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MathFest Nov. 17

YSU's Department of Mathematics and Statistics will host the third annual MathFest 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Thursday at YSU. More than 35 high schools will participate in workshops on subjects such as puzzle-solving strategies and game theory. Prizes will be awarded to top performers in each contest.

International education week

International Education Week will be celebrated next week on the YSU campus. It will include Barbara Nykiel-Herbert's lecture titled "All Colors of the Rainbow: Developing Children's Literature in South Africa", 12 - 1 p.m. today in the James Gallery of Kilcawley Center. The Center for Student Progress and the Honors program will present information on studying abroad, Monday and Wednesday in Room 2069 of Kilcawley Center. For more information, call CISP at (330) 941-2336.

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YOUNGSTOWN

## Williams wins mayor's race easily

### Mayor-elect wants change | Students react to election

By: Bill Rodgers  
 NEWS EDITOR

One of the more memorable elections in recent Mahoning Valley history came to a close Tuesday night at the Convocation Center where newly-elected Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams gave his acceptance speech while urging his supporters

to enjoy the celebration, which included food and a live jazz band. Williams said in his speech he would work to overcome unemployment and crime in Youngstown as well as other challenges that faced the city.

"In four years, our community will be measurably better off than please see **WILLIAMS**, Page 2

By: John Vogel  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Youngstown State University students reactions to the news of the close election of Jay Williams as the new mayor of Youngstown were diverse and varied, even among those who voted for Williams.

B.J. Duckworth, a sophomore

marketing management major, is a resident of the East side of Youngstown. He said he voted for Williams because of the candidate's business background.

"I wanted a change from the same old politics," Duckworth said. "I think things would have stayed the same in the city if Hagan would

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## Thanks for coming out



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YSU senior safety Aaron Scales shakes hands with some young Penguin fans Saturday as he walks off the field after YSU beat Western Kentucky, 42-10. With the win over the 12th-ranked Hilltoppers, the Penguins may have locked up an at-large bid to participate in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs for the first time since 2000 and the first time under head coach Jon Heacock. Official playoff announcements will be made on Sunday, and the Penguins will be holding a press conference today to discuss the season and the team's playoff hopes. **SEE STORY PAGE 7.**

## OHIO Ballot issues shot down

By: Cheryl Thompson  
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Ohioans voted against four of five statewide issues that were on the ballot in last week's election.

Issue One, which provides money for statewide economic development, passed, while Issues Two, Three, Four and Five, involving Ohio election reformation, were rejected by voters.

Paul Sracic, a Youngstown State University political science professor, said voter confusion might have been a reason for the majority of issues not passing.

"The language used on the issues was too complex and there was a lot of reading involved, and voters simply didn't want to vote for something they didn't understand," Sracic said.

This year's ballot had the largest amount of issues presented since 1992.

Voters passed Issue One, allowing for \$1.5 billion for highway maintenance and business site preparation. The legislation also provides \$500

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## Results: Lead level acceptable

By: Leonard Glenn Crist  
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

Lead levels in the Wee Care Day Care playground near Fedor Hall are within acceptable limits as established by the Ohio Department of Health, according to test results received by Youngstown State University last week. However, Ivan Maldonado, vice president of YSU's Association of Classified Employees, said he will not drop a grievance he filed on behalf of his union until further test results are in.

The test results showed lead levels in the playground soil range from 44.6 micrograms per gram to 126 micrograms per gram.

The Ohio Board of Health considers 400 micrograms of lead per gram to be hazardous when present in soil at play areas.

A total of 21 soil samples were taken in the Oct. 31 testing; seven spots at three different depths each. The depths tested were one-half inch below the surface, 2 inches below the surface and 4 inches below the surface.

"The results show that the lead in the soil in the playground is well below the limits that are set by the Ohio Department of Health," Sandra Denman, YSU's director of environmental and occupational health and safety, said. "These are non-hazardous

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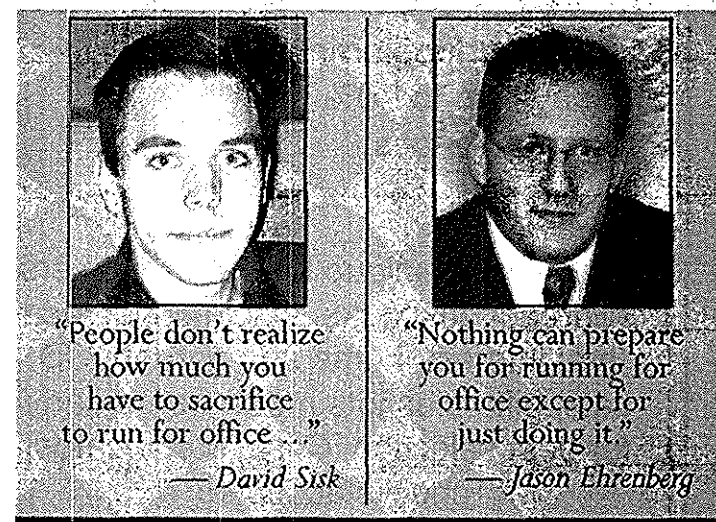
## YSU students who ran for Boardman BOE both lost

By: Katie Libecco  
 DESIGN EDITOR

Two Youngstown State University students running for the Boardman Board of Education were unsuccessful in their campaigns, but they said they wouldn't have done things differently if they could.

Jason Ehrenberg and David Sisk, both 22, ran for the vacant seats in the Board of Education. Both Boardman High School graduates, Ehrenberg is a business major and Sisk is a political science major.

Sisk received 3,121 votes, 11.66 percent of the votes, and Ehrenberg received 3,381 votes, 12.63 percent, according to the final, unofficial



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 — David Sisk

"Nothing can prepare you for running for office except for just doing it."  
 — Jason Ehrenberg

results from the Mahoning County Board of Elections. The three open seats were filled by Kimberly Poma, with 22.25 percent of the vote, Niklaus Amstutz, with 19.15 percent of votes, and Mark Fulks, who received

18.52 percent of the votes. The other candidate, who finished fourth in votes, was Carmen Amadio.

When asked if he would have done anything differently in his campaign after please see **ELECTIONS**, Page 2

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have been elected."

Duckworth added that Williams' involvement with the Youngstown 2010 project was important.

Senior Josh Hiznay was surprised that Williams emerged.

"I did not think that Jay would be able to mobilize enough votes - especially in an off-election year," Hiznay said. "Getting elected as an independent in a Democratic area, he must really have

some good leadership potential."

Student Government Association president Bob McGovern was surprised by the margin of victory, but was hopeful that Williams would continue his support of YSU during his term as mayor.

"YSU already has a good relationship with him through [Youngstown] 2010, and that will bode well for the university," he said. "They [the city and university] will want to

continue that relationship for a good future."

McGovern also cited Hagan's campaign strategy - especially his claim that Williams was a right-wing extremist the day before the election - as a possible downfall.

"I think his campaigning was in bad taste, and I think a lot of people may have felt the same way," McGovern said.

"Jay ran a very grassroots campaign," McGovern added.

Williams is an alumnus of YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration and has spoken at honors seminars and at a SGA retreat about the Youngstown 2010 plan. He won the mayoral bid by more than 2,400 votes.

Kari Bell, a nursing student, was pleased to see Williams get the victory.

"I am glad he won. I think he is more concerned with creating jobs here in the area. There is a lot of downsizing going on, so hopefully he will help stop that," Bell said.

Rachel Zuzga, a first year student, knows the Williams' family and is excited about the future of Youngstown.

"Mr. Williams is a fresh face. He is trying to attract more people to the city, and when that happens, YSU will become more recognizable," Zuzga said.

Erik Dibbens, a Communication Studies student, shared similar thoughts.

"The city needs a younger guy that people can notice. He is focused on making the city money, which would help

out," Dibbens said.

There are some students, however, that feel the right man did not win the competition.

"Hagan seemed more dedicated to the city and YSU," Stephanie Kunovich said.

Kunovich, a graphics design student, was surprised by the margin of victory.

"I can't believe he won by so much. I hope he does a good job, but I think Hagan would have been the better choice," she said.

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the results, Ehrenberg replied, "No. Not at all."

"I was very pleased with the turnout. It was higher than my expectations, even though I set my goal very high. I had high expectations, but for my first time running for office, it was an alright job," he said.

