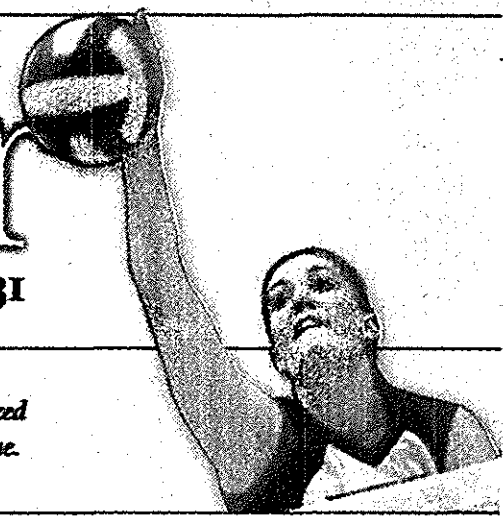




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## 'Veeps missed chance to swing Ohio voters'

Political Science Department Chair says VPs should have focused on local issues during debate

**ELIZABETH TABAK | The Jambar**  
One day after the vice presidential debate, Chair of the Political Science Department William Binning said both contenders may have missed the boat in not focusing on Ohio's economy.  
The debate between current Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. John Edwards (D-NC) was held Tuesday evening at Case Western Reserve University. It

was moderated by Gwen Ifill of PBS and covered a mix of domestic and foreign issues.  
As a guest to the debate, Binning said he enjoyed the experience of watching the candidates spar while seated behind Jesse Jackson and next to Cheney's lawyer.  
"I guess it's kind of like a game of hockey," he said. "You've got to be there to fully appreciate it."  
As the candidates went back

and forth over issues such as the economy, the war in Iraq and AIDS, Binning said his overall impression of the evening was that both candidates "came to play." Both, he said, were well prepared on most issues, but felt they could have been better briefed in the areas of joblessness and the Ohio economy.  
Though Ifill did raise the question to the candidates of

## Serowik responds to hiring criticisms

**ELIZABETH TABAK | The Jambar**  
One week after the administrative recommendations for hiring practices were released, Assistant Professor of Forensic science Joseph Serowik said he was pleased with the findings.  
Last week, the Provost's office released both the administrative review of Serowik's hiring and its proposed recommendations for part-time and full-time faculty hires. In a phone interview Wednesday morning, Serowik expressed his satisfaction with the conclusions and his hope to put the situation behind him.  
"They used my hiring as a

catalyst for review of hiring practices in general," Serowik said. "I don't have any problem with it, and a lot of it exonerates me of giving any misleading statements. That's important to me."  
The review came as a result of scrutiny of the professor's previous position as a Cleveland lab technician. Just months prior to his August hire at YSU, he was suspended and subsequently fired over allegations he gave erroneous testimony in the 1988 trial of Michael Green, who was accused of rape. Green spent 13 years in jail before further DNA testing proved his innocence.  
Serowik, though unable to

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▲ Chrystalyn Bradley (left) considers buying a T-shirt from Ariel Vegosen (right) in support of Code Pink: Women for Peace. The national women's organization opposes the war in Iraq and endorses the election of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

## Wearing the Pink Badge of Courage

YSU visit by group intends to educate female voters and to promote peace

**MAYSOON ABDELRASUL | The Jambar**  
The hot pink and white bus parked in the center of campus Wednesday afternoon was not there for decorative purposes.  
Instead, it was to attract students and other passersby to the vibrantly colored pink table, signs and products sponsored by Code Pink, a female peace group. Members of the group traveled to Youngstown State University to start a local chapter of Code Pink and to inform young female voters.  
Sam Joi, a Code Pink member and bus driver, said she signed about 50 people up for the organization in front of Kilcawley Center Wednesday afternoon. Later in the afternoon, 10 people attended a discussion led by Joi in the Gallery of Kilcawley Center.  
The President of College

Democrats Brent Whetstone said he was happy with the number of people in attendance.  
"These people will go and tell their friends and their friends will tell their friends," he said.  
Whetstone said the College Democrats are doing a month of voter education and bringing different groups on campus. He said he wants people to be educated before they go and vote.  
"We want to let the student body know there are other alternatives to war and to get women actively involved," he said.  
Code Pink formed when Congress gave the president the OK to go to war as a way to involve women in politics and voting. After 9/11, Joi said she joined the organization to talk about other ways to respond instead of going to war. There are more than 100 Code Pink

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## Cancellations shorten SGA summit

**CHRISTINA POE | The Jambar**  
Cancellations and low attendance may have cut a Student Government Association event short, but SGA President Angela Mavrikis said this will not deter them from planning future events.  
Monday, SGA sponsored the Northeastern Ohio College and University Summit, a forum designed to inform students about upcoming election issues and give students an opportunity to speak with government officials. However, poor attendance by both students and speakers caused SGA officials to end the forum earlier than anticipated.  
SGA invited student government representatives of Northeastern Ohio colleges and guest speakers to participate.

