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Kenyon professor speaks at YSU

Jan Kmetko, assistant professor of physics at Kenyon College will speak at 2 p.m. in Room 2006 in Ward Beecher Hall. Kmetko specializes in biological physics. The YSU Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Society of Physics Students sponsored the lecture.

## UNION

# Mediator rules against YSU

ACE employees could collect back pay from 2004 grievance

Maysoun Abdelrasul  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Youngstown State University President David Sweet said university lawyers are reviewing a decision that could cost the university tens of thousands of dollars in back

pay to classified employees.

A federal mediator ruled Wednesday in favor of the YSU Association of Classified Employees (ACE) on a 2004 grievance.

"We are looking into the impact this will have on YSU's physical budget and the potential expenses," Sweet said.

Sweet told The Jambar in a telephone interview Wednesday night that YSU is assessing the basis for the arbitrator's conclusion.

ACE representatives couldn't be reached for comment.

A story posted on The Vindicator's Web site, vindy.com, said the federal mediator ruled that

the university broke state law when it failed to give employees personal-leave credit payments.

The story also said the ruling could end up costing the university \$1.3 million.

Read thejambar.com for the full story on Thursday.

## SPORTS

### Roberts clutch in Penguin victory



Jambar/Ron Stevens

Senior Keston Roberts scored a career-high 31 points including a clutch shot inside the final minute as the Penguins held off Detroit 82-80. YSU advances into the second round of the Horizon League Tournament and will travel to Dayton Friday to face fourth-seeded UW-Green Bay. See page 6

## TECHNOLOGY

### Cafaro computers receive upgrade

Elizabeth Boon  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Outdated Cafaro After weeks of having only nine working computers for Cafaro House's 247 residents, Youngstown State University's Scholars and Honors Program has fixed the other seven broken computers in the building's lab.

Prior to this restoration, Cafaro residents and honors students were using severely outdated computers.

Some residents were not surprised by the multiple computer malfunctions that led to the decision to update the machines. Junior Josh Bodnar, a student assistant and webmaster in the Honors' office, said that the 16 computers in Cafaro's lab were all running on Windows 2000.

Two of the computers in the lab are eight years old, while the rest were purchased six years ago.

Bodnar said it had been difficult to find assistance for technical issues with the computers in the past.

"It's hard to get support because they're so old. It is in the best interest to replace

the whole lab," Bodnar said.

Freshman Melanie Diorio, an honors student and frequent Cafaro lab user, said the computers were "always slow. You have to bring your own paper, and even then, it still doesn't work."

Senior Karen Varga expressed similar frustrations.

"The computers don't serve the purpose that they should," she said.

Varga also said that when she came to YSU as a freshman, she planned to use the lab as her sole computer source. That quickly changed when she saw the state of the computers.

"I then had to go out and purchase a computer," Varga said.

While Cafaro residents had to use outdated computers for the last several years, students who live in Kilcawley and Lyden House have labs that are frequently updated.

Bill Sperlazza, director of Housing and Residence Life, said computers in Kilcawley and Lyden are updated every three to four

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## EDUCATION

### Enthusiasm, professionalism impress Vice-Chancellor

Elizabeth Boon  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Najma Najam thinks you are enthusiastic.

Enthusiasm in students is just one thing that impressed the vice-chancellor of Fatima Jinnah Women University in Pakistan when she visited Youngstown State University Wednesday.

YSU was one of the many colleges Najam visited to meet faculty members and discuss partnerships.

She spoke to many different YSU faculty members to discover new ways to collaborate with the university in Pakistan.

"I am exploring the linking possibilities with different members of the faculty here," she said. In the future, it may be possible for YSU faculty to do research and to train students at Fatima Jinnah.

Najam's vice-chancellor

position is equivalent to serving as the president of the university. She is the first female vice-chancellor in Pakistan, and she said she is active in developing international contacts, working on the university budget and finding the needs of students.

She said she tries to meet new people constantly. "I do a lot of networking," she said.

Najam said the people at YSU will leave a long-lasting impression with her, especially the faculty members she had the opportunity to meet.

"The faculty is very professional and the university has an international outlook," she said. "I see enthusiasm in the students. The campus is beautiful and has very good facilities."

Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Ikram Khawaja, who is a



Jambar/Maysoun Abdelrasul

Mustansir Mir, professor of religious studies at YSU has a friendly conversation with Vice-Chancellor Najma Najam.

native of Pakistan, said he is pleased, and YSU has an opportunity to have an international outlook. He said the possible connection between the schools is an important factor in giving YSU a broader idea of what the world is like.

"The linkage will give YSU a global view and allow us to have a student and faculty exchange," he

said. Professor of Religious Studies Mustansir Mir said he wants to talk to Najam about the Islamic Studies in Pakistan and learn how both universities can benefit from each other.

Najam said one of her main interests is to learn about the Islamic studies at YSU.

## YSU

### Council advocates for STEM aid

Adrienne Sabo  
NEWS EDITOR

A group is advocating that state officials give more financial aid to students who are in math or science related fields — a recommendation that is being questioned by some Youngstown State University students and faculty.

The Science and Mathematics Education Policy Advisory Council recommends the increase in financial aid available to students entering into science, technology engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors. The Ohio Department of Education, the governor's office and the Ohio Board of Regents developed the council and its mission.

The suggestion for extra financial aid is one of several listed in a report by the council and released by the Ohio Board of Regents last week.

Interim Associate Provost Nathan Ritchey said that the recommendation is part of an initiative throughout the state to double the number



"It's going to be a more positive reinforcement in student enrollment."

Frank Ballone  
Junior, Math Education

of students who pursue careers in the STEM fields. Ritchey said there is an assumption that our economy will improve with more technically educated people.

The report recommendations include a public awareness campaign, increase in financial aid for STEM majors, increase in collaboration between secondary and post-secondary education, creation of an Institute for Mathematics and Science Education and an increase in high-quality mathematics and science instructors.

The increase in financial

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YSU

# Mayor Williams speaks during Delta Week

**Britta Snowberger**  
FEATURES REPORTER

In coordination with Delta Week and African American History Month, Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams spoke to a James Gallery audience in Kilcawley Center Tuesday. Organized by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the mayor's visit represented the sorority's dedication to promoting political awareness and community

involvement.

In an intimate setting, Williams maintained a casual disposition. He discussed his background and experience in Youngstown before addressing the key topics of his speech — political awareness and community involvement.

"Awareness comes before involvement," the mayor said. "I'd rather see people who aren't informed not vote than participate and be ignorant."

Stressing involvement, Williams noted that it is possible for the 83,000 citizens of

Youngstown to affect more change than elected officials. He encouraged the involvement of youth in the city.

"I'm surprised at how detached young people are from the community," he said. "While you're here, it's your obligation to be involved."

The mayor then focused his discussion on the African-American community. He told attendees that they should ignore all negative attitudes of friends and family and become less apathetic and more active in their personal lives and in the community.

Following his speech, Williams left the floor open for any and all audience questions. He answered questions concerning possible activity funding and city involvement opportunities. With a Staples "Easy Button" in hand, the mayor urged students to get an education and make a positive impact on the city.

"If it was easy enough to hit a button and change the community, Youngstown's problems would have been solved decades ago," he said. "You're either part of the problem or part of the solution."

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aid for STEM majors raises the question of fairness among YSU students and professors.

"I would like to see everybody be able to go to college, in all areas," said Daniel Suchora, chair of the department of mechanical and industrial engineering.

Suchora said that he would not advocate for it because everyone should have an equal chance to go to college.

"I don't have any problems with that as long as it is new money and not shifting money away from other college students such as CLASS [College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences] students," said William Binning, chair of the political science department.

Junior Robby Richardson, a mathematics major, sees the need for more STEM majors.

"I think it's a good thing. Not a lot of students go into these fields," said

Richardson.

Some liberal arts and social sciences majors feel that the increase in support of students in STEM fields is unfair.

Junior Ryan Brautigam, a political science major, said it is unfair, but understands that funding education is important.

"I think it helps everyone when you are trying to get more allocations of funds," said Brautigam.

Brautigam also said that supporting those who want to better themselves and get an education is something positive for the state.

The reason for the increased attention on science and math majors is the potential that lies ahead for the state with more science and math majors, Ritchey said.

"We start comparing ourselves to other states and we see a difference that

other states are producing more science and engineer majors," said Ritchey. "People earn a living on their ability to think and as a state, that makes us nervous."

Ritchey said that access is always an issue and finance is a part of that.

"It's an incentive to choose the major," said Ritchey.

Sophomore Rob Westfall, a science and math education major, said, "Well, it's probably not fair to the other kids because it should be an open playing field. But it is good because we need a lot of science and math people in the world."

The recommendations from the council "echoes what we see at the national level," Ritchey said. The Ohio Board of Regents also developed initiatives and are in-sync with the council's recommendations, Ritchey said.

## News In Brief

### 'Your Block' results announced

MTV2 announced the winners of the "Your Block" Contest and the entrants from Youngstown placed third. The film featured commentary from Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams, local landmarks and Youngstown rapper Suge B. The film was chosen by MTV Networks as one of the four finalists and was broadcasted on the Web site for viewing and voting. Christopher Moss, Albert Fisher, Sterling Smith, Charles Ellis and DeJuan Ellis produced the film.

### Panel speaks about experiences

The Sociology and Anthropology Department and the Career and Counseling Services office present "Careers in Gerontology, Sociology, and Anthropology" today from 11a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the Gallery in Kilcawley Center.

A panel of YSU alumni will discuss their careers and give job search tips. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and network with alumni.

For more information call Dr. Ji Jiang, at 941-2731 or Christina Hardy, at 941-3514.



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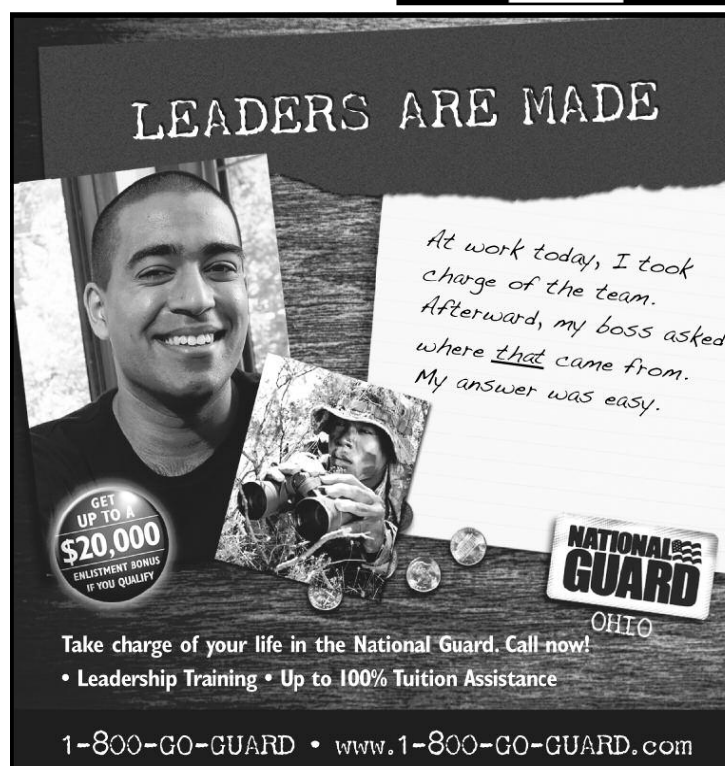
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### OUR SIDE

## Bring outdoor spirit to indoor sport

After 12 years, Youngstown State University's basketball team has made it to the Horizon League Tournament.

Sports are a major part of YSU and many other colleges, and when a team makes it into the playoffs, it's a big deal. This is a great opportunity to show our support for the basketball team and for our school.

The playoff hopes for the basketball team are the same hopes that we had during football season. When YSU almost made it to the championship football game, students, faculty and community members were geared up to go to Chattanooga, Tenn. to support their team.

We didn't care that they never make it to the big game — we are proud of them of making it as far as they did.

If you weren't able to make it to any football games, here is your chance to make up for that. We need everyone to support our basketball team. We need everyone to support YSU and everything positive it has to offer.

Not everybody is going to like everything about YSU, but what is there not to like about a winning basketball team?

At the last game of the 2005-2006 basketball season, 4,789 people attended to show their support for the team. The last game of this season only 2,952 showed up. We don't really understand why. This was Quin Humphrey's last game of the season, and he is one of the top ten scorers of all time at YSU. Where's the school spirit?

This attendance statistic was the only alarming one. For the past five years, the attendance records haven't changed regardless of the team's best winning season.

These numbers need to change for numerous reasons. Firstly, enrollment has gone up at YSU, so there are more students and more families with connections to YSU. Secondly, this season the team has really shown its skills. The team is making progress in its quest for a championship win this year.

We as YSU students need to support our team during the playoffs. We should invest the same amount of energy and enthusiasm into the basketball team as we do in the football team.

As YSU fans, we're hoping that after Friday's game against UW-Green Bay, the team can return home and continue on its mission for a conference championship.

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### COMMENTARY

## Don't get that Camry angry

McClatchy

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
(MCT)

In the annals of road-rage incidents, Jessica Hall's infraction seemed minor. The 25-year-old North Carolina woman was driving with three kids and a pregnant sister when traffic slowed to a crawl. A car cut in front of her twice. Incensed, she flung a large McDonald's cup filled with ice into the other car. Luckily, no one was hurt. But Hall faced a stiff jail sentence in Virginia two years for launching what the law considers "a missile." (Late last week she got probation instead.)

Too bad she hadn't visited that Web site promising what's billed as the first "mobile audio system," which allows a person to add customized sounds to the vehicle's horn. We imagine a blast of "She %\*(ASTERISK)!@ Hates Me" by Puddle of Mudd would get the point across without the cold shower of ice. Or, conversely, maybe she should have invested in calming, lavender-scented tires, recently introduced by Kumho Tires.

Look, Chicagoans know about road rage. Last year, an automobile membership club named Chicago the place where you're most likely to curse at another driver. All of this suggests that people need cars that can do a lot more than avoid collisions and parallel park themselves, as some of the new models do.

Enter four inventors working for Toyota in Japan. A while back they earned a patent for just such a car. Unlike the current unexpressive models, this car could appear to cry, laugh, wink or glower. The designers described a car with headlights that vary in intensity, outfitted with hood slits and ornamentation designed to look like eyebrows, eyelids and tears.

You graciously want to let that motorist merge? The car can signal that with a wink. You're sorry you cut off a driver? The car illuminates a "teardrop" light below the headlight.

If someone else misbehaves on the road, your car's computer keeps



track. It notes certain factors like a driver stomping on the brake because of a reckless lane cutter. When the computer has tallied a sufficient number of aggravating incidents, its software triggers a change in the car's appearance. Its eyebrows light up and the hood glows red. The car is angry! But remember, it could be mostly the car not the driver that decides when to seethe.

What if the cars alone decided when and if they were wronged? What if they were programmed to react, first mildly, and then with greater ire? A driver whose car strayed too often into someone else's lane without signaling might find that his seat was warming even though he hadn't turned on the controls. Someone who didn't signal appropriately might find that his radio would play only one song a Donnie & Marie classic? The theme song from "Titanic"? over and over.

Repeated transgressions could bring a mild electric shock from the steering wheel. Or a flat tire. Instead of a warning light to alert a motorist to check the oil, there could be a message from the other car, toting up your driving transgressions and notifying you of the punishment.

And when the cops pull you over, you can just shrug and blame it all on your irascible Camry.

### COMMENTARY

## Oscar show reveals true face of America

Andrea Lewis

(MCT)

Designer gowns usually grab the biggest headlines on Oscar night, but at this year's Academy Awards, women in tuxedos made the strongest statements.

Ellen DeGeneres fulfilled her childhood dream and hosted the 79th annual event with her characteristic self-deprecating humor and easy-going style.

Melissa Etheridge offered a moving live performance of her original tune "I Need to Wake Up" written for the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth." She later snagged the Oscar for best original song, beating out Randy Newman's song "Our Town" from the film "Cars" and a power trio of "Dreamgirls"-nominated compositions.

Ellen, dressed in a red velvet tuxedo, and Melissa, donning a navy blue one, were a courageous reminder that, as openly lesbian celebrities, they may not fit neatly into Hollywood's standard definition of femaleness, but they weren't about to spend their time hanging out in the closet.

One of the evening's sweetest moments came when the winner for best original song was announced and the cameras zoomed in as Etheridge offered a celebratory kiss on the lips to her partner Tammy

Lynn Michaels. After receiving her golden statuette, Etheridge thanked her "incredible wife Tammy and our four children."

With those simple words, the debate about same-sex marriage and same-sex families was, at least momentarily, made irrelevant. Gay and lesbian families and "married" same-sex couples are already here.

Etheridge went on to offer further inspiration in the fight against global warming and the hope that cultural attitudes can change. