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WYSU offers more than Beethoven

Fundraising efforts underway to cover operating expenses



▲ David Luscher broadcasts to thousands of public radio listeners each day from the WYSU-FM studio in the basement of Cushman Hall.

CHUCK ROGERS | The Jambbar

It is easy for Gary Sexton to ask complete strangers for money, because he knows it is going to support a good cause.

"When you are asking for money for something you think is important to the community," he said, "it's not that hard to do."

Sexton, WYSU-FM radio host and director of broadcasting, and co-host Barbara Krauss convinced listeners to donate 6000 dollars in pledges Wednesday between 6 a.m. and noon. The station is holding its semi-annual on-air fundraiser now through October 22.

The station's goal for this campaign is \$85,000 in private donations. As of noon Wednesday, it was more than half way to achieving that mark.

Although it receives money from the university and from state and federal governments, it is not enough to support its programming. Public radio stations are not funded by commercial advertising dollars, so they seek support by offer-

ing memberships.

Although the station is mainly known for its classical music offerings, David Luscher, associate broadcast director, said WYSU-FM provides much more for its listeners. "Public radio," he said, "has a type of programming that cannot be offered in commercial radio any longer."

WYSU provides commercial-free news, talk and interview programs, and non-classical music programming as well. As a National Public Radio affiliate, it receives news and other programming from that source.

The station also broadcasts content from BBC World Service, Alternative Radio, and its own original programming.

Luscher said WYSU was the only radio station in Youngstown to carry the presidential debates in their entirety. He also said the station will provide continuous election-night coverage from 7 p.m. Nov. 2 until 9 a.m. Nov. 3.

"You're never going to have a 5 minute commercial break," Luscher said of WYSU's programming, "never an

interruption of more than 90 seconds."

He said WYSU-FM's popularity has increased in recent times — the station has gained more than 1 million new listeners in the last 10 years.

Although he attributes much of that increase to the station's baby-boomer appeal, he said the station is also relevant to college-aged listeners because of its information content.

The increased popularity has made fundraising a little easier this year and the station's 35th anniversary celebration also helps, Luscher said.

But another more material incentive for potential donors is the grand prize that will be awarded at the end of the fundraiser. Each pledge gives the donor an automatic entry into a drawing for a trip for two to one of four European cities: Paris, Rome, London or Prague.

Although he thinks the grand-prize drawing has generated some of the pledges, Luscher said donations are given "first and foremost because people believe in the station."

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Fasting for faith

Muslim students see Ramadan fast as a test from Allah of their will

MAYSOON ABDELRASUL | The Jambbar

The first thought that passes through Freshman Anissah Elhaddi's head in the morning is "oh man, I don't get to eat today."

Elhaddi, a Muslim observing the holy month of Ramadan, is required to fast and refrain from smoking, drinking and sexual encounters between dawn and dusk. For Muslim students at Youngstown State University, this means learning to curb their hunger pains during the busiest time of the semester.

For some, this would mean sore muscles, lack of focus and exhaustion during the weeks approaching finals. However, for a number of Muslim students on campus, they said they see it as an opportunity to embrace their religion and focus more on studying.

Elhaddi is one of those students. She said once the initial thought of not eating passes through her mind, she is fine for the rest of day. In fact, she said it does not affect her study habits and forces her to work harder.

"I do something to keep me busy while I wait for iftar (the Muslim dinner

after sunset)," Elhaddi said.

Elhaddi is not alone.

Freshman Saher Shafi has been fasting for Ramadan since the age of 12. Shafi said she has learned to combat hunger by waking before sunrise to eat Shoor or breakfast before sunrise. She studies during lunchtime to keep her grades up, but said she believes it is more important to pass Allah's — the name of God in Islam — test of fasting.

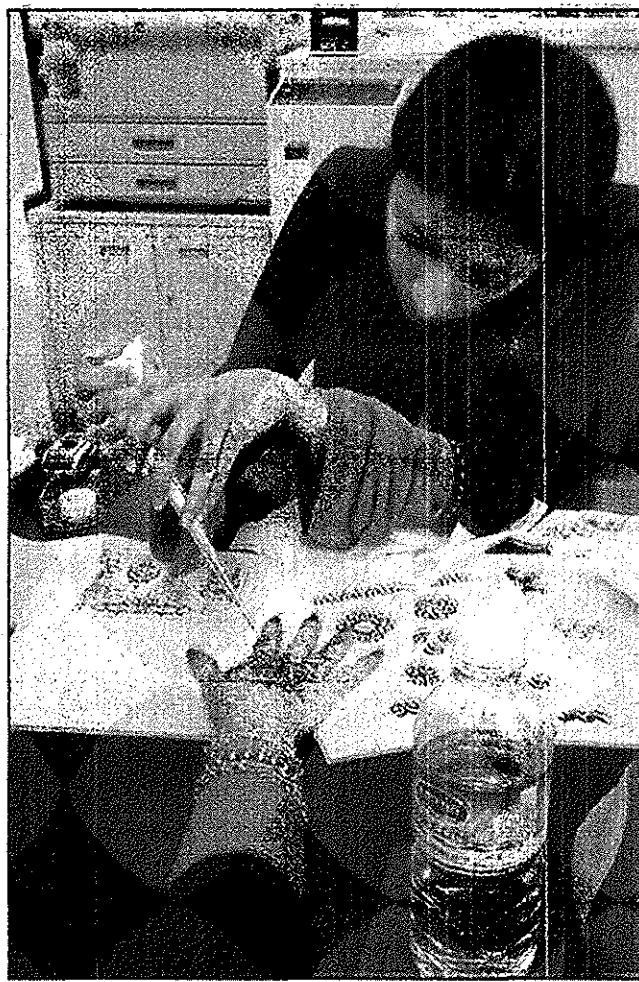
"We should prepare for Allah's test as we prepare for exams," she said.

This strong religious background is the same thing that helps junior Maysa Safi through the day. Safi said she has been fasting for so long that it does not affect her physically or academically, but religiously.

"I am not bothered. I am proud," Safi said. "I feel like I am actually doing something associated with my religion. I still feel like I am somewhat attached to my culture."

Safi said she carries on like any other day, but it is still hard for her to watch others eat.

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▲ Aeysha Ashraf, treasurer of the Muslim Students Association, decorates the hand of a YSU student during a fundraiser for her organization.

Cheering for a cure

Cheerleading squads perform at event in honor of breast cancer victims, survivors

MAYSOON ABDELRASUL

The Jambbar

The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority is excited to bring the Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic to Youngstown State University and hope their efforts pay off to raise money for breast cancer research.

The Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic brings cheerleading squads from schools all over Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the Midwest together to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 in the gymnasium at Beeghly Center.

Each squad pays a \$50 registration fee and dedicate their routine to women they know who

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Living beyond the disease

Cancer survivor says her child was her "lifeline"

CHRISTINA POE | The Jambbar

When she was first diagnosed with breast cancer, Michele Bosick said she wanted to hide her illness and crawl in a hole away from the rest of the world.

Bosick said with the help of family, friends and thoughts of her daughter, she was determined to not let the cancer defeat her.

"I decided to take charge. There was no way I was going to let this thing consume my life and become my main focus," Bosick said.

In October 2001, the then 28

year-old Bosick and her husband Tim celebrated the birth of their daughter, Melina.

Eleven months later, Bosick said she was still expressing milk from her right breast though she was no longer breast feeding and noticed the milk had changed color and consistency.

She said she also noticed a hard mass on the same breast. The new mother decided to consult her gynecologist and receive a mammogram. The doctor who performed the procedure concluded the mass was possibly a clogged duct in her breast.

She went for further testing

and, at the end of January 2003, a radiologist performed an ultrasound and biopsy. The biopsy tested positive for cancer, a fact confirmed by tests run at the Cleveland University Hospital a month later.

Bosick had a mastectomy in April 2003 and began radiation treatment that August at the Cleveland Cancer Center in Cleveland University Hospital.

Although Bosick said she had her moments where she would cry and feel a profound sense of loneliness, she said she always knew she was never alone.

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University partnership generates creative writing master's program

KAREN SCHUBERT | The Jambbar

Philip Brady strode through the Youngstown State University English department wearing his trademark slouch hat, his arms full of papers.

As director of the YSU Poetry Center, adviser for the campus literary journal Penguin Review, director of the literary publishing company Etruscan Press, poetry editor for the Artful Dodge and the first two-year director of the new Northeast Ohio Creative Writing MFA, he has plenty of paperwork. He has so many papers on his desk and boxes of books on his office floor that, if he was not 6'3", it might be hard to find him.

The clutter is worth it, Brady said, especially when it comes to the NEOMFA.

The Northeast Ohio Creative

Writing Master of Fine Arts is a consortial effort involving four schools: YSU, Kent State University, Cleveland State University and the University of Akron.

Brady said the new program will enhance the university, especially the English department.

"I'm excited about bringing new students into my world," he said. "Students are the lifeblood of a university. It is going to give us more excitement and energy."

Many people have been involved in the fledgling project — in fact, Brady said, it has been 12 years in the making. He has been the YSU committee representative for six years. As deans and committee members retired or were replaced, there often was a loss of momentum and some starting over required.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ Campaign surpasses contribution goals

Youngstown State University's 2004 United Way "Caring for Our Community Tour" campaign achieved a record high 281 faculty and staff contributors donating a total \$46,500, exceeding their goal of 220 donors and \$40,000.

Last year, 185 employees donated \$34,319. Metro College scored 100 percent participation through the leadership of Chris Domhoff and Rufus Hudson.

▶ Diversity Kickoff Celebration today

There will be a Diversity Kickoff Celebration at 11 a.m. today outside of the south steps of Tod Hall. This celebration will include the unveiling of the diversity banners and the planting of "The YSU

Diversity Tree" in the campus area between Ward Beecher Hall, Maag Library and the south steps of Tod Hall.

This project was sponsored by the Student Diversity Council. A reception will be held in the lobby of Tod Hall following the dedication.

▶ Diversity conference

A forum on Asian Americans in 21st century America will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 22 in McKay Auditorium in

Beeghly Hall.

George McCloud will moderate the forum. The topics to be discussed include cultural differences among Asian Americans, rapid population growth of this minority, the history of the various groups and their many contributions.

Refreshments will be served. The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity is sponsoring this event. Reservations for the forum are encouraged. Please call 330-941-3370 by today's end.

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WRITING

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Robert Pope, a University of Akron professor, and a member of the committee, said it really has been a labor of love. He complimented Brady, Maggie Anderson of Kent State University and Neal Chandler of Cleveland State University for "shepherding" the project.

"I've been through this planning group for about 10 years now, so I know what they have done," Pope said. "They refused to listen to the good sense that this country doesn't need another MFA program, and that's to their credit."

This program will be different, though, he added, and well tailored to the needs of writers in Northeast Ohio.

The classes in poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, translation, craft and theory, playwriting and literature will be taught by 16 faculty members at all four universities. The classes will be scheduled at each university so students will need to travel to all four campuses. Brady said he expects each year's class to develop cohesion and this will be an important part of their educational experience.

And since each university has its own regional flavor — the urban environment of Cleveland, the rural setting of Kent, and the unique mixtures of Akron and Youngstown, it will offer a rich experience.

The details, such as choosing tuition consistent for each student when each institution has different rates, have been complicated. The tuition will

be set to Kent State's rate, the highest of the four, with the hope that in time assistantships will be available to help defer the cost.

The application process is underway. Fifteen slots will be available for the spring semester of 2005, 30 the following fall, 30 more in 2006. The program will gradually grow until it has reached its maximum of 150-200 students.

Pope said the people attracted to the program would be those who are passionate about writing.

Brady added the program will also include classes on marketing, publishing, non-profit organizations and professional writing and editing. But fundamentally he expects that students will learn the most about themselves.

"In creative writing there

is no subject. It's all about you," Brady said, adding that it leads to a more fulfilled, alert person.

Brady spends a lot of time these days on his cell phone, pacing around campus, his left hand up and pleading with the sky. The coordinating isn't over yet. He gives credit to Dean of Graduate Studies Peter Kasvinsky, Salvner, Pope, and everyone who has gotten behind the project.

"It was conceived because everyone involved has felt a real desire to enrich our community," he said. But, he added, it is a precarious position that higher education funding finds itself in right now, with an uncertain future.

"This program is an incredible expression of optimism," he said.

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FASTING

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"I go to get a pretzel or something and then I remember I can't," she said.

However, one student, sophomore Nijma Awadallah, said while she can remain focused on her studies at school, it is more difficult when it is almost time for iftar.

Awadallah said she studies early in the morning when she wakes for shoor.

"It gives me a heads up most of the time now," Awadallah said. "I try to get the studying done earlier in the day when I am most energized, but sometimes that doesn't work."

Awadallah added that, despite lacking energy through the day, she is grateful for the self-discipline she learns through the month. She said that for one month she could deal with the hunger because she remembers those who do not have enough to eat through the entire year.

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have survived breast cancer or live on in their memory said Kim Caputo, the founder and advisor of Zeta Tau Alpha.