The event was open to YSU students; however, few attended.  
Those scheduled to speak were State Sens. Kevin Coughlin (R-27), Eric Fingerhut (D-25), Robert Hagan (D-33), Marc Dann (D-32) and Sen. Mike DeWine (R-OH) and university President David Sweet.  
Dann, Sweet and a representative of DeWine did appear.  
SGA Vice President J.T. Holt said two of the planned speakers, Coughlin and Fingerhut, left cancellation messages Friday. Both senators canceled due to double booking, Holt said.  
The low attendance prompted Holt to call scheduled speaker Hagan to inform him about the situation. Holt said he told Hagan it would be understood if he chose not to attend. The senator was not present at NEO-

CUS, Holt said.  
Only a handful of students, including three student government representatives from Kent State University, were seated in the Chestnut room as the event started, Holt said.  
Mavrikis said this prompted Dann to pull up a chair to discuss student related issues, including higher education funding.  
In addition to DeWine's representative, who read a written statement, Sweet also addressed about 150 students.  
Sweet said he was impressed with SGA's efforts to convene students and government officials.  
The event was especially important because of a trend of apathy about politics among

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## Google exec shares insights

**BILL RODGERS | The Jambar**  
Youngstown State University Business members had to search no further Tuesday than McKay Auditorium for insights on Google's rise to fame in the online world.  
James T. Reese, chief operations engineer for the Google Internet search engine, gave a series of talks to YSU students. The Williams College of Business' Williamson Symposium Series sponsored the event. The group brings speakers who are prominent in various business schools to give presentations to business students.  
Reese gave three presentations on Tuesday morning. The event attracted about 335 students. The first two lectures each filled the entire auditorium.  
Reese's lectures centered on

his business experience with Google. Even if a student wasn't tech-savvy enough to know what a "node cluster" was, Reese's speech covered more on the business practices of Google, rather than their technical setup.  
Reese, a valley native, has been with Google since 1999. When he joined the company, the search engine had 300 computers that directed search results. Since then, Reese helped Google grow to host more than 15,000 machines. During his speech, he mentioned that just one of the computers at Google has the power to save all of the written works of the world, several times over.  
Reese cited several reasons for Google's success, such as the

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### the redlines

NEWS IN BRIEF  
▶ **Presidential debate commentary today**  
The Freshman Readers Dialogue Committee and the political science department are sponsoring an event, which will allow students to hear media commentary on the pres-

idential and vice-presidential debates.  
Panelists include Daniel O'Neil, department chair of communication and theater; David Skolnick, political writer with the Vindicator; Mona Alexander, news director at WFMJ-TV, Channel 21; Jim Michaels, reporter and commentator with Clear Channel Radio in Youngstown; Sunil Ahuja, professor of

political science; and Paul Sracic, professor of political science.  
This event will be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. today in the Kilcawley Center.  
▶ **Free ballet tickets**  
The Ohio Ballet will kick off its 37th season on Saturday at Edward W. Powers Auditorium with "Coppelia," offering University students' two

free tickets per student ID. "Coppelia" is a tale of two sweethearts as they learn that the course of true love does not always run smooth. The ballet will play at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Students should present their IDs 30 minutes prior to the performance to receive the best available seats.

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## VEEPS

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what their administration would do for Cleveland as it is ranked the poorest big-city in the nation, Binning said he anticipated the candidates would cover the topic of Ohio a little more.

"That was a mistake by both of them," Binning said. "This is a battleground state and they could have used the idea of joblessness in Cleveland as a connector. It would have been a great opportunity to make a difference in gaining points in a critical state."

He added that, unlike the first presidential debate held last week, there was no clear winner on style. However, he said Cheney's performance and ability

was necessary to stabilize the Bush-Cheney vote.

"Cheney really did the job," Binning said. "He really gave it all some thought and had some zingers. It's in Bush's hands now."

One such "zinger" came when Cheney referred to Edwards as "Senator Gone," attacking him for his attendance record for Senate sessions.

"Now, in my capacity as vice president, I am the president of Senate, the presiding officer," Cheney said. "I'm up in the Senate most Tuesdays when they're in session. The first time I ever met you was when you walked on the stage tonight."

This, as numerous news stories stated yesterday, proved to be untrue, as the two have met on a few other occasions.

"That was a good line," Binning said. "But I will be curious to see how it plays out in the polls."

According to CBS News poll released Wednesday afternoon, 41 percent of the uncommitted voters polled saw Edwards as the winner, 28 percent chose Cheney and 31 percent perceived it as a tie. An ABC poll also released Wednesday morning stated 43 percent of registered voters said Cheney won while 35 percent gave the win to Edwards and 19 percent called it a tie.

President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry are scheduled to meet in a town hall style debate Friday evening at Washington University in St. Louis.

ELIZABETH TABAK | 330-941-1991

## GOOGLE

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company's ability to handle money well.

An example of this is the operating system Google runs on. Google uses Linux, a free open-source operating system, to run its servers. The engineers at Google are also able to change the way the OS runs to better suit the computers' needs. Reese said they also don't have to pay licensing fees with Linux as they would with any other system.

"One of our first computer cases we had was made out of plexi-glass and knock-off Lego blocks. Not even real Legos, these blocks were a third of the cost of normal ones," said Reese.

Reese also said Google

uses constantly updated technological practices to help prevent problems. Google has a system to deal with everything from hackers, system failures, to "search engine optimization," a shady business practice that some commercial Web sites use to get a higher rating in search returns.

Reese also attributed Google's success to constant innovation within the company.

Reese said the engineers are allowed one day each week, called "20 percent Time," to devote an entire day to a project that would benefit Google. If they come up with a good idea, they present it at a meeting and are allowed to head up a committee to put the idea into action.

Reese said the constant innovations help keep Google competitive with the other search engines on the Internet.

Chris Shelton, director of external relations for the College of Business Administration helped bring Reese to YSU.

"We wanted someone who was prominent in their field to come speak to the students," Shelton said. "We also thought someone from Google would peak the interest of the students."

BILL RODGERS | 330-941-3758

## POLICE REPORTS

• A male entered Kilcawley House on Oct. 5 claiming to be a New York City police officer. He was unable to show proper identification to the Youngstown State University police officer and was asked to leave. He then gave the police officer a set of playing cards and said he was a correctional officer and needed to see the "blonde lady working at the desk," according to the police report. The subject was later identified as Michael Phillips and transported to the Mahoning County Justice Center for criminal trespass.

