willing to vote who hadn't done so in the past.

Dressed in his trademark rumpled clothes, the director of "Fahrenheit 9/11" spoke for about 45 minutes, throwing in

comedic jabs against President Bush and urging those in the audience to vote for Sen. John Kerry.

"How do these words sound?" Moore asked the audience. "President Kerry. We can say that word president again and it will actually mean he was elected by the people."

Moore's first documentary, "Roger and Me," showed the economic devastation of his hometown of Flint, Mich., a town ravaged by poverty after the auto industry closed down. Moore said Youngstown and Flint are sister-cities.

"This is the Flint of Ohio. We have a lot in common. Ohio itself has lost 230,000 jobs under George W. Bush," Moore said.

"Flint and Youngstown in the '80s and some of the '90s got hit pretty hard and never recovered. My challenge to John Kerry is when you are

inaugurated ... don't forget Youngstown, don't forget Flint."

Moore has seen plenty of success with his movies — "Bowling for Columbine" won an Academy Award and "Fahrenheit 9/11" became the highest grossing documentary of all time this summer — but he said he doesn't think the success will go to his head.

"I will never forget the lessons of growing up in Flint, Mich., the hometown of the world's largest corporation and what that corporation did to my home town. And in fact, because I've been blessed with the success, I feel I actually have a larger responsibility to make sure my work remains true and honest to the roots that I come from," Moore said.

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## TIE

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rely on a popular vote in each district.

Paul Sracic, associate professor of political science, said the Electoral College gives smaller states a chance to be represented fairly. Sracic, along with mathematics and statistics professor Nathan Ritchey wrote an article this summer addressing the possibility of a tie in the Electoral College.

The article, published in the New York Post in August, stated that there was a 1.5 percent chance of a tie, a number Sracic said has since doubled.

Although the percentage may seem small, the article cited the 2000 election in which there was only a 1.4 percent chance that the electoral count would turn out the way it did.

Sracic said a number of swing states could contribute to a tie.

Ohio and New Hampshire, which Bush won in 2000, are currently showing Kerry ahead in the polls. New Mexico and Wisconsin, favorable to Al Gore in 2000, have Bush leading in the polls.

Despite this, if the Electoral College were to be abolished, an election based solely on the popular vote could result in even more problems in elections, he said.

The professor said independent candidates such as Ralph Nader would take away votes that would give the main candidates 50 percent of the vote, which would send the responsibility of deciding the winner to Congress for almost every election.

He added the possibility of a tie would not lessen

the legitimacy of the system.

"With the Electoral College, the people are given a clear winner," Sracic said. "So far it has a pretty good track record."

Sracic added that the difficulty in changing the Constitution will most likely keep the system in place.

There may be a change to Colorado's electoral voting system, however. On the state's ballot is Amendment 36, which would split Colorado's nine electoral votes according to the percentage of votes each candidate wins in the state.

Sracic said polls have not favored the amendment's passage. If it should pass, Sracic said it might not affect this election because of possible legal challenges.

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"Executive State" for display in the Lariccia International Student Lounge at Kilcawley Center.

The Andrews Fund of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley donated "Foresadows Past" to YSU. It will be displayed in an unspecified location on campus, Cole said.

Most of the artists

responsible for the Penguin Parade were at the event to watch their sculptures change hands. Lynn Cardwell and Marcia Roepke Applegate, designers of "Reflections of Youngstown Pride," talked about the penguin project.

"It was really great for the community," Roepke-Applegate said. "It brought a lot of people together." She and Cardwell are considering

publishing a book based on their photo album of the penguin's construction. They call the album their baby book, and privately named their penguin "Stella." Proceeds of the book would also go to charity.

Cole said the project was a tremendous success. "It created a sense of unity and community spirit across the entire area," he said.

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# entertainment

## Dana receives much awaited music studio

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After more than six years of effort, the Dana School of Music has brought a recording studio to Youngstown State University.