The goal for this event is to raise \$25,000 for breast cancer research, education and awareness. Caputo said last year they raised \$20,000, so they decided to try and make this event an even bigger success.

Panhellenic President Mollie Miles said Caputo has a personal motivation for this event. "She made it real important because her aunt died of breast cancer on the day of the first event," Miles said.

Each of the 60 squads participating in the event performs a two to five minute routine. Caputo said it is not a competition but more of an exhibition. The squad that donates the most money wins a bid to perform at a national competition in Florida.

For the past three years the sorority has been honored with the Kessler Award for the Greek organization with the best service fundraiser.

Caputo said it is a popular event because everybody knows someone who has or had breast cancer. Some of the coaches from the participating squads are breast cancer survivors.

Breast cancer survivors are invited and have a special section of seats reserved.

The goal is to have 3,000 in attendance. The squads bring as many people as they can and each person pays a \$5 entrance fee. YSU students get in free with their student ID.

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POLICE REPORTS

Two YSU flags were taken from the south end of the Stambaugh Stadium Concourse after the football game according to a police report. Associate Director of Athletics Daniel O'Connell said he believes the flags were stolen Oct. 16. The police report stated the flags were torn from the poles.

A man was arrested Oct. 18 in Kilcawley House. Police said they executed an arrest for the man, who was accused of theft. He was transported to Youngstown State University police department and read his rights. He refused to sign the waiver, and was transported to the Mahoning County Jail.

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Bosick said her husband, family, friends and neighbors rallied around her with support that helped her through her recovery.

Bosick also attributed her sanity and determination to recover during that period to her child.

"My daughter was my lifeline," Bosick said. "As a mother, that was my main focus."

Bosick said while the cancer was a devastating realization, it gave her a more positive view of life. She said she does not worry about small details or unex-

pected glitches anymore because she has realized that this "wastes precious time."

Instead of letting the illness control her life, Bosick stuck to her normal routines and sought out information about it through books, the Internet and her doctors.

"I felt that I could choose to cry and feel sorry for myself or get off my mind and do something," Bosick said.

Bosick, who graduated from Youngstown State University with a degree in respiratory therapy, also continued working full time as a respiratory therapist at Northside Hospital. This, she said, helped keep her

mind off her illness and on her family.

"When you're not working, you have too much time to think and dwell on your situation," Bosick said. "It was extremely important to me that I keep my life as normal as possible."

The illness not only changed her approach and outlook on life, but also her interaction with patients, Bosick said.

She said she is able to give them advice and comfort because she can relate to their emotions and experiences.

"I know what it's like to lose your hair and feel like a Mack truck has hit you and

you want to throw up all your insides," Bosick said. "I understand what they're going through."

Bosick, who had reconstructive surgery this March, is looking forward to living life to the fullest.

Reflecting on the ways she has changed from the illness, Bosick recalled a recent camping trip in which her sister-in-law grumbled about unexpected rain.

"Things may not go as you planned sometimes, but you have no control, so let it go. Life is too precious to spend it complaining," Bosick said.

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opinion

— an editorial —

YSU students should join charity efforts

Charity seems to be taking over Youngstown State University's campus this month.

The Youngstown State University United Way campaign "Caring for Our Community" had record high participation and contribution. YSU exceeded all expectations and goals by having contributed \$46,500 to the charity.

This weekend, the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will be hosting their annual Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic event to raise money for breast cancer research, education and awareness.

Both of these events are commendable. The people involved should be recognized for their goodwill and for their hard work in making someone's life just a little better. It is both refreshing and uplifting to see so many people hard at work for a good cause in this a community usually berated for its apathy.

It is even more touching to see the impact it has on one person's life.

In today's issue of The Jambar, you will read the story of Michelle Bosick.

Bosick, a YSU graduate, wife and mother, is a breast cancer survivor. Her story is touching, one of true dedication and spirit. It is also, unfortunately, one in a number of cases across America and in this area.

In fact, approximately 203,000 women a year are diagnosed with breast cancer according to the American Cancer Society. Individuals are still working and donating their time to research the deadly disease and cure it.

Right here on campus there are groups of individuals working to plan the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life. These individuals have already begun to dedicate themselves to what will be months of planning and fundraising for a very good cause.

Activities such as these are imperative. We urge students, faculty, staff and administration to get involved and contribute to this wonderful cause.

Sign up for a committee, take the time to help plan, go out and fundraise, even contribute a little of your own hard-earned cash. It is worth it.

The time it takes to do any of these things to help such a cause is generous and respectable. That small amount of time is nothing compared to the some of the experiences that men and women diagnosed with cancer each year face.

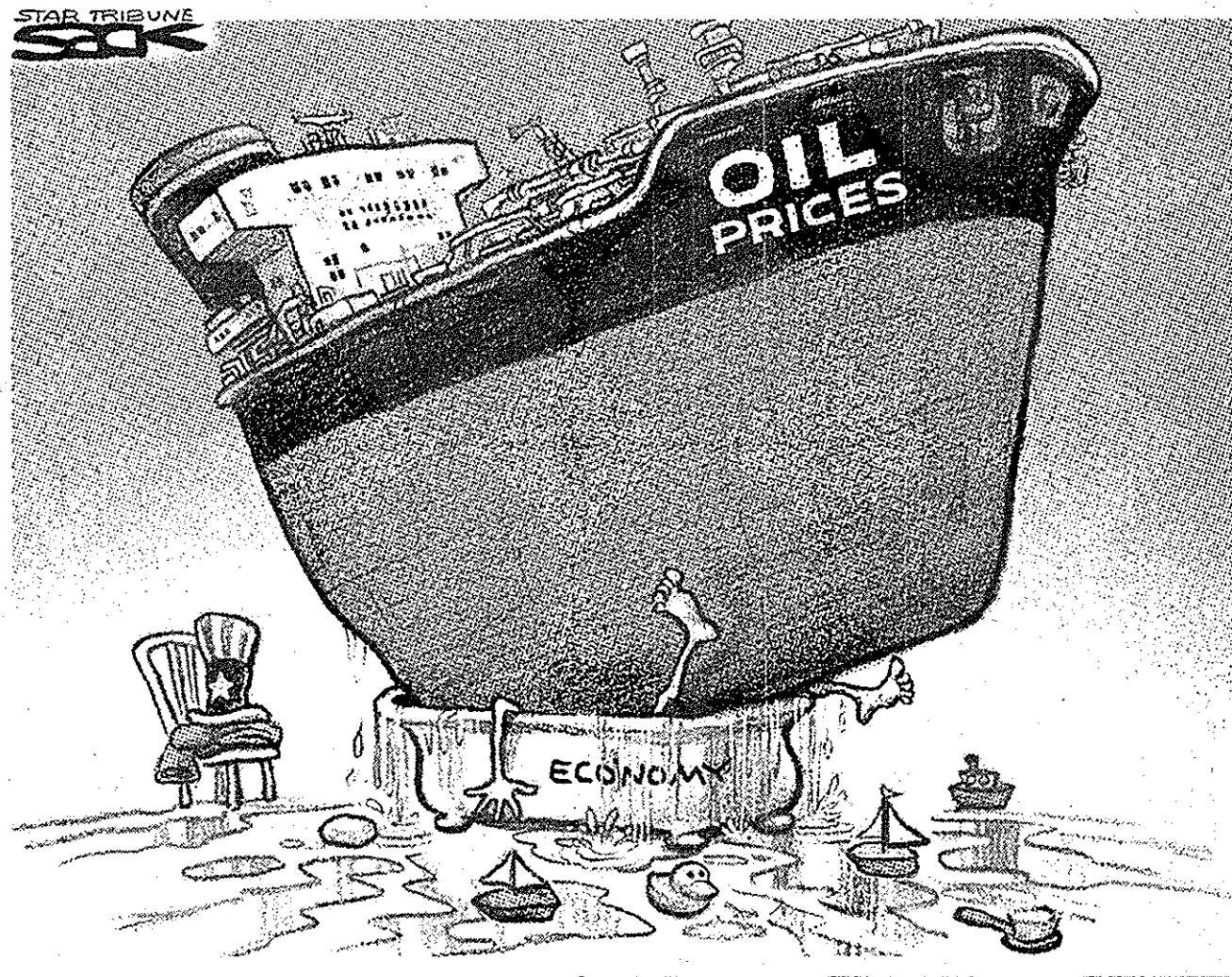
Do something. Make a difference in someone's life. Work hard to make YSU known for its benevolence and humanity.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Washington underfunding Ohio security

