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In Brief

Health Fair

next Tuesday

The Junior YSU Nursing Community Class will host the YSU Health Fair 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Free health information, including health screenings and fitness tests, will be available.

Opera performances this weekend

Dana College of Fine and Performing Arts presents the Dana Opera Workshop performance Saturday and Sunday inside the Bliss Recital Hall. Saturday's show will be held at 8 p.m. and Sunday's will start at 3 p.m. Allan Mosher directs both shows.

Orchestra to perform Monday

The Dana Symphony Orchestra will play on Monday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. The concert will be at the St. John's Episcopal Church on Wick Ave. There will an admission fee at the door.

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Pizza with the Prez

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University President David Sweet met with students over a bite of free pizza yesterday in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. The discussion was part of "Pizza With the President," an event started by the Student Government Association in which the president talked with students about YSU and had a question-answer period after.

About 20 people, including university administration and senior staff, attended the discussion. SGA President Bob McGovern said he thought it went well and that they may repeat the meeting in the future.

The meeting began with a presentation from Sweet that was sort of a crash course in the current state of YSU. The president discussed such topics as the Centennial Master Plan, the addition of new degrees and faculty, attracting students to YSU and tuition.

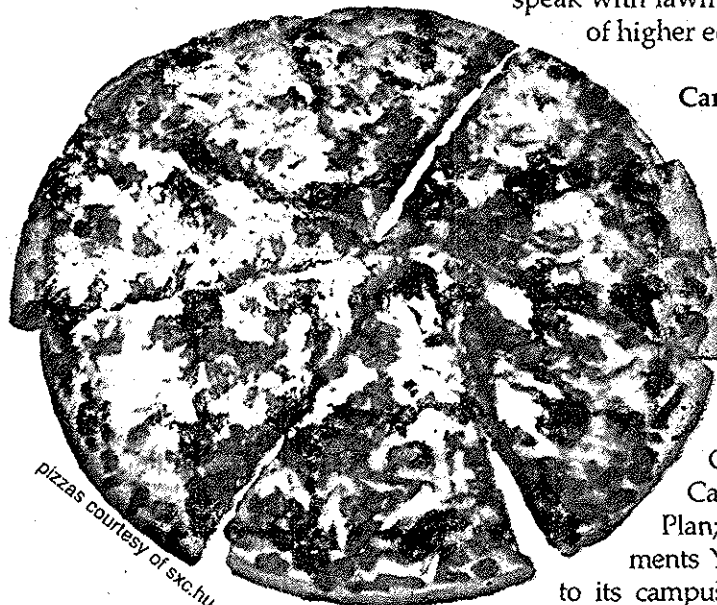
Sweet included a breakdown of where every cent of a tuition dollar is spent at the university in his presentation. One slide Sweet showed illustrated that 72 cents of every dollar goes to paying the salaries and fringe benefits for the university faculty and staff; 12 cents goes into operating costs; three cents go into scholarships and financial aid.

Sweet followed the breakdown with a summary of tuition increases in Ohio and how it related to state budget cuts for higher education.

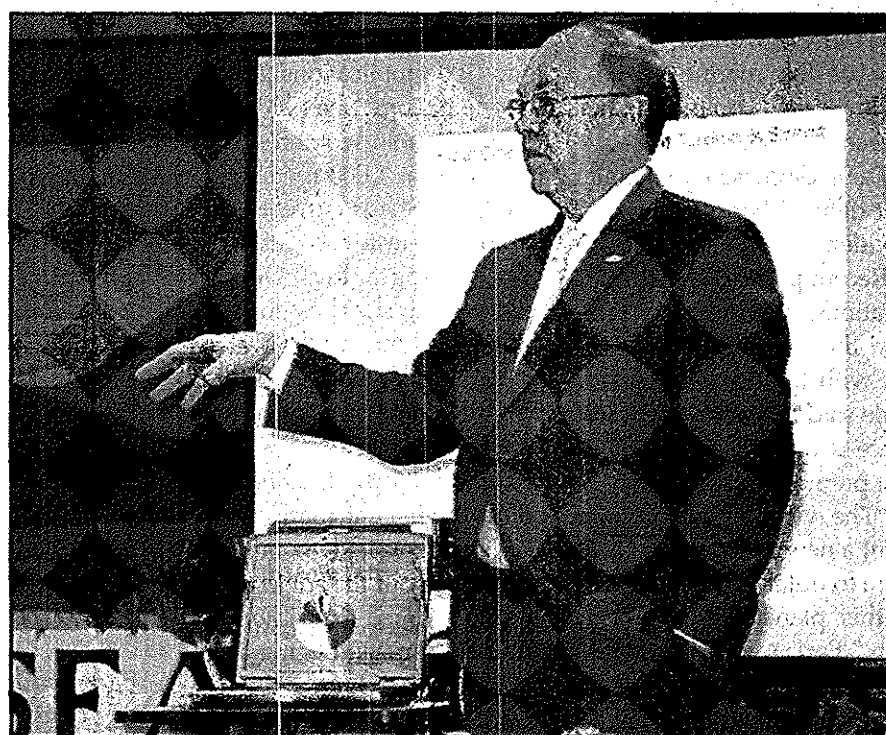
"This chart should really be called, 'What in the World is the State of Ohio Doing?'" Sweet said as he noted the state cut more than \$8 million in annual funding since he arrived as president of YSU in 2000.

He commended SGA for traveling to Columbus over the summer to speak with lawmakers in favor of higher education.

Campus Master Plan and Downtown Youngstown
Sweet provided students with a summary of YSU's developments with its Centennial Campus Master Plan, the improvements YSU will make to its campus by 2008, the

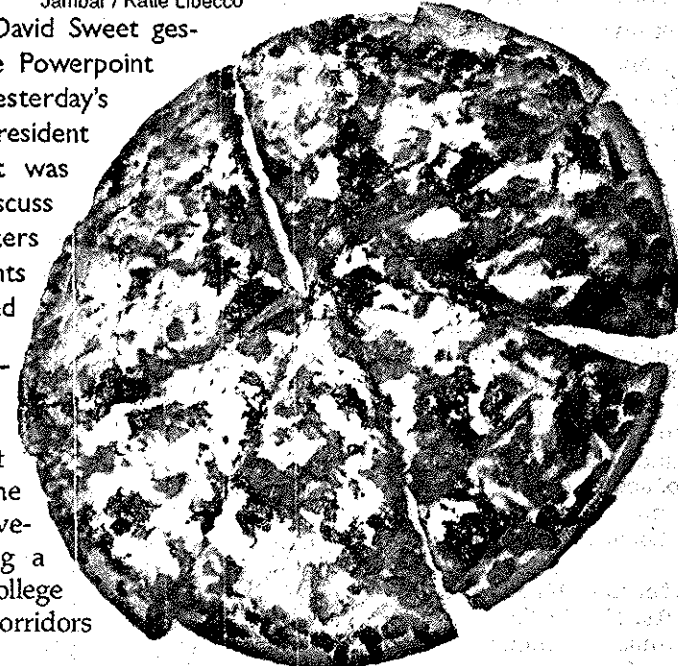


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YSU President David Sweet gestures during the Powerpoint portion of yesterday's Pizza with the President gathering. Sweet was on hand to discuss university matters with YSU students while they enjoyed lunch.