• A credit card found in the M-1 Wick Avenue parking deck was turned in to the registration office on Oct. 4. According to the police report, police contacted the person named on the credit card. The cardholder told police that when she arrived home she realized she was missing \$170 from her purse plus the credit card.

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chapters in the U.S. and eight in other countries.

Joi spoke of a woman at YSU that approached her to say she supported President George W. Bush. When Joi asked her why she was planning on voting for Bush, the woman said it was for religious reasons.

Freshman Nicole Howe, who participated in the discussion, said religious reasons are not good enough to vote for a person to lead a country.

"You cannot go by what people say. Actions are louder than their words,"

Howe said. "I do firmly believe that what Bush is doing is wrong."

Howe said she planned on signing up for the local chapter after the discussion ended.

"Women are the largest block of non-voters in the country," Howe said.

The group is funded through products they sell and have no nationwide funding. Howe added that the organization depends on each member taking on responsibilities.

The group gives out pink slips for members who are not doing their share. For the ones that are involved, they get a pink badge of courage.

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## SUMMIT

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college students, Sweet said.

"Anything that gives students the chance to make a connection or interact with individuals in the government is a step in the right direction," Sweet said.

Mavrikis said that while the turnout was disappointing, it was a learning experience.

"We're not going to give up trying to organize events for students," Mavrikis said.

Keith Lepak, associate professor of political science, said his department was informed by SGA about NEOCUS.

Lepak said, although he did make several announcements to his students, political apathy and an unclear schedule might have contributed to the low attendance.

"Most aren't interested in politics today because of the nature of our society that they've grown up in," Lepak said.

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## SEROWIK

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comment on the Green case, said he remains confident in the department that hired him. He added he is mostly concerned with teaching his students and helping maintain the department's reputation.

"My goal is just to stay focused on my work as a professor," Serowik said. "Hopefully we will be able to put this behind the department, the university and myself."

The review of hiring practices included a step-by-step analysis of Serowik's hiring, including the criteria used to judge finalists for the position, the references supplied by Serowik and what information was known regarding his employment as a lab technician when he was hired.

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# opinion

- an editorial -

## NEOCUS apathy disheartening

Over the past few months, countless news stories concerning politics and the election have filled the pages of most newspapers. Editorials and commentaries calling individuals to their civic duty have lamented voter apathy and outlined reasons for why either candidate is a good choice. Minutes and hours of airtime have been dedicated to debates, town hall meetings, campaign stops and commercials, all in an effort to engage Americans. That is why it is so disheartening to hear that the apathy continues, especially in the 18 to 24-year-old crowd.

Monday, the Student Government Association sponsored the Northeastern Ohio College and University Summit, a forum designed to create interaction between students and politicians. The forum was scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., however, the event ended three hours early due to a lack of participation on the part of both the students and politicians scheduled to attend.

Unfortunately, it is no surprise that so few students made the effort to attend. Countless times we have seen student apathy reign on this campus. It is both unfortunate and discouraging to know that so few students had the desire to bring their problems and interests to those who could do something about it.

The senators' absences from NEOCUS may be even more disappointing. Though it is admirable that they had planned to discuss important issues with college students, the fact that so many backed out at the last minute sends a message to students — a message that the needs and interests of Ohio's students are of little importance. Kudos to State Sen. Marc Dann and President David Sweet for taking time to attend and talk to those students who did show up.

Looking at the situation, though, it seems cyclical. Perhaps, if the officials had taken the time to assure that each of their schedules were clear, they would have shown. If they would have shown, then maybe the students would have responded with more enthusiasm and we would not have situations such as these on our hands.

Though disheartening, it is important that SGA not take it to heart. There should be future attempts to bring together students and local, state and even national leaders to engage in a clever conversation about issues that concern the college student.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Terrorism is not a new war

Editor -

A letter to you published Tuesday (10/05) expressed some interesting points. The author, Mr. Iesue, supports George W. Bush and denounces his Democratic challenger for a "weakness" regarding terrorism. There was one line, however, that simply does not add up.

Mr. Iesue says "terrorism is a new age war that requires new age thinking." While it is evident that the author is very articulate, he could not be further from correct. Terrorism is not "new" by any means, and it would be ignorant to suggest as much. I don't mean to sound insensitive, but there was indeed such a horrible thing called terrorism even before 9/11.

Most Americans are unsure of what "terrorism" even means, but we can all agree that we certainly hate it. We can all agree that preventing our nation from attacks of terrorism is vital. However, I believe the best way to do that is to understand terrorism first, and then fight to stop it.

We need intelligent leaders to command our troops; leaders who understand technicalities. We need a president who will strive for peace, and not just try to win that peace through more and more war.

Mr. Iesue says "we need to make sure there are no safe havens for terrorists to plot." I agree 100 percent. Does anybody out there really believe that John Kerry wants to offer safe havens to terrorists?

I mean really, set the partisan politics aside. Has any president, from either party, ever tried to give the bad guy a safe hiding place? FDR? Truman? Bush 41? Of course not.

Don't believe the political machine that implies somehow that John Kerry favors terrorism. Even Ralph Nader would do his best to fight against it.

If you're going to vote for Dubya, that's great. Just don't go to the polls believing that John Kerry wants to make us less safe. Instead, at least have even one GOOD reason.

- Matt Watts

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## Feathers flew in VP cockfight (and other opinions)

DANIEL GRIESEMER | The Jambar

### No winner

Bush and Kerry sent out their prize chickens for a cockfight on national television Tuesday night. They scratched. They squawked. They flapped their wings. They ruffled a few feathers. But in the end, both ended up roasted.