STEVEN CONN
Guest commentator

As you prepare to vote in next month's election, many of you may be worried about issues of terrorism and homeland security. And well you should be. The events of Sept. 11 changed our understanding of the terrorist threat and our perception of the nation's vulnerability.

So if you are one of those voters, you would do well to examine this administration's record during the last three years very carefully. You will not be reassured if you do.

In fact, since Sept. 11 the administration and the Republican majority in Congress have not made enough progress in making us safer from terrorist assault. Not nationally and not in Ohio. Let me offer a few examples:

In 2002 Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge called for legislation that would mandate security improvements at the nation's chemical plants. Such a bill passed unanimously in Senate committee but was killed by the administration after intense lobbying from the chemical industry. President Bush,

Vice President Cheney, and apparently Representative Hobson believe that those plants should take "voluntary measures" to improve security. As a result of this failure of leadership, the nation's chemical plants remain vulnerable.

This is a dire issue in Ohio. Here there are 12 chemical plants, each of which could expose over one million Ohioans to toxics if attacked. Several are in northeast Ohio.

Nor have Ohio's first responders received adequate funding from Washington.

Wyoming, not a state that one would call "target rich" but instead where the Vice President is from, currently receives \$37.52 per capita for emergency preparedness while Ohio receives a paltry \$8.74 per resident. The buffalo at Yellowstone are now better protected from Osama bin Laden than the citizens of Ohio.

Nationally, the Bush administration is underfunding first responders by \$100 billion over the next five years, according to a study by the Council on Foreign Relations. In fact, the president's budget for

2005-06 proposes a \$1 billion cut in Homeland Security, which will deprive Ohio's first responders of roughly \$39 million.

Cleveland Fire Chief Kevin Gerrity stated in May 2003, his department did not receive enough funding to train for a terrorist attack. Officials in Dayton recently described their preparedness funding as "woefully inadequate," while Columbus, the largest city in the state, didn't receive a nickel of homeland security money until April of this year.

And so it goes. Partisan politics over safety, ideology over security. The report of the Sept. 11 Commission stated: "Homeland security assistance should be based strictly on an assessment of risks and vulnerabilities." Right now it is not. Instead, our security has been turned into political pork barrel by this Republican congress.

Nor does the failure of leadership on homeland security stem from a lack of money. The president has spent nearly \$200 billion in Iraq telling us that it was a threat. We now know it was no real threat at all. And for \$200 billion dollars we

could have secured the nation's port facilities (\$7.5 billion), replaced an aging Coast Guard fleet (\$4 billion), outfitted the commercial air fleet with missile defense systems (\$10 billion) and much, much more.

And while the president deserves much of the blame for this inadequate response to our homeland security needs, there is plenty of finger pointing to be done locally. The administration's misguided priorities about security could not have been put into place without a willing and pliant Congress to support them. You ought to ask Senator Voinovich and each incumbent House member why war in Iraq was a better way to protect Ohio than adequately funding homeland security.

Admittedly, we can't realistically expect to protect ourselves from every conceivable threat. But in the last three years, this administration and its Congressional supporters have not even pursued some of the most basic measures to make the nation safer.

Think hard about that as you get ready to vote.

Kerry foolishly putting faith in "international alliances"

J.R. LABBE | Knight Ridder

John Kerry has been so busy on the campaign trail spouting "wrong war, wrong place, wrong time" and trying to woo voters with how he's going to "build alliances" to make Iraq all better that he probably hasn't had time to review the tape of fascinating and frustrating testimony that took place in Washington three days before the second presidential debate.

The House Committee on Government Reform's subcommittee investigating the U.N. oil-for-food program heard disturbing accounts of how our "allies" — some of the same countries that cited moral grounds for refusing to back President Bush's pre-emptive move into Iraq — did a first-class job of sabotaging a sanctions program that might have kept Saddam Hussein in check, eliminating the need to shut him down militarily.

"In terms of being a sanctions regime that stopped Saddam Hussein's attempts from busting it and cheating, and using funds to get prohibited materials, it was not a total success," testified Ambassador Patrick Kennedy, the U.S. representative to U.N. Management and Reform.

Kennedy was our guy on the ground in Iraq attempting to monitor the provisions of the oil-for-food (OFF) program that was supposed to give Iraq the ability to buy only food, medicine and essential humanitarian needs in exchange for oil sales.

"When we saw him abusing the system," said the ambassador, "we moved to shore it up but met resistance from other members."

"Other members" would be our "allies" on the 661 Commission, or the Sanctions Commission, and the U.N. Security Council — you know, the same countries that Kerry is confident

will jump to assist in Iraq once he's president.