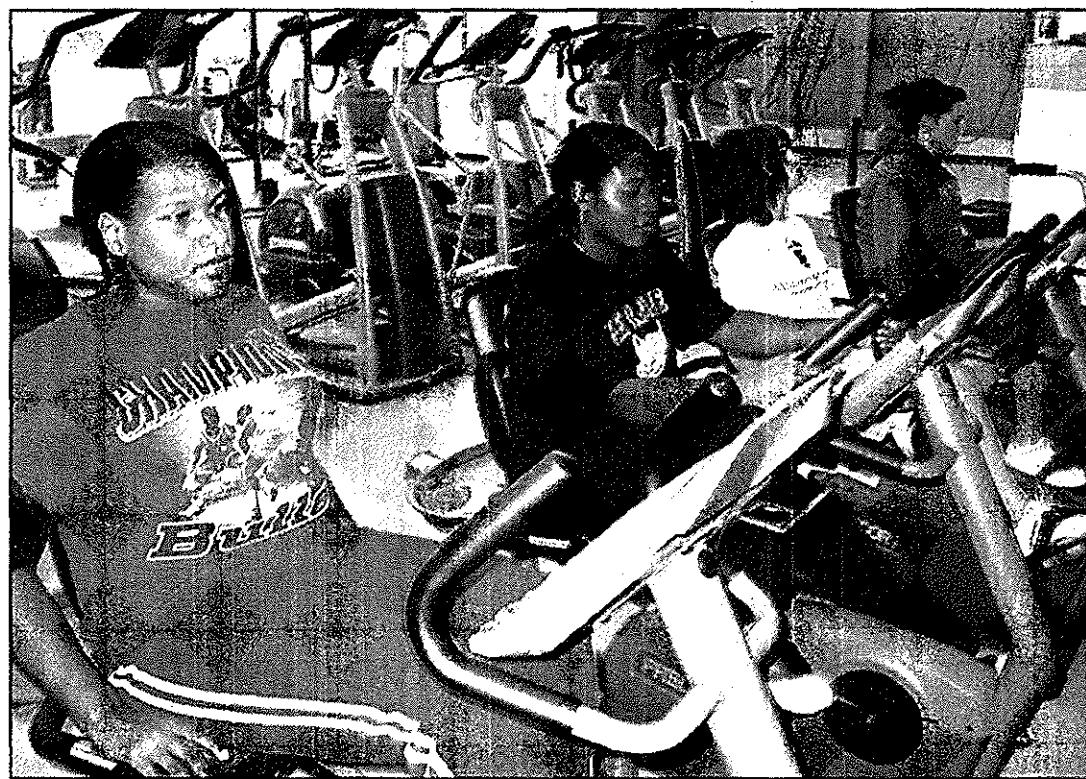
campus' 100th anniversary. Sweet mentioned some of the improvements, including a new business college and beautified corridors to campus.

The president also talked about YSU's involvement with the Smokey Hollow Project. Special Assistant to the President George McCloud said Wick Neighbors Inc. is spearheading the development of the Smokey Hollow community, which would include a residential neighborhood and businesses, and is applying for zoning at city council. Sweet said the community would bring amenities like drug and grocery stores closer to campus.

With the recent opening of the convocation center in downtown Youngstown, Sweet stressed that YSU students could be getting involved in the variety of arts and entertainment activities that have hitherto received little student attention.

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YSU / REC CENTER



Jambar / Katie Libecco

YSU students, from left to right, Monica Cameron, Shamarian Coleman, Felicia Ciotola and Amanda Brindley work out Wednesday at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Attendance at rec center exceeding expectations

By: Eric Grosso
FEATURES REPORTER

Attendance at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center has exceeded the expectations of officials. There have been more than 22,000 visits since the rec center's opening, according to recent user statistics.

Jack Rigney, director of campus recreation, said statistics on students using the center have been really encouraging and better the outlook they had before the center opened.

"We're really excited for everything, we couldn't be more happy at the attendance," Rigney said.

According to Rigney, the official number of visits is 22,478, with slightly more than 50 percent of those being freshmen. The center has seen 5,372 unique visitors, 60 percent of which were freshmen. Rigney said that the strong freshmen usage of the center is important and gives a good indication of what future freshmen classes may do.

Usage statistics show the most attended hours during the month were between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Rigney said there is a heavy emphasis on basketball during that time period — the courts are usually full with students. The center saw over 8,000

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Lead test results expected soon

By: Leonard Glenn Crist
EDITOR IN CHIEF

University officials tested the Wee Care Day Care playground for lead contamination Monday and expect results sometime next week. However, the vice president of a campus union said he is upset the university did not test more areas.

Sandra Denman, Youngstown State University's director of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety, said in an interview Wednesday that a number of areas were tested for lead at the day care's playground by her and Dan Sahli, an envi-

ronmental scientist who works under Denman.

The playground is located outside of Fedor Hall, 30 feet north of a recently installed exhaust fan that connects to Beeghly Center's Rifle Range.

Concerns were raised recently that the new exhaust fan, which does not contain a filtration system, could potentially discharge harmful amounts of lead into the atmosphere. University officials have countered that the new exhaust system is safe and in compliance with the law.

Ivan Maldonado, vice president of the union, said

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Sweet: Federal lobbyist too expensive for YSU

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

Earlier this semester, Youngstown State University received a record-breaking \$4.1 million in federal money to improve its roadways and to bolster programs at the William Rayen College of Engineering. YSU President David Sweet

addressed the appropriation, secured by U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Niles, as a success of the hard work between YSU and the congressman.

The appropriation seems to be the result of YSU and Ryan seeing an opportunity in the Federal Transportation and Efficiency Act

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YSU / FRESHMAN READERS DIALOGUE

Author tells of deep-sea trips

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

Sylvia Earle spoke to Youngstown State University students about her Freshman Readers' Dialogue book "Sea Change: A Message of the Oceans" on Tuesday in Kilcawley's Chestnut Room.

"Growing up I had a genuine sense of wonder, sense of awe of the marine world," Earle said, opening her speech.

Earle discussed two traits that defined her: passion and wonder.

Recent presidential administrations, however, have not held the same sense of wonder with the ocean, she said. Earle said many people think space is the final frontier, but that premonition is untrue.

"The view is that if you want a new frontier you have to go to outer space, but most of this planet has not been seen," Earle said.

Students in freshmen level classes have read her book as part of their curriculum. The book involves Earle's knowledge and love of the oceans.

"Do we care that the climate is getting warmer bit by bit?" Earle asked. "What we do to the natural world, we

What we do to the natural world, we are actually doing to ourselves.

—Author Sylvia Earle

are actually doing to ourselves."

Earle, also known as "Her Deepness," authored more than 100 publications about marine biology. She holds the record for solo women's diving depth at 1,000 meters, or 3,300 feet. She is currently an explorer-in-residence at National Geographic. Diving worldwide, she has logged over 6,000 hours in the water, in locations such as the Bahamas and the Indian Ocean.

Bill Jenkins, the FRD's committee chairman, said Earle was excited to talk to students about the subject.

"She seemed to be interested in the area and being able to convey her knowledge of the ocean," Jenkins said.

Each year, the FRD chooses a topic based on an important social issue. Jenkins said that this year the committee wanted to focus on environmental issues in general, and more specifically, a woman scientist.

Earle fit the bill in both regards.

