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Free movie Thursday

The Student Government Association will sponsor a showing of "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Admission is free to students with a YSU ID and to one guest per student. Popcorn and pop will be provided. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Poetry reading set for Wednesday

YSU students featured in the Penguin Review will read along with authors with works featured in the "Artful Dodge" an Ohio based literary magazine, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 in the Humphrey Room in Kilcawley Center. The reading is part of the 2005-2006 reading series sponsored by the YSU Poetry Center.

11th Annual

Accounting Day

The 11th Annual Accounting / Student Practitioner Day, sponsored by the YSU Department of Accounting and Finance, will take place 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 in Kilcawley Center. Area professionals will head various sessions. For more information call (330) 941-3084.

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Last question

Are you attending a local Halloween celebration?

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Today's Question

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Mis-lead?: Concerns raised

Officials say new exhaust fan meets requirements

By: Leonard Glenn Crist
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

Discharged lead particles from a recently installed exhaust fan in Beeghly Center could potentially harm campus employees and the children attending a day care just 30 feet away, the vice president of a campus union has charged. University officials have countered, saying the new exhaust system is safe and is in compliance with all laws and environmental standards.

Ivan Maldonado, vice president of the Association of Classified Employees, Youngstown State University's staff union, filed a grievance on Oct. 21 against YSU claiming the university is not providing a safe work environment for union members working in Beeghly Center and Fedor Hall.

However, Maldonado said he agreed, following a request by university officials, to put his grievance on hold pending the results of an investigation. The university began testing the soil and surrounding areas Monday, YSU spokesman Ron Cole said.

At issue is the lack of a filtration system in the new exhaust fan. While YSU officials say a lead filtration system is unnecessary and not required by law, some pollution experts feel it might be better to err on the side of caution due to the

Lead exposure

The EPA reports in a document titled "Indoor Air Pollution: An Introduction for Health Professionals" that toxic blood lead levels in children can have a long term impact "in the form of cognitive and developmental deficits which are often cumulative and subtle." Lead poisoning may also show acute symptoms such as irritability, abdominal pain and seizures in children and headache, nausea, constipation, fatigue and hearing loss in adults.

The EPA also reports "hazardous levels of atmospheric lead have been found at police and civilian firing ranges."

Source: The Environmental Protection Agency
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close proximity of the fan to a day care playground.

Old and new exhaust fans

The new exhaust fan, which sits atop Beeghly Center's roof and connects to the building's indoor rifle range, was installed early in October by York-Mahoning Mechanical Inc. of Youngstown. The old ventilation system, a Trane Model Q, broke down over the summer and needed to be replaced, Mike Orto, YSU's manager of facilities, said.

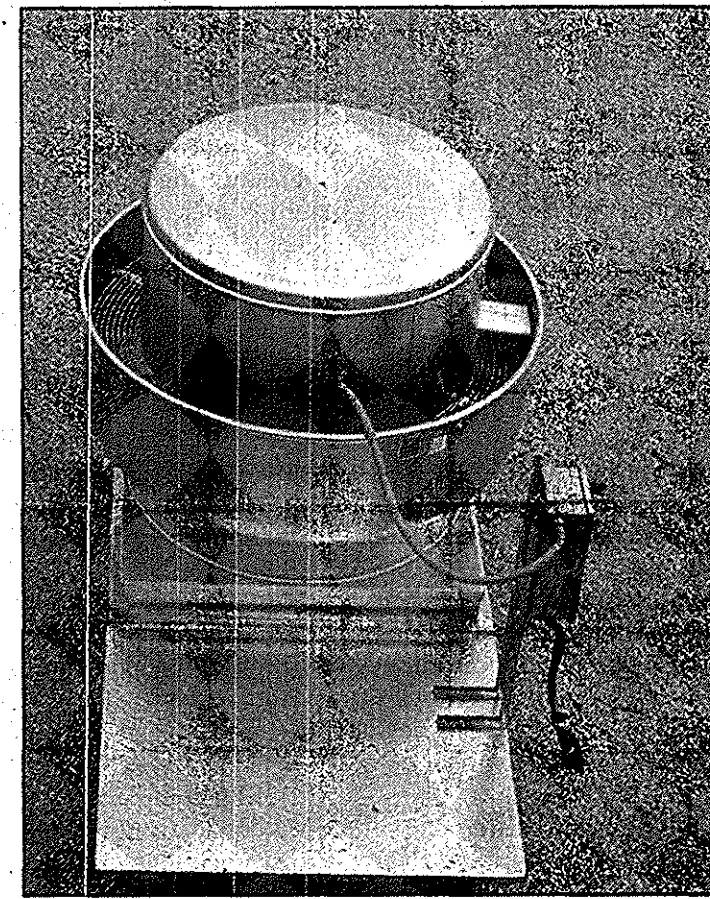
John Hyden, YSU's executive director of facilities, said the new fan "should be significantly better than the

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ABOVE: The playground for the Wee Care Daycare Center is seen from the roof of Beeghly Hall. RIGHT: The new exhaust fan for the Beeghly Hall rifle range on top of the building is shown here. Some have voiced concerns over whether or not the fan adequately handles lead emissions from the rifle range and whether or not the lead being exhausted into the air poses a health concern for the Youngstown State University campus.

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Jay!: Williams looks to be city's first black mayor

By: Cheryl Thompson
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University graduate and independent Youngstown mayoral candidate Jay Williams spoke about the about the unique challenges of being a black leader in Youngstown in a discussion sponsored by the Youngstown State University's Africana Studies Program Wednesday.

If elected, Williams will become the city's first black mayor.

"It's kind of shocking that Youngstown hasn't had a black mayor yet, considering the city is in the North, where ideas about race are supposedly more progressive," Williams said.

Williams said one of the issues he faces is people thinking his race will cause him to support legislation that will benefit just the black community if he is elected.

"There are some people who expect me to push an all-black agenda, but when you're the mayor, you have to be the mayor for all the people, regardless of ethnicity," Williams said.

"There has to be a balance," he added. Williams, who began campaigning by visiting neighborhoods throughout Youngstown, said reactions varied; some people have been supportive, while others rejected the visits.

"I knocked on the door of this older

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King: Positive energy a key

By: Eric Grosso
 FEATURES REPORTER

Son of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. gathered with Valley leaders on Friday hoping to advise attendees to work together to create a new vision with a positive image for Youngstown's future.

Martin Luther King III encouraged those who took part in "One Valley Conversation" that the meeting should serve as one of many talks that attempt

to reform the image of Youngstown.

King insists the beginning to any project like this is positive energy.

"It's amazing when you put positive energy out what you get back in return," King said.

The conference featured about 30 area business, education, labor, and diversity leaders.

King, born 1957, is the second oldest of four chil-

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Norman awaiting hearing in Summit County Jail

By: Bill Rodgers
 NEWS EDITOR

A Youngstown State University freshman and football player is awaiting a court appearance after being charged with the shooting death of an Akron man in July. Anthony Norman Jr., 19, was arrested on YSU campus last Tuesday and charged with the July 18 murder of Christopher L. Harris, 23, of Akron.

Norman was extradited from the Mahoning County

Jail to Summit County Jail on Oct. 27. Norman has a status hearing on Nov. 9 where his charges will be explained to him, and he will be appointed an attorney if he does not have one, Lt. Rick Edwards of the Akron Police Department said yesterday.

Norman's bond is set at \$1 million, Edwards said.

Norman is charged with murder, attempted murder and felonious assault. Police allege that Norman

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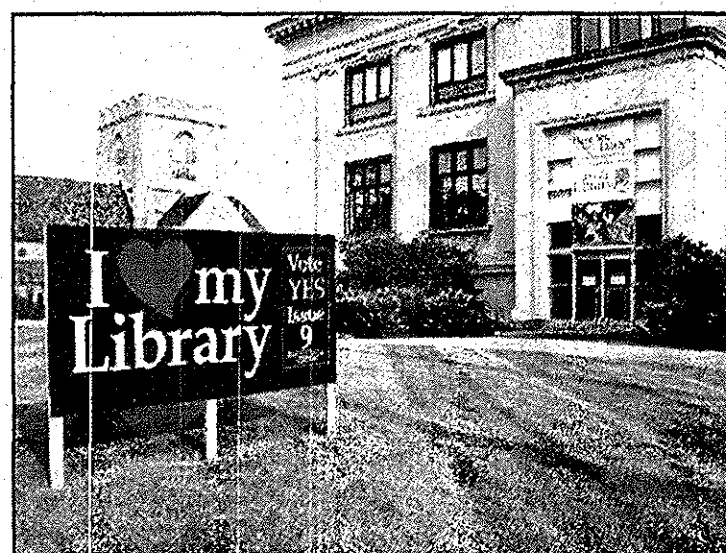
ISSUE 9

Library funds at heart of ballot issue

By: Katie Libecco
 COPY EDITOR

Youngstown voters will face a number of issues on the ballot, including Issue 9, which asks voters if they want to continue funding for the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County.

Issue 9 is a renewal and additional levy totaling 1



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On the upcoming ballot, voters in Mahoning County will weigh in on Issue 9, a ballot initiative that asks whether or not they support continuing funding for the public library.

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Former YSU professor downplays ice-age misconceptions

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

Former Youngstown State University professor James Adovasio presented "Strangers in a Strange Land: Some Biased Thoughts on the Peopling of the New World," to discourage false concepts of humanoids in the ice age.

Directing Mercyhurst College's Archaeologist Institute and finding evidence of the earliest known human settlement in North America, Adovasio is well qualified to tackle myths that people have of early hunters.

Using examples from artwork, Adovasio showed how many people's view of the Ice Age are stereotyped: the perception of men in fur clothing hunting big game animals.