As the investigations into the OFF program continue, the world is finding out just how successful Saddam was at gaming a system meant to keep him from acquiring materials that could be used for weapons. Oil smuggling, kickbacks, premiums on oil, illegal surcharges — Kennedy described a litany of methods that amounted to continuous abuse of the program, aided and abetted by some of our "allies."

The fact that Saddam would manipulate the United Nations isn't a surprise. The fact that he was facilitated by some of the member nations — the self-same countries that voted on 16 different resolutions meant to hold him in check — well, sadly, that's not surprising either.

When Bush went before the United Nations asking for assistance, members of the international communi-

ty — Kerry's great hope for a better tomorrow — were either up to their eyebrows in or ignoring sanctions-busting oil trading, some of it even before the OFF program started.

"There was not the political will on the part of nations to impose a sanctions regime that would have stopped the leakage," Kennedy said. "The U.S. government made extensive efforts to get the most teeth into the sanctions that it could and met resistance from the other member states who were unwilling to accept that."

When pressed hard by subcommittee Chairman Christopher Shays to name specific countries, a reluctant Kennedy finally offered up China, France and Russia.

And yet Kerry continues to place faith in "international alliances" to solve the challenges in Iraq.

"The goal of the sanctions wasn't to remove

Saddam," Kerry said in the Oct. 8 presidential debate from St. Louis. "If we had used smart diplomacy, we could have removed Saddam and saved \$200 billion."

Oh, how one wishes that moderator Charlie Gibson had followed up by asking exactly how Kerry defines "smart diplomacy." The Bush administration did everything it knew how to get the international community to put real penalties into the sanctions against Saddam, and it was thwarted at every turn.

"Our allies who didn't support the embargo were pretty much shaping it," concluded Shays.

Said subcommittee member Rep. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania: "When we asked them for help, nations were acting holier-than-thou about the United States not having hard evidence to go into Iraq in 2001. If they knowingly participated, active or passive,

in sending money to Saddam Hussein and his murderous regime and if that ended up being used against our citizen soldiers in the form of bullets, that is disgusting."

In evaluating the actions of this administration before and after its initiation of military activities in Iraq, it is imperative that the American public has a full appreciation of the motivations of Security Council members in deciding not to support President Bush.

Some of our "allies" are likely to end up mighty embarrassed by what the oil-for-food investigations reveal. Can't wait to hear how Kerry explains this away.

The bottom line in this election: Lots of things about the Bush presidency drive hard-core conservatives nuts, but his willingness to put the security of the United States first isn't one of them.

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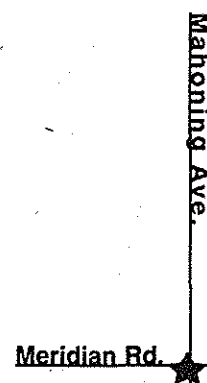
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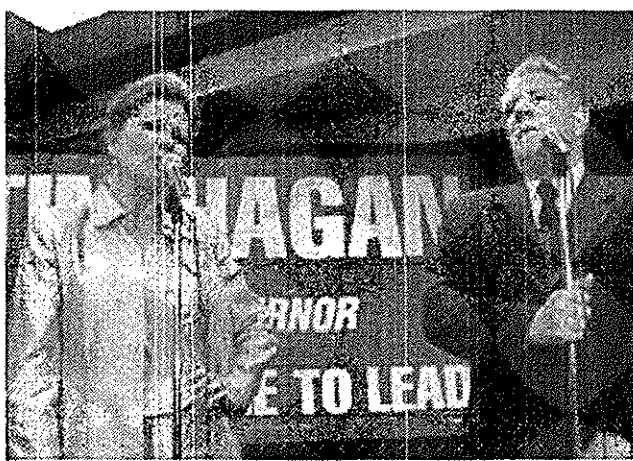
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Local Youngstown rockers The Zou are hosting their third annual Halloween party at Cedar's Lounge to kick off the release of their first full-length CD. The show starts at 10 p.m. and will also feature two other bands, American Cheese and Posture Coach. The Zou will play a set of their original music and follow up with a costume contest and a set of cover songs from the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

CD review: The Zou

BILL RODGERS | The Jambar

The CD The Zou made is fantastic. It's an 11 track album that showcases the copious amounts of talent the band has. The singing, song writing and guitar work on the album is excellent and, above all, fun. It's a great listen.

It seems like so many bands have only one song to sing and that's it. A CD will feature about 10 songs, but you get the feeling of having heard the same track several times. This is certainly not the case with The Zou. They have managed to produce an album that takes the listener through a collection of 11 individual songs that

both set themselves apart from the others while still keeping in tune with The Zou's sound.

The sound is hard to describe. It's an eclectic mix of several styles of rock. There's a lot of Beatles, blues and art-rock influence to the CD. Because of the mix of different sounds, certain styles The Zou employs strike the listener at different times during the album. A great example of this would be the song "Filler," which sounds like a cut-and-dry rock song before breaking into a great vocal harmony for the last minute of the song.