As predicted, Edwards tossed out the words "Halliburton," "Mill-worker" and "Osama." Cheney countered with "rhetoric," "flip-flop" and "global test."

No one's really sure if either "won" the debate. Some online polls show Cheney edging out Edwards, some show Edwards beating Cheney while a few show them coming out about even.

However, I think there's one thing everyone can agree on about the debate.

Gwen Ifill absolutely sucked as a moderator.

### No sh\*t

The CIA-led Iraq Survey Group will present a report to the U.S. Congress Wednesday stating Saddam Hussein did not possess stockpiles of weapons of mass

destruction when the U.S. initiated its invasion of Iraq. The approximately 1,500-page report will also conclude how Hussein subverted the U.N. oil-for-food program as part of an effort to evade sanctions.

Wow. Those CIA agents are pretty damn smart.

### No draft

The House of Representatives officially killed off a piece of legislation introduced last year that would have reinstated the draft. The 402-2 vote also shot a giant hole in the conspiracy theory widely circulated by Internet Bloggers alleging Bush was secretly behind the effort. The vote did not, however, silence the popular theory that Bush is a dumb ass and is secretly coached by Dick Cheney.

### No eruption

Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey lowered the alert level for a Mount St. Helens eruption yesterday, and instead stated that they believe the mountain may continue to vent steam and ash for weeks or months to come.

Homeland Defense Secretary Tom Ridge remained skeptical, and raised the Terror Alert level to

"molten-lava orange," and stated that the volcanic activity may be part of a larger terrorist plot by al Qaeda.

### No respect

I have to pay my last respects to a man who said he didn't get any, respect that is. Comedian Rodney Dangerfield died Tuesday at the UCLA Medical Center at the age of 82.

The man went out with class. Though slipping into a coma after suffering a stroke, Dangerfield awoke periodically and showed respect to a person who had stayed by his side through it all — his wife Joan.

### No censorship

Radio shock jock Howard Stern has signed a 5-year, multi-million dollar agreement with Sirius satellite radio network. Once Stern's show transfers to satellite radio, he will be free of FCC indecency regulations. Stern said he is elated about the deal and looks forward to having "my fans, my show, my way."

Five years of uncensored radio shows about midget porn-stars and incestuous relationships — Yippee.

## Clearing the air on environmental records

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Over the past 30 years, the quality of America's air and water have improved steadily. Most of the credit goes to landmark legislation that established regulatory safeguards so that pollutants were no longer free to spew poisons into the environment.

But over the past 3 years, the administration of President Bush has worked steadily to dismantle many of those safeguards. Bush and his congressional surrogates have proposed legislation with Orwellian names, such as "Clear Skies," which would have allowed utilities to delay installing pollution controls, and "Healthy Forests," which would have made it easier for timber companies to cut trees on federal land.

When those proposals have failed, the administration sometimes has enacted the changes it wanted anyway, often under the guise of "clarifying" existing regulations.

Next month, voters will have a chance to weigh Bush's environmental record against that of Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry, who has supported environmental legislation. On environmental matters, at least, the differences between the two men are stark.

Bush's approach is aimed at easing environmental regulations, which can drive up operating costs for American industry — costs often passed along to consumers. Michael O. Leavitt, Bush's administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has argued that environmental progress is tied inevitably to prosperity. The trade-offs between a cleaner environment and profitability

must be balanced carefully, and collaboration is preferred to regulation, in Leavitt's view. Only a country whose citizens have sufficient time and disposable income can afford the luxury of environmental protections, Leavitt would say.

Kerry also is known for seeking equilibrium between environmental and economic interests. Over the years, he has come down most often on the side of increased environmental protection. He has voted consistently against oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He also helped stave off efforts by the Bush administration to weaken clean-water rules that can slow development. Kerry wrote unsuccessful legislation that would have required the reporting of greenhouse gas emissions.

It may be fair to criticize Kerry for being a proponent of strict regulations, but there can be no doubt about his commitment to the environment.

Bush portrayed himself as an outdoorsman and environmental moderate during the 2000 presidential campaign. At one point, he even promised to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, which contributes to global warming. But once he assumed office, Bush's environmental moderation, like his carbon dioxide promise, evaporated.

No administration in recent history has plucked so many people directly from industry to preside over the agencies that regulate their former employers. Nor has any administration in recent history been stocked with as many people from the mining, drilling and log-

ging industries. It shows, both in environmental and energy policies, in recent efforts to open up more federal "roadless" wilderness to logging and other activities.

Except for a tip of the hat to hydrogen-fuel-cell vehicles, Bush has engaged in a single-minded pursuit of increased oil drilling on public lands. It is justified, he has argued, by the need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Yet at the same time, Bush opposed efforts to require increased fuel efficiency in new cars. That's a curious inconsistency, since the resulting savings would be felt long before oil from any new Arctic fields could be brought to market.

There have been some environmental successes under the Bush administration, including tough new emissions standards for off-road diesel engines. Bush also signed legislation that already is helping to develop abandoned industrial sites known as "brownfields." Supporters of the president point to new mercury emission standards for power plants as another major success. However, those standards were imposed under court order, and they will be phased in over the next 14 years.

Voters who believe the pendulum has swung too far toward protection of the environment and regulation of energy industries will be attracted to Bush's brand of environmentalism.

But those concerned about straying from the formula that's brought us steadily improving air and water quality likely will be more comfortable with Kerry.