"We felt that there is high interest in the environment," Jenkins said. "We have to be aware of what we are doing to the world around us."

Earle also said the disappearance of many of the big fish in the ocean is one of her major concerns. Earle said every fish has a specific role in the aquatic ecosystem, and many are being fished too extensively.

"It's hard to find a fish in the ocean that isn't on a menu somewhere," Earle said. "For example, the whale shark, you can go to ports in Asia and buy them for over \$5,000."

Earle ended her speech with some creative insight into what it's like to explore waters of the world.

"I wish I could take you literally on a dive, when you get down 50 feet the whole world is blue," she said.

Call Steve Lettau at (330) 941-1913.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Argentinean documentarian to visit YSU

Marie Trígona, a writer and filmmaker, will speak tomorrow at 6 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Humphrey Room, detailing her numerous documentaries and literary pieces.

Trígona is part of a film organization known as Grupo Alavio that has been documenting and aiding the struggling working class in Argentina for more than 10 years. Trígona will speak about the group and their work regarding the social and economic situation in Argentina.

Grupo Alavio's latest documentary, "La Foresta," follows a group of workers who are fighting to keep the La Foresta meat packing plant, located just outside Buenos Aires, in business. The plant closed in 1999, leaving the workers without jobs. The film documents their use of worker self management to keep the business alive, as well as their legal fight to keep the plant open without an owner.

This occurrence has grown more common in Argentina, a response to a decade-long recession that has left the country financially empty and with a crumbling economy. In the early 1990s, responding to huge external debts, skyrocketing inflation, and low output exports, the Argentinean government moved the economy into free trade and privatized most of the government-run businesses.

After experiencing slow growth with the new approach, a number of financial changes in Mexico, East Asia, Russia and Brazil put Argentina into a full recession and the country defaulted on a \$90 million International Monetary Fund loan in 2001.

From 1990 to 2003, 450,000 Argentines died of hunger, according to Argentinean economist Alberto Lapolla. Citizens living in poverty peaked in Oct. 2002 with over 57 percent living under the poverty line. In the first half of 2005, 38.5 percent lived in poverty, according to recent statistics.

For more information on the event, call (330) 941-3442.

POLICE BLOTTER

A University Courtyard Apartments resident reported that her friend's laptop, valued at \$1,400, had been stolen from her room on Oct. 28. According to the victim, the laptop was stolen between 1 a.m. and 1:20 a.m., while the tenant was in her bedroom and the owner of the laptop was in another apartment. The victim stated that the door to the apartment had been propped open.

Police a brief description of Briggs, who they saw leaving the locker room. Police later stopped Briggs and noted she smelled of alcohol and was belligerent, according to the report. The report states that when police began to search Briggs, she said, "Some of that money is mine." Briggs admitted to stealing the money in a written statement, according to police.

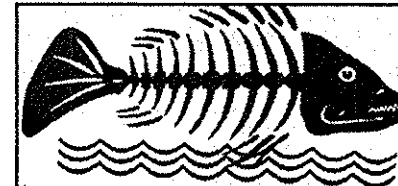
A freshman Lyden House resident was transported to St. Elizabeth Hospital on Oct. 28 after police said he had been drinking. Police noticed the student lying on the floor of the bathroom, after which the student stated he "had a total of eight or nine shots." He also stated that he "could not feel his legs" when police attempted to give him a field sobriety test, according to the report. The incident is still under investigation.

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OUR SIDE

No one is above the law

Lewis "Scooter" Libby, former White House Assistant to the President of the United States, Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the United States and Assistant to the Vice president for National Security Affairs, was indicted by a grand jury on Friday on five counts, including charges of obstruction of justice, perjury and making false statements in the CIA leak investigation, leaving Americans to question the integrity and accountability of the White House.

The charges evolved from a two-year investigation by U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald into whether Karl Rove, White House deputy chief of staff and President Bush's chief political adviser, Libby or other administration officials knowingly revealed the confidential identity of classified CIA officer Valerie Plame or misled investigators.

Rove's potential legal problems were generated when he failed initially to disclose to prosecutors a conversation in which he told Time magazine's Matt Cooper that Plame worked for the CIA. The conversation in which this information was discussed is included in Friday's indictment, however, Rove escaped indictment.

Libby resigned and left the White House after the indictment was announced, but officials were quick to rush to his defense.

With the existing tensions between the Democratic and Republican parties over Supreme Court nominations, the Iraqi war and relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina, the parties couldn't be more at odds with each other than they are now after these grand jury indictments.

The bottom line is, top White House officials were given access to classified information, which was leaked to, of all people, reporters for major national news sources. Compromising information that relates directly to our national security is an incredibly dangerous situation and should not be taken lightly.

Cheney and Bush were quick to rush to the defense of "innocent until proven guilty," and Democratic Party leaders referred to Friday as a sad day for the country and the government, while avoiding any responsibility for the situation.

Sen. Pat Roberts, the Republican head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, told news sources that when Senate Democrats declared a closed session to investigate the investigation of prewar intelligence on Iraq it was merely a stunt to gain publicity for their cause.

The investigation, however, has still not come to an end, and other White House officials remain under investigation.

"As so often happens with Washington scandals, it isn't the original scandal that gets people in the most trouble — it's the attempted cover-up," U.S. Rep. Tom Petri (R-Wisconsin) told The Associated Press after Libby's indictment was announced.

However, the way U.S. Attorney Fitzgerald pursues justice for the people of America will affect the relationship between the government and media for years to come.

We can only hope that the White House will take responsibility for the situation with apologies from the proper officials, move on and work on securing classified information. Ultimately, the safety of America supercedes the pride of the White House and media relations.

The GOP has built their platform on protecting national security and securing peace worldwide, but seldom takes responsibility when situations go awry.

Time after time, Americans have pleaded for someone to stand up and accept responsibility for crimes and scandals that reach the upper echelons of the political system.

There is no reason for anyone — "Scooter" Libby, Karl Rove, Dick Cheney or even President Bush — to feel they are above the law.

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Through the looking glass

By: Mike Pingree
KRT CAMPUS

THE CASE OF THE MISSING BULGARIAN

A wealthy couple embarked on an astoundingly complex scheme to get out of paying a \$100 traffic fine after their Mercedes was photographed by a police camera speeding near their home in Hyde, England. They falsely claimed that car had been driven by a former employee who had returned to Bulgaria, his native land.

The wife even traveled there to send back a postcard — purportedly from the man — thanking the couple for employing him and implying that he sometimes drove their car. The cops, of course, saw right through this.

YOU ARE GETTING VERY SLEEEEEPY...

A hypnotist has been robbing banks in Moldova by talking to cashiers and gradually putting them in a trance, before commanding them to give him the money. Bank clerks have been told to stop making eye contact with customers.

OK, NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY

A man in Sweden donated his sperm to pro-

duce a child for two lesbians who wanted children, with the understanding that he would not be responsible for them in any way. Three kids later, the gals broke up and sued him for child support. The court ruled he has to pay.

WELL, WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

A group of drug dealers in Sao Paulo, Brazil, used their mobile phones to take pictures of themselves with piles of cocaine. Acting on a tip about their activities, police moved in, but did not have enough evidence to arrest them — until they saw the pictures.