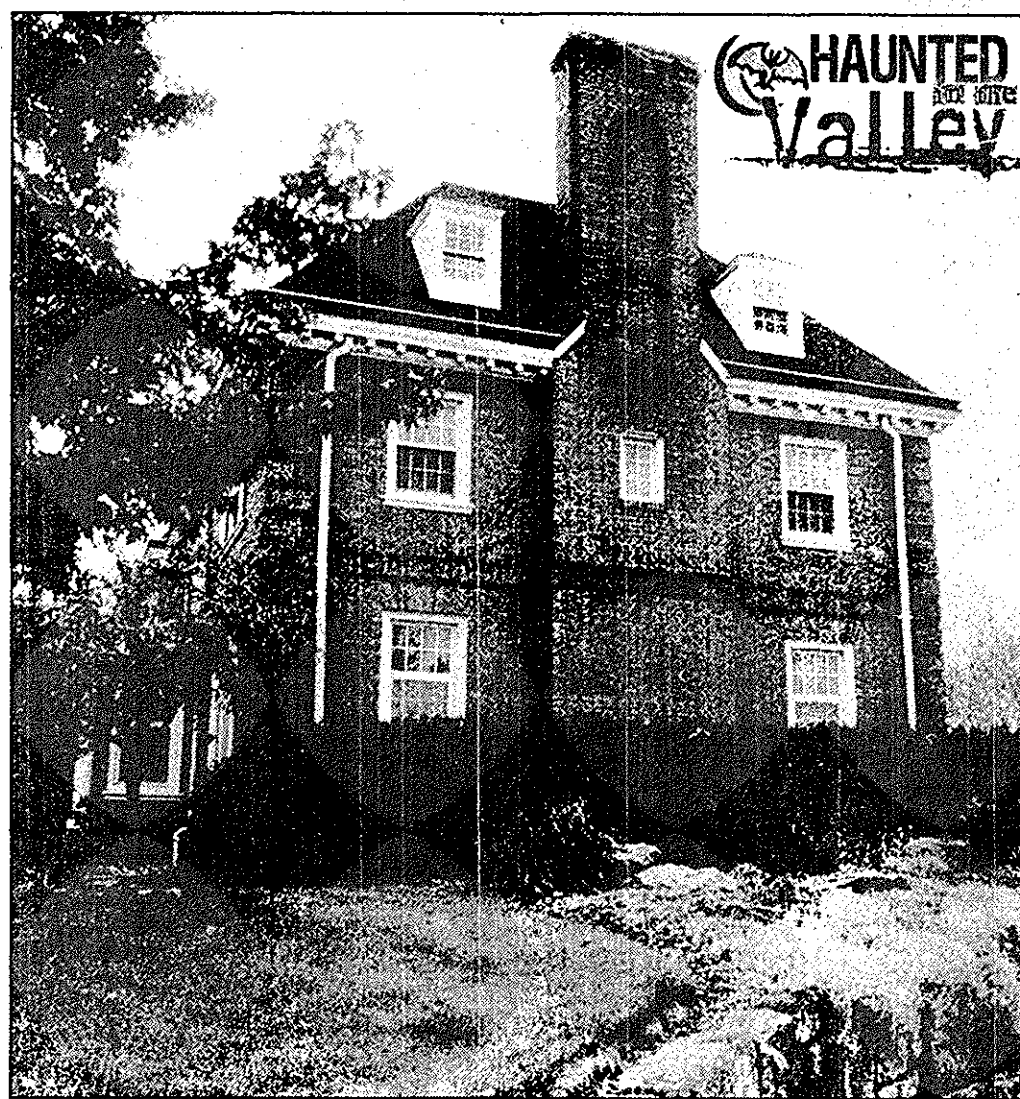
A few songs do shine

above the others on the album, however. These are "Sleazy" and "How to Build an H-Bomb." The almost pop "Sleazy (Love Song For the Shallow)" is a fan favorite at The Zou's concerts.

"How to Build an H-Bomb" is a plodding, steady song that pays a lot of attention to singer Khaled Tabbara's vocals. The lyrics are very somber and almost dread inspiring.

The self-titled CD is worth picking up. It's an album that seems to get better with each listen. The fact that they're a local act is just icing on the cake.

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Some think that the now vacant Wick House still holds one last resident...

YSU's haunted house

BILL RODGERS | The Jambar

Gray clouds stretched overhead as a light but chilling drizzle spritzed the empty Wick House residence hall, formerly the Wick Mansion. Sickly light shown out through the trees that obscure the building's face.

Shrouded by trees and surrounding buildings, the former mansion is one that does not call attention to itself.

Up close, however, is a different story.

A big picture window on the second floor reveals a chandelier hanging over a winding staircase, a reminder of the days when the building was home to Youngstown industrialist George Dennick Wick. The light from the chandelier throws a pale yellow glow on the interior of the house, giving the impression that the viewer is looking at an old photograph in the flesh. At Wick, the separation between history and the present are very thin.

The mansion was built in 1906 to be the home of Col. George Wick, president of Youngstown Steel and Tube Company. Wick gained local fame by being at the forefront of Youngstown's old industry days. He served as an adviser to the state administration during the Spanish American War and as an aide to Gov. Asa Bushnell.

Wick only got to enjoy his home for a handful of years. Wick and his wife Mollie took a voyage on the Titanic. Wick was on board as the ocean liner sank. His wife was rescued.

The Vindicator from April 1912, tells the story of the last time Wick was seen alive:

"The last they saw of Col. Wick, he was leaning over the railing of the deck. He watched with anxious eyes the lifeboat in which were his wife and three other women of his party."

Mollie Wick was left a widow in her home.

Since then, the property has only changed hands a couple times. The Holliday's bought the house in 1946 and then built the Weller House next to the property. Youngstown State University bought the Wick House in the '80s for \$444,000 and converted it into dormitories for students.

Over the course of time, residents began to notice strange things happening in the old house. Blinds would open by themselves and lights would flash on and off. A front desk employee at Wick noticed once that the front door would slowly open by itself, but no one would ever

walk in.

The weirdness of the place got to be such that a student in 1993, Yvonne Manley, showed up at the library behind the Arms Museum to research the mansion's history. One of the archivists at the library, Pamela Speis, commented on Manley's research:

"She came in here asking about information on the house. She said that she had some strange experiences in her dorm room and heard rumors about the house being haunted. She never went into detail about what she experienced though," Speis said.

Manley never came back to talk with Speis about her findings. Her phone number isn't listed in YSU's alumni directory, which fits in with what Speis said about supposed "hauntings" in the Mahoning Valley.

"We get a lot of people who said they've had weird things happen to them, but they are reluctant to go into much detail about it," Speis said.

Since the building was closed, only the housing staff at YSU has experienced its strangeness. Graduate assistants of the housing program reside in Weller House and say they have noticed things going on next door at night. Justin Ream, a graduate assistant, talked about the time he spent in Weller with another housing staff member, Maria Grothaus.

"Multiple times we'd close the blinds and shut the lights off in there before locking the house up again, but the same blinds would go up and the lights would turn on again later. It could have been hours or days from when we last passed through, but it would continually happen," Ream said.

Grothaus added to Ream's story.

"We keep Wick locked and we had a problem with keeping the lights off, especially on the third floor. Even though we went over and purposefully unplugged the lights and pulled down the blinds, the lights would still come on and the blinds would go up," Grothaus said.

Grothaus added: "One night I was up late. It must have been around three in the morning. I looked out at

Wick House and saw one of the lights turn on in a third floor window."

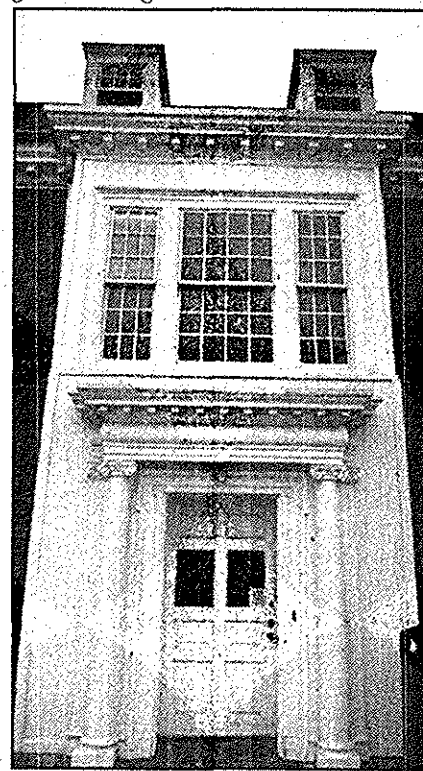
Josh Mays is another staff member for YSU Housing and told a recent story about closing down Wick after YSU's yearly "Wick Murder Mystery."