Located on the second floor of Bliss Hall, the equipment will be used in new classes offered by YSU. Music students will use the facility to improve their playing by listening to their performance.

### Studio Demonstration

The studio was unveiled on Friday morning. Dean of Fine and Performing Arts, George McCloud, said the studio was a result of hard work and fund raising. He thanked YSU alumnus Bill Bodine who owns a recording studio in Los Angeles and has done studio work with recording artists and songwriting.

"Bill Bodine was a terrific partner for making things happen," McCloud said.

University President David Sweet was at the unveiling and demonstration said he was pleased with the university's new facility.

"Our enrollment has gone up over the years," Sweet said. "Why? Because we have great programs, faculty and facilities like this one."

Sweet said he felt Ohio was abandoning higher education by cutting funding for it, forcing universities to raise tuition. Sweet said through private donations the studio was made possible, and expressed his thanks to all the people who donated money to the studio project.

Bodine then showed how the studio would work as a tool for learning in the classroom.

"It seems that a lot of schools have recording studios to just take snapshots of performers. You can learn a lot though by listening to a recording of your playing," Bodine said. "You can elevate your quality of playing in a very short time if you can hear yourself."

Bodine asked a wind ensemble from the school of music to demonstrate how the studio worked.

"Only try not to play as well as you normally would," Bodine said.

He cut the ensemble off about a minute into the piece.

"Cut! Ok, take it from the top again, that was a little too good," Bodine said.

After the ensemble played the piece again, Bodine played the recording to show that people could listen to the ensemble as a whole or by single instruments. He pointed out that students would be able to listen for subtle things like tonal quality or rhythm in the recording.

### Inside the Studio

Mike Crist, associate professor and chair of the Dana School of Music, took people inside the recording booth, to show how the digital and analog equipment worked. Mike Talanca, owner of the recording studio Tune Town in Newton Falls, operated the studio.

The people inside the studio are recorded with a series of microphones that can either record the group as whole as individually.

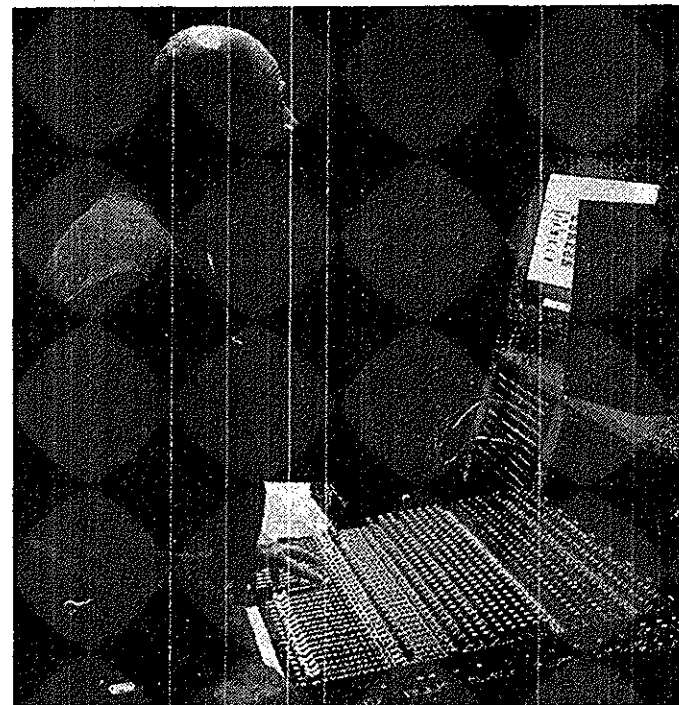
The sound picked up by the microphones travels to a soundboard and then into a computer where it's recorded in a digital format. The computer uses a program called "Digital Performer" to edit the recording. Crist said the program works much like a word processing program, only with music instead of words. Using the program, the person in the recording booth can play with the separate tracks the microphones recorded, changing tones or cutting and pasting sections of the tracks.