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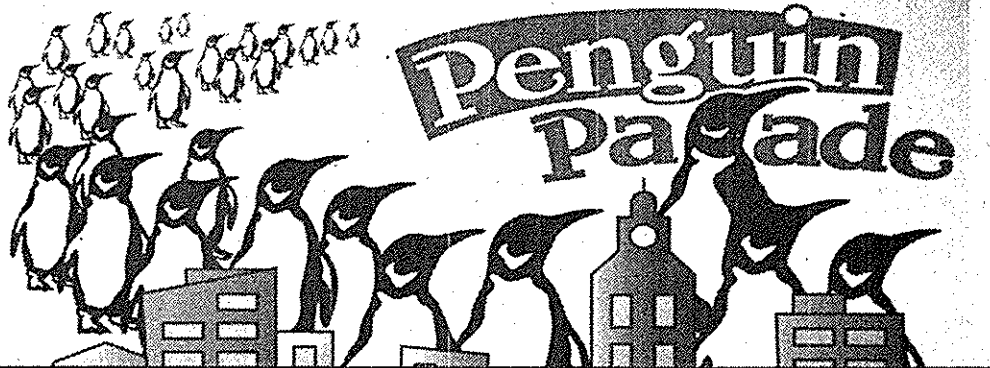
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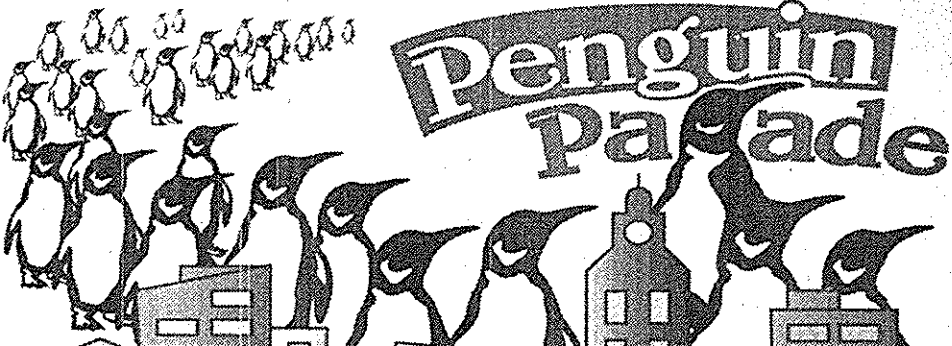
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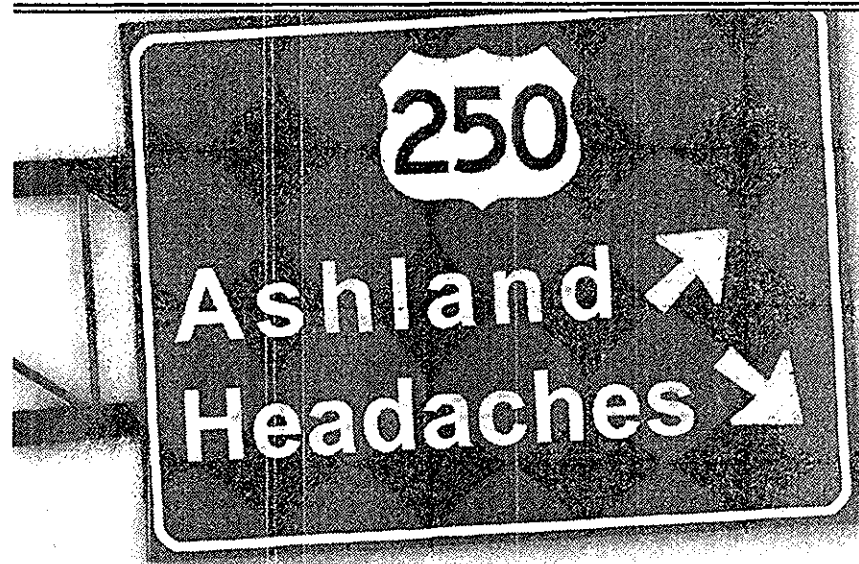
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# entertainment



# Follow that bird

LEONARD CRIST | *The Jambar*

The penguins had flown the coop. As a dedicated Jambar reporter, I volunteered to follow eight seven-foot-tall, decorated penguin sculptures, part of Youngstown's Penguin Parade public arts project, as they made their way to Columbus for a special display in the Ohio Statehouse.

A preview reception was set for Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Capitol Atrium. A Youngstown State University press release noted that invitations were sent to state government leaders and Columbus-area YSU alumni and friends.

There were even rumors that former head coach of the YSU football team (and current Ohio State head coach) Jim Tressel would be in attendance to see "Home Grown," the penguin decorated with his and other Youngstown-area sports heroes' likenesses.

"This could be a pretty decent story," I said out loud a number of times to justify in my mind the long journey ahead.

Consulting the Yahoo! Maps Web site, I determined that the trip from Youngstown to Columbus, assuming one drives the speed limit the entire way, should take about three hours.

Putting into consideration my penchant for driving a wee bit faster than Ohio's suggested 65 mph, I left the Jambar offices Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.; plenty of time, in my estimation, to make it to Columbus before the start of the reception.

The fates, however, were not on my side. After driving less than 40 miles, my car became ensnared in a particularly sticky traffic jam. I painfully watched the clock tick by as my car crept forward at a snail's pace, traveling no more than a mile in 40 minutes.

Worried I wouldn't make it to Columbus in time, I picked up my cell phone and called my editor for advice.

"Should I just give up and head home?" I asked, not knowing how long I would be stuck. "Give it 15 more minutes," she advised. "If you're still in the traffic jam, give me a call."

As if she had the power to not only edit my words but also control traffic patterns, the jam almost immediately began to clear. Within five minutes I was back on the open road.