Sisk also said he wouldn't have changed anything in his campaign.

"Would I have changed anything? No. That's what is so frustrating. We did everything necessary to win an election. I had friends and family working tirelessly, it just didn't result in a victory," Sisk said.

"I still want to be active in the community and the Boardman school system," Sisk said. "But I'm not sure if I will stay in this area or not."

Sisk said he has considered moving to Florida where his dad currently lives, for possible job oppor-

tunities. He said that he has not made a decision yet.

"I'd like to stay here, but the cards aren't coming my way," Sisk said.

Ehrenberg said he plans on working with a fire prevention and safety program in the schools and will continue to attend every Board of Education meeting.

"There are many things that I'll be doing to keep involved with Boardman education," Ehrenberg said, saying he was certain he would stay involved.

Both candidates also offered advice to any YSU students who may run for office in the future.

"People don't realize how much you have to sacrifice to run for office, and it's not just candidates. It's their friends and families, too," Sisk said. "You have to be willing to make sacrifices and be willing to accept that it may not pay off. Be pre-

pared."

"You have to ask people questions, listen to what everyone is saying. Any input from anyone is valuable," Ehrenberg said. "Ask as many questions as you can. Networking and interpersonal skills are really important, too."

Ehrenberg also said that he viewed his campaign as a learning experience.

"Nothing can prepare you for running for office except for just doing it," he said.

Both levies for the funding of Boardman School District passed.

Another YSU student who ran for office, Republican George Brown, became Third Ward Councilman in Warren by ten votes, 50.22 percent. His opponent, Andy Barkley, received 1,117 votes, or 49.78 percent, according to the Trumbull County Board of Elections.

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million for technological development" across the state. The legislation passed with a vote of 55 percent to 45 percent.

Issues Two, Three, Four and Five, if passed, would have become Ohio Constitution amendments, changing the way elections are held in the state.

Issue Two, would have extended the option of absentee voting to all registered voters in the state without having to provide a reason. It would have also allowed for voters to send in ballots up to 35 days prior to the election. The legislation was rejected with 64 percent of voters choosing "No."

Issue Three was designed to place limits on campaign financing, allowing for individuals to donate up to \$2,000 for a statewide candidate and \$1,000 to a legisla-

tive candidate. The legislation failed, receiving only 33 percent of "Yes" votes.

Issue Four aimed to change the redistricting process by instituting a new five-member non-partisan board to draw boundary lines, as recommended by residents. The proposed amendment failed, receiving just 30 percent of the "Yes" votes.

And Issue Five, which would have shifted the oversight of elections from the secretary of state to a bipartisan nine-member board, was rejected by a vote of 71 percent to 29 percent.

Senator Marc Dann (D-Liberty) supported the legislation. Citing the Coingate Scandal involving campaign contributions to Governor Robert Taft from Tom Noe, a Toledo coin dealer, Dann said the legislation would help bring an end to the cor-

ruption in Columbus.

"Passing issues Two, Three, Four and Five, mainly issues Three, Four and Five, would combat the 'Pay to Play' philosophy of government in Columbus," Dann said to YSU students last month.

U.S. Sen. Mike DeWine, a Republican, opposed the legislation. He said it was similar to legislation proposed by Republicans in the 1980s when the Democrats held the majority of the seats in Congress.

Sracic added that the proposed amendments could have been dealt with through simple legislation.

"A lot of the issues, besides issue two, were politically charged. I think Issue Two could have passed if it wasn't grouped with issues Three, Four and Five," Sracic said.

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we were before," Williams told those in the Convocation Center.

Williams, who ran as an Independent, beat out Democrat contender Bob Hagan with 52.01 percent of the vote, according to the unofficial election results from the Mahoning County Board of Elections. Hagan received 39.84 percent of the vote, followed by the other four mayoral hopefuls.

To run for mayor, Williams left his position as the director of Youngstown's Community Development Agency where he was a force behind the Youngstown 2010 campaign. Williams made 2010 one of the major planks on his platform, promising community redevelopment.

The 2010 plan outlines a list of goals Youngstown wishes to make steps toward accomplishing by 2010. The planning coincides with Youngstown State University's Centennial Campus Master Plan; a list of goals and improvements YSU has set for its campus by its centennial in 2008.

The plan was finalized and released in September. It sets goals for the city as a whole and by district. Among the plan's proposals

are a restoration project for the Mahoning River, job creation incentives and supporting redevelopment in neighborhoods such as Smokey Hollow.

Williams' other three planks were economic development, safety and quality of life in Youngstown.

Under economic development, Williams calls for an economic environment designed to attract private investment in Youngstown and, by association, jobs. To achieve this Williams outlined steps to be implemented within 12 to 18 months. Among them is the creation of a business development liaison, and a local business summit, which would meet to discuss the business climate with the business community and city officials.

For safety, Williams' platform calls for visible and proactive community policing, and trained block watches. Williams wants to get Youngstown involved with the Violence/Gun Reduction Interdiction Program, which the city used in 2003 to cut homicide rates. His platform also called to explore the possibility of becoming involved with the Commission of

Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Under quality of life, Williams promised to maintain the appearance of the city and to improve the educational environment.

In his speech, Williams said that he wanted to become mayor to bring change to Youngstown.

"Change can only come if we all work together," Williams told his supporters.

**African Studies Perspectives**

In addition to being the first independent mayoral candidate to be elected in 80 years, Williams is also the first black mayor of

Youngstown. Victor Wan-Tahtah, director of the African Studies Program at YSU, said the election was like watching "history in the making."

"I think it shows great hope and promise for Youngstown," Wan-Tahtah said of Williams' election. "And the fact that he is a successful African American who could make it to this level means that other young people can aspire to excel and apply themselves to the high standard he ran his campaign on."

Wan-Tahtah said he invited Williams to lecture at YSU before his bid for office. He said that Williams would

also be a guest of honor at the African Studies Jabali African Cultural Celebration in December.

"Jay Williams embodies success in ways that YSU

students can identify with," Wan-Tahtah said of his decision to include Williams as a lecturer prior to his mayoral campaign.

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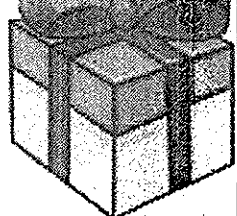
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**OUR SIDE**

## Bush is calling the kettle black

Irresponsible.

That's the word President Bush used Monday to describe Democrats who were critiquing his administration and accusing the White House of misleading the American public in the weeks and months leading up to the war in Iraq.

It's OK to disagree, Bush said, as long as they don't accuse me of lying about the weapons of mass destruction that we never found that my national security adviser admitted Sunday weren't there to be found.

Reasonable people can disagree, the President said, but reasonable people don't take shots at me for my mistakes.

Only one person misled the world, Bush told the Associated Press, and that person was Saddam Hussein, not me, not my intelligence departments, not my administration.

Irresponsible.

Claiming repeatedly that weapons of mass destruction exist and could be used against the United States at any time so often and so vehemently that 'WMD' becomes a part of our everyday lexicon is irresponsible.

Calling other people mean in order to make yourself look better is irresponsible.

Having tragedies take place in your own nation, having natural disasters destroy the lives of millions of people in your own nation, having your administration's response to said natural disaster be more ineffective and delayed as imaginable is irresponsible.

Failing to take accountability for your administration's faults, failing to ever be willing to step forward and say, "I'm sorry," failing to acknowledge the nation's lack of trust in you, and failing to see things for what they are is irresponsible.

Irresponsible.

Calling "Scooter" Libby a "great patriot" and praising him on his way to his indictment is irresponsible.

Saying you will come out strong and take down anyone responsible for leaking a CIA operative's name to the media in a petty grudge match over criticism and losing your backbone, not doing anything, not saying anything, not taking the stance you claimed you would make is irresponsible.

Allowing the people on your staff, whom you trust and whom we, as a nation, must trust with our wellbeing, our lives, to be gossipy schoolgirls is irresponsible.

But not doing anything when it goes down is worse than irresponsible.

Irresponsible.

Bombings in Jordan last week signal the strength of al-Qaida to move beyond just an insurgency in Iraq, experts said.