### New Courses & Student Use

McCloud announced that in addition to its use as a practice tool, the studio will also be part of a new bachelor's degree in music with an emphasis on recording.

Talanca will be teaching students how they can use the recording studio for themselves. Once the students are trained, they will be able to fill out proposals asking for time to use the studio. The students would be allowed to come in after classes are done with the studio to record themselves playing.

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← Mike Talanca adjusts controls in the new recording studio at Bliss Hall.

## Chris Yambar: The real Simpsons "Comic Book Guy"

**BILL RODGERS | The Jambar**

When he's not on the road signing comic books or giving lectures, former Youngstown State University student turned comic book guru Chris Yambar spends a quiet day at home.

"I was making some lunch just now and watching the Futurama DVDs I just bought. I'm checking for any episodes I may have missed in the first season," Yambar said in a telephone interview Monday morning.

Yambar is best known for his work with Bongo Comics, the company that publishes the Bart Simpson's Comics inspired by "The Simpsons" television show by cartoonist Matt Groening.

Yambar's latest project, "Bart Simpson's Treehouse of Horror" is a Halloween comic based on The Simpsons' yearly Halloween specials. The comic is a special "Monsters of Rock Issue" that he co-wrote with musical greats like Gene Simmons, Alice Cooper, Rob Zombie and, oddly enough, Pat Boone. Each musician stars in his own story in the book.

Yambar was responsible for organizing the rock star talent for the issue. He said his work as a pop-art painter brought him into contact with many different rock 'n' roll talents.

"No one believed me when I said I could get Gene Simmons to write right off the bat, but I know how to get a hold of people," Yambar said.

He said that from there the talent fell into place.

"I think everyone expected me to get someone like Ozzy or Marilyn Manson for the fourth story, but I chose Pat Boone instead," Yambar said. "He doesn't really fit in with the other three so putting him in a Ned Flanders church camp story just seemed funnier considering the lineup."

### A Career of Comics

Yambar worked in graphic art and communication while briefly attending classes at YSU. Yambar enrolled for a bachelor's degree in fine art with an emphasis on education, attending classes off and on for two years before he dropped out of college in 1987.

During this time, Yambar self-published his own underground comics. In 1997, things began to heat up for a comic he created called Mr. Beat, the proclaimed "King of the Beatniks." Yambar said the

comic was "highbrow" humor that dealt with art, music and social commentary.

Though he didn't know it at the time, "Mr. Beat" was loved by Groening and Bongo Comics' employees. Groening pre-ordered the issues from his local comic book store and passed them around the Bongo Comics' office.

In 2000, Yambar got his chance to be a writer for an issue of Bart Simpson's Comics. After his story went to print, Groening approached him at a comic book convention.

"Matt thanked me for writing the story. He told me that the issue sold 45 thousand copies in America and 350 thousand copies in Germany. He said that the issue was the single biggest seller Bongo ever had in Germany," Yambar said.

"It's been uphill from there," Yambar added.

Yambar said that having a good knowledge of the mythical town of Springfield was crucial to being a successful writer for the comic.

"I have an eclectic taste for Simpson's characters," Yambar said. "My favorites are usually the walk-through ones, that don't usually play too big of a role in the show."

Yambar said that he tries to make his stories seem authentic to Simpson's fans.

"The greatest compliment I can be paid is: 'I could hear the characters talking in the comic. It was just like the show,'" Yambar said.

### Conventions and Lectures

The cartoonist said he makes part of his living by traveling to comic book conventions and by giving lectures at art schools.

"I travel a lot and do a lot of signings at conventions and gallery shows. It's a good life."

Yambar has appeared in many conventions. He said that sometimes the conventions draw 3,000 to 10,000 people, but conventions like the San Diego Comic Con draw close to 68,000 people in a 5-day period.