THE OLD 'LOST MY KEY' TRICK

A man left his job at the Alibi Bar in Corry, Pa., but kept his key, telling his boss that he "lost it." Then he used the key to get in and steal beer. The owner, figuring it was him, wrote the word "busted" — one letter per can — on the bottom of a six-pack of beer. After the next burglary, the cops found the cans in the suspect's recycling bin and arrested him.

HEY, COPYCAT! WHAP!

A man in Oviedo, Fla., who painted his house tan with black trim, became enraged when his

neighbor painted his house the same colors. He went over and punched him in the face. Police involvement resulted.

AND EVERYONE WILL RESPECT ME

People in China are undergoing a painful procedure to make themselves taller, in which the legs are broken and the bones are pulled slightly apart with braces until they grow back and fuse together. But some have great expectations about their new tallness will bring them. One woman said, "I'll have a better job, a better boyfriend, and eventually a better husband."

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Drug dealers in a run-down neighborhood in Memphis, Tenn., became so brazen that they posted a sign on the home when they were doing business: Crack House. Police took notice.

I CAN SEE YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELF, SIR

A new nightclub in London is featuring, a night where all patrons must be in the nude. Shoes are allowed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jambar editorial board went too far

Editor:
What in the hell is the matter with The Jambar Editorial Board? I have absolutely no issue whatsoever with anyone, including a newspaper editorial board, making an educated and informed statement defending his, her or their views on any issue. However, when one totally dismisses the views of a large segment of society as being basically backwards and damaging, I have to stand up and tell them they've gone too far. You, sirs and madams, have gone too far.

In your editorial "Bush Did It...Again", you said "Alito's press-given nickname, 'Scalito', should be enough to send shudders down the spines of any forward thinking American." So let me get this straight; if an American truly believes in his or her heart that an unborn child has as much a right to be allowed to be born as his or her mother has a right to control her body, and believes that since the exercising of the mother's right could result in the death of said child, that we as Americans have a responsibility to defend that child's life, we are backward? Is that what you are arguing?

If it is the view of The Jambar that those who support the rights of unborn children are backwards-thinking, then I submit to you that those who think it is OK to murder a baby just because it hasn't yet slid through a four-inch long tube of tissue and been born into this world are not thinking at all. If someone on the pro-choice side of the issue can give me a legitimate, educated view on why a woman's right to control her body should supercede the right of the unborn child to stay alive, I will be more than happy to debate said person on the merits of the issues. So far, I have not heard one person on the pro-choice side say anything educated at all. Those who relentlessly attack their opponents with ad hominem insults like "backwards" and do not even ATTEMPT to argue their position on the merits do so because they know they HAVE no legitimate issue and or no rational leg to stand on. If you have one, I'll be more than happy to debate you; in the meantime, take the libel and slander you keep firing at conservatives and stick it where the Sun don't shine.

Don Rudolph II
YSU Alumnus

Changes for limited service faculty coming

Editor:
I am writing this letter to draw attention to a very important and dedicated group of professionals who serve at YSU, namely the limited service faculty. I am also writing this in the hope that a particular administrative policy concerning the limited service faculty will very rapidly be changed.

As is typical of many state-sponsored universities, approximately 40 percent or more of YSU's course offerings are taught by limited service faculty. Based on my own personal experience as a full service faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, I have found that the limited service faculty, who teach in my own department, comprise an extremely dedicated and competent body of instructors. In Mathematics, all of these professionals have at least a master's degree and some have a Ph.D. in mathematics or statistics. Also, the student's evaluation of teaching of the limited service faculty is extremely favorable in nearly all cases. Furthermore, based on my personal acquaintances with limited service faculty in other departments, such as in the English and Management departments, as well as the reports that I receive from other faculty and students it seems that, overall, the limited service faculty make a profound contribution to the mission of this university.

While the limited service instructor doesn't have the same obligations to engage in research, publish scholarly articles, obtain grants for the university, and perform service to the university community as does a full service faculty member, the limited service instructor is only paid a small fraction of what a full service faculty member is paid on a per course basis and she/he receives no health care insurance.

It needs to be pointed out that the limited service instructor typically brings a wealth of experience to their teaching area. For example, those instructors who formally taught in the school system are typically highly effective teachers. Others may bring a valuable specific area of expertise from the outside world, such as forensic science, meteorology, or

market forecasting to the classroom. Many of the limited service instructors are engaged in scholarly endeavors (writing journal articles, pursuing advanced degrees, etc.) for which they receive no compensation through the university.

It is probably safe to say that at least half of the students take at least one course from a limited service instructor. (This is almost surely an underestimate.) The course may be developmental or it may be a freshman or sophomore level course in the student's major area. (It may even be an upper division or graduate level course.) Over the years, I have listened to many developmental students give credit to various limited service faculty for providing the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge needed to be a successful student at YSU.

A recent event compelled me to write this letter. My wife, who is currently a limited service instructor in the mathematics department and has taught in the department for many years, was informed last week that limited service faculty would not be allowed to use the new recreation center this year, and it is possible that the limited service faculty will be permanently excluded from the center. After observing the hurt and disappointment in her eyes as she recounted her experience of being turned away to me, I checked with the recreation center director. I was told that the limited service faculty was excluded from the center this academic year and that the issue of allowing them to use the center in the future would be considered at a later date. What sort of message does this send to part time faculty and the other part time employees who work very hard for the benefit of students at this institution?

I think most of us at YSU would agree that the new Andrews Student

Recreation and Wellness Center is a marvelous addition to the campus. The center has been made available for no additional cost to the nearly 13,000 students enrolled at the university and it is also available to the full-service faculty and staff for a modest annual fee of \$100. As a faculty member, I am happy to pay a reasonable annual fee for the use of this modern facility. My wife, who has been told by her physician that she needs to engage in a regular exercise/workout program in addition to maintaining a strict diet, plan, was delighted at the prospect of being able to put regular workouts into her busy schedule that consists of teaching 3 courses at YSU, volunteering in an extracurricular mathematics program in my son's school for two afternoons each week, and working toward a Ph.D. in mathematics education.

I don't really believe that administrative policy makers deliberately intended to send the callous and disrespectful message that echoes through the present policy. I much prefer to think of this situation as simply an unfortunate mistake. I firmly believe that all of us, including the administration, the full time faculty and staff, and the students, greatly value the contributions of the limited service and part time employees. In particular, my current YSU students would not be here today if it were not for the hard work and dedication of numerous limited service faculty. These individuals need to be included in the general aspects of campus life, which definitely includes the privilege to use our magnificent new center (for a reasonable annual fee.) I am hopeful that this issue will be dealt with in a prompt and apologetic manner.

Richard Goldthwait
Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Statistics



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Sweet suggested that SGA contact downtown businesses such as clubs and restaurants to explore the possibility of creating student discounts downtown. Sweet said this could get more students out and involved with events taking place downtown.

Student Questions

Sweet's presentation was followed by a question-

answer period with students.

One student was upset about treatment at the financial aid office, saying that there were problems with communications and misinformation. John Habat, vice president for administration, answered the student by saying that YSU's SCT Banner system would eliminate a lot of inter-office communica-

tion problems that may arise.

Another student had a question about the status of the Great Lawn project, a part of the centennial plan that would create a lawn on the center of campus. The idea attracted a lot of comments and criticism at the beginning of summer from people concerned that YSU's campus would lose its characteristic look.