"Maria came running into my room and told me to look at Wick. We were certain that we had all the lights turned off but there were lights on in the second-floor window facing Weller. It looked like someone was standing near the window, facing us," Mays said.

Mays said popular rumor claims the house to be haunted by the widowed Mrs. Wick.

Kris Lenker is a former RA who has worked in Wick House before. In an e-mail to another housing coordinator, Lenker describes her own experiences in Wick House.

"I remember that in Wick House, the mom and one of the daughters died on the second floor... I have personal experience with Mrs. Wick stealing socks and never getting them back... Also,



Chuck Rogers | The Jambar

▲ Lights mysteriously go on and off in the upper floors of the former Wick mansion, according to YSU housing department staffers.

several of the Wick women (residents) claimed to have seen someone, a female, in the lobby while they were working the desk. The house, as do most old houses, makes a lot of noise when you are there by yourself. I used to talk to Mrs. Wick when I did my laundry and I only did it in the daytime because the house does have an eerie feel to it when you are there alone," Lenker said.

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Lead vocalist for The Zou, Khaled Tabbara, talked about the release of the CD.

The Jambar: What was the process of releasing your own CD like?

Khaled: (laughs) Long! But now we own the album and we don't owe money to any recording companies. The entire recording cost us about \$8000. It would've been a lot more had we gone through a recording company.

We won 2nd place in a battle of the bands contest and got some free studio time. We used it to release a two-song demo we sold at our shows for about three bucks apiece, then we released a video CD that had some music videos and commercials of ours on it. Basically, we just had a lot of little investments that we sold that helped pay for us to record the album without us having to resort to borrowing money.

J: What influences the band, musically?

Khaled: See, this is where we get into trouble. We all like different stuff. I'm a huge fan of Beck. The Flaming Lips and Tom Waits. Brendan likes a lot of nu-wave stuff and Jason's a fan of punk and classic rock. We all like the Beatles, which I think you really hear on the album.

As far as influences go, we try to play what we like. Do the things those bands did right without making their mistakes. I don't like it when people describe their music and say things like "Man, we sound nothing like you've ever heard. We're totally unique." That's not true. We synthesize what we like and new stuff comes out of it. It's like guacamole, you look into it and you can see the individual ingredients, but it's its own thing you know?

J: Great analogy.

Khaled: (laughs) Thanks.

J: What are your shows like?

Khaled: A lot of fun. We used to come into them really nervous at first, but we saw the people who came to see us and they were in the audience just having a ball. The fans are a part of the show, it's hard to tell where they stop and the band begins.

Halloween shows are especially great. The costume contest coupled with the Rocky Horror covers bring out the craziest people in Youngstown. There's people in drag, lingerie, monsters on stilts. It's f---ing nuts, but we're asking for it.

J: Final question: What are your goals for the CD?

Khaled: We have a finished product now, so all we need is someone to distribute it for us. The hard part is done, we have the product, the key, the fans. We have a lot that's going for us right now. We have some websites on CD Baby to help us sell the record. It's a nice setup.

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Anthony James, head coach of the Youngstown State University Penguins soccer team, can breathe a little easier this week.

The Penguins recorded their first win of the season this past Sunday as they defeated the Cleveland State Vikings 3-1.

The win, the first for James as a YSU coach and for the team since Oct. 30, 2003, serves as a building block for upcoming games and on toward the future.

"I am already thinking of what else we could do. As soon as it was over, I was thinking of ways as a coach to make us better," James said.

The Penguins jumped on the board first in the opening period of play. Sophomore Katie Duracky booted in her third goal of the season to put the Penguins up 1-0 at the half. The Vikings stormed back into the contest however, knotting the score at 1.

Just as fast as the score was put on the board, the Penguins found the back of the net again. This time the score came from Maddie Lawther assisted by a pass from Katie Depry, putting the Penguins up 2-1.

The Penguins were in familiar territory as they have had leads before during the season, but could not deliver the win.

"This was the third game this season that we were up 2-1 at halftime. It was a case of we've been here before, we just need to finish it," James said.

The Penguins continued to put points on the board and help down the Vikings, when in the 73rd minute, Tessa Bookman fired a shot past the Viking's goalie to put the score at 3-1.

James said the win excited the players, but the team has to stay focused.

"Some of these kids we brought in haven't won in awhile. We brought them from an environment where they won a lot," James said. "The girls were jumping around and hugging. But now is the time when we have to step it up and be more committed."

The Penguins out-shot the Vikings 21-19, but were out-cornered by a tally of 4-2. Guarding the goal for the Penguins was Caitlin Bestard who recorded 13 saves.

James said the resilient Penguins have been fighting an uphill battle all year.

"This is by far the hardest schedule YSU has ever played since the program came about a few years ago," said James.

The Penguins conclude their season at 7 p.m. Friday when they take on Villanova at Stambaugh Stadium.

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Penguins stalk Redbirds

YSU still searching for first Gateway victory

SHAWN BUSKIRK
The Jambar

The scene in Illinois this weekend will be nothing but normal.

Normal, Ill., that is, which is the site of the Illinois State Redbirds Hancock Stadium. The Redbirds will host the Penguins this Saturday at their home field where they are undefeated this season.

Youngstown State University is looking to cure the wounds left over from a mouth-dropping loss to Northern Iowa last Saturday. The Penguins fell to the Panthers 22-20 by a field goal with no time remaining. Illinois State is looking to avenge a 40-31 defeat at the hands of Western Illinois.

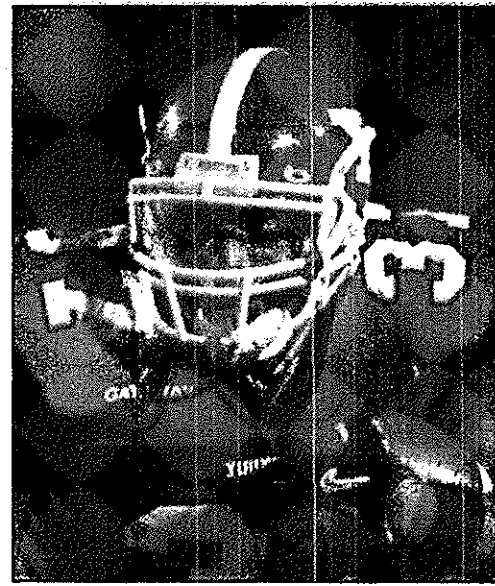
If the person responsible for creating the "Running into the Kicker" rule for NCAA football lives within a 200 mile radius of Youngstown, he may want to lay low for a while — or at least until the Penguins are finished playing the Redbirds.