"These perceive what guys always do; stick spears into things," Adovasio said.

The lack of women and children in the artwork depicts an all-male world.

"This is a view created by men about men," Adovasio said. "Archaeologists have ignored the non-male part of it, because many of them were men digging."

Other myths include groups living in caves, the weather always being cold, mammoths being the primary source of food and also the use of stone tools.

"There were houses constructed of mammoth bones, with the hides of caribou or reindeer for roofs," Adovasio said. Stone tools were used, but Adovasio argues that baskets and nets made of plants were also important to early settlers.

Meadowcroft Rockshelter south-east of Pittsburgh is where Dr. Adovasio and his team found evidence disproving the popular Clovis

Theory; that man had migrated to North America via the land bridge and settled in at about 11,500 years ago. The evidence at Meadowcroft dates to at almost 16,000 years ago, moving the land bridge back to at least 30,000 years ago.

Adovasio said Meadowcroft represented a place that never had ice on it. Much of the same glacier movements that shaped it also shaped Youngstown and the landmarks of Mill Creek Park.

"We here in Youngstown would have been under two miles of glacier ice," he said.

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— James Adovasio

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old one." The new exhaust system, a Greenheck up-blast centrifugal fan, does not contain a filtration system, and instead shoots any lead particles from the firing range high into the air, Orto said. The fan cost just under \$7,000, Orto said.

Maldonado said he is worried that the new fan's lack of a filtration system could leave potentially harmful amounts of lead in the air. He said he was especially concerned because the Wee Care Day Care playground sits just two stories down and 30 feet north of the new fan. Wee Care Day Care is located in Fedor Hall, which also houses the Youngstown Early College and the Rich Autism Center. "There's a possibility of exposure to lead to those folks," Maldonado said. "We want to bring to the attention of the university, they have to correct this issue immediately before someone is injured because of a lack of foresight."

Jimmy Wilt, Wee Care Day Care's director of quality and safety, said no children at the YSU location had become sick with lead poisoning. Wilt, however, said she was unaware of the ACE grievance or the EPA complaint.

Ohio code requirements
The Ohio mechanical code does not require a filter for the exhaust fan, Orto said. The code does require keeping the exhaust ten feet from any fresh air intakes, Orto said.

"Until someone does some testing, no one can say lead is even coming out of there. And no one has done any testing yet," Orto said in

an interview Wednesday.

Hyden said, "Based on all the information that we have, we're not putting any employees, the public or especially those children in harm's way. I think that we've been very proactive in ensuring that they won't be in harm's way."

The old Trane Model Q fan contained a filter, but John Hyden said it was a common pleated furnace filter not capable of trapping lead particles. Orto described the Trane fan as having a side discharge that "exhausted out onto the roof."

A HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Arrestor) filter would prevent lead particles from entering the atmosphere, Hyden said. However Mike Fagert, York-Mahoning's professional engineer, who YSU consulted with, said the velocity of the air that comes out of the ventilation unit is so strong that it would require a 26 square foot HEPA filter to stop all lead coming from the firing range.

"It's not feasible because of the volume of air. The old system did not have 26 feet of filter area. So how it worked, I have no idea," Fagert said.

EPA complaint
Maldonado said members of his bargaining unit who work in Beeghly Center first alerted him to the potential lead problem. In addition to the grievance, Maldonado reported his concerns to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, he said.

William Slanina, an inspector from the Mahoning-Trumbull Air Pollution Control Agency,

investigated the complaint on Oct. 18, inspecting the new exhaust fan and the playground. Slanina filed a report on Oct. 26.

Slanina's supervisor, Larry Himes, said the report was faxed to the EPA's district office, but "this is something we really don't have jurisdiction over."

"From what I understand, the amount of emissions from this would be so minimal that it wouldn't necessarily need to have any permits or any kind of emissions control devices on it," Himes said.

Cheryl Sutman, of the Ohio EPA's Division of Air, said there are no EPA regulations for firing ranges. She said that lead emissions coming from the exhaust fan would likely be very low, but "to be conservative, it would have been nice" to install a HEPA filter, given the proximity of the day care. She said if her children were there, she would be concerned.

"I think I'd want a filter," Sutman said.

Joe Diorio, director of the Mahoning County Board of Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, said there is no investigation by the board of health.

Diorio said typically "there should be HEPA filtration" for any type of lead exposure stemming from an exhaust fan.

"There would be concerns

there, especially if there is no filtration from the exhaust fans. There could be lead falling out in the playground area," Diorio said. "I would have concern for the maintenance workers that are at that facilities that might be doing any maintenance to that firing range, any adults that are in that general firing range that may be using that facility, as well as the day care, certainly, because lead affects children at a higher rate than it does adults."

The Rifle Range

Located in Room 116 of Beeghly Center, the Rifle Range is used by YSU Police once a month for about 4 hours and by the YSU Police Academy twice a year at the end of each semester, according to the report filed by Slanina. YSU police use copper-jacketed ammunition to reduce lead emissions, the report stated.

A marksmanship class taught by Mike Bowman, an administrative assistant with YSU's campus recreation, also uses the firing range two days a week for one semester each academic year, Bowman said. The marksmanship class was last taught fall semester 2004 and will next be taught during the spring 2006 semester, Bowman said.

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Rifle Range, which provides "a centralized, written document for guidance in the

maintenance and use of" the range, is located on YSU's Environmental Health and Occupational Health and Safety web site and was last revised in 1995.

Some requirements listed in the SOP include, "Normal daily cleaning will be done with an approved vacuum system equipped with HEPA filters," and HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) filters be changed 6 times per year. Employees changing those filters are required to wear personal protective equipment, gloves and a NIOSH (National Institute for

Occupational Safety and Health) approved respirator.

The SOP also references a 1975 NIOSH report titled, "Lead Exposure and Design Considerations for Indoor Firing Ranges." A section on ventilation in the report states, "All air being exhausted from the range should be filtered using a High Efficiency Particulate Filter (HEPA) or equivalent to insure that state regulations for airborne lead are not violated."

NIOSH provides guidelines and does not have any regulatory power.

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OUR SIDE

Bush did it ... again

President Bush did it again.

With his third Supreme Court nomination of the year, Bush picked Samuel Alito, another ultra-conservative non-descript white male, to please the country's evangelical Christians who care about little other than overturning Roe v. Wade and ushering in a new era of back alley, coat hanger abortions.

Harriet Miers, Bush's second Supreme Court nomination, internally combusted last week under right-wing pressure that she wasn't firm enough on the abortion issue.

But unlike newly appointed Chief Justice John Roberts, Bush's first Supreme Court nomination, who received little opposition from Democrats and breezed through his Senate confirmation hearing, Alito will likely (and rightfully) face the full brunt of Democratic outrage.

Sensing a weakening Republican party beset on all sides by scandal and indictments, Democrats must mount a deafening offensive chorus against Alito to match the uproar arch-conservatives inflicted upon Miers. Miers was denied the much ballyhooed "up or down vote" mostly because she wasn't publicly for outlawing abortion.

Aside from the abortion issue, Alito has some conflict-of-interest skeletons in his closet. According to the Chicago Tribune, Alito, who is a federal appeals judge, issued an opinion in 2002 in favor of a corporation called The Vanguard Group "while owning hundreds of thousands of dollars of the firm's mutual funds."

Alito's press-given nickname, "Scalito," should be enough to send shudders down the spines of any forward thinking American. The nickname is in reference to Alito's ideological similarities to conservative hard-nose Justice Antonin Scalia, famous for his "originalist" view of the Constitution, which holds that the Constitution is a static document that does not change with the times — what the founding fathers believed in and thought is what Scalia thinks. Scalia uses this "originalist" view to rationalize backward stances on gay rights, among other issues.

If Alito is really a mini-Scalia, a more affable "originalist," this country has some dark days ahead of it.

If there were ever a time for Democrats to filibuster, it would be now.

Republican Senate leaders have threatened eliminating the filibuster as a political tool in the past, but Democrats can no longer be bullied. It is time to fight back.

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By: Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

Although there's been much ado about the withdrawal of candidate Harriet Miers for a seat on the Supreme Court, the truth is that this minor goof-up won't even make it as a footnote of a footnote in history. Let's face it, the somewhat-annual return of the McRib sandwich at McDonald's is more historically important than President Bush selecting another one of his buddies to fill one of our country's most important positions. This rampant nepotism isn't just exclusive to the President, though. I think at one point or another, we've all had our friends weasel us into a job, and it turns out to be much more than we can handle; this eventually leads to hundreds of thousands of people dying, even if the job is as meager as assistant fry cook at Applebee's. For this reason, Harriet should court her blessings. If another Roe v. Wade controversy exploded in the Supreme Court, she would expand into a permanent frump — frumpier than her usual frump — and start screaming, "I don't know what to do, I was Texas Lottery Commissioner, for Christ's sake! Can't we just solve this with Scratch N' Match?" And no amount of stylish pantsuit would save her.

The real question is, now that Harriet is out of the picture, who will we, as a country, choose to sit in the probably-expensive chair of a Supreme Court justice? The bad news is that no one cares what we, as a country, think. It's the President's job to choose Supreme Court candidates, and unfortunately, we've seen that quite a few of his decisions have led to the deaths of thousands upon thousands of innocent people. Talk about a blooper reel! Remember that time Howard Dean got excited and yelled a little? We all laughed and said, "Oh, screamy, you can't be President!" Little did we know, Bush Jr.'s gaffes would end up making "Apocalypse Now" look like "Ernest in the Army."