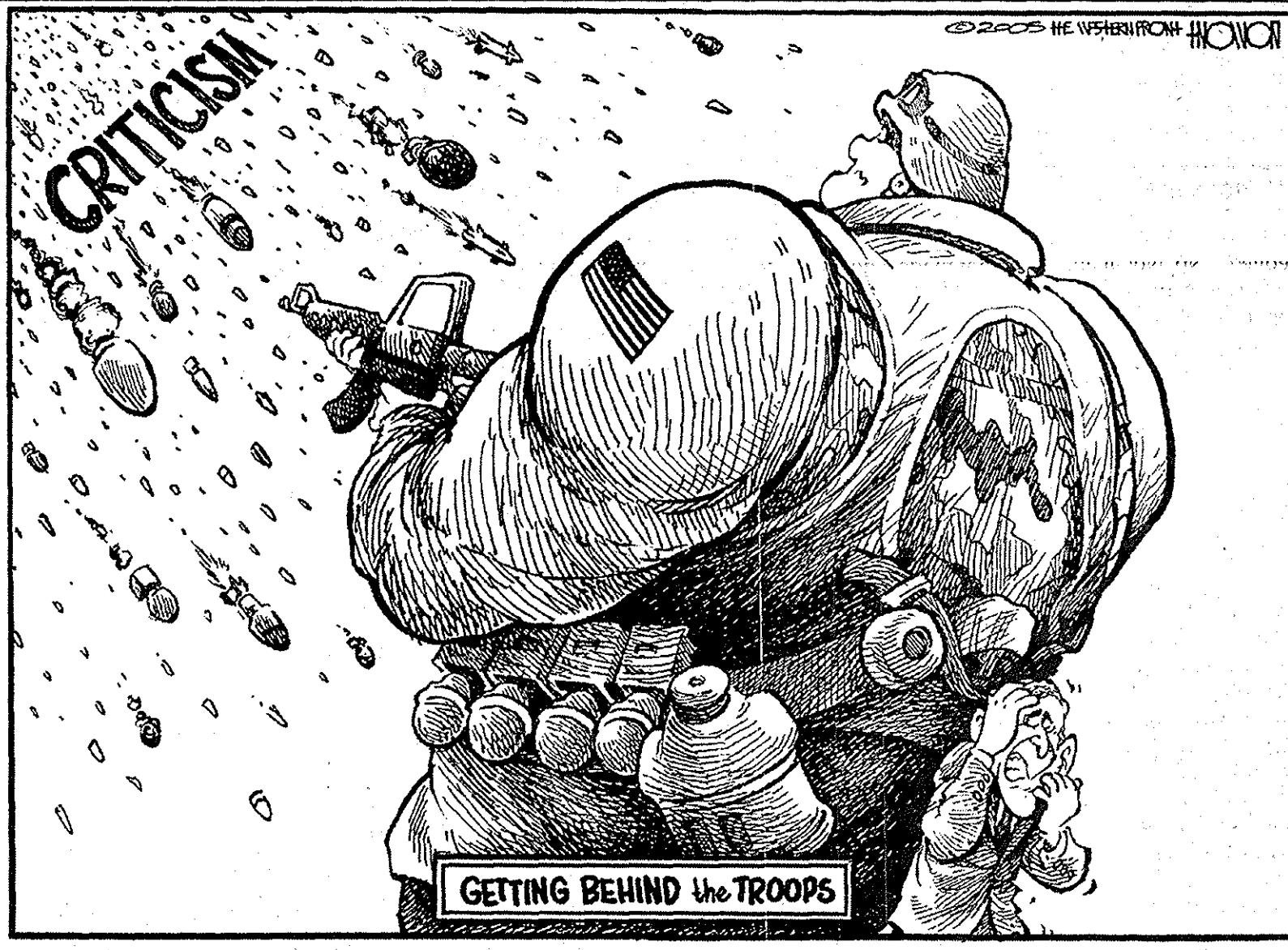
The terrorists aren't quivering, aren't quitting, aren't stopping. The 'war on terrorism' isn't working. One expert said Iraq is now "exporting terrorists."

Saying you will do something, saying you can and will accomplish something, sacrificing the lives of American soldiers to accomplish something and not accomplishing it or making progress in that quest is, well, irresponsible.

Critiquing government when it fails, upholding the truest ideal of democracy, forcing people to be accountable for the decisions they make that affect each and every one of us is not irresponsible, Mr. Bush. It's necessary.

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COMMENTARY

## Through the looking glass

By: Mike Pingree  
KRT CAMPUS

**SOME GUYS JUST COME IN TO DO SOME BROWSING.**

To help men, who don't know the bra size of their wives or girlfriends, the Piet Zwart lingerie store in Rotterdam, Netherlands, has installed a wall consisting of row upon row of fake breasts of various shapes and sizes. By observing and touching the silicone mammaries, the men can figure out which undies will fit their ladies.

**THAT'S ONE TOUGH JUDGE**

A judge in Loebau, Germany, ordered a disabled man's motorized wheelchair confiscated for three months after the man was arrested for driving it while drunk for the fourth time.

**NO, PLEASE, OFFICER, I'LL BEHAVE NOW! FZZZZZZT!**

The night after Cleveland police had to Taser a naked man who had become unruly after ingesting the hallucinogenic drug PCP, a citizen reported that the same man — still naked — tried to pull him out of his car and bite his head. Police sped to the scene and Tasered him again.

**NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, I'VE ESCAPED! I'M FREE!**

A 21-year-old woman in South Africa faked her own kidnapping to trick her wealthy parents out of some money. She had an accomplice call and arrange for the ransom to be dropped off in Central Durban. But the scheme fell apart when the "victim" herself came to pick it up. Police were waiting.

**YOU JUST CANT TRUST ANYONE THESE DAYS**

The guard at a small jail in Maracanau, Brazil, was in the habit of leaving a prisoner in charge when he went out for lunch. But the inmate ultimately took advantage of the situation, escaping with two of his friends in the officer's police car.

**NO, YOUR HONOR, I'M NOT PREJUDICED**

The nation of Belgium is made up of Dutch-speaking Flemings and French-speaking Walloons, two groups who do not necessarily get along. This was true of one mixed married couple, and their bickering resulted in police involvement when the Flemish wife called her husband "a lazy Walloon." She was brought to court to face charges of racism.

**IS THAT YOU, BOB?**

A Lincoln, Neb., man donned a pair of sunglasses and tried to rob a pharmacy in his own neighborhood. The pharmacist recognized the man's voice and called him by name, asking him if he was joking. He fled.

**NEXT TIME, CALL BEFORE YOU DROP IN**

Unaware that the wood in her bathroom floor had rotted, Rozalia Valiakmetova was dozing naked in the tub in her apartment in Solnechnaya, Russia, when the floor gave way, sending her crashing through the living room ceiling of the apartment below.

She said the couple who lived there "seemed as shocked as I was."

**I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, OFFICER**

Police showed up at the home of an official of Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland, to cite him for firing an air rifle in a city park. The man said he had no recollection of the incident and was completely baffled by the apparently accurate eyewitness reports indicating that he was guilty. Alcohol may have been involved.



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required athletic departments to create balance between the scholarships for men and women. It would take nearly four years until athletics were once again included into Title IX with the creation of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

So where does Title IX stand today? Title IX stands on more solid footing than it ever has with increased support nationwide and more people championing the advancements women have made in both the educational and athletic fields. In 1999, on the twenty-seventh anniversary of Title IX being enacted, President Clinton issued a press release praising the steps taken to date.

"We celebrate what can be accomplished when we allow all Americans — men and women — equal opportunity to be their best. By opening doors previously closed, Title IX provides women and girls with quality opportunities for achievement in education — in academics as well as athletics," the White House press release reads. "The U.S. athletes in the Women's World Cup, currently being watched by millions of fans across the country, are shining examples of the value of increased participation in athletics by women."

However, Clinton did note that there is still much room for improvement in "evening the playing field."

"While we have come a long way, there is

still further progress to be made in undoing barriers to equal opportunity for women."

Those barriers still linger to this day. As recently as 2002, President George W. Bush was urged to reexamine Title IX by various groups including a group representing wrestling coaches and track coaches nationwide, whose programs have been hit hardest by Title IX. Bush later decided against changing the legal wording.

South Dakota Senator Tom Daschle was pleased with the president's decision and said it is a step in the right direction.

"Anyone who believes that Title IX is no longer necessary hasn't looked at the scoreboard. Women are still significantly underrepresented in the number of athletic scholarships and in the size of college recruitment budgets," Daschle said. "We cannot teach fair play if we play favorites."