I popped in an old Liz Phair CD — great driving music in my opinion — and, to use a cliché, put the pedal to the metal. If I was to make it to Columbus on time I needed to drive fast.

I got as far as Ashland, about 75 miles to go, before I noticed a cop behind me. I slowed and moved over to the far right lane to let him pass, hoping he wouldn't pull me over. But sure enough, his lights went on. I pulled over and he came to my window.

"Get your information and step out of the car please," the officer said.

I complied. "You know why I stopped you, right?" he asked, semi-trucks whirring by.

I nodded my head, not wanting to verbally concede I was speeding.

He then reached down and put his fingers in a dark stream of liquid that was trailing from behind my car.

"There was a huge trail of smoke behind you," he said.

I hadn't even noticed. I looked underneath my car and saw a huge puddle of dark liquid lying on the ground — transmission fluid.

It was at that moment that I felt the pen-

guins, with their beady little eyes and their heads pompously stuck high in the air, laughing at me, mocking me.

"You will never, ever, see us on display in Columbus," they seemed to say to me.

And when I asked the officer how far the next exit was, I knew the penguins were right.

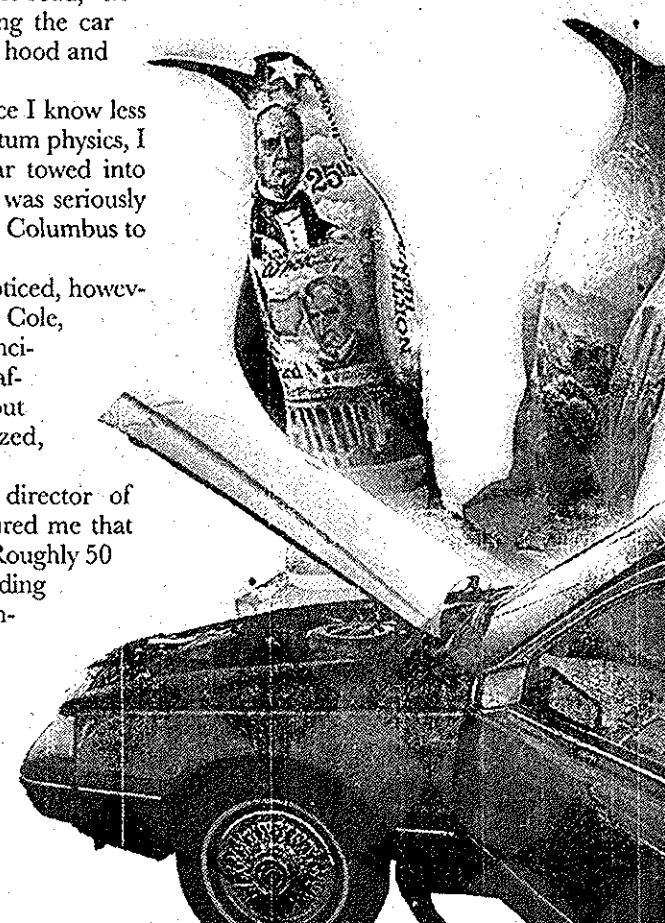
"It's about ten miles down the road," he said. "But I don't suggest driving the car any further. You better pop your hood and make sure nothing is on fire."

Nothing was on fire, but since I know less about cars than I do about quantum physics, I took his advice and had my car towed into town. As it turned out, nothing was seriously wrong, but I never did make it to Columbus to see the penguins on parade.

My absence did not go unnoticed, however. University spokesman Ron Cole, who attended the event and coincidentally was stuck in the same traffic jam that I was, said, "About halfway through I realized, 'Leonard's not here.'"

Catherine Cala, associate director of YSU's Internal Operations, assured me that things went well in my absence. Roughly 50 people attended the event, including Jim Tressel's wife Ellen. The penguins were well received by all, she said.

"Oh, they just loved them," she said. "They just raved about the quality of our penguins."



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## "Side Man" powerful depiction

BILL RODGERS  
*The Jambar*

The new play at Youngstown State University is a tragic and powerful account of a musician's life in a musical environment that no longer wants him.

"Side Man," by Warren Liecht, explores the life of Clifford, played by senior Alexi Starvou. Clifford's father, Gene, is a struggling jazz musician who plays trumpet in a jazz band. Gene tries to raise a family on a musician's salary in the 1950s but discovers he can't find work in a musical climate that's forgotten big bands and has moved on to rock n' roll.

Clifford narrates the play, telling the audience about his family's past. One scene opens with Clifford saying: "Everyone was happy before I was born."

When Clifford's parents watch Elvis' historic appearance on the Ed Sullivan show, it seems to mark the beginning of a downward spiral for the family.

After that night, Gene, his band mates and his wife Terry, played by sophomore Noel Nackino, go through

many heart-wrenching experiences: friends are arrested for drug use, Terry becomes pregnant with Clifford and Gene can no longer seem to find work.

These problems later fall on Clifford. Through his entire life, Clifford tries to hold his family together while setting aside his dream of becoming an artist.

Starvou and Nackino talked about their respective characters.

"Clifford is a sensitive guy who carries a lot of responsibility in his home. He's basically playing the role of the father and setting aside his future to take care of his family," Starvou said.

"My character was hard to act out because she's almost like two different people. She changes as the play goes on," Nackino said.

Dr. Dennis Henneman is directing the play and said he was confident the audience would enjoy it.

"I like the insight the playwright provided about the challenges any artist struggles with," Henneman said about the play's plot.

Henneman also said he was working with a jazz

combo group from the Dana School of Music to provide jazz music for the play. The jazz combo will be performing in the play as well as before the play and during its intermission.

"They're the finest undergrad combo I've seen," Henneman said.