"You have to be careful around Simpson's fans," Yambar said. "I was at a convention once and I was on a panel with Matt

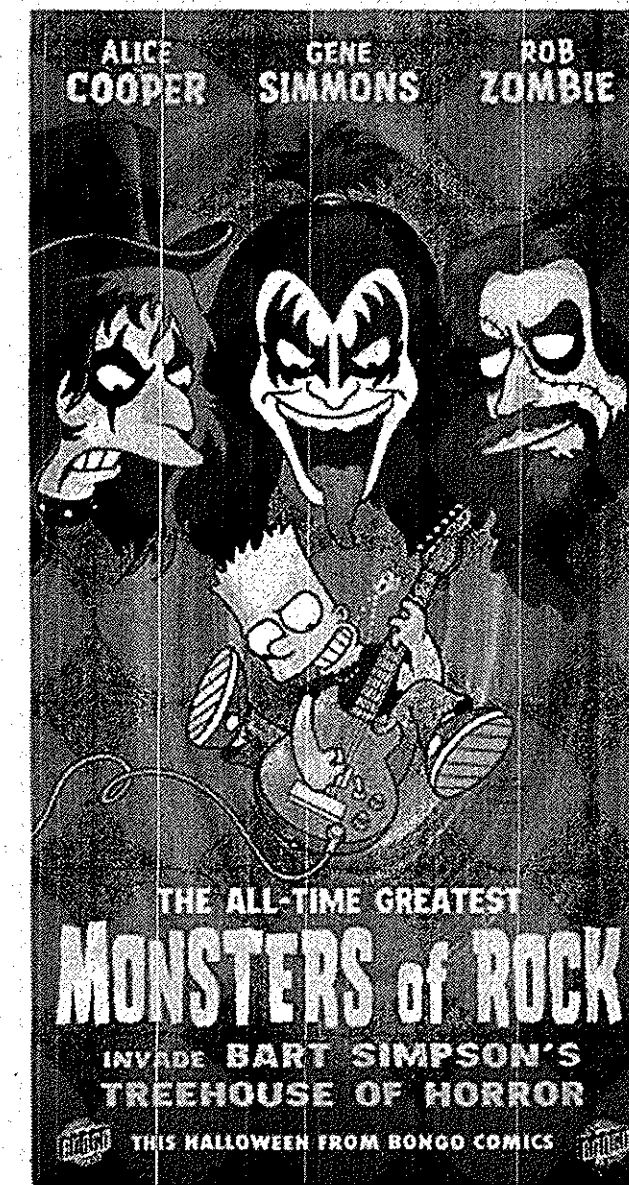


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Groening. He leaned over to me and said, 'The scary thing is that some of these people know more about The Simpsons than I do.'

**Advice**  
Yambar offered some advice to anyone wanting to get into the comic book industry:

"Find out what you do and be very good at it," Yambar said. "It's like anything else. If you want to be a good teacher you have to teach. If you want to be a good speaker, you have to speak. The only way you can be a good writer is to write, period."

Yambar said that good writers had to study everything that goes on around them. He also said they should balance their writing career with other jobs.

"Self-publish your work and continue to learn, but don't quit your day job. Ever," Yambar said. "And if you want to be filthy rich, don't go into comics. You have to love what you do. If you're single, writing has to be your

wife. If you're married, writing has to be your mistress.

### The Unanswerable Question

Where is Springfield?

Yambar laughed and replied: "I get asked that question all the time at conventions. Whenever someone asks, 'Do you know where Springfield is?' I usually just say 'Yes,' and take the next question."

While he yet again dodged the question of Springfield's location, Yambar did offer up an interesting piece of Simpson's trivia concerning the overweight, nerdy character, The Comic Book Guy.

"The Comic Book Guy in the Simpsons has never been given an actual name," Yambar said. "But Matt Groening says that if he ever gets one it would most likely be 'Louis Lane' and I think that says a lot about the character."