William Jenkins, a professor at YSU who teaches classes concerning women's history, said that with the advent of Title IX there is a new sense of equality pervading both the educational fields and athletic arenas nationwide, all thanks to the amendment.

"Now we have a notion that women can play any sport, as long as there is a significant interest," Jenkins said. "The Higher Education Act of 1972 (Title IX) has broad implications for women."

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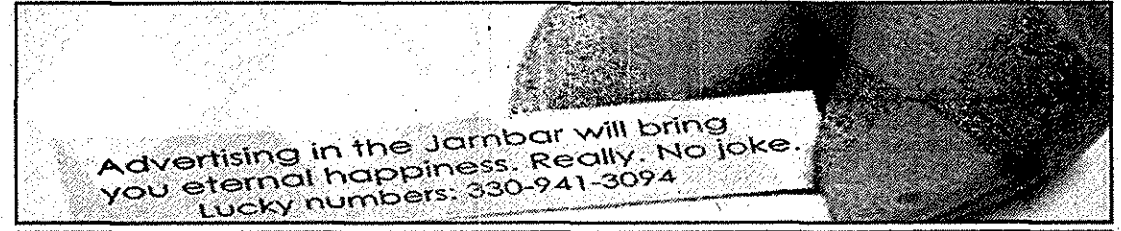
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# Physicist says science still has new journeys to make

By: Eric Grosso  
FEATURES REPORTER

Physicist Brian Greene told a crowd of more than 400 who attended his lecture in Kilcawley Center Wednesday that science hasn't gone as far as it could and there was more information to be found.

Greene is a professor at Columbia University and an accomplished author. He shared with the crowd the first possible unified theory of the universe.

His recent work has been dedicated to the super string theory, which attempts to explain the fabric of the universe. The theory is significant because it makes a strong correlation that uses both parts of quantum mechanics and Einstein's general theory of relativity, two explanations of space that are found to be incorrect when applied to certain aspects.

"This has been the deepest conflict for physicists within the last 70 or 80 years," Greene said.

Explaining the difference between the two, Greene noted that the basis of Einstein's theory of relativity promotes a gentle fabric of space, making for a smooth surface. The uncertainty principle of quantum mechanics says that the more detailed you view particles, the more chaotic they are, making the fabric of space rocky and bumpy. Greene urged that while the two theories work separate-

ly, they conflict with each other and are flawed when put together.

"If the laws break down under any circumstances, it shows that we haven't gone as far as we can go," Greene said. "It shows that there is still a lot of information to be found."

His reaction to that debate created the string theory, which has come to the forefront of scientific research over the last 20 years.

The string theory suggests that within the smallest known part of a particle, there is an even smaller sub-structure shaped like a string, which stretches out to lessen the amount of energy found in particles, making for a fabric of space that is full of energy below the surface, as quantum mechanics suggest, but somewhat smooth on the surface, as the theory of general relativity suggests.

The award-winning physicist was quick to mention that there's always room for error, and the string theory is just in the beginning stages.

"It's not proven, and it's more of a collection of ideas until it can be experimentally confirmed, just like any other theory," Greene said.

Greene also called the theory a "strong" and "powerful" piece, and said the creation of a working unified theory would be a huge step in the explanation of the universe. He noted how Einstein struggled during

the last 10 years of his life to create such a theory, ultimately failing after continuing the work until he died.

Greene is often praised for his ability to put advanced concepts and higher mathematics into everyday language. A review in the Washington Post called him "the single best explainer of abstruse concepts in the world today." Greene played short videos showing the different theories, which allowed members of the audience who were unfamiliar with the material to quickly understand the basics of each theory.

"I feel like it's more of a casual conversation when I listen to him than anything else," Tim Calton, a student at Howland High School, said.

The high school student attended after a recommendation of his physics teacher.

"It's amazing what you can understand when it's put into language you can understand, more teachers need to figure this out," Calton said.

Two of Greene's books, "The Elegant Universe" and "The Fabric of the Cosmos" each spent six months on the New York Times bestsellers list. The Elegant Universe was also a Pulitzer Prize finalist and has been translated into more than 35 languages.

Green spoke as part of the Skeggs Lecture Series.

Contact Eric Grosso at (330) 941-3758.

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levels of lead that are currently in the playground soil."

The playground is located just outside Fedor Hall, near a recently installed exhaust fan that connects to Beeghly Center's Rifle Range. Maldonado raised concerns recently that the exhaust fan, which does not contain a filtration system, could potentially discharge harmful amounts of lead into the atmosphere and onto the nearby playground. YSU officials have asserted the new system is safe and in compliance with all laws.

Maldonado filed a grievance against the university on Oct. 21 charging YSU is not providing a safe work environment for union members working in Beeghly Center, but later agreed to put the grievance on hold until test results were completed.

Maldonado, in an interview Monday, said he will not yet withdraw his grievance.

"I asked for additional testing and I'm waiting to see if that additional testing is going to come in. I want to ensure that my employees, when they go up on that roof, that they have all the proper gear," Maldonado said.

Denman said YSU tested lead levels on Beeghly Center's roof and in areas inside the building near the firing range and those results are expected later this week.

Denman noted that the lead levels found in the soil were probably not attributable to the new exhaust fan. The new fan has barely been used, if at all, since its early October installation, Denman said, so the lead in

the ground is probably from the old exhaust system.

"Periodic monitoring of this area will be conducted to determine the impact, if any, of the new exhaust fan on lead levels in this area. In addition to monitoring, other testing will be performed if appropriate," Denman wrote in a memo to John Hyden, YSU's executive director of facilities, on Nov. 9.

Lead levels in a similar soil test in 1999 ranged between 6.4 micrograms per gram and 54 micrograms per gram, a marked decrease from the recent results. However, Denman said the soil samples were not taken at the same spot as the current playground and were not perfect comparisons.

In addition to the soil testing, Denman also tested the playground equipment. The Department of Health considers lead levels of 40 micrograms per square foot hazardous on playground equipment.

Five samples were taken, and three of the five samples did not detect lead, Denman said. One sample tested at 5.5 micrograms per square foot and another tested at 15 micrograms per square foot.

"The results show that the amount of lead, on both the equipment and the soil in the playground, is far below what the state considers to be hazardous," Hyden was quoted as saying in a university press release. "We want to assure the parents of children who use the playground that lead levels in the area do not constitute a hazard, and we apologize for any alarm that these unsubstantiated allegations may have caused."

But Maldonado said the allegations are not unsubstantiated. The levels of lead in the soil prove that there is some exposure, he said. Maldonado said he wants a HEPA filtration system installed on the new fan.


"I think you should go the extra mile. We're talking about the safety of individuals," Maldonado said.

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UNIVERSITY LIFE

# Practice of branding continues with college fraternities

By: Aline Mendelsohn  
KRT CAMPUS

ORLANDO, Fla. — As his fraternity brothers heated a wire hanger shaped in the form of a Greek letter, Matthew Mitchell felt sick to his stomach.

For about 10 seconds, as the metal touched his skin, Mitchell gripped a fraternity brother's arm. It was the worst pain he had ever endured. But he chose to feel this pain, and later he was glad that he had.

Mitchell, a Phi Beta Sigma member at Florida A&M University, was going through a ritual known as branding, a burning of the skin that results in a scar.

A graduate of Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, Fla., Mitchell had considered being branded for three years before going through with it.

Ultimately, he says, he wanted a physical representation of his bond with his fraternity — a symbol that would be with him forever. So he decided that it would be only fitting to have the letter Sigma branded on his left upper arm, close to his heart.

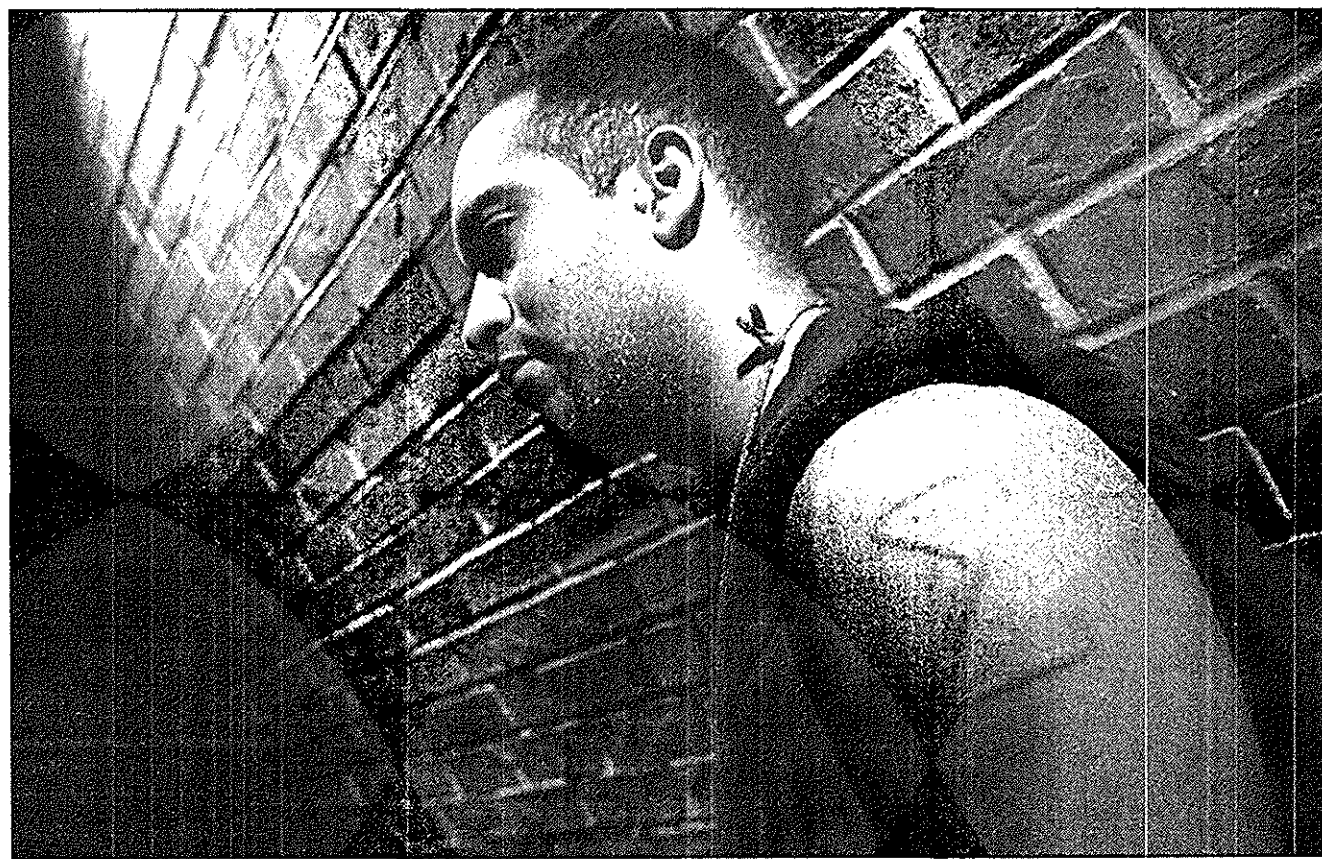
"I'm going to be a Sigma for life, until the day I die," says Mitchell, 23.

Branding has long been a form of body art, and in the past century it has emerged as a tradition among some black fraternity and sorority members. Some Greek organizations have policies banning the practice; others don't prohibit it, but don't condone it, either.

Fraternity brothers say it comes down to an individual choice of expression.

"It's just like a tattoo," says Aaron Brown, 23, Mitchell's fraternity brother at FAMU. "It marks a time and a life, a milestone in your life and a commitment to the organization."

The practice of branding dates back thousands of years, says Sandra Mizumoto Posey, a folklorist and professor at California



Edwin Rodriguez, a UCF student and member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, shows off his brand, outside the Student Union, in Orlando, Florida, October 31, 2005.

State Polytechnic University who has researched the subject.

Branding is most commonly associated with slaves and cattle. But secret societies and religious orders, such as those in ancient Greece, also used brands throughout history to mark followers, Posey says.

As for the college Greek system, the earliest recorded incidence dates back to 1931, but because of the secretive nature of fraternities and sororities, it is difficult to determine an exact timeline, Posey says.

Although the practice is associated with black fraternities, there are exceptions. President George W. Bush is rumored to be branded with a symbol of his Yale fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Some believe that the ritual was inspired by African scarification traditions. And while branding does have ties to slavery, fraternity men with brands dismiss that connotation.

It's hard to determine exactly

how many black fraternity members have brands, but Ricky L. Jones, University of Louisville professor and author of *Black Haze: Violence, Sacrifice, and Manhood in Black Greek-Letter Fraternities*, estimates that more than half do.

Members acquire brands for a number of reasons. Brands can display a sense of belonging, a mark of the successful completion of a challenging pledgship. And they can be a symbol of manhood, of toughness.

"It's one of the most prominent and personal ways you can adopt something into your identity," Posey says. "You are physically changing the shape of who you are."

"It's an indication: 'I am a member, I'm proud of that fact,'" says Tamara L. Brown, editor of *"African American Fraternities and Sororities: The Legacy and the Vision,"* a book that features Posey's research on branding.

Brands often appear in discreet places such as the chest or the left

upper arm. But when they are visible, bearers often display them with pride. Posey points out that on the cover of the sports book *"Rebound: The Odyssey of Michael Jordan,"* Jordan appears shirtless, showing off his Omega brand.

Louisville professor Jones is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, and has two Kappa brands: one on his left arm and one on his chest.

"I saw it as something nothing more damaging than a tattoo," Jones says.

A brand is different in character than a tattoo, however.

It is achieved when a hot iron or

about 10 seconds. A wound forms in the shape of the metal and eventually becomes a scar, explains James Spencer, a St. Petersburg dermatologist and professor at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

No treatment can completely erase a brand, Spencer says.

"You're killing the skin," Spencer says.

And in doing so, there's a risk of infection and keloids, puffy scars that are a particular risk for African-Americans, Spencer says.

Unlike tattooing, branding is not regulated in Florida. The Department of Health's Board of Medicine views it as an extreme procedure that should be performed by a licensed physician.

In fraternities, a brother usually performs the branding, and it is sometimes a ceremonial event. Members say it hurts, for sure, but opinions on the pain level range from excruciating to a little sting. Some say tattooing is more painful.

Most fraternity brothers say branding is voluntary, but "certainly there is peer pressure," says Hank Nuwer, author of *"Wrongs of Passage: Fraternities, Sororities, Hazing and Binge Drinking."*

Hazing researchers say they haven't heard of involuntary instances of branding. Still, even some fraternities dislike the practice.

"We frown on it," says Tyrone Patton, international grand executive secretary for Iota Phi Theta, a black fraternity. "Why would any human being sit still and allow someone to burn and sear his flesh with a hot iron?"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Who's Who  
deadline Dec. 6

The deadline for Who's Who nominations for YSU is 5 p.m. Dec. 6. Nominees must have a junior status or higher and also have a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average. Forms are available in the Office of Student Activities, Room 2100, Kilcawley Center.

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Gary Pavela, the director of judicial programs at the University of Maryland-College Park, will

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"La Boheme" was the basis for the Broadway musical "RENT," written by the late Jonathan Larson. The film version will be released nationwide Nov. 23. The movie will include most of the original Broadway cast members, with the addition of Rosario Dawson as exotic-dancer Mimi.

During Friday's performance of "La Boheme", about ten members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada pick-

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ing a three-way tie atop the Gateway Conference, though Northern Iowa gets the league's automatic postseason bid because of their wins over the other two teams. Heacock said after the game that the Penguins have a good chance to move on.

"All we can do is all we can do, and we did it," Heacock said.

The Penguins finished

their season a week ahead of most schools and will have to play the waiting game until the playoff picture regains some focus.

The official playoff bracket will be announced on Sunday, and YSU will host a press conference today to discuss the season and the program's chances of making the playoffs.

Call Justin Smolkovich at (330) 941-3758.

eted the performance. The union represents 110 people.

David Flasck, president of the local IA union, said members were protesting the discontinued use of union employees at Stambaugh Auditorium. He said Stambaugh Auditorium has had a verbal contract with the union for the hall's 75-year history.

"La Boheme" and a recent performance by the Monday Musical Club have not used a full staff of union employees for the performance. The Stambaugh Association and the IA have scheduled a meeting today in hopes of resolving the disagreement.

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ON THE SIDELINES



*The Higher Education Act of 1972 changed intercollegiate athletics*

By: Justin Smolkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

*This is the first part of a four-part series The Jambar will be running on the effects of Title IX. The next part will run Tuesday, Nov. 22.*

In 1972 the following sentence changed the face of collegiate athletics forever:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational programs or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

This simple yet explosive piece was written as the preamble to Title IX, an amendment to the Education Bill of Rights that completely changed the way Americans and athletic departments across the nation viewed female athletes.

Title IX was created to decrease

the amount of discrimination females encountered in the educational field.

Before 1972, the landscape for women in education and, in particular, athletics, was barren, offering little variety and few opportunities for young women looking to pursue athletics in college.

Jack Patrick, a professor of the history of sports at Youngstown State University, said that times were rough for women before 1972, even "dismal."

"Colleges typically had none (sports offered to women), or just one or two tokens," Patrick said. "Many cited the stereotypical argument that women and girls were physically and emotionally incapable of serious sports."

Title IX was molded years before President Nixon inked his name on the amendment, however. In 1965,

Congress created Title VI, an amendment that was created during a time of upheaval for the United States. Title VI aimed to abolish discrimination against on the basis of race and country of origin in programs or activities that receive federal funding. Title IX took it a step farther, adding women into the mix.

While Title IX covers many educational aspects, athletics have been scrutinized the hardest by the watchful eyes of congress due to the fact that athletics are extremely marketable. Increased scholarships and increased funding are both direct results of Title IX.

While Title IX has proven good for the face of sports and athletics as a whole, it has come with detractors and mild attempts to have the amendment changed.

In June 1975, only three years after the birth of Title IX, state representative from Michigan James O'Hara, a democrat, introduced House Bill 8394, which states that the revenues generated from one sport must first be used to support the main revenue generating athletic teams (football, basketball). The Bill died on the floor but left a huge door open for attack on Title IX. Attacks on the House floor concerning the legality of Title IX were spearheaded by the fiery Jessie Helms, who flat out declared Title IX unconstitutional. However, Helms and a few other Title IX opponents had their arguments fall on deaf ears.

While Title IX has given women a leg up in both athletics and education, not many universities immediately implemented its regulations, and many were slow to follow the rules set forth by the department of education. At one time, Title IX was questioned by the governing body of athletics in col-



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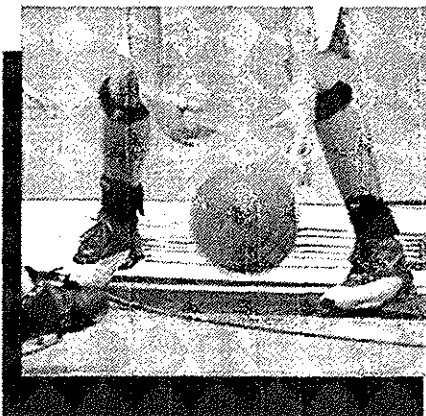
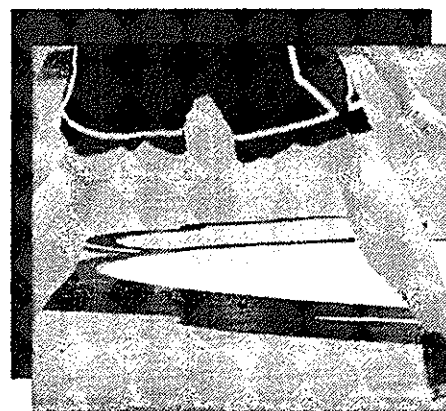
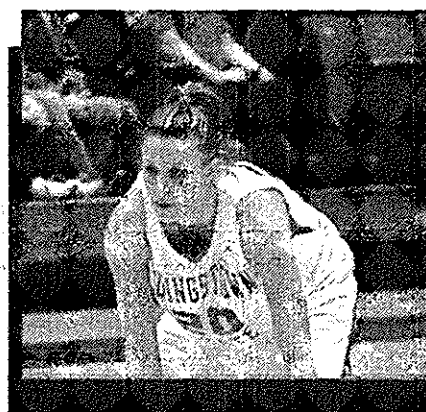
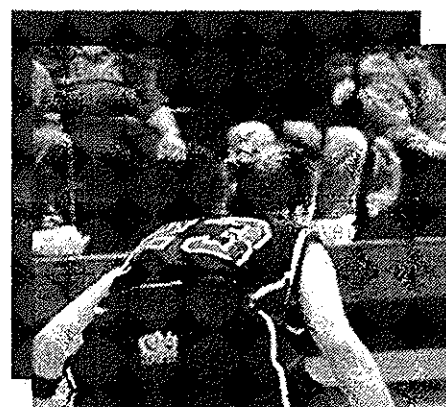
Women's athletics at Youngstown State University and all universities across the nation received a boost in 1972 when Title IX came into effect. The opportunities for female athletes have continued to grow since.

lege, the NCAA, which challenged whether Title IX was legal. Once again, however, Congress had a quick retort and set a deadline of July 21, 1976, for public universities to comply with Title IX or begin losing state funding.

During the 80s, Title IX hung by a thread after a few very tense moments and heated lawsuits.

In 1984, the Supreme Court ruled that Title IX had only a limited scope of power and no longer

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YSU FOOTBALL

'Guins clinch share of title

By: Justin Smolkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown State University head football coach Jon Heacock sat before the media Saturday afternoon drenched from head to toe after a congratulatory Gatorade bath from his players. Fittingly enough, the coach's shirt simply read, "Finish," which is exactly what the Penguins did Saturday, drubbing the No.12 Kentucky Hilltoppers, 42-10, giving the Penguins an 8-3 record and keeping their play-off hopes alive.

The Penguins were in control virtually from the opening kickoff. On the Hilltoppers' first possession, defensive end Brandon Brown jarred the ball loose and Aaron Scales recovered deep inside Hilltopper territory, setting up a Tom Zetts to Kyle Smith touchdown just five plays later.

The defense came up huge again on the following Hilltopper possession. This time, Justin Scholes delivered a crushing hit on a Western Kentucky wide receiver, resulting in yet another fumble

recover for YSU, once again deep inside Hilltopper territory.

"We emphasize turnovers," Brown said.

Five plays later, it was Marcus Mason's turn for a touchdown, getting into the end zone from ten yards out, giving the Penguins a 14-0 lead that they never relinquished.

The only play that seemingly went against the Penguins all day came in the second quarter on a

looked like an incomplete pass and let the referee know his feelings. After the game, a more pleased Heacock said laughingly that he and the officials had "a difference of opinion."

The Penguins, however, connected on two more touchdowns to go up 28-7 at the half.

Smith, a senior who rates at the top of nearly every YSU receiving category, said that he didn't want to end his time at YSU with a loss and that he wanted to keep the Penguins play-off hopes alive.

"We didn't want this to be our last game," Smith said.

The Penguins added two more scores in the second half, including another Zetts touchdown throw. Zetts finished the day with 245 yards on 14 completions including two touchdowns.

With the win, the Penguins clinched a share of the Gateway Conference title — a first for YSU.

The impressive win could also help the Penguins grab one of eight at-large NCAA D-IAA playoff bids.

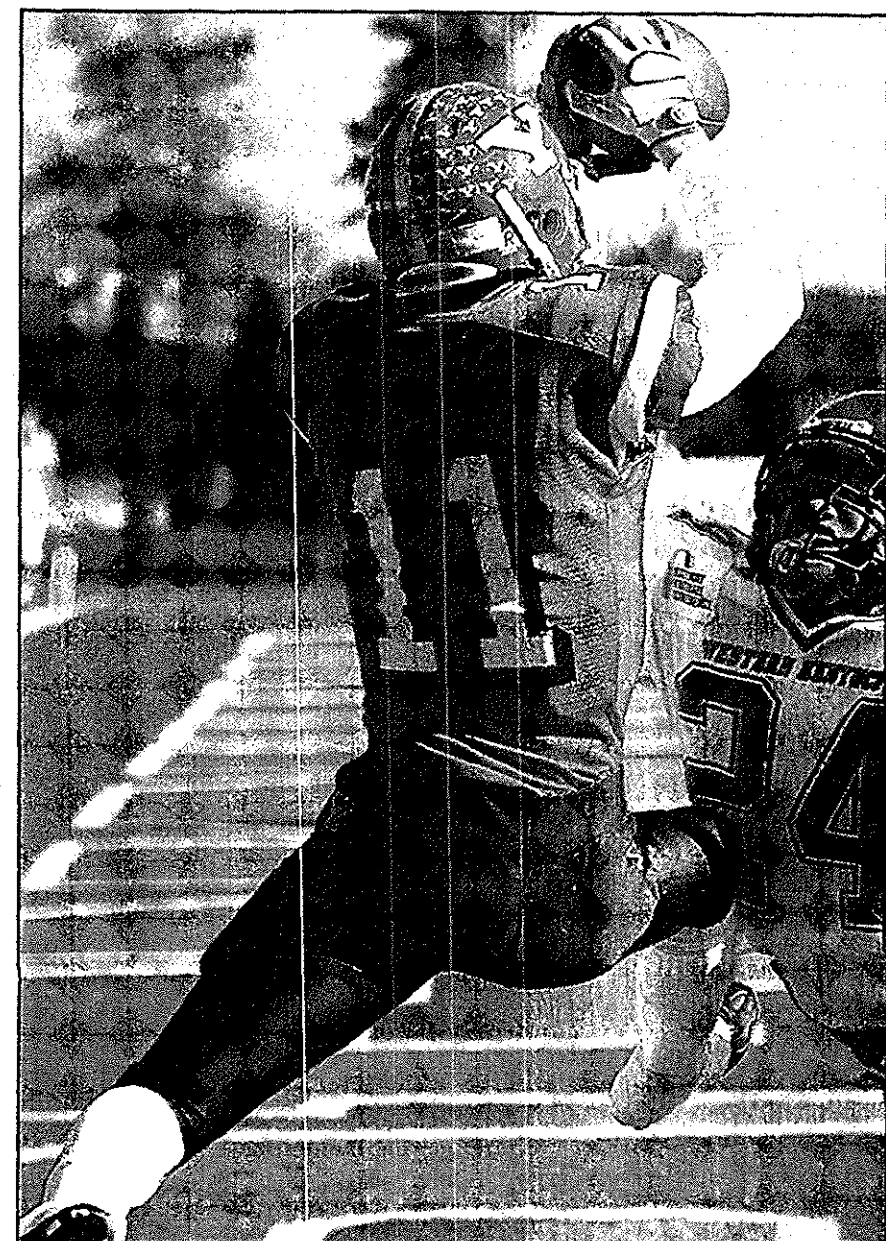
Northern Iowa won Saturday, leaving

controversial fumble call that resulted in a Hilltopper touchdown. As Zetts stepped up in the pocket to throw, the ball shot out of his hands on an apparent incomplete pass. However, the officials ruled the play a fumble, and WKU's Sam Sexton picked up the loose ball and rumbled 21 yards into the end zone.

Heacock said that the play

**All we can do is  
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and we did it.**

— Jon Heacock



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Penguin receiver Kyle Smith leaps high above a Western Kentucky defender for a touchdown catch Saturday. YSU won, 42-10.

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COMMENTARY

# The TETS: A real treasure of the '80s

By: Bob Mackey  
 COLUMNIST

Since the inception of television, the beast known as the "theme song" has changed quite a bit. In the '50s and '60s, when this whole "TV" thing was new and people still assumed it was powered by ghosts, it was not uncommon during the opening song of a program to explain to the viewer that the horse was going to talk, why the car had an old woman's soul and just how a divorcee and a widow with tons of baggage (six children) were able to form a bunch. As years passed and viewers grew more familiar with TV, the premise explaining theme song (PETS) soon dropped out in favor of the shorter, instrumental theme song. While this change made watching television shows a little less insulting, in many cases a PETS was necessary. I mean, in the opening of "Knight Rider" they don't even mention that Michael Knight has a talking car!

Television producers recognized this problem, and they settled on a happy medium between the PETS and the instrumental theme song: the tone establishing theme song (TETS)! Instead of explaining to the viewer the premise of the show, they would write a cheesy opening song that would try to set up the tone for a show (but would ultimately fail.) Two musicians, Jesse Frederick and Bennett Salvay, used ABC's TGIF as their stomping ground, and produced some of the most cavity-inducing opening songs known to man. Today, we will examine some of these.

"Full House" was a staple of TGIF's gauntlet of bad sitcoms, and it had an equally bad theme song. Let's take a look at some of it:

*Everywhere you look, everywhere you go.*

*There's a face*

*Of somebody who needs you.*

*When you're lost out there and you're all alone,*

*A light is waiting to carry you home,*

*Everywhere you look.*

While one might think this song symbolized the togetherness of the Tanner family, in reality, it's a dark and disturbing portrayal of father Danny Tanner, his life as a doormat, and his subsequent co-dependency. A more appropriate choice would be, "Everywhere you look, there's a bunch of goddamn moochers!" Actually, since the show took place in San Francisco, it might have been apt for the lyrics to be, "Everywhere you look, there sure are a lot of homosexuals."

I'm not sure if this next point is going to be as trite as an "Everyone on Scooby-Doo was on drugs!" observation, but to this day, I feel "Full House" was the first alternative lifestyle sitcom on family TV. Let's look at the facts: we have a neat and tidy male widow who invites his best friend

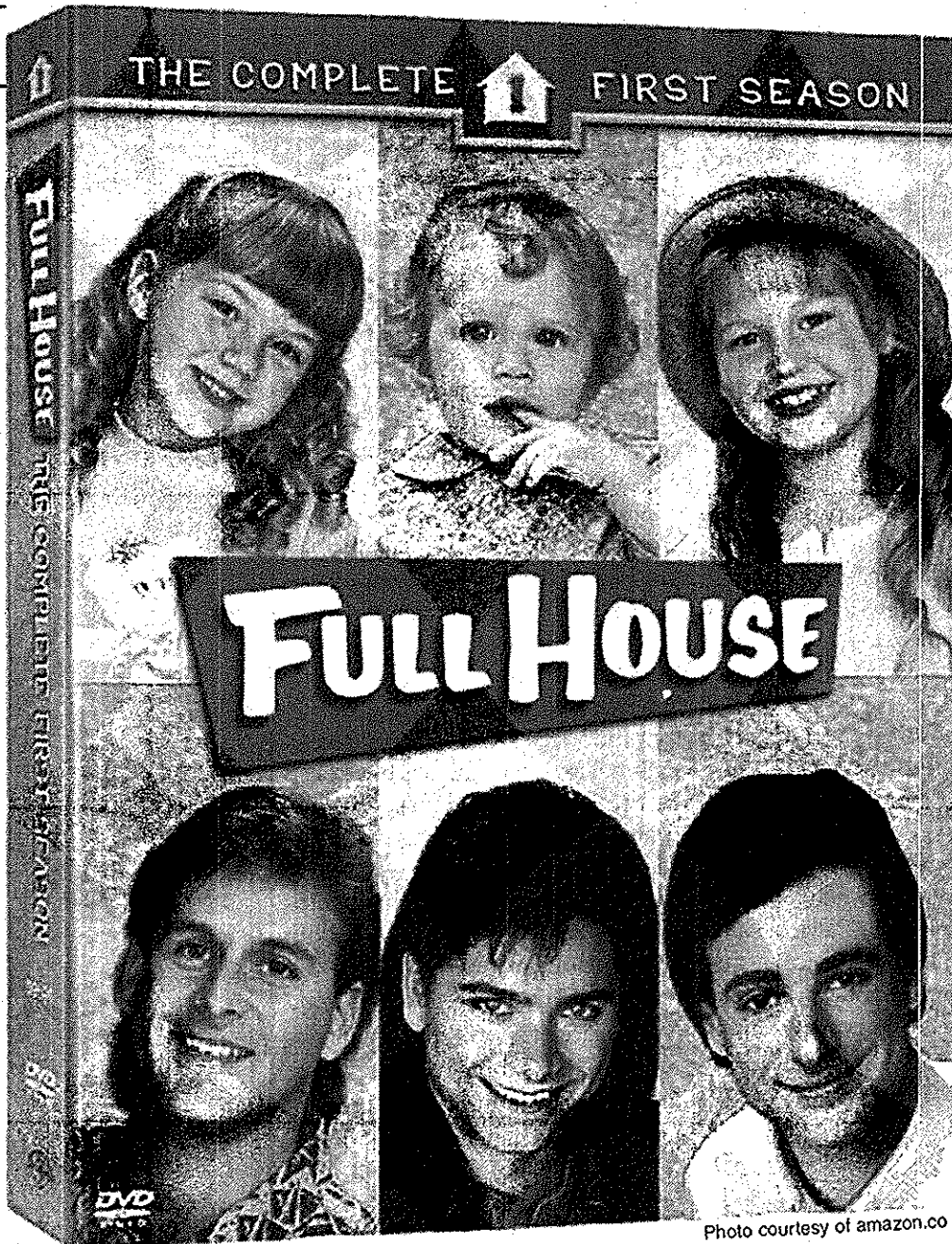


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(which he makes his children call "Uncle") to live with him, along with his wife's attractive brother. Maybe all of the freaky nighty trysts they were having is why Danny and Joey never got married throughout the course of the show, and why Uncle Jesse moved back in after he *did* find a wife. The subtext is clearly text at this point.

"Family Matters," which introduced America to the concept of the black nerd, was not always about Urkel. It started as a heartwarming story about an African-American family living in Chicago ... before the writers added time machines and robots. Let's take a look at the theme:

*It's a rare condition, this day & age*

*To read any good news on the newspaper page*

*But the loving tradition & the grand design*

*Some people say is even harder to find*

*Well then there must be some magic glue*

*Inside these gentle walls*

*Cause all I see is a tower of dreams*

*Real love bursting out of every seam*

As with the "Full House" theme song, which demands to know what has become of the milkman, the paperboy, and evening TV, "Family Matters" paints a dark, dystopian view of the world, or perhaps just a dystopian view of newspapers. Yet somehow in this terrible futurescape, one family is able to build a tower using glue that is probably a naturally occurring substance in their bodies (I'm just going on what the theme song is telling me here). Since god loves to see humans suffer, he sends Urkel down as a dark angel to dismantle the Winslow's Tower of Dreams, piece by gluey piece. Just look what happened to the Tower of Babel! And if Urkel can rip off The Nutty Professor and create a break-dancing robot while he's on the warpath, well, more power to him. Also, I believe that he killed the youngest Winslow daughter, and used her hollowed-out body to hold jelly beans, because she kind of disappeared after a few years.

Perhaps one of the greatest theme songs of all time, the cheese of which is so thick it should be a menu item at Hardees, belongs to the sitcom "Perfect Strangers":

*Standin' tall*

*On the wings of my dream*

*Rise and fall*

*On the wings of my dream*

*Rain and thunder, the wind and haze*

*I'm bound for better days*

*It's my life*

*It's my dream*

*Nothin's gonna stop me now*

Before I talk about the thematic elements of this song, I'd just like to say my favorite thing to do is to stand on the roof of my house, the wind whipping through my hair as the "staaannnding talllll" part of the song plays and a camera films a perfect 360-degree crane shot of me and I am filled with wonder and confidence. Goosebumps. The premise for "Perfect Strangers" is "a jackass lives with his wacky Greek immigrant cousin," but you'd never guess it from listening to the opening song. Based on "Standing Tall," it sounds like Larry and Balki are inner-city social workers, or perhaps superheroes that are susceptible to poor weather conditions. Once again, Frederick and Salvay give us yet another disingenuous opening song.

Through this dissertation, I hope that you were able to learn a little, much like I learned that the time I spent with these shows as a child I can never get back. I could have been doing something much more constructive... like sleeping or developing a late-onset case of AIDS.

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LITERATURE

## Prof puts together pictorial history of Mill Creek Park

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Mill Creek Park administrators have released a new book with more than 200 images and a history of the first 100 years of the park.

Rick Shale, "Historical Mill Creek Park" co-author and professor of English at Youngstown State University, said he is hoping the book will serve as a "scrapbook of memories" for former and current park lovers.

"Historical Mill Creek Park" consists of eight chapters with photographs provided by Mill Creek Metro Parks, The Vindicator, the Mahoning Valley Historical Society and area residents. The captions contain the history of the park, revealing insight into its planning and design.

Shale is quick to point out that the book was a collaboration with co-author Carol Potter, director of marketing for Mill Creek Metro Parks. Now that the book is finished, Shale said he couldn't imagine a better partner. Potter has been involved with the park for over a decade.

"She's an excellent writer and editor, we really worked well editing each other's work," Shale said.

The authors narrowed down more than 1,000 photographs to just over 200 for the book. Shale said the large volume of material might lead to a sequel if it is successful.

Both authors will donate their royalties from the book to the Mill Creek Park Land Conservancies Fund, which allows for the purchase of property surrounding the park.

The authors will sign copies of the book 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the bookstore. "People don't realize how much history the park has," Potter said in an interview on WKBN-TV last week. "It will definitely evoke some great memories."

The idea comes from the work of Potter and Shale who researched and wrote grants for the park's possible historical markers around five years ago. Their work unearthed history the two felt needed to be published.

"People look at the park and think it's more of a nature reserve," Shale said. "It's actually not, but rather more of an architectural and engineering masterpiece."

Shale, also one of three Mill Creek Metro Parks Commissioners, said the most awe-inspiring aspects

of the park were planned by Volney Rogers during the late 1800s. He said Rogers brought in some of the best workers to create today's Mill Creek Park. The creation of the artificial lakes, the construction of the bridges and spectacular views were not natural features of the park.

"He was really 40 or 50 years ahead of his time," Shale said.

Shale also said Rogers knew the importance of such a park with Youngstown being a hard-working, blue-collar city. Shale said Rogers knew Youngstown needed a place for recreation that would also help the workers relax.

Shale pitched the idea to Arcadia Publishing, a company that specializes in local and regional history. After six months of writing and editing, the book is now available, covering history of the park from 1891 to 1989.

In addition to the signing today at YSU, the authors will sign copies of the book at Lanterman's Mill Nov. 26 and 27, Barnes & Noble in Boardman on Dec. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. and Borders in Niles on Dec. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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OPERA REVIEW

## 'La Boheme' starts rough, finishes on a better note

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Despite a 25-minute late start and protestors outside, Opera Western Reserve's "La Boheme" at Stambaugh Auditorium enjoyed a great performance of Giacomo Puccini's opera.

The opera was directed by David Vosburgh, a Youngstown State University professor. The Opera Western Reserve Orchestra and Chorus featured many Youngstown State University students.

"La Boheme" was, by far, one of the best operas shown in the Mahoning Valley in recent years. The combination of chemistry in relationships between characters and a cast full of vibrant style and energy brought the show to life on the cold November night.

"La Boheme" is a celebration of life, love and the bohemian spirit in Paris in the 1800s, however that sense of youthful spirit has transcended time, reaching audiences today. Despite a language barrier, the Youngstown audience had no problem connecting to the messages put forth by

the talented cast.

To help the audience through the Italian libretto, English translation of the lyrics and dialogue were projected onto the wall above the stage during the performance. Although not all of the words made it into translation, enough were so the audience could follow the tragic story.

The cast featured Brian Keith Johnson as Marcello, Marian Vogel as Musetta, Todd Ranney as Shaunard, Randall Levin as Colline, Jason Fair as Benoit, Christian Sebek as Rodolfo and Misook Yun as Mimi. Other cast members included members of the Girard City Schools Youth Choir and YSU students Randall Huffman and Vincent Basile.

The plot of the show revolves around the youthful affair of Mimi and Rodolfo, as they meet and fall in love. Unresolved conflicts in their relationship throughout the show, such as communication, immaturity and sickness, drew the audience in.

The most dynamic character proved to be Marian Vogel's portrayal of Musetta.

Her soprano voice had a deep power to it that mixed beautifully with the cast. Vogel was able to show the polar emotions required of Musetta in a natural way that provoked deep and powerful emotions.

Another outstanding character was Jason Fair's portrayal of Benoit. His character provided the dark plot with comic relief and his natural ability to control the stage was mesmerizing.

Overall, the characters were beautifully and perfectly cast. Each brought a unique and graceful talent to the stage, providing universal appeal for the audience. Their mastery of complex vocal performance and stage presence did not go unnoticed by anyone in the house.

Susan Davenny Wyner, director of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra, served as the show's musical director and conductor. The orchestra was another highlight of the show. A performance of the orchestra playing Puccini's powerful orchestral work would have made for a great night in and of itself.

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