I have a feeling that, due to my harsh

COMMENTARY

Short order in the court

judgment of the President, the FBI is reading and has me on "chartreuse alert" status, so I'm hoping that they can pass on my very own Supreme Court recommendation to George W. Bush. A college newspaper with a negative opinion of the President is by no means groundbreaking, but keep in mind that I'm trying to make Bush look better with this new, unexpected candidate. That's why I hereby nominate: This Sandwich.

Laugh all you want, chuckles. This Sandwich has a record more spotless than even the most home-schooled of children.

Sandwich just wants to make everyone happy!

And it's just this almost-comatose middle-of-the-road stance that makes This Sandwich stand out so much. Why, even if you physically flip-flop This Sandwich, its stance remains the same. People gave Harriet Miers guff for filling out a Senate Judiciary Committee questionnaire which only showed that her stance on everything was unclear, and also that many people mistook her for Barbara Walters in areas with poor lighting. Not so with This Sandwich, while it does strongly resemble Barbara Walters, its stance on everything is the same: "No comment." How could that possibly offend anyone? And if you demanded to know This Sandwich's stance on abortion, you'd be asking me to use the words "abortion" and "sandwich" in the same sentence. That's disgusting, and quite frankly, I think I'm better than that.

Taking a look at what This Sandwich is made out of, we can see that it's clearly a part of America. From its white bread to its non-cheese food product, This Sandwich promises to make you just a little bit fatter should you ingest it. The fact that This Sandwich is made out of perishable goods and cheese-flavored plastic squares may seem detrimental, but I assure you that its food status makes This Sandwich stand head and shoulders above the rest. Usually, we have to wait for the crusty old Supreme Justices to keel over before we can get a new one, and this takes about 30 to 40 years. This Sandwich is guaranteed to last a week, tops, before another suitable Sandwich with no opinion on anything takes its place. It's the perfect system!

I encourage Bush to consider This Sandwich for a seat on the Supreme Court. I only ask that he ignore the fact that, at the moment, This Sandwich is getting high in my bathroom with rejected Supreme Court Nominee Douglas Ginsberg.

Being part of the liberal media conspiracy, Bob Mackey makes all of his sandwiches out of bagels. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.



This Sandwich is good people; do you know how I know this? I don't just go way back with This Sandwich, I created it. And by "created it," I don't mean that I fashioned an identity of power and prestige for This Sandwich. No, I physically created This Sandwich yesterday morning, applying two pieces of bread to a piece of cheese. Going back to This Sandwich's spotless record, just think about everything that you've done from yesterday morning until right now. You have to have done at least three semiterrible things that would eventually disqualify you from holding any public office in the future. Remember, we live in a country where being a war hero can make people wag their fingers in shame. When questioned on the subject of its military record, This Sandwich — being an inanimate object — had nothing to say. You see, This

ishable goods and cheese-flavored plastic squares may seem detrimental, but I assure you that its food status makes This Sandwich stand head and shoulders above the rest. Usually, we have to wait for the crusty old Supreme Justices to keel over before we can get a new one, and this takes about 30 to 40 years. This Sandwich is guaranteed to last a week, tops, before another suitable Sandwich with no opinion on anything takes its place. It's the perfect system!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ted Williams no threat to YSU

Editor:
I agree with Joe Ilesue that the opinions of Ted Williams as expressed in the Letters to the Editor section of The Jambar have been entertaining and thought provoking. I disagree strongly, however, with Mr. Ilesue's assertion that Mr. Williams is a threat to the YSU community. I interact with Mr. Williams on a daily basis. Despite the fact that he was trained to kill by the U. S. Military during his service in the Vietnam War, I find Mr. Williams to be a kind, thoughtful, intelligent individual that poses no threat to anyone. He uses his words to point out the idiocy and hypocrisy of the rapture right and other segments of our society.

Ray Beiersdorfer
Professor
Dept. of Geological & Environmental Sciences

Sept. 11, 2001, attack victims overcompensated

Editor:
Monday Oct. 24, Oprah interviewed a bereaved wife of a 9/11 victim to discover how she spent \$5 million in compensation — just in four years! Completely hating female-talk shows — places where the disingenuous lie guiltlessly, seeking world-forgiveness for self-righteous stupidity — such as so-called sexual harassment victims, who, being so violated, spread for Penthouse or Playboy centerfolds to ease the pain and feel better about themselves: poor Paula Jones. —Oh, also, because they have a beautiful body, so why be ashamed of it.

Knowing it'd be tough to watch Oprah, my pet maggot tied me to a chair, then gagged me so I wouldn't cry out; yet from the moment I saw this so-called suffering wife — I knew I

was looking a liar in the mold of Scott Peterson, Robert Blake, and OJ Simpson — and she proved to be the best by far.

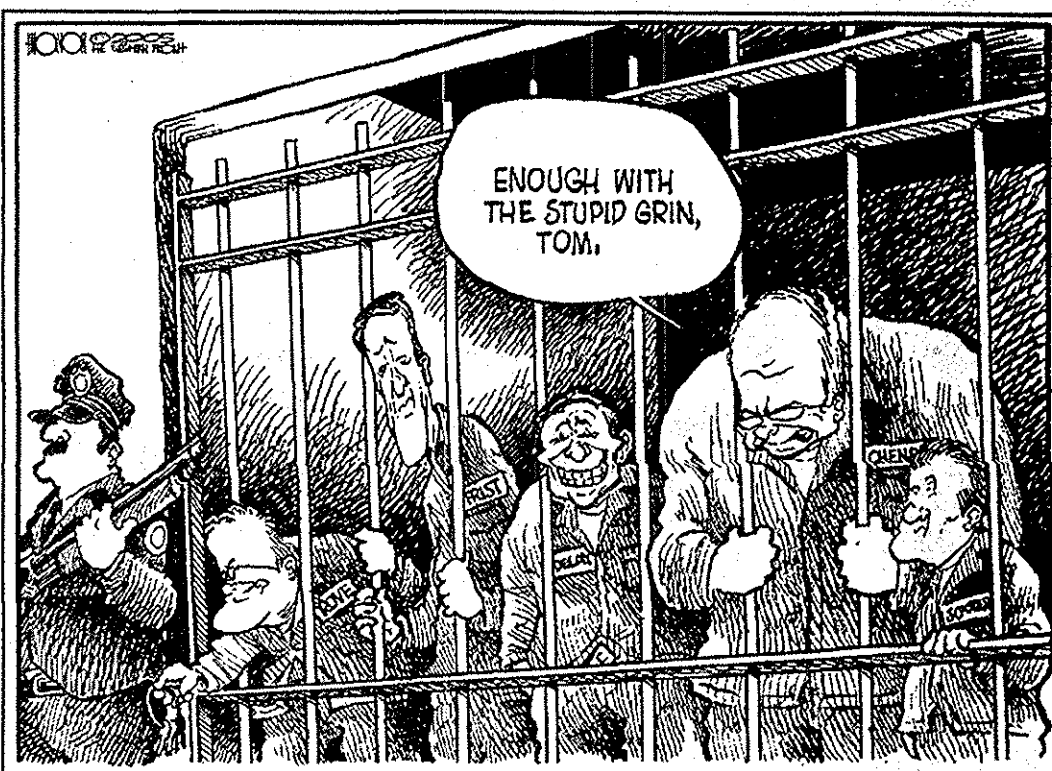
NO ONE in 9/11 deserved anywhere "near" a million — let alone "more than" every military person who has ever died in a goddamn war — killing another innocent just as yourself who's just following orders!!

How galling somebody was given \$5 million just because their "NON-Military husband died" in a brutal attack! — Every day kids are blown away "without warning" walking the streets of Iraq — D-Day landing was the biggest debacle of World War II because arrogant IKE wouldn't listen to the British who didn't lose 3,000 men on landing — nor did they lose 27 tank crews that immediately sunk as they left the boats — and babies killed in the Oklahoma City Bombing were only considered after it was discovered the jerk Red Cross Director was withholding millions

in reserve for future operations. (Oklahoma happened in 1995!)

Women who lost babies deserved millions — but paying families for "potential earnings" of 9/11 victims is insult to dead military persons of every war — whose families never got more than \$20,000! Then this selfish twit whining that her husband wasn't being memorialized — something she didn't give a damn about while traveling the world and partying away with the kindest of strangers; broke and feeling guilty, she come crying to Oprah for penance. And the biggest crime is that Oprah and the audience let her get away with it. My pet maggot said his stomach hadn't been so turned since choking on a pungent rotting hyena's rump on the sweltering Serengeti. (Wonder how much the 9/11 janitors' families got?)

Ted Williams



U.S. SUPREME COURT

Many of Alito's rulings at odds with those of Supreme Court

By: Stephen Henderson
KRT CAMPUS

WASHINGTON — Samuel Alito once wrote that employees who allege sex discrimination ought to have a tougher time proving their claims. The Supreme Court disagreed.

Alito once argued that Congress hadn't granted state workers the family-leave benefits that are mandated for other employees. The high court rejected his thinking again.

And Alito, now President Bush's choice to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, once embraced a standard that would make it harder to punish water polluters. But the Supreme Court didn't go along.

In Alito's 15 years of rulings on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, many of his interpretations of federal law and the Constitution are at odds with established thinking and practice, and ultimately they've been rejected by large majorities on the high court he hopes to join.

Alito's most aggressive opinions — on everything from abortion and civil rights to gun control and federal authority — are already drawing fire from the critics lining up to oppose his confirmation. And they'll likely be a focus of the debate on the Senate floor.

Nearly everyone expected Bush to pick someone with superior conservative bona fides after White House counsel Harriet Miers' catastrophic nomination was withdrawn.

But some court watchers say Alito's conservatism often takes shape in opinions that attempt to push the law closer to his ideals, rather than simply reflect it. It's an

approach that could be difficult to define as restrained — the philosophy preferred by many conservatives. And that could leave Alito open to charges that he's an activist.

"It's clear he'll write opinions in cases just to voice what are clearly unpopular opinions," said University of Pennsylvania law professor Nathaniel Persily. "And he has 15 years of opinions for people to go through, so there's potentially a lot of material for people to find."

Douglas Kmiec, who worked with Alito in the Department of Justice during the Reagan administration, described the judge as "careful in his reasoning" and said any notion of him as an activist is "not the Sam Alito I know."

Kmiec said Alito does have a knack for pointing out "weaknesses" in court precedent and the conflicts and inconsistencies that he believes should be remedied. "But he generally does not reach out to decide those issues if they aren't squarely before him in a case," Kmiec said. "In that sense, Sam is more scholar than activist. And most of the disagreements with the high court are explainable in similar terms."

To be sure, much of Alito's work suggests a traditional conservative approach, one that resists broad, sweeping opinions and is marked by meticulous examination of the facts in each case, and the language used in laws and in the Constitution.

Alito has also written several opinions whose results should please liberal interests: cases asserting disability rights, preserving due process for criminal defendants and securing free-speech rights.

When he was introduced at the White House Monday, Alito also

spoke of the limited role that judges play and its importance.

"Federal judges have the duty to interpret the Constitution and the laws faithfully and fairly, to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans and to do these things with care and with restraint," Alito said.

Not all of his work may square with that notion, though.

In a 1996 employment discrimination case, *Sheridan v. Dupont*, Alito concluded in his dissent that victims of sex discrimination in the workplace should meet a higher standard of proof than was required.

Alito said proving discrimination and that the employer was responsible weren't always enough to ensure that the claim wouldn't be dismissed by a court. He based his interpretation on the rulings of another, more conservative appellate court decision, urging his colleagues on the 3rd Circuit to adopt that standard.

They didn't, and the Supreme Court later unanimously rejected that same rationale in another discrimination case, *Reeves v. Sanderson Plumbing Products*, in 2000.

Kmiec said the *Sheridan* opinion is an example of restraint on Alito's part, because he acknowledged that he was bound by his own circuit's rules; he was simply pointing out his preference for another approach.

"That's one of the things he does, and I think it's from a scholarly point of view," Kmiec said.

But Alito's interpretation would have led to a fundamental change in the way sex discrimination claims are handled and would have conflicted with what Congress intended when it enacted anti-discrimination laws.

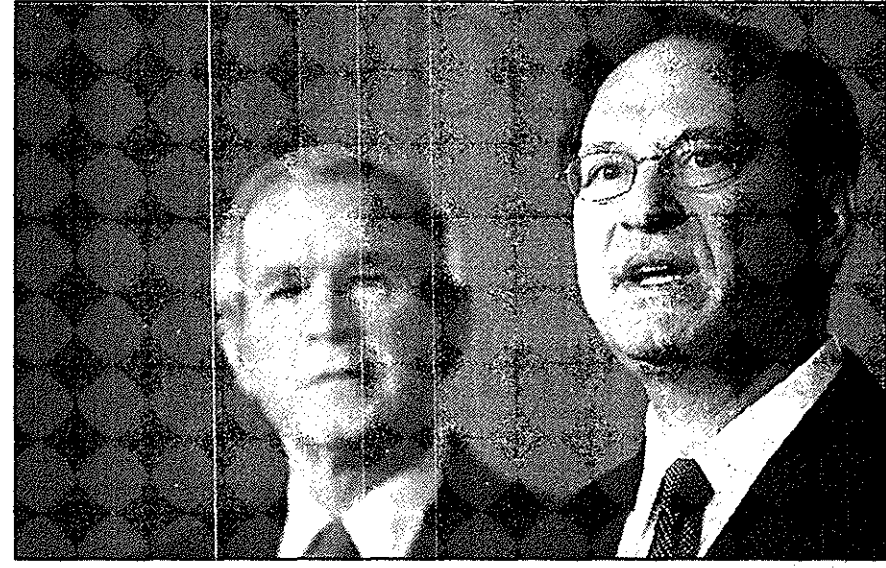


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Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito speaks at a press conference.

In another knotty case, *Chittister v. Department of Community and Economic Development*, Alito questioned Congress' power to require state governments to grant family and medical leave to men and women equally.

Alito's opinion, which was echoed in opinions from other lower courts, would have denied protection to millions of workers whom Congress clearly intended to protect with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

The Supreme Court contradicted Alito's thinking in a 2003 ruling in *Hibbs v. Nevada Department of Human Resources*. The late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote the opinion.

Alito also joined another judge in 1997 in a ruling that attempted to make it more difficult to hold polluters accountable when they fouled water supplies.

Rather than applying the standards that punished companies based on how much they polluted a body of water, Alito embraced an approach that would require proof that the pollution damaged the water. The ruling, in *Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) v. Magnesium Elektron*, invalidated an existing \$2 million fine.

Three years later, the Supreme Court rejected Alito's analysis, saying in another case that the new standard raised "the hurdle higher than ... necessary."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ethnic Immigration lectures this week

YSU faculty members will present "Ethnic Immigration 101" today at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of DeBartolo Hall. On Thursday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. University of Cambridge Professor Joshua Zeitz will present "White Ethnic New York: Religion, Nation, and Class, 1945-1970." Both presentations cover Jewish, Italian and Irish immigration to the United States.

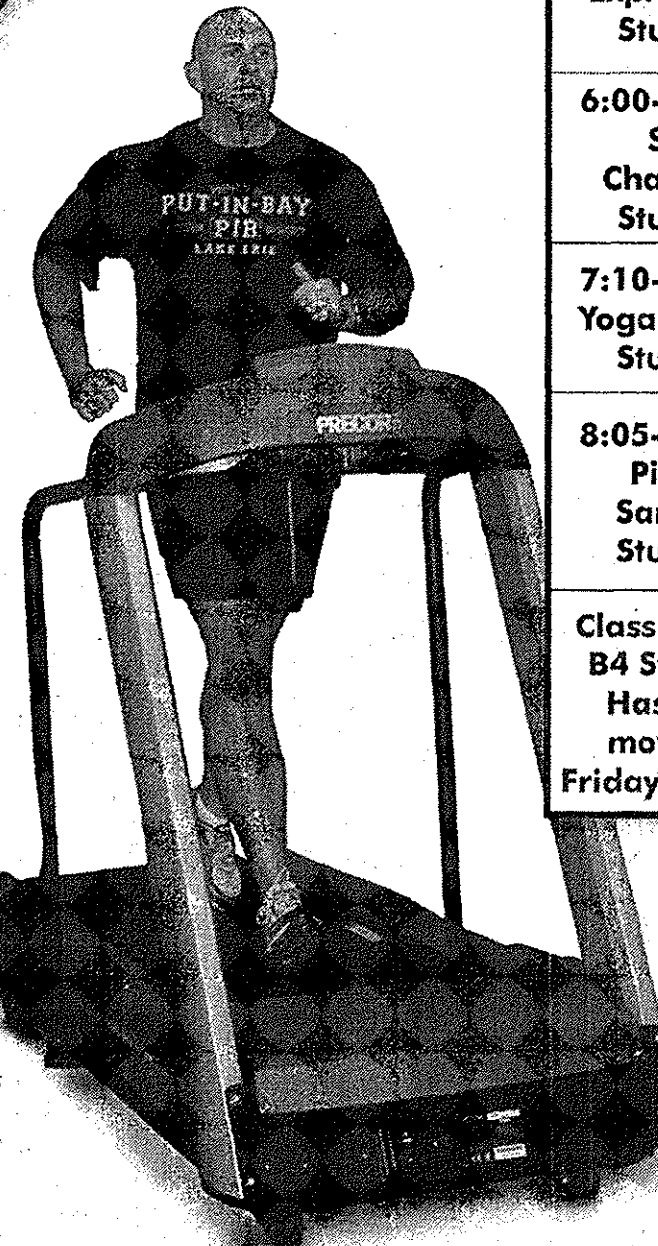
'Ecojustice' conference to discuss globalization

"Ecojustice: Searching for a Nonviolent Future," a conference that will cover topics such as globalization, eco-villages, animal rights and environmental racism will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in Kilcawley Center. For more information call (330) 941-1778.

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Cheerleaders rah, rah against cancer in Pink Ribbon Classic

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Instead of cheering for the defeat of an opposing team, cheerleaders who attended Zeta Tau Alpha's Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic cheered for the defeat of breast cancer.

Rebecca Muckridge, the Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic co-chair, said the event was very successful this year, raising more than \$34,104 through donations, raffles, auctions, the concession stands and cheergrams, which are telegrams written to specific cheerleaders.

To kick things off for the fifth annual event, dancers from the Youngstown SteelHounds hockey team performed a routine in hockey jerseys to the song "Dog Catcher."

The event featured performances from high school, junior high school, elementary school and recreational squads from across the region.

The all-day event was divided into two sections, the morning featuring the younger recreational, junior high and elementary school cheerleaders with the high school and older recreational cheerleaders performing in the afternoon.

The event featured competitions for groups and individuals. Squads also performed routines.

The cheerleaders performed choreographed routines to cheerleading classics such as Prince's "Hey Nikki" and new songs like "One, Two Step" by Ciara.

Awards were given to the teams that showed the most spirit, raised

the most money, were judged to be the most entertaining, traveled the furthest and who brought the most spectators.

In the upper-level division, eight teams were named as Pink Ribbon Classic All Star Squads including, Cardinal Mooney, Chaney, Newton Falls, McDonald, Struthers, STC Academy, The Rayen School, South Range and Elite Explosion.