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# sports

## Indiana State falls to YSU

Penguins shred Sycamores 45 - 20, take on Western Illinois next

Cross country coach accentuates positive

SHAWN BUSKIRK  
The Jambor

Head coach of the cross-country teams Brian Gorby always looks at the positives, and at this past weekend's conference meet there were plenty of positive aspects to build on.

The women's team was paced by steadfast junior Emily Schnitkey who received all-conference honors behind her sixth place finish, which helped the Penguins place fourth overall.

Chasing Schnitkey was Penguin runner Kim Jendre, who finished 16th overall and continues to improve.

"Kim went from a 20th place finish last year to a 16th this year, so it was a good improvement," said Gorby following the meet.

Next for the Penguins was Lindsay Wojciak, who came in at 20th, Marielle Glanz 28th and Gina Mavrikis 45th.

The men also finished strong bringing in a fourth place finish as well. Jeremy Riehm, who brought in a 16th place finish, led the men's team.

The men's team has faced many obstacles this year and have a team that only boasts seven runners.

Along with low numbers, Mother Nature had a hand in making the meet more difficult. Winds at the meet in Kenosha, Wis., were reported at nearly 60 mph.

"We didn't really look at times too much since we had to battle the wind so much," said Gorby.

Also running strong races for the men sides were Chris Hine and Shawn Mealy. Hine came in at one spot behind Riehm at 17 and Mealy recorded a 21-place finish.

"Dave Mealy came through with a strong run. Overall it was a tremendous accomplishment for the men, our top four guys made tremendous improvements, however it was a little bittersweet not coming in the top three," said Gorby.

Winning the meet on both the men and women's sides was Butler University, who is ranked in the nation's elite. On the men's side, Butler took home the first through sixth spots.

"They put all their resources into cross country, they recruit all over the country," said Gorby.

For a coach like Gorby who has molded the cross-country and track teams into powerhouses, the meet proved to be positive.

"For us this was a good accomplishment, we ran really solid on both the women and men sides. I can't say enough how well they did. Effort-wise it was tremendous."

The Penguins resume action when they travel to Ypsilanti, Michigan to run in the Great Lakes regional meet on Nov. 13.

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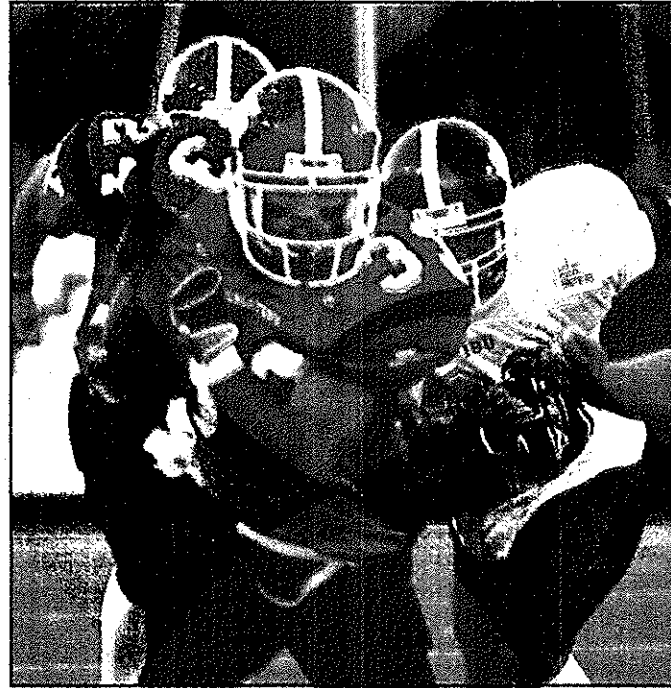
Thirteen seniors donned their home red jerseys for the last time Saturday night as the Youngstown State Penguins put on a prolific final performance before the home crowd at Stambaugh Stadium.

The Penguins broke a four game losing streak and picked up their first Gateway Conference victory this season as they sawed through the Indiana State Sycamores 45-20. The victory was a testament to the seniors who have battled through a difficult season. "This was a great win for these kids, it takes a lot of courage to come back after being down," said coach Jon Heacock.

It truly was a tale of two halves for the Penguins, as both the offensive and defensive units buckled down.

After halftime with the Penguins clinging to a 14-13 lead, tailback Josh Cayson took over. On the opening drive of the third quarter Cayson tallied nine carries and recorded 60 yards, culminating with a 1-yard touchdown plunge to put the Penguins up 21-13.

The Penguins' defense stiffened up and forced the Sycamores into a three and out. On the ensuing punt, the Penguins' slash-



Left - Junior tail back Josh Cayson (33) outruns ISU corner back Kyle James (20). Right - Sophomore fullback Demetrius Ison (35) celebrates a successful run with sophomore Tyler Morton (20).



Ron Stevens | The Jambor

ing receiver Kyle Smith returned the punt 27 yards for a career best, giving YSU the ball deep in ISU territory. It would only take five plays before the Penguin band was playing the fight song once again when steadily improving quarterback Tom Zetts found fullback Demetrius Ison in the flats where he would race 23 yards virtually untouched to pay dirt, extending the lead to 28-13.

The Penguins' defense, led by Brandon Brown forced the Sycamore offense to turn the ball over on downs, on their next possession. Brown recorded a sack and had a tipped ball as the defensive unit gave the

Sycamores little breathing room.

The beginning of the fourth quarter saw the Penguins add to the lead as senior kicker Nick Terracina booted in a 27-yard field goal to make the score 31-13.

The Sycamore battled back, and on their next drive would cut the lead to eleven when quarterback Philip Johnson connected on a 61-yard touchdown strike to Markus Naves.

After trading punts in the fourth quarter, Cayson would once again find the end zone when he dashed in from 5 yards out at the 3:11 mark in the fourth. Cayson finished the night with 158 yards on 32 carries and two touchdowns.

The Penguins finished the last home game strong, when on the Sycamores next possession, defensive back Steve Reynolds intercepted a pass and darted his way into the end zone for a 45-yard touchdown return.

"I was determined the next time they tried me, I'm gonna pick it and go to the house," said Reynolds of his interception and touchdown.

The first half saw the Sycamores pounce out to an early lead and it looked as if the Penguins were in for a tight game once again when in the first quarter Sycamore quarterback Johnson connected with Jamie Petrowski on a 30 yard score to put ISU

up early. However, the Penguins defense would only allow the Sycamores two field goals for the rest of the first half.

"The critical point was holding them to field goals, that's huge," Heacock said about the Penguin defense.

The Penguins would take the lead and never relinquish it when Zetts connected with Rycraft, who raced around the corner for a 17-yard touchdown scamper in the second quarter. On the run wide receiver Kyle Smith threw a punishing block on a ISU defender. Rycraft once again gave credit elsewhere for his touchdown.

"Zetts did a great job checking at the line," said the wide receiver of his young quarterback.

Agreeing with Rycraft was Heacock. "Tom made some tremendous checks, this was his best game so far," said Heacock.

While the home games may be over for the 2004 Penguins, the season is still far from over.

"The first thing our seniors said after the game was that it wasn't over," commented Heacock about his seniors in their last "Ice Castle" game.

The Penguins start their two game road trip at Western Illinois next Saturday at 2:05 p.m.

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## Benched Browns safety speaks out

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AP Sports Writer

BEREA — Browns safety Earl By Little had the entire bye week to accept being dropped from Cleveland's starting lineup and replaced by Chris Crocker.

Obviously, it wasn't nearly enough time.

Using the weekly grading reports he got from Cleveland's secondary coach to prove his point, Little said Monday that the demotion is undeserved and unfair.

"I'm hearing all this junk," Little said. "But the truth is I've been playing good football. The evidence is right here."

With that, Little thumbed through handwritten reports that were given to him by assistant coach Chuck Pagano.