Starvou commented on the challenges the play presented him.

"This play is different than anything I've ever acted in," Starvou said. "The set is highly stylized, the actors create the set out of boxes as they tell the story. It makes you really pay attention as you're acting."

Henneman had a very simple all-encompassing goal for the play.

"We simply want to produce the best theater we possibly can," Henneman said.

"Side Man" is showing from Oct. 7 through the 10 and from Oct. 15 through the 17 in the Spotlight Theater. Tickets can be purchased at the YSU Box Office on the first floor of Bliss Hall or by calling (330) 941-3105. Tickets are free to YSU students with their student IDs.

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## Sky Captain flashy but hollow

CRITICS CORNER  
*By DNA Smith*

Who knew that a film set in the past would show us the future of filmmaking? With "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow," writer/director Kerry Conran has accomplished just that.

It took Conran six years and \$70 million to create the film, which was totally shot on green-screen. Every set. Every location. Every car, robot, dinosaur, table, you name it, was generated by computer — including many of the actors.

The result is a lush, highly detailed world that pulls you in, and by the first 20 minutes you'll want to be living in this fantastic world

where Zeppelins dock at the top of the Empire State Building and places like Shangri-La and Atlantis exist.

The problem with "Sky Captain" is that Conran's computer-generated world is so perfect, so REAL, that you don't care about the characters living in it.

Jude Law stars as Joe Sullivan (aka Sky Captain), a swashbuckling hero with his own fighter plane and secret base. When New York City is attacked by giant robots, Sky Captain is called in to save the day. In the process, he teams up with plucky newspaper gal Polly Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow) as they search for a scientist kidnapped by the evil Dr. Totenkopf and his Darth

Maul-in-drag sidekick.

Our heroes' search takes them to the mythical land of Shangri-La in Tibet, battles under the sea, and aboard a fleet of flying aircraft carriers/fortresses commanded by Franky Cook (Angelina Jolie), who also leads an all-woman team of submariner commandos.

"Sky Captain" is great pulp fun. It recalls the 1939 World's Fair, Fritz Lang's "Metropolis," the Fleischer Brothers' Superman cartoons, "The Wizard of Oz" and the old Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon serials. There are even nods to George Lucas. It's a visual feast for nostalgia lovers and movie buffs.

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## sports

## YSU golfers finish in top three

JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH  
The Jambor

There is perhaps no greater fear for a coach than when his star player can't compete.

This scenario played itself out Monday for the Youngstown State University men's golf team at the St. Bonaventure Keenan Invitational. Sophomore Nate Kosma, who is returning from winning the conference men's gold championship last spring, had mono.

However, Penguins coach Tony Joy is fortunate to have a stable of qualified players at his disposal. The Penguins, despite missing one of their leaders, placed third at the invite, finishing with a score of 600, one stroke behind second place St. Bonaventure.

The Penguins top five finish came behind strong performances of two players who finished in the top 10. Sophomore Ross Beal led the way for the Penguins who snatched a fifth place finish, shooting rounds of 78 and 69. His second round of 69 tied for the lowest score of the tournament.

Nipping at the heels of Beal was classmate Josh Zarlenga who finished ninth, recording rounds of 77 and 72. Coach Joy realizes that despite missing Kosma, the leadership comes from the pair of sophomores.

"Those guys are the nucleus of this team. Nate was sick, but when you add him, those guys are the leaders," said Joy.

However, missing your star player does change the outcome.

"He [Kosma] was sick. If he was there, we may have won this invitational," said Joy about his sophomore golfer.

With one match remaining in the fall season, coach Joy is eager to see how his team stacks up against the conference at the final meet before the spring season takes off.

"Having matches in the fall gives you a chance to measure yourself to other teams. In the conference, it gives you an idea of where you're at," said Joy about the final match of the fall season at Morehead State.

With the probable return of defending conference champion Kosma, coach Joy has every reason to be excited.

"The way the boys played at St. Bonaventure, I think we're going to be very competitive. I'm looking forward to see how well we will play," he said.

To finish on a successful note, Joy needs to find a fourth man to complement the three sophomores in Beal, Zarlenga and Kosma.

"Right now I am looking for that fourth spot to step up. Carmen DiPenti played well this weekend, and Jim Powers has played well," Joy said.

The Penguins will travel to Morehead, Kentucky for the MSU Eagle Intercollegiate Invitational Oct. 11 and 12. The Eagle Invitational will display many conference foes for the Penguins and will tell coach Joy and his team what to expect for the spring season.

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# Penguins outshine Flashes

YSU volleyball takes down St Francis in 3 games

JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH  
The Jambor

It only took three games for the Youngstown State University volleyball team to get back on the winning track.

After dropping their last five matches, the Penguins went out Tuesday to play their own game against the St. Francis Red Flashes.

"We had to get some focus and do what we know how to do," said junior middle hitter Katie Shea.

The Penguins jumped out early on the Red Flashes, winning the first game 30-26. In the second game however, the Red Flashes proved to be a scrappy team and battled point for point with the Penguins. The Penguins went on to win the second game by the same score as the first at 30-26.

The third and final game proved to be more difficult however, as once again the Penguins and Red Flashes traded points. Finally after calling a time out late in the third game, the Penguins



Chuck Rogers | The Jambor

refocused and put away St. Francis 30-28.

After the game, Penguins coach Joe Conroy said there are still areas to address.