Vying for the title of most spirited squad, cheerleaders from The Rayen School and Struthers High School, each team was located on opposite ends of the Beehly Center and cheered back and forth in between sessions.

After a close competition between the two squads, the judges said it was a tough decision,

but Stuthers won with The Rayen School finishing as a close runner-up.

Taking home the trophy for raising the most money was Matthews Little Mustangs. The squad raised \$1524.71.

Individual cheerleaders competed in jumping competitions, showing off their skills by performing jumps called Russians and Hurkies. Squad members showing extra spark were named Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic All Stars.

"This event is really for the survivors," Kirby Horner, a junior, said.

After the competition, survivors were given a white balloon and were honored in the survivor walk.

Annie Martinko, a five-year can-

cer survivor, said she enjoyed the event.

"I especially liked all the dances and cheerleading," Martinko said.

Martinko said this was her first time attending the Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic after finding out about it from her breast cancer survivor's support group.

Another breast cancer survivor Lucy Kelly, said events like this are important. Kelly had been cancer free for eight years, but earlier this year it had returned.

Kelly's advice to women everywhere: "Get a mammogram!"

Martinko, who is in the same support group as Kelly, added jokingly that Kelly wasn't going anywhere because she was too mean.

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mill for library funding. The first part, 0.6-mill of the levy is a renewal levy that has been in effect since 1976, and faces renewal every five years.

The additional 0.4-mill is a result of state budget cuts, said Janet S. Loew, communications and public relations director for the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County. Since 2001, the library has lost about \$1 million dollars each year in state funding.

Loew said they estimate the levy will cost an average family about \$2.55 a month, or about \$30 a year.

"There's so many reasons that the library is important to a community," Carlton A. Sears, library director, said. "We go from birth to senior citizens."

Sears and Loew also pointed out resources like the

Grant Center and services like information and help for students seeking financial aid.

A campaign aimed at informing audiences about services of the library and Issue 9 has been launched, including television commercials and print advertisements. It includes testimonials from real library patrons and the phrase, "I Love my Library."

The phrase adorns signs outside of libraries and T-shirts, which went on sale yesterday.

"We bought 'I Love my Library' shirts for the staff and they just took off. Everybody decided they wanted one, so we put some in the Poland Public Library to sell to the public," Loew said.

The campaign will continue after the election and is paid for by the

Citizens' Committee for the Library Levy.

"No public funding goes into this, it's all private funds," Loew said.

If Issue 9 passes, then the library system will continue with the seven-year Library 2011 plan. Library 2011 would help acquire more resources and keep library open on more consistent hours.

Sears said there would also be repositioning of libraries in the 2011 plan. While some lesser-used libraries would close, other would gain extended hours and additional resources.

"We're trying to reposition libraries. That's bottom line of it," Sears said. "People generally want more stuff and want you to be open. We need to create a consistency in our hours."

He said Issue 9 will sus-

tain operations for the library and help keep the budget balanced.

If the levy does not pass, it will have two more chances to appear on the ballot, 2006's primary and general election.

After that, Loew said libraries would more than likely see hours shortened and special services decreased. However, she said that layoffs were not a likely result of the levy failing.

"Last year at about this time, we were debating finances," Sears said. "We figured that by late 2006 or early 2007, we'd run into deficit. We have never operated in a deficit."

He said these financial projections prompted the additional 0.4-mill levy.

The Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning

County currently has a cooperative agreement with YSU's Maag Library. According to Loew, the agreement eliminates any duplication that would occur between the libraries.

"It's really helpful for your collection, and I'm assuming YSU as well," Loew said.

She also pointed out that the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning

County offers online databases that YSU students can use for research 24 hours a day.

"I would say that one of the best parts of the library is that people can pursue their personal interests. It allows you to fulfill your intellectual interests," Sears said.


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President to have lunch, discussion with students

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association is sponsoring Pizza with the President at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

The lunch will serve as a forum for students to discuss issues with Youngstown State University President David Sweet and other senior university officials.

Sweet said he plans on discussing topics such as academic initiatives, programs, the Campus Master Plan, advancing technology throughout campus and financial issues.

The purpose, Sweet said, is to see what's on student's minds. He added that no topics were off limits.

"When you go into a public discussion, everything is fair game," Sweet said.

To prepare for the event, Sweet said he has met with SGA president Bob McGovern and vice-president Amanda Meilke.

"I have talked to President Sweet about issues. The idea is to open up discussion for all students," McGovern said.

Some students said they are interested in attending the event to familiarize themselves with issues.

Sophomore Whitney Thomas said she would like to be more informed about

When you go into a public discussion, everything is fair game.

—YSU President David Sweet

campus activities.

"I think it would be good hear what people are actually talking about," Thomas said.

Other students said they already know which topics they would like see addressed.

Kerry Reid, a senior, said she would like to hear information about parking after her car was hit in the parking deck.

"I would like to see some sort of liability policy implemented. If you can prove something happened to your car while on campus, there should be something a student can do about it," Reid said.

In addition to accident liability, Reid said she would also like the issue of theft prevention brought up.

Sue Potashnick, a senior who recently transferred to YSU said she would like to see financial aid issues addressed.

"I want to know why it's hard for single students without a horde of kids to get money for school," Potashnick said.

Potashnick said she has spoken to Sweet before regarding this issue and while

he helped her out, she said she feels other students are still faced with this problem.

"I think he did it more to keep me happy than to fix the problem," Potashnick said.

Sweet said he intends to go into detail about the financial aid issue and plans to answer questions to the best of his ability.

"I want to tell students where their tuition dollars go and how decisions are made regarding who gets financial aid," Sweet said.

Sweet said he has been involved with a series of student discussion events throughout his term as president and they have varied in success.

He said he expects to discuss campus issues with anywhere from 25 to 50 students and hopes free food will attract even more.

Sweet said he understands there may be scheduling conflicts with some students, but urges students who can't make it to event to express themselves by writing in about issues.

McGovern said SGA is planning for a similar event later on in the academic year.

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was in a shootout with Michael Welch, 19, of Akron, on July 18 in a parking lot on Plaza Boulevard in Akron. Police say Harris, an innocent bystander, was caught between the gunfire and fatally wounded by Norman. Police arrived on the scene at 3:26 a.m. to find Harris lying facedown in the parking lot.

Welch was arrested at Summit County Jail where he was incarcerated for a probation violation and domestic violence. Welch was charged with attempted murder, felonious assault, carrying a con-

cealed weapon and weapon under disability. His first hearing is set for Nov. 9 after Norman's.

Ron Cole, of YSU's marketing and communications department, said last week that the office of student affairs was looking into possible disciplinary action to be taken against Norman, though the university couldn't comment on it until the review was over. Cole said Monday that the review is ongoing and that he had nothing new to comment on.

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woman, she peeked out her curtain, saw me standing there and pulled the curtain closed and refused to answer her door," Williams said. "But that was just one case. There have been residents that invited me on their porches to drink lemonade with them."

Williams said although race is a factor, he stresses his refusal to play the race card. He said he wants people to vote for him because they feel he is the most qualified candidate.

"I know there will be some people who will vote for me simply because I am black, and I also know that there will be some people who will vote against me because I'm black," Williams said.

Williams said winning the mayoral election comes down to who has the most crossover appeal. This takes into consideration the number of white votes Williams will get versus the number of black votes other candidates receive.

He said both he and his opponent, Democrat Bob Hagan, have a lot of crossover appeal.

Hagan, Williams's closest competition in the race thus far, has a high school diploma and worked as an engineer before pursuing a career in politics.

Williams is a Youngstown State University graduate with a degree in finance and has a 15-year professional career. He has held such positions as director of the Community Development Agency City of Youngstown, vice president of First Place Bank, bank examiner of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and bank manager of First Federal of Youngstown.

While this is Williams' first foray into politics, he said he feels he is the most qualified because of his managing experience he gained from working with banks.

"This town has a management problem, and being a numbers guy and having experience in that field, I think I can help solve it," Williams said.

Although he said he is up

against some pretty strong opponents, Williams said he is running in the election with the intent to win.

"I'm not going to lie down and just let the other guy win because I think they'd make a good mayor. I intend to be mayor," Williams said.

Low voter turnout has been an issue with elections nationally, with only about 30% of the population voting in primaries. Williams said getting people out to vote is one of his focuses.

"The biggest thing is keeping excitement up, when I was campaigning on July 8th people were enthusiastic about it, but that's because I was there. I'm hoping the enthusiasm keeps up for Nov. 8th," Williams said.

If Williams gets elected mayor, he said his efforts wouldn't stop once he's sworn in.

"Campaigning is the easy part. The real heavy lifting begins after you've been elected," Williams said.

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dren born to Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King. King is currently the chief executive officer of the King Center in Atlanta. He was invited to Youngstown because he has a reputation for bringing various groups of a community together, according to Susan Moorer, executive director of Leadership Mahoning Valley.

King noted that he didn't know a lot about Youngstown, but said that from the outside, Youngstown had a reputation for being a mob town and a once thriving industrial city that has seen a decline in last few decades.

King said he hoped that Friday's discussions would serve the start of a "blueprint" to change Youngstown that would be created after similar talks in the future.

"It will take the entire community to make Youngstown great," urged King.

The need for an identity, King said, should be a main goal for community leaders

in all areas. He said that when there is a "positive image of a city, people would want to come back.

King split the attendees into groups of about five and encouraged them to answer and discuss a series of questions aimed at formulating a plan for change.

The five groups each had a spokesperson that reported results of discussions. A common theme of responses was the need for cultivating youth in the Valley.

"These kids need to be practicing success at an early age," William Blake, director of Student Diversity Programs at YSU, said. "Everyone in this room needs to be mentoring a kid, teaching them how to succeed."

Wendy Webb, superintendent of Youngstown City School District, noted the Valley media might be having a significant effect on youth. She said the integrity of reporting needs to be looked at as well, citing headlines that often read "fugitive of the week" rather

than "student of the week," which may be giving children an inferiority complex.

King noted how media outlets in certain markets, such as co-sponsor WYTV Channel 33, are now attempting to bring a positive image to their area. King took part in an on-air WYTV broadcast Thursday, hoping to aid in the improvement of labor management relations in the area.

He also talked about how the station is trying to get people talking in a productive manner about the Valley, citing WYTV's "Government in Crisis" and "Steel to Scholars" as important programs that help "reframe" talks about the Valley.

After the discussion, King urged talks to continue. Admitting that he didn't know a lot about the city, he urged those in attendance that they are the ones who

"have a hand on the pulse" of Youngstown and insisted that the young people of the Valley must become "the lightning rod" of what current leaders are working on now.

Many said having King in the area to help guide them was a big step toward changing the image of Youngstown.

"He's such a hero, his father is such a hero. It's almost an eerie feeling just to be in his presence," said Susan Moorer, executive director of Leadership Mahoning Valley.

King also attended a luncheon at the Holiday Inn Metroplex in Girard on Friday. The event, sponsored by the Youngstown / Warren Regional Chamber, honored local school districts that received "Excellent" ratings on the 2004-05 state report card.

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YSU CROSS COUNTRY

Runner's tenacity leads to success.

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

There are two attributes that Youngstown State University head cross country coach Brian Gorby lists when talking about Emily Schnitkey, one of the most dominating runners he's ever coached: selflessness and tenacity. "Emily is probably the toughest gal to ever come through the program," Gorby said. "She is basically an iron man on this team."

Schnitkey has proven herself this year following a rough off-season that saw her hobbled by injury. Schnitkey was involved in a car accident over the summer that left her unable to train fully for the start of the

2005 season. "The car was totaled," Schnitkey said. "So, I guess it was kind of bad. I also broke my toe earlier before that. "It was hard at first, we started camp and I had only been running for a week and half before that."

Schnitkey's Highlights:

- ▶ Four-time All Horizon League team cross country
- ▶ 2005 Horizon League Champion in both 5,000-meter run and 3,000-meter steeplechase.
- ▶ School record in 5,000-meter run (17:13.50)
- ▶ School record in steeplechase (10:44.75)

Putting injuries behind her, Schnitkey rose to the challenge this year and recently added more accolades to her resume. Saturday, Schnitkey led the Penguins in the Horizon League Championship, where she paced the eighth-place Penguins with an eighth place finish of her own, earning her yet another All-Horizon League nomination. Schnitkey has earned all-league honors a record four times.

"It is really a privilege," Schnitkey said.

While awards are always welcome, Schnitkey said that running is more therapeutic than anything else. "I like to go out and run 10 miles and just feel good," Schnitkey said.

The senior, who hails from Napoleon, also pulls double duty, running for the Penguins dominating track team. While Schnitkey said cross country is enjoyable, track is the sport she loves most.

"In high school, it was always cross country," Schnitkey said. "Then it turned into track. Now I would have to say track is my favorite."

Schnitkey's track career has been filled with just as much success as her cross country career. During last year's outdoor portion of the track season, Schnitkey won the 5,000-meter run and the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Horizon League



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outdoor championships. What makes Gorby's coaching job even easier is the fact that Schnitkey is a team-oriented competitor, as she has been part of a women's track team that has won four consecutive league titles.

"She runs for the team and not herself," Gorby said. "She has basically been the backbone of our team."

Not only has Schnitkey won numerous titles and trophies during her career as a runner, this summer she has been adorned with another piece of hardware, a wedding ring. Schnitkey, now Emily Cicero, married husband Craig this summer, and said that it has helped to give her perspective.

"It was tough when I was planning the wedding," Schnitkey said. "My husband, Craig, has been real supportive. It balances two different lives almost."

Schnitkey will return to action fairly soon as her senior season wraps up on Nov. 12 when she competes at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

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YSU Sports in Brief

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Football: Panther rushing attack too much for Penguins in 21-7 loss

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — The No. 11 YSU football team suffered their first conference loss of the season on Saturday afternoon losing to an inspired 21st-ranked Northern Iowa squad 21-7 at the UNI Dome.

UNI tailback David Home rushed for 142 yards and had three scores to lead the Panthers to their fifth straight win over the Penguins. With the loss, YSU drops to 7-2 on the season and 4-1 in the Gateway Football Conference while the Panthers improve to 5-3 and 3-2.

For the game, UNI finished with 280 yards rushing, the most allowed by the Penguins this season. Each team committed two turnovers. Penguin quarterback Tom Zetts was 20-of-39 for 284 yards and a touchdown.

Leading 14-7, Northern Iowa increased its lead to 21-7 with an impressive drive that started at the end of the third quarter.

Taking the ball at their 11-yard line, the Panthers marched 89 yards in 16 plays and Home capped off the seven-minute and 27-second drive with a two-yard score at the 11:32 mark of the fourth quarter.

That was the lone touchdown of the second half.

The Panthers opened up a 14-7 lead following the first half. UNI jumped out to a 7-0 lead with 2:18 remaining in the first quarter on a one-yard touchdown run by Home. The Penguins had forced a fourth-and-goal situation, before Home went through the right side to open up the touchdown advantage.

YSU was able to battle back and tie the game midway through the second quarter.

Zetts threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to freshman tight end Derrick Bush capping an impressive 10-play, 83-yard drive with 8:52 left in the quarter.

The Penguins defense forced its second interception of the game when Codera Jackson knocked the ball from Sanders' hand and Brandon Brown intercepted.

However, on fourth-and-one at the Panthers' 38, quarterback Vince Giatta was stopped short of the first down giving the ball back to UNI.

After seizing the momentum, the Panthers increased their lead to 14-7 on a quick three-play 60-yard drive when Home scored on a 33-yard scamper with 4:12 remaining in the second quarter.

Junior tailback Marcus Mason was held to 41 yards on 12 plays and did not play in the second half because of a slight concussion. Mason had rushed for 100 yards in each of the previous four contests.

The Penguins are back on the road next Saturday when they travel to Southern Illinois. The Salukis are coming off a 31-20 victory over top-ranked Western Kentucky this past Thursday.

YSU, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky each have one conference loss entering the final two weeks of Gateway play for all three schools.

Soccer: Penguins tie Vikings 0-0 in double overtime

YOUNGSTOWN — The YSU soccer team (1-17-1, 1-5-1 Horizon League) concluded the season as they tied Cleveland State (0-16-1) in a double overtime scoreless dual at Stambaugh Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Penguins played strong offense throughout the entire game, taking a total of nine shots on goal. YSU forward Kara Vezza took five shots as well as three shots on goal. Midfielder Carrie Wack and forward Britny Humphrey also helped the Penguins' offensive efforts with each taking four shots on goal.

YSU's defense held Cleveland State to a 0-0 game as they entered their first round of overtime. The Penguins managed to take four shots on the Vikings but could not put any points on the board. The game entered into double overtime and neither team could find the net, resulting in a scoreless tie.

The Penguins outshot the Vikings, 22-5, and out numbered CSU in corner kicks, 5-1. YSU goalie Jessica Yarter collected a total of five saves.

Youngstown State will travel to Milwaukee on Thursday for the first round of the Horizon League Tournament as they take on Detroit.

Cross country: Cicero places eighth, six men set personal bests at league championship meet

YELLOW SPRINGS, Ohio — YSU senior Emily Cicero finished eighth to earn Second-Team All-Horizon League honors while Nick Kruse finished 17th as one of six men to run a personal-best time at the Horizon League Championship Saturday morning at John Bryan State Park.

Cicero covered the women's 5K course in 18:11 to earn all-conference honors for the fourth time in her career. She also finished eighth as a freshman to garner Horizon League Newcomer of the Year accolades and finished sixth as a sophomore and junior to earn first-team honors.