Little said they show he hasn't made mental mistakes and verify that he's doing a good job for the Browns (3-4).

"Baltimore," Little said peeling back the page

from Cleveland's season-opening win. "No mental mistakes. The Giants. No mental. Cincinnati Bengals, I graded out 100 percent."

Sure enough, in the top right hand corner of the sheets, "No Me" was written and circled.

The likable Little, never afraid to speak his mind on any subject, was told early last week by Browns coach Butch Davis that he was being benched in favor of Crocker.

Afterward, Little had heated conversations with Davis and defensive coordinator Dave Campo. He wanted to know why he was the one being singled out on Cleveland's defense, which has been prone to giving up big plays this season.

Little still doesn't get it.

"When you've worked so hard and had something taken away from you, you're hurt," said Little, third on the Browns with 50 tackles. "But I ain't

going to cry about it and throw a tantrum. When they told me about it, I was really hot because I know what I've worked for. I've been playing consistent football since I've been here. Look at my numbers. I just can't accept it."

Davis lamented mental mistakes following Cleveland's overtime loss to Philadelphia on Oct. 24, saying the club had its most mental breakdowns in two years.

Little, though, said he wasn't guilty of a single one, making his benching even more puzzling. The reasons he has gotten have run from a flawed coverage technique to teams targeting him.

At this point, he doesn't know what — or whom — to believe.

"I've been told so many things," he said. "But everything that comes at me, I got the evidence to back it up."

Davis, who also coached Little at the University of Miami, insists

the lineup change has nothing to do with the seven-year veteran's production.

"This is not an Earl Little issue," Davis said after Monday's practice. "He's a scrapper. He's a fighter. This is more about an opportunity Chris Crocker has earned."

Besides being upset with his demotion, Little was bothered by a comment Crocker made last week when he was asked why he moved into the starting lineup.

"I think I might be a little more athletic than Earl," Crocker said.

Little doesn't think so. "He's more athletic than me?" Little said. "Come on. It ain't even close."

Crocker, who has been playing on the Browns' nickel packages and special teams, said he wasn't trying to demean his teammate.

"It was taken out of context," said Crocker, who returned an interception

for a touchdown at Pittsburgh. "I'm just as athletic or better than Earl. It's not like I'm saying Earl can't play. I'm sorry if he took it like that. But I'm not sorry about the way I feel."

Right now, that's small consolation to Little.

Despite having a career-high six interceptions last season, the 31-year-old has been worried about job security since the Browns drafted safety Sean Jones. Jones, though, is out for the season with a knee injury.

An uncertain future is the main reason Little has kept those grading papers tucked away in his locker. He feared that someday he would need them — and that day arrived.

"I'm not happy with the decision because I know I played my butt off," he said. "If somebody wants to try to derail my career for being an honest person, that's not fair. That's a cowardly act."

## Sports Briefs

### Swimming/Diving

Saturday saw the Penguin Swimming and Diving team fall to Ohio University by a score of 151 to 91. Despite the loss, a Penguin diver once again took top honors. Senior Kalyon Leveto won both diving

events. Leveto recorded a season high score of 277.87 points in the 3-meter dive and scored a 243.75 in the 1-meter dive. Also recording wins for the Penguins were Missy Wiese in the 50-yard freestyle, with a time of 25.80, and Jordan

Dunn, who captured first place in the 500-freeestyle with a time of 5:23.99.

The Penguins return to action at 5 p.m. Friday when they host Cleveland State.

### Volleyball

The Volleyball team lost a heartbreaker Saturday

when they fell in five games to Wright State.

Leading the way for the Penguins was sophomore Cari Leslie, who scored a career high 18 kills to go along with her 12 digs. Senior Melanie Pounders also contributed a solid per-

formance as she recorded a double-double with 17 kills and 20 digs. Katie Shea tallied 10 kills.

The Penguins travel to Morgantown, W.Va., to take on West Virginia at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3.