Sweet said that the plan wasn't currently being worked on.

"We have priorities we are working on regarding the campus plan," Sweet said. "Currently the lawn is not a priority."

Sweet also told one student that YSU was exploring creating a network of alumni who own businesses, which could create internship opportunities for YSU students.

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president of the Association of Classified Employees, YSU's staff union, filed a grievance against the university on Oct. 21, claiming YSU is not providing a safe work environment for ACE employees who work in Beeghly Center. Maldonado later agreed to put the grievance on hold pending the results of Monday's lead testing.

During Monday's testing, several soil and mulch samples were taken at three different depths each and playground equipment was "wiped" to gauge lead levels, Denman said.

"What you do is you take a prepackaged, sort of moist, almost like a cotton pad, and you wipe it over the surface, over a specific area. And then you put it in a tube to contain the sample and then that's tested," Denman said of the "wiping" process.

Denman and Sahli also took soil samples near

Cushwa Hall as a control sample to better gauge normal lead levels in soil.

The samples were sent to The EA Group in Mentor to be tested, Denman said. Test results should be available next week, Denman said.

Maldonado said Monday's playground testing was a step in the right direction, but more testing needs to be done. In addition, he said he wants the university to test Beeghly Center's roof, drainage system, and a room inside that may be contaminated due to the exhaust system's installation.

"They just want to test the playground. You know what? Let's test the roof where this contraption is sitting on, and let's see if there's lead up there on the roof," Maldonado said.

Maldonado also said he wants YSU to do additional testing in the spring, after a marksmanship class begins using the Rifle Range two times a week. The marksmanship

class was last held fall semester 2004. YSU police currently use the Rifle Range once a month for training purposes.

"Definitely, when the firing range is in full swing, they should do testing," Maldonado said.

Denman said of retesting in the spring: "I don't know what the plans are then. I think we'll look at the results of these tests and then we'll decide what we'll do from there."

So far, one mother of a child who attends Wee Care Day Care called YSU with concerns, said Kay Helscel, chair of YSU's safety committee.

"She [the mother] just wanted to know whether the levels of lead were significant," Helscel said. Helscel added that she did not advise the mother one way or another on whether her child should stay in the day care.

"I think that's a parental decision," Helscel said.

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visits during this time period last month.

From noon to 3 p.m. the center saw more than 7,000 visits. The increased student usage during this time shows that the center is offering something not previously available to students, as many of the other facilities were often closed to students during this time period, Rigney said.

The center provided 84 instructional fitness classes since the opening, with more than 1,232 students participating, Rigney stated. The classes included aerobics, spinning, weight training, yoga and various other exercise programs. The 53-foot climbing wall has had 428 different students performing a total of 883 climbs.

Rigney said that while the numbers are important, the increased activity in the area surrounding the center, including the expanded bookstore and the Alumni Plaza, is also meaningful and shows the success of the projects.

"We're getting a bunch of activity around here we didn't get before," Rigney said. "Sometimes, I'll just stay down there until nine at night, just to see the amount of activity."

Tom Grumley, a student supervisor in Kilcawley Center, also noticed the increase in activity.

"Just the people walking through, you can definitely tell there's a lot more going on in this part of campus," Grumley said. He also noted that Kilcawley Center has seen a significant increase in students walking through the building at night.

But, the first month of the center hasn't been perfect. Rigney said that one activity,

table tennis, has more activity than the center can keep up with.

"It sort of caught us off guard. We usually have to add another table to make up for the demand," Rigney said.

The weekend attendance has also been lighter than expected. Rigney noted center officials might look at programs that would increase attendance on the weekends, such as a small YSU gift for being the one of the first students in that day. Before they commit to any new programs, Rigney and his staff will look at statistics after the weather changes, hoping to gain a more accurate look at users after outdoor weekend activities, such as YSU football, end for the year.

Rigney also noted a high percentage of students using the center are commuters. According to Rigney, these statistics could show how students are giving up their traditional gyms and using the center, which they already pay for.

Rigney also said that going through the list of users, he's noticed some students using the center more than 30 times each in the last month, sometimes coming in twice a day.

"I was paying over \$60 a month and I always had to drive there," said YSU student Sarah Martin, commenting on her former health club. She also said that convenience of already being on campus has made it a lot easier to work out.

"I used to work out once or twice a week. Now, I'm on campus every day and I usually have a break, so I work out at least three times a week now," Martin said.

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to be a song.

What has the response been to your tour and the CD?

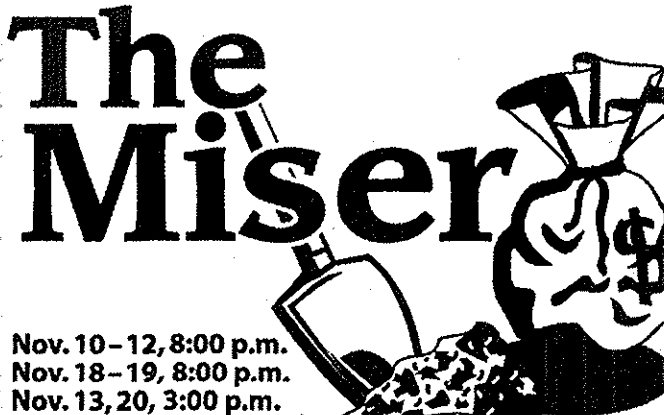
Eric13: Really incredible. It's been overwhelmingly positive. We've worked so hard to make this the strongest record we have. We gave up our apartments to live in a tour van. The response we're getting is unbelievable. We couldn't ask for better.

I was reading that Lemmy from Motorhead was impressed with you guys too.

Eric13: We never really get star struck, but it was pretty awesome when Lemmy came up to us at the Viper Room in L.A. He walked up and slapped me on the shoulder and said "Good show, mate." I was like, "Wow."

Eric13 wrapped up the interview by saying he hopes the band can make Youngstown a regular stop on their tours. The new CD is available in most record stores and more info about the Sex Slaves is available by visiting www.myspace.com/sexslaves.

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and striking while the iron was hot, an approach Sweet referred to as "the old fashioned way." Some universities, however, use federal lobbyists to gain resources for their school.

Could YSU acquire more funding more often through the use of federal lobbyist?

While YSU uses a lobbyist at the state level to represent the university's interest to Ohio lawmakers, YSU does not have a federal lobbyist or lobbying firm to keep YSU informed of legislation that could bring money into campus. Sweet said that budget concerns keep YSU from hiring a full-time firm or employee to meet with federal lawmakers and represent YSU.

"We'd love to have a full-time representative in Washington knocking on doors. The reality is that the cost to hire someone with the requisite skills are very high and outside of our budget at this time," Sweet said.

Sweet said YSU created a government relations position at the university in 2004. The employee would serve as a liaison between YSU and the government, ideally working with another party in Washington. YSU formed a committee to conduct a search, but the position had to be put on hold in light of budget concerns.

The search and the position were put on hold in 2005 as Ohio budget talks began in Columbus.

"State budget cuts are a

continuing concern," Sweet said, saying that Ohio cut back almost \$8 million since his arrival as president.

Sweet said YSU has help at the state level from Thomas Green, who works for Calfee, Halter & Griswold. Green represents YSU on budget issues and informs the university of legislative issues that may be of interest.