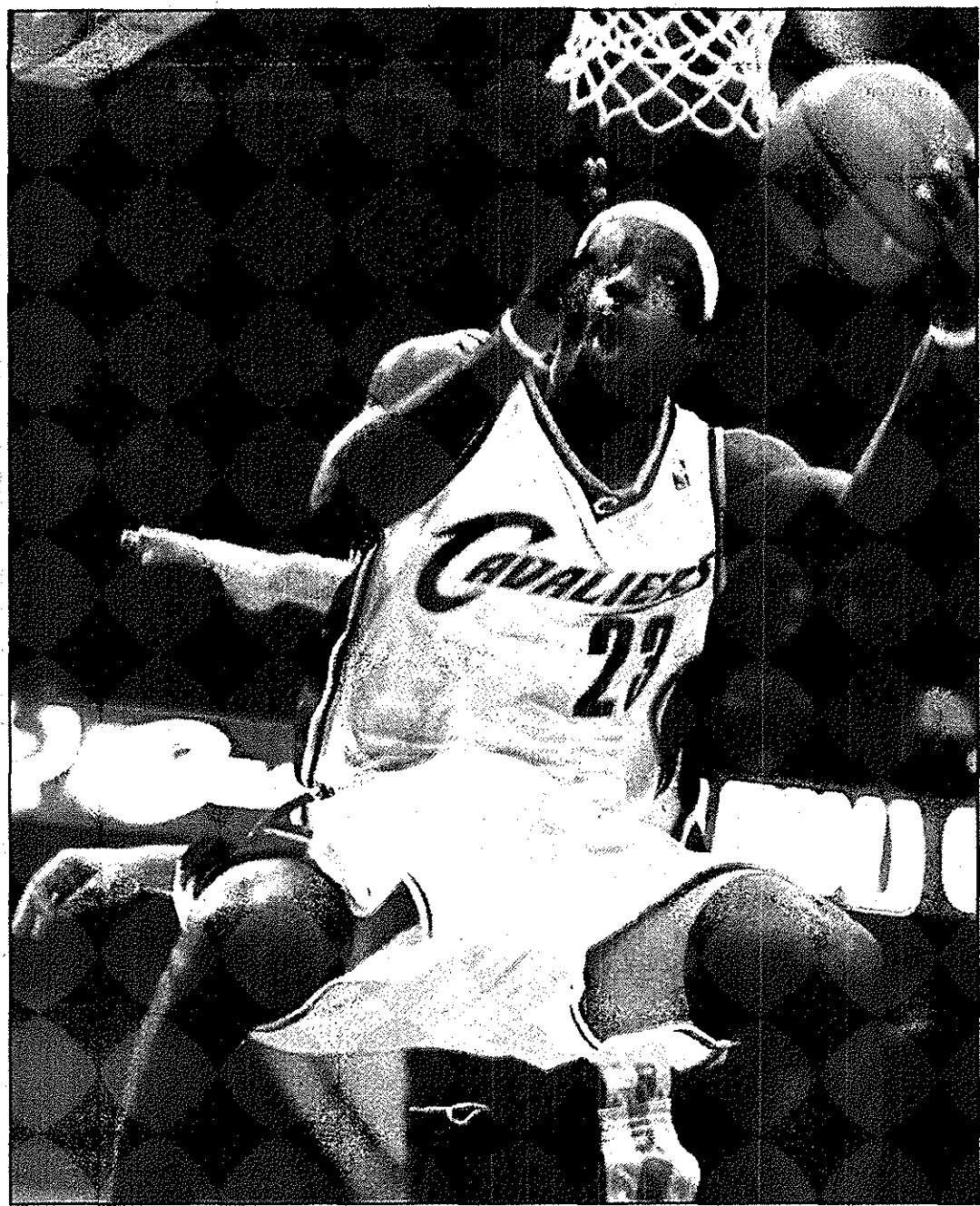
Kruse's personal-best time of 25:24 in the 8K paced the men's squad to a fifth-place finish. Dave Mealy ran a personal-best 25:25 to place 19th while Nick Buzek finished 23rd in a personal-best 25:40. Nick Smith finished 35th with a mark of 26:34, and Dan Nemergut ran a personal-best 26:38 to finish 36th and round out the scoring five. R.D. Goodright ran a personal-best 27:17 to finish 51st, and Harold Jones placed 62nd with a personal-best 27:45. J.D. Sheppard placed 73rd in 29:20.

Behind Cicero, Gina Mavrikis placed 36th with a time of 19:31 while Marielle Glanz finished 57th in 21:06. Amy Moore finished 65th in 21:34, and Debbie Breunig placed 70th in 22:35. Madelyn McGhee finished 71st (22:38), Estee Rogers placed 73rd (23:39) and Genevieve Jerome finished 74th (23:44).

Butler won both championships while Loyola finished second in both races. YSU's women's team finished in eighth.

The Penguins will compete in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional on Nov. 12 at 11 a.m.

Cavs ready for tipoff



Cleveland's LeBron James goes up for a shot in a preseason game in this file photo. The Cavs look primed for a playoff run this season, having made three solid offseason acquisitions in slasher Larry Hughes and outside threats Donyell Marshall and Damon Jones to complement James and center Zydrunas Ilgauskas. Last season, the Cavs threatened to make the playoffs before falling apart in the last week of the season. This year, many experts are picking the Cavs to compete with the Indiana Pacers and Miami Heat in for the Eastern Conference title. The Cavs tip off their season tomorrow at home against the New Orleans Hornets. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m., and the game can be seen on Fox Sports Ohio.

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STEELHOUNDS HOCKEY

SteelHounds hope success leads to continued interest

By: Justin Smolkovich
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The Youngstown SteelHounds, the newest member to the Central Hockey League, begin play Friday at the new Youngstown Convocation Center with high hopes and even higher expectations.

The SteelHounds are drawing attention from all over the Mahoning Valley, and interest in hockey has grown. Director of Media and Public Relations Bob Hoffman said.

"We have been very pleased with the response we have received from the community about hockey in the Mahoning Valley," Hoffman said.

Tickets for Friday's inaugural faceoff for the SteelHounds, who stand at 2-0-1, are becoming more difficult to find.

"We have had a strong response to

tickets for the first weekend of games," Hoffman said. "I feel the public's desire in general to see the SteelHounds play will ensure us outstanding crowds throughout the season."

The SteelHounds management also realizes the explosive power of one of the city's largest populations up the road on Wick Avenue. Youngstown State University students and faculty are key demographics the SteelHounds want included in their season. Students and faculty will receive special discounts to games, and certain nights will be aimed at attracting YSU students.

"We are going to have a discount ticket with the display of a student ID, and we are going to gear a large portion of our game presentation on Wednesday nights to YSU students and faculty," Hoffman said.

The Mahoning Valley has had recent success with minor league teams in the area, highlighted by the Mahoning Valley Scrappers — an AA affiliate of the Cleveland Indians — playing in Niles to frequent sellout crowds. The difficulty for the SteelHounds, however, will be selling hockey to a market unfamiliar with the sport and a national audience that seems to be waning as of late.

"We are an expansion team but have put together a team full of players that have a history of winning," Hoffman said. "We are fully anticipating being a competitive team and have the championship in our sights."

Faceoff for Friday's home opener is set for 7:05 p.m. against Oklahoma City (1-3).

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ENTERTAINMENT FOCUS

The guys behind the hot spot

By: Jessica Yadegaran
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WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — You walk into a club and, instantly, hundreds of brains begin computing where you fall on a scale of 1 to 10. No need for guilt or offense. It's as subconscious as blinking.

On a recent trip to the Bambuddha Lounge, however, this silent guilty pleasure became a bit more public. Hotornot.com, the Web site for ranking desirability, converged on the San Francisco hot spot — camera, scrolling video, and all.

No sooner than you flashed your I.D. was your photo, and your score, splashed on the entryway.

"5.3?!" said a less-than-pleased, svelte Asian twentysomething, before spinning on her patent leather go-go boots and heading to the bar. There is no logic, for beauty is in the eye of the clicker.

While hundreds of start-ups rest in

peace, Hotornot continues to thrive. In its five years, 11 billion votes have been cast on the site, and 20 million photos have been uploaded for judging.

The co-founders, James Hong and Jim Young, both 32, threw the all-expenses-paid bash in October at the Bambuddha Lounge to celebrate. It's been a long road for the childhood friends, from Taiwanese summer camp to write-ups in national magazines.

"It's a real accomplishment that we're around and doing so well," says Hong, surrounded by beauties and sporting a large gold dollar sign around his neck.

Their story is no different from other computer geek fairy tales. In 2000, Hong and Young were living with Young's parents. Young was pursuing the Ph.D.-that-would-never-end. Hong, a high-tech businessman, was unemployed.

One night, the guys,

regulars on the South Bay party circuit, headed to a get-together where Young was eager to show Hong a girl he was convinced was a "10."

"I didn't see any '10s' that night," Hong recalls, not sure whether he ever spotted the girl. Somewhat drunk, they debated it some more, and an idea was born. Back at the house, the two engineers began brainstorming.

"Because it was Silicon Valley, we had a whiteboard in the living room," Hong said, laughing. Within three days, Young had built the basic site — one page to submit photos, another one to rate them and a third to keep score.

Hong checked it out that weekend, while visiting his

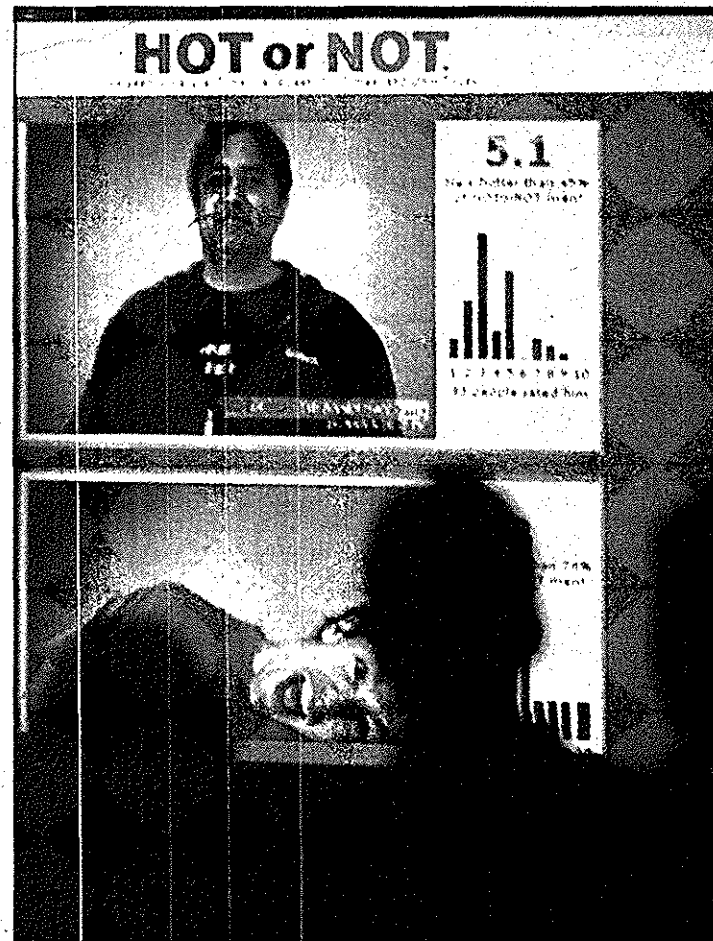
folks. Bad move, he says.

"My 60-year-old Asian civil engineer dad was looking over my shoulder, obviously displeased," said Hong, who graduated from Monte Vista High School. "Here I was unemployed and tinkering on this site, when I should've been looking for a job."

Hong and Young sent the link to friends, and by the end of the day, 40,000 people had visited the site. By the end of the week, Hotornot received 1.8 million page views. To increase traffic, Hong went rollerblading in the parking lots of major Silicon Valley companies. "Hey, have you heard of that Web site, Hotornot.com?" he'd ask people, innocently.

Before long, people were asking Hong the same question.

Within a few months, David Letterman was talking about the site, and articles popped up in



Playboy, Business Week and Entertainment Weekly. Shortly after, Hong and Young launched Meet Me, the interactive component of the site.

More casual than online dating, the feature is a way for like-minded hotties to meet up. Today, the Meet Me service, which costs \$6 a month, boasts 600,000 members. At least one marriage is reported to the site every day, Hong says.

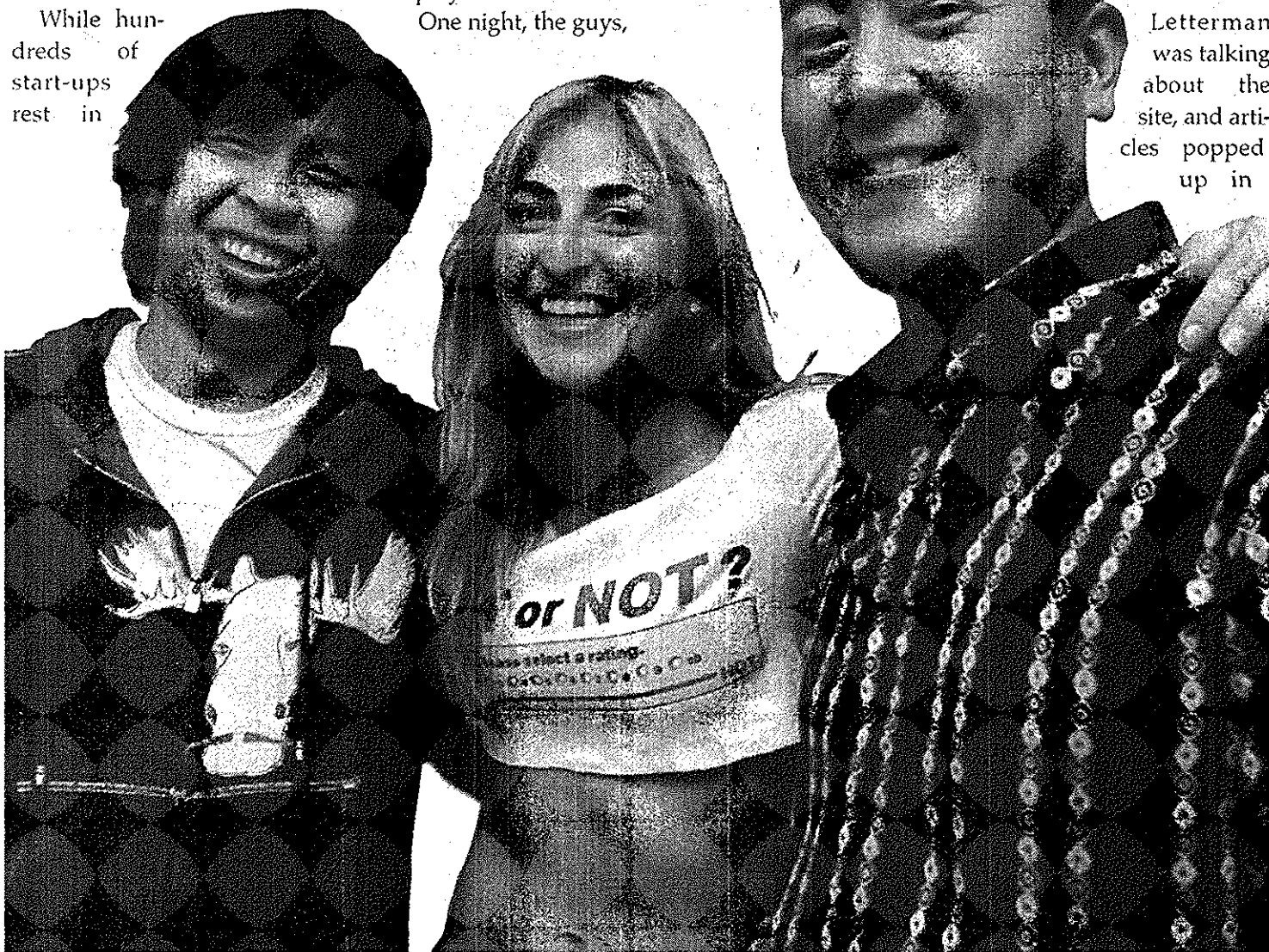
The site's motto is "fun, clean and real," so they've avoided pop-ups and have enlisted thousands of volunteers to moderate the site and keep it free of nudity and other questionable content.

In 2003, Hong and Young moved out of mom and dad's and into their current

office in downtown Berkeley, Calif. The open space is littered with beach balls, video games and odes to "American Idol" anti-hero William Hung. The co-founders don't have desks, but their four employees do.

These days, the entrepreneurs are busy deciding which way to take the business: They rate people, so why not cars or movies? Whatever it is, it'll most likely be hot: It is estimated, according to Hong's market research, that more than half of America's 18-24 year-olds have been on the site.

"How many hours of corporate America's time are we wasting?," Hong asks, joking. "How many dollars are not being made so people can tinker on Hotornot?"



LEFT: Hot or Not site founders Jim Young (left) and James Hong (right) pose with friend Julie Ruvolo at the Hotornot.com five-year anniversary party in San Francisco, California, on Sunday, October 9, 2005.

ABOVE: Partygoers watch as Hot or Not ratings of guests scroll up a wall Sunday, October 9, 2005, at the Hotornot.com five-year anniversary party in San Francisco, California.

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CONCERT REVIEW

3 Doors Down gives powerful show

By: Katie Libecco
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Doubts of filling seats at the Youngstown Convocation Center were quashed Saturday night when the Youngstown Convocation Center held its concert with bands 3 Doors Down, Shinedown and Alter Bridge.

Concert promoters did not release an official number of tickets sold, but thousands of fans filled the arena floor and seats. Alter Bridge, with former members of Creed Scott Phillips, Brian Marshall and Mark Tremonti, was the first band to take the stage, fronted by new lead singer Myles Kennedy.

Kennedy and Tremonti paced the stage with a rock swagger in their walk and played off crowd energy, especially during electric guitar solos. Kennedy's had a classical feel, while there was no mistaking Tremonti's for anything other than rock.

"How's it feel Youngstown? It feels pretty damn good. We're

proud to be a part of the first show to rock the center," Kennedy said during Alter Bridge's performance.

Although often labeled as melodic rock, Alter Bridge's sound was much heavier than expected from former Creed members. Their new sound has little in common with songs they became famous for in their former band.

Shinedown took the stage next, a heavy rock group that controlled audience interaction like an art. Between songs, most everything lead singer Brent Smith said, he sang or screamed to the audience.

"We owe a lot to you. Our newest album, 'Us and Them,' is only possible because of you. You inspired us every single day," Smith told the crowd during their set.

Shinedown also performed their cover of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Simple Kind of Man." The ballad brought out lighters and cell phones, the first song to do so at the convocation center.

Thanks for having us here tonight. Thanks for letting us be the first concert in this beautiful arena. It sounds awesome in here.

3 Doors Down frontman Brad Arnold

The lighters and cell phones also came out at Smith's request during their performance of popular single "45."

"I want to see what the stars look like in Youngstown," Smith said, while coaching the crowd to stand for the song.

3 Doors Down's powerful performance started with pyrotechnics and a introduction, to reveal massive, prop gears turning on-stage, among stainless steel ramps.

"Thanks for having us here tonight. Thanks for letting us be the first concert in this beautiful arena. It must feel great," 3 Doors Down lead singer Brad Arnold said to the crowd. "It sounds awesome in here."

Their set list included all of

their popular songs, including "Away from the Sun," which Arnold said described a point he was at in his life for a long time.

Other songs 3 Doors Down performed included "Kryptonite," "Be Like That" and "Here Without You." Arnold's voice and the band overall sounded even better live than in their albums.

Overall, the sound quality in the arena varies by section. It is the clearest and crispest at the front of the crowd on the arena floor. The higher seats on the side have a slight distortion and echo, but the top seats in the back have far less sound quality problems than the sides. But even in the worst of seats at the arena, there is only a slight distant echo.

Also, from some seats in the sections closest to the stage it was harder to see monitors included in the bands' stage set-up. The monitors were only used for 3 Doors

Down's performance.

Youngstown State University fraternity Sigma Tau Gamma served as beer vendors for the event. The arena charges \$5.25 per beer at events.

Other prices at the arena included \$3.50 for a large soda, \$2.50 for popcorn, \$2.50 for peanuts, \$2.75 for bottled water and \$3 for a hot dog.

Before the show, many concertgoers stopped at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wick Avenue for dinner, showing hope for the revitalization of downtown Youngstown.

Future concerts at the convocation center include Australian Pink Floyd Wednesday, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra Nov. 13, Clay Aiken's holiday show, "Joyful Noise" Nov. 27 and the Barenaked Ladies Dec. 5.

More information on upcoming events and tickets are available at the official Web site for the Youngstown Convocation Center at www.ytownconvocationcenter.com.

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