"As a coach, I'm never happy. We want the kids to play at that next level. We never want to play at another pace, and that's what happened tonight,"

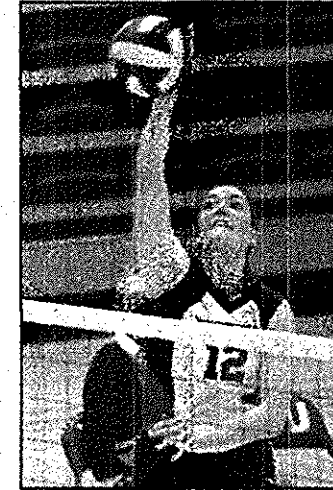
said the 13-year head coach.

However, Conroy said, some things did please him.

"Our hitting percentage was really good, and the shining star of the night was the fact that we really cut down on hitting errors," he said.

Leading the way for

the Penguins was senior Melanie Pounders who pulled in a .478 hitting percentage on the night to lead the Penguins who pull their record to 8-9. Katie Shea recorded 12 kills on the night with a .476 average. Following Shea in double figures was Sarah Wellner who tallied at 11. On the



Junior middle hitter Katie Shea scored 12 kills against the Red Flashes.

Senior middle hitter Melanie Pounders (16) slams one past St. Francis defenders Nichole Hyer (10) and Kim Duke (15) as freshman Jessica Fraley (23) and sophomore Janelle McDonald (2) back her up.

night the Penguins had a hitting average of .322 to just .207 for the Red Flashes.

The win on Tuesday night could not have come at a better time for the Penguins as they resume conference action against Cleveland State to renew the Freeway rivalry on Oct. 8.

"This win tonight was a really big confidence builder. We have the talent, we just need to play like we can," Shea said.

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## YSU faces first-ranked Southern Illinois

Heacock calls Saturday's match "a great challenge and opportunity"

SHAWN BUSKIRK  
The Jambor

For the first time in Stadium Stadium history, the Youngstown State University Penguins will host the number one team in the country.

Southern Illinois, voted number one in both the TSN and ESPN polls, make the trip to Youngstown fresh off a come-from-behind victory over Northern Iowa in Carbondale, Illinois. The Penguins are back home after dropping a road contest to Western Kentucky.

Sophomore cornerback Jason Perry, who has nabbed three interceptions this season, said at Tuesday's press conference, "The whole team needs to understand going against the number one team it's going to be a big game. We've got to want it more than them."

In the past, the Penguins are a combined 3-1 all time when taking on the number one seeded team in 1-AA football. The most recent victory came against Villanova when the Penguins won a quarterfinal playoff shootout 37-34 in 1997. The team's only setback to a top ranked school was a 31-3 shortcoming against McNeese State in the '95 playoffs. All four of these games have been played on the road for the Penguins.

The Salukis (4-1, 1-0)



PERRY

look to keep their three-game winning streak alive coming into the YSU game. Southern Illinois' only loss came in week two versus upstate rival Northern Illinois, where Northern came out on top 23-22. Besides that single point defeat, the Salukis have been rolling through their schedule.

SIU hosted 15th ranked Northern Iowa this past week in Illinois. The Salukis were behind as far as 20 points as the Panthers led 20-0 halfway through the second quarter.

Southern would not lead until junior college transfer running back Arkeé Whitlock punched in a two-yard touchdown to put the Salukis up 38-33.

SIU would hold off the Panthers of Northern Iowa by the score of 40-36. It was safety Marlon Heaston's interception on the SIU two-yard line that saved the victory for the Salukis with no time remaining.

Southern Illinois tallied up 234 yards rushing and 187 in the air to out gain NIU 421 yards to 298. Craig Turner led Southern with 107 yards rushing on six carries and one touchdown. Quarterback Joel Sambursky was 8-15 for 187 yards and two touchdowns in the SIU win.

The Penguins (2-3, 0-1) were plagued by turnovers once again as Western Kentucky defeated YSU 44-19 last Saturday. YSU committed a total of four turnovers

"The whole team needs to understand going against the number one team, it's going to be a big game. We've got to want it more than them."

- Jason Perry

coming off of two interceptions and a pair of fumbles. On the year, the Penguins have a turnover margin of minus four, committing four more turnovers than the opponent.

YSU Coach Jon Heacock commented on the turnover epidemic for the Penguins:

"Turnovers are killing us. I would like to see our team go out and not turn the ball over and see how we do. The turnover margin has got to change. I read that 80 percent of college teams who win the turnover margin win the game."

Senior Matt Rycraft, the Penguins leading receiver with 23 grabs and a pair of touchdowns on the year, said, "We've made crucial turnovers at crucial times in the game. We have to hang on to the football."

As if the turnover problem is not enough for the YSU football team to overcome, they will most definitely have to play without the production of sophomore running back Monquantae Gibson.



HEACOCK

Carbondale.

Auburn transfer, Brandon Jones, is regarded as one of the top five senior backs by NFL scouts for the 2004 draft. The 6-4, 260 senior back averaged 6.2 yards per carry for the Tigers.

Another transfer for the Salukis is Sophomore Arkeé Whitlock. Formerly from Coffeyville Community College, Whitlock averaged 6.14 yards per carry and rushed for over 1,300 yards in 2003.

Heacock refers to this Saturday's game as, "A great challenge and opportunity for our guys. A number one team has never been here to play."

The Penguins lead the overall series against the Salukis with a record of (9-5-1). Youngstown State University lost its last time out versus SIU in 2003 by the score of 24-17. With that victory last year, SIU moved to (10-0) and clinched a piece of the Gateway Championship. It was the Salukis first conference title since 1961.

"We played well last year," Rycraft said of the team's confidence spilling over from last year's game against the Salukis. "We hung with them until the fourth quarter and they were a very good team last year. We've still got a little confidence going in to this year's game."

Youngstown State will play the number one ranked Southern Illinois Salukis at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at Stambaugh Stadium.

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