Green said that his job's primary goal is to stabilize and increase funding for YSU at the state level. He said he networks with Columbus lawmakers and finance and higher education committee members.

Green said that while the state budget has more of an impact on YSU than the federal budget, what happens at the federal level raises the possibility for YSU to collect on grants and funding through federal programs.

Green said he talked with university administration about the value of having a representative in Washington before the university ran into budget concerns. He said YSU's trustees still needed to understand the importance of having representation in Washington.

"My recommendation to the university has been to get a Washington firm that knows the hill and players on it to represent the university. It would be dollars well spent with the mission to bring back dollars," Green said.

Green said he could identify "three or four" firms that

could negotiate a price-sensitive agreement with YSU. He said he didn't know how expensive it would be, but he said he didn't think it would "break the bank." He cited alumni contributions as a possibility for funding it.

Larry Weiss is the Associate Vice President for University Relations and Governmental Affairs at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Weiss said he spends most of his time representing the university at the state level in Columbus, though he visits Washington D.C. as well. He said BGSU hired VanScoyoc Associates, a firm in Washington, D.C., to represent the university when he couldn't be there.

Weiss said it was up to each university to determine whether they could gain on the investment of hiring a firm or employee in Washington.

"It costs a lot of money, that's for sure. But it depends on what you can get on return from the investment. It's not a lot of money if you can get more than that back again," Weiss said.

Bob Hickey, Associate Vice President of Public Affairs at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, said he visits Washington three times a year to visit congressional offices on behalf of his university. He said that Wright was considering hiring a firm or independent lobbyist in

Washington. He said having a permanent presence in Washington could be important for universities who want to remain updated on current legislation.

"We're on campus and we really have no way to know all of the possibilities for federal funding. Having someone there for us is a good idea. They could get to know the university and be in play when things start to happen," Hickey said.

Hickey said that without representation, a university would have to get funding "the old fashioned way," by picking a project and asking a senator or representative to help.

"It's a much tougher way to go. You hope your local congressman or senator will want to help, but you can't expect them to do everything for you," Hickey said.

For now, Sweet said YSU will have to do things "the old fashioned way." Sweet said YSU relied more on the traditional approach by working with people like Ryan and other Ohio lawmakers.

Sweet said YSU's approach "yielded tangible results," citing the \$4.1 million allocation to the university.

"We're good with using the resources that we have," Sweet said, noting that faculty members were also diligent in researching and pursuing grants for their departments.

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YSU FOOTBALL

Penguins face stiff road test again this week

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Following last week's 21-7 loss at the hands of Northern Iowa, the Youngstown State University football team has already accepted the fact that it won't get any easier. With the loss, the Penguins dropped to 7-2 and 4-1 in Gateway Conference play.

The Penguins will hit the road for the second-consecutive week for Saturday's game, and this week's game poses another tough test: the No. 5-ranked Southern Illinois Salukis, a team that was ranked as high as No. 1 this season.

The Salukis have been red-hot late in the season, defeating top-ranked Western Kentucky, 31-20, and boasting the most

explosive offense in Division I-AA, averaging more than 40 points per game and more than 440 total yards a game.

The Saluki offense is led by four-year starter at quarterback, Joel Sambursky.

"Sometimes he (Sambursky) just amazes you on film," Penguin head coach Jon Heacock said.



Sambursky is only one part of the explosive offense.

Junior tailback Arlee Whitlock is pounding

opposing defenses to the tune of 124 yards per game.

The run game is where Heacock and the Penguins believe this game will be won or lost.

"This game again is going to come down to

YSU punter Joe Bishop was the recipient of a conference player of the week award for last week.

Jambor file photo / Ron Stevens

With two games remaining, the YSU football team controls its own destiny in the Gateway Conference. Two wins = Conference champs

Gateway Conference Standings

| Team | Overall | Gateway | GB |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-----|
| YOUNGSTOWN STATE | 7-2 | 4-1 | --- |
| Southern Illinois | 6-2 | 4-1 | --- |
| Western Kentucky | 6-2 | 4-1 | --- |
| Northern Iowa | 5-3 | 3-2 | 1 |
| Illinois State | 5-4 | 2-3 | 2 |
| Missouri State | 4-4 | 2-3 | 2 |
| Western Illinois | 3-6 | 1-4 | 3 |
| Indiana State | 0-9 | 0-5 | 4 |

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being able to stop the run and being able to run the football," Heacock said.

The Penguins were stymied running the ball last week, only gaining 79 yards on the ground.

The Penguins tried to adjust and were able to pass the ball effectively behind a season-high yardage total from quarterback Tom Zetts, who threw for 264 yards and a touchdown.

The Penguins have been beating teams this season with a powerful running game, but this week, against a depleted SIU secondary,

Zetts may have to again carry most of the burden.

Due to injuries this year, the Salukis have started six different players at cornerback, including at least one athlete who has never played the position.

Heacock said that his best weapon this time of the sea-

son might just be his seniors, who are playing in some of their last conference games of their careers.

"I think our guys will play this game like it is the last game they got," Heacock said.

"Those seniors, the John Bartos's, the Tony Limongis, guys who have been here four or five years have worked like crazy to get Youngstown State to a point where we are playing for a championship," Heacock said.

The Penguins, who lead the all-time series 9-6-1, will have to once again battle a hostile crowd, but they wouldn't have it any other way.

"It will be electric," Heacock said of battling it out in Carbondale at the defending conference champ's stomping ground. "I don't know how it gets

any better."

The Penguins are currently in a three-way tie for first place in the Gateway, but they still control their fate. With games remaining against the two teams they are tied with, winning out will guarantee the Penguins a conference championship and a slot in the playoffs.

Keys to the game

Rebound: The Penguins will need to rebound from last week's tough loss to UNI. The Penguins have not lost back-to-back games since October of last year.

Take advantage of Saluki secondary: The Penguins are coming off a week that highlighted the arm of Zetts and are matching up a defense that has allowed nearly 390 yards of offense per game, including 278 yards through the air per contest.

Clock control:

The Penguins are playing the top offense in the country. The Penguins will need to keep this offensive unit off the field, and the best way to do that is long sustained drives that eat large chunks of clock. The Penguins are very capable of doing just that with a running game that has been one of the most effective in the country for most of the season.

Bishop needs to remain strong: Perhaps one of the most overlooked Penguins this season has been punter Joe Bishop. Last week, Bishop was awarded Gateway Special Teams Player of the Week for his 46-yard average on five punts. Field position could determine this game, and strong special teams performance will key a YSU win.

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YSU FOOTBALL ANALYSIS

Penguins still in driver's seat on road to playoffs

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Easy Penguin fans. Relax. Repeat after me, "The sky is not falling. All is not lost." Ok, good. Now that we've gotten that out of the way, we can move on.

After last week's loss at Northern Iowa, the collective thought on campus and the city was, "Well, no playoffs this year." However, that could not be further from the truth. Currently, the Penguins are tied atop the Gateway Conference with a 4-1 record. They are joined at the summit by Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

Without question, these final two games with SIU and WKU are the stiffest tests the Penguins will have to deal with all year, but not only are the Penguins not out of the playoff race, they're actually in the driver's seat.