The hearts of YSU faithful were broken last Saturday when UNI kicker Brian Wingert was given a second chance to put the Penguins away. Wingert missed from 46 yards out, but it was called back after YSU was penalized with a roughing the kicker penalty. Wingert would not fail the next time.

"It was a call that could



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"That's life and we gotta bounce back."

- Phil Larmon

have gone either way. Did our guy hit the kicker? Yes. Did the ref have to throw the flag? No," stated YSU Head Coach Jon Heacock in this week's press luncheon.

Junior tailback Josh Cayson, who came into the game after starter Monquatae Gibson was taken out once again for a shoulder injury, recorded 91 yards on a personal best 23 carries.

On Gibson, Heacock mentioned, "He's injured. I would guess he'll be out this week as well."

Also out for the Penguins this week will be red shirt freshman free safety Dorian Chenault. The 6'1", 190 pounder will sit out a couple of weeks.

Red shirt freshman quarterback Tom Zetts continued to look impressive after completing 16 of 22 passes for 155 yards and a two-spot in the touchdown category.

Zetts is on pace to take over the single season completion percentage record at YSU. He is 100-160 (62.5 percent) on the year and needs to end with better than the 60.7 percent mark set by Demond Tidwell in 1997. The QB is also ahead in all-time passing efficiency with a mark of 158.7.

The Penguins (2-5, 0-3) now turn their focus to the Illinois State Redbirds. The team has yet to record its first conference victory of the season. The

Redbirds come into the match up with a 3-3 record overall and a 1-2 showing in the Gateway and YSU is looking for redemption this week.

Senior Wide Receiver Phil Larmon said, "That's life and we gotta bounce back. We play this great game in this great city, and we have a great coach."

Last week, the 'Birds dropped a game behind when the Leathernecks of Western Illinois had the better showing of the two teams.

Redbirds running back Brian Thompson carried the ball only 21 times but piled up a total of 152 yards and a touchdown versus Western Illinois. Quarterback Yance

Vaughan was 13-29 for 219 yards and a pair of TD passes, but threw three picks.

Vaughan is the Gateway Conference's leading passer. The Redbird's signal caller has tossed up an average of 258.2 yards per outing.

Heacock said of Vaughan, "They have got one or two wideouts and their transfer tailbacks are explosive as well."

Illinois State records a league second best effort of 33.8 points per game.

In the overall series between the two squads, the wins are all tied up at six apiece. Last season, in Youngstown, the Redbirds defeated YSU 35-25. The 'Birds totaled 604 yards of offense, while the Penguins were balanced with 169 yards on the ground, and 167 in the air. The key problem last year was defending the rush. YSU gave up 183 yards and two touchdowns to Illinois States' Sha-Ron Edwards and the team had a total of 333 yards rushing.

The Penguins are 3-3 all-time in Normal, Ill. They have won the last two meetings at the Redbirds home stadium. YSU won 24-17 and 14-12 the past two showings.

Illinois State hosts YSU at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.

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Canadian star shines in Youngstown

SHAWN BUSKIRK
The Jambar

Located 62 miles west of Toronto is a city referred to as the Heart of Ontario. Guelph, Ontario, has a population of more than 100,000 residents and is rapidly growing as one of Canada's leading metropolitan areas. It is also home to the heart of the Youngstown State University softball team.

In her third year at YSU, junior shortstop Tiffany Patteson has made an American school value a Canadian product. Daughter of Pamela and Robert Patteson, the third year YSU infielder has begun a life that many young softball players around the world can admire. At the top of her list of softball accomplishments comes the Guelph native's most recent accolade.

Last week, Patteson was named to Team Canada for the World University Softball Championships. The games will be held Oct. 26 through Oct. 31 at the ISF Headquarters in Plant City, Fla.

Her father was a professional softball player in Canada and played at the highest level possible. Patteson began playing sports at age four.

"I played every sport. My dad bred me into a jock," she said about her early childhood.

While still a Canadian



PATESSON

prospect, Patteson competed for the Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute. It was in her junior year in high school when YSU Head Coach Christy Cameron began the recruiting process.

"She was the one who talked to me the most. She started my junior year and we stayed in contact through my 13th year," stated Patteson. Canadian schools have an extra year after the senior year of high school.

In her summer league performances in Canada, Patteson went to the National Championship three years in a row. In 2001 Patteson was named the National Shortstop of the Year at the National Tournament in Canada.

When asked about her choice to come to Youngstown, Patteson stated, "Coach Cameron wanted me the most. I was recruited by a lot of schools. I wanted a smaller setting like YSU."

At the end of her freshman year Patteson was named to the Canadian National Softball Team and represented our neighbors to the north at the 2003 Pan American games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

In her second season as the Penguins short stop, Patteson was once again named First-Team All-Horizon League. Patteson hit .352 and piled up 19 doubles (a YSU single season record), a pair of triples and three home-runs. Patteson had 33 runs batted in and set a second single season Penguin record with 37 runs scored.

Following her efforts at the beginning of 2004, Patteson was named to the Canadian Olympic Developmental Team and competed in the 2004 Canada Cup. The team is used to promote the sport to young Canadian players.

Patteson now owns a career batting average mark of .336. She has totaled 29 doubles, 11 triples, six homers and 54 RBIs in her two-year stint at YSU. Her career batting average is second best in YSU history and she has

the best slugging percentage of any Penguin ever with a .547. Patteson is now fourth in career doubles and second in career triples at Youngstown.

When asked about her efforts, teammate Karlie Burnell said, "She leads both vocally and physically. She helps all the younger girls."

Burnell, another Canadian native, said that her best time with the junior shortstop was when the team faced Patteson's sister, Courtney, a sophomore pitcher for Ball State.

Don't let the current glamour fool you; Patteson is well aware of her future after Youngstown State. She believes that going professional is definitely an option. She would like to be an assistant coach while finishing her master's degree. Patteson is currently majors in exercise science and pre-physical therapy.

When asked about her goals for softball, Patteson said, "A goal of mine is to play in the 2008 Olympics."

The Olympics seem to be an attainable goal for Patteson who has played and defeated some of the Olympic representative countries like Australia, China, Greece and Japan.

The YSU Softball team begins its spring season with the Eastern Kentucky Tournament in February 2005.

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