Scenarios

Winning both of the two final games would give YSU the outright conference championship and guarantee the Penguins an automatic playoff spot. Eight conferences in Division I-AA send their conference winners to the big dance; the Gateway is one of those. Splitting both games would land the Penguins at 8-3. If the Penguins were not to win the conference, they would be stretching for an at-large bid. But 8-3 has been a good number to the Penguins before, including 1991 when the Penguins won their first of four D-1AA National Championships.

However, if the Penguins were to lose both games, the playoffs would likely be lost as well.



How at-large bids are awarded

The best remaining teams are selected based on record. There is also no limit to the amount of at large bids a conference receives, however two conference foes cannot be matched in the first round games.

Things to consider

There is a reason that the Gateway Conference receives an automatic playoff spot for its conference winner. It could be argued, and argued well, that the Gateway should receive two spots in the postseason. The Gateway is a meat grinder of a conference.

Imagine at the Division I-A level, No. 5 Miami, No. 6 LSU, No. 15 Florida and No. 17 Texas Tech on your conference schedule every year. In Division I-AA, No. 5 Southern Illinois, No. 6 Western Kentucky, No. 15 YSU and No. 17 Northern Iowa are all part of the same conference.

Looking at that schedule, most teams would be lucky to escape with three losses, so fans need to remain optimistic; there is still more football to play, and the Penguins are capable of running the table.

Penguin fans should approach the rest of the season one game at a time, something the Penguins football team is currently doing.

Senior wide receiver and team captain Kyle Smith said in a press conference that the Penguins are still optimistic and that the game at hand is the most important.

"We still have a great opportunity in the next couple of weeks," Smith said. "This week we are looking at Southern Illinois."

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Big Ten battle Saturday

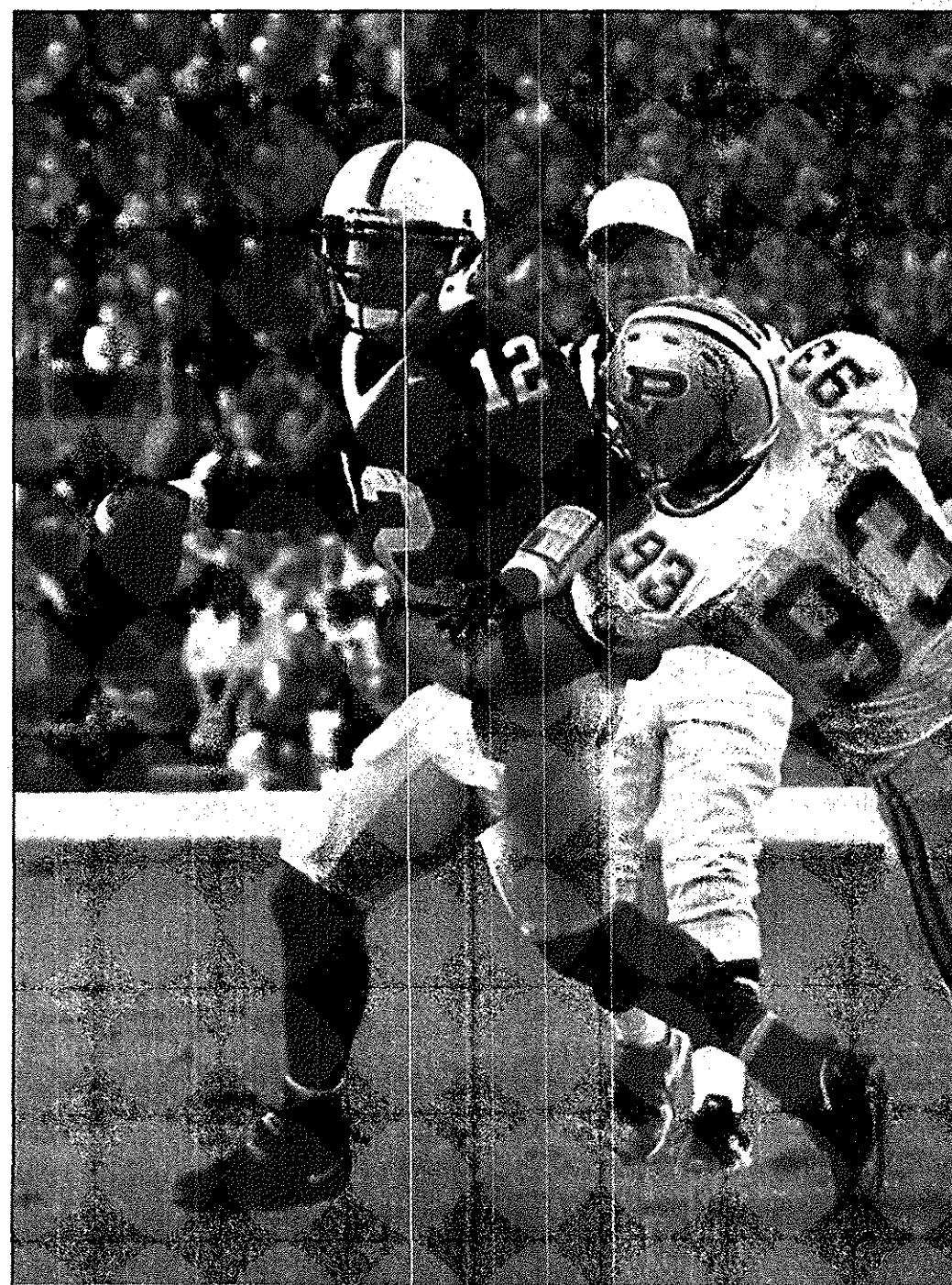


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Penn State quarterback Michael Robinson (12) tries to elude Purdue's Rob Ninkovich (93) on Saturday. Penn State won the game, setting up a big game this weekend against Big Ten rival Wisconsin. The winner of the game will control their own fate in the Big Ten's race for an automatic bid to a Bowl Championship Series bowl game.

COMMENTARY

PERMANENT MARKER

By: Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

Despite recent photographic evidence that exists showing the smiling doof who authored this article on the receiving end of an inky needle, I did not always have a fondness for tattoos. For the longest time, I've had a negative bias against skin art, mainly due to overenthusiastic teenagers showing me their poorly-planned permanent brandings. Yes, I would nod convincingly and smile at their displays, but after these people left my presence, I would scoff, recline in my leather chair, fill a pipe with fine smoking tobacco, and open the newest issue of Collier's Weekly for some fine erudite reading time. This negative reaction wasn't just because I was a square; although I was, and arguably still am. I just got bored of seeing the same tattoos over and over, and the idea of getting one of these clichés clashed with my iconoclastic and anti-social tendencies. I had seen so many tribal bands and ass antlers that, for a while, tattoos were completely written out of my future.

My tune soon changed when a certain bad influence of mine got a tattoo during the summer, and also jumped off of a bridge, because that's what cool kids do. I avoided the bridge-jumping, but peer pressure did get the best of me and tattoo fever - not the kind caused by infected needles, mind you - ravaged my brain. The only problem with getting a tattoo was the fact that,

as a cynic, I didn't believe strongly enough in anything to get permanently etched on my body. With no religion, ethnicity, or significant other to define myself with, I was at a complete loss when trying to come up with ideas. I thought of the old standby Tasmanian Devil tattoo, but then I remembered that those cartoons were never very interesting, and that classic insane Daffy Duck would be a much better choice. Then I thought that maybe if I got Daffy Duck tattooed on one leg and Darkwing Duck on another, it'd be like an epic Disney/Warner Brothers duck battle would be taking place on my lower half every time I crossed my legs. Thankfully, I went a different route.

After much pondering, I chose some very choice album art from Japanese rock band Asian Kung-Fu Generation. This decision was supported when I came to the conclusion that, since they're so obscure, I wouldn't face the cries of "He likes that band?! Let's get him!" that people with Nickelback tattoos must have to suffer through every day of their tortured lives. Also, I could finally have proof of being a total snob about music: when people would ask where my design came from, I would respond, "No, I didn't think that you would have heard of them. Not at all." With all of this in mind, I headed down to Youngstown's own Artistic Dermagraphics to see if they would make a man out of me, or give me a tattoo in



Tattoo artist Jeremy Caughey of Artistic Dermagraphics poses with Bob Mackey's new and improved lower leg.

exchange for money.

Walking into the tattoo parlor - actually, I have a problem with the use of "parlor" here, so I'm going to refer to the business as a "tattooery." Walking into the tattooery, I was surprised by how ignorant I was to the nature of the business. I expected a rough, rowdy, run-down pit full of regrets and broken glass. Instead, I was greeted by a clean, orderly place full of personality and loud music that even a meek liberal arts major could feel at home in. It was there I met my tattoo artist, Jeremy Caughey, a man whose butt I plan to kiss for the next few hundred words. Buckle in for blandishment!

Yes, Jeremy was the potter, and I was the clay - in a com-

pletely non-sexual context.

He led me back to his tattoo cubicle, or tatoobicle as I call it, and invited me to back to his den of horror. I only use the adjective horror to describe the decor, as the walls of his tatoobicle were lavishly decorated with scary movie paraphernalia. It may seem odd, but looking into the sculpted plastic face of Leatherface, I felt at ease. It's no shock that Jeremy is a fan of horror movies, as he's part of the brain trust behind Dark X-mas, the best sci-fi/horror convention Mahoning County has to offer. I appreciated his enthusiasm, as well as his 14 years of tattoo expertise; however, it was time to get down to business. The business of tattooing.

In preparation for the tattoo, a largish rectangle of hair was shaved from my legs, but I didn't have a problem with this, as I normally shave geometric shapes into my leg hair. A non-permanent imprint of the design was placed on my skin, and then Jeremy did the outline. Following this, he filled in the colors. The entire process took about 90 minutes. Now, many of you must be wondering, "Did it hurt?" The answer to this question is yes. Do you know the feeling you get when shards of glass tear through your skin at 90 miles per hour, followed by a blast of Dave's Insanity Sauce? Well, it was nothing like that. It was more of a mild irritation, and my tolerance for tattoo pain was an uncharacter-

istic show of manliness on my part. If I could get it done, I'm pretty sure that most infants could handle it.

I'm very proud of the work done by Jeremy, and I encourage all of you to throw money at him should you see him walking down the street. Artistic Dermagraphics proved itself to be a very professional, welcoming atmosphere to even the most tattoo-challenged of people. And, if you feel that an entire piece on a personal tattoo experience is kind of self-absorbed, I welcome you to come up and slap me on my currently-healing tattoo wound. It's the only way I'll learn.

Bob Mackey is currently covered in ointment and can be reached at (330) 941-1913. More information about Dark X-mas can be located at darkxmas.net.

INTERVIEW

Punk music for your weekend binge

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

Imagine a Friday where you and your friends load up in a van full of people with the intention of going out and getting totally melted at a bar. You spend the early morning hours screaming around town in the van, running down mailboxes, blasting the van's tinny speakers while making frequent stops at every watering hole you come across.

You wake up at the next afternoon in the position you passed out in. A quick change of pants, some fast food and a trip to the liquor store later, and you and your buddies are back at it again.

That's what the NYC-based band the Sex Slaves are like. Comparable to white water rafting on a river full of Jack Daniels, the Sex Slaves are punk rock party music for your weekend binge.

The band is playing Cedars Lounge in Youngstown this Friday, coming off a nonstop touring spree in support of their new album "Bite Your Tongue."

Eric13, the band's singer, called The Jambar's office at 4 p.m. Wednesday while stopping for some "breakfast" at Taco Bell on his way to Cleveland for a show. He talked about the upcoming show, the band's tour and some of the finer details that make the Sex Slaves the Sex Slaves.

The Jambar: You're playing here on Friday. How has the tour been going? Have you been pretty busy?

Eric13: Well, no pun intended, but our show in Cleveland tonight will be our 69th. We're playing in Sharon tomorrow and Youngstown on Friday and we have 33 more shows to go before we get home. We left home July 1st and we took a two-week break after our 58th show. It's busy but that's the way we do it. We live for this shit; if it were up to us, we'd take no time off.

Do any of your experiences on the road really stick out in your mind?

Eric13: Oh God. [laughs] We just did five nights around Toronto and I could tell you stories that you wouldn't be able to put into print. Canada treated us pretty nicely. There are definitely some female fans in Canada. Canada... we had a really good time up there.

What's a typical day on tour like?

Eric13: A typical day? We wake up as late as physically possible. We usually

stop at Taco Bell to get some breakfast and then we roll into town and set up for the show. We try to make friends with the locals. Then we rock it out and try to get some free drinks and food before moving onto the next town to do it again.

What's the mood like at your shows?

Eric13: Super high-energy fun. Everyone just lets loose. We love crowd interaction and we love making friends at the end of the show. We're just out to have a good time.

What's your definition of "a good time?"

Eric13: Two parts Jack Daniels, one part free food, two parts sexy women, three parts Sex Slaves.

I was reading your press release and it said your songs are all based on your personal experiences.

Eric13: Yeah, all of our songs are written about our own lives. Three of us all worked in this same dingy debauchorous rock club in Manhattan. At the end of the night, anything goes.

Any insight on the stories behind some of the songs on your CD?

Eric13: The song "Thank God For Jack Daniels" is about a roady we had with us on tour. If he saw a liquor store he asked if we could stop at it. In Austin, Texas, a liquor store wouldn't take his credit card. There was a hullabaloo raised and they finally gave him some liquor. As he got back in the van he said "Thank God for Jack Daniels." We looked at each other and knew it had

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Weekend events calendar

Friday

The Sex Slaves perform at Cedars Lounge. One-of-a-kind rockers The Sex Slaves, described as having a "bombastic album of purely delicious sleaze-pop songs," are stopping in Youngstown as part of a national tour that includes shows in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City, Las Vegas and San Francisco.

The Youngstown SteelHounds play their first home game against the Oklahoma City Blazers at the new Youngstown Convocation Center. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

Saturday

The Sin3: Daddys perform at Salty Grog's in Boardman. The group, now five years old, features 80's rock and dance hits.

The Sing 4 Schools benefit concert will take place at Jillian's in Boardman. Various artists will perform from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. All proceeds go toward students affected by recent Hurricane Katrina. The event is the end of a month-long fundraiser by Sing 4 Schools and Flood Aid By Boardman Students Made in Canada. The Rydells, River's Edge, Zach Rock Band, Via Sahara and other artists scheduled.

Local rockers Still Pulling Through, The Flatliners and Johnie 3 perform at Section 8 Skatepark in an all-ages show.

The Youngstown SteelHounds play the Oklahoma City Blazers at the new Youngstown Convocation Center. Game starts at 7:05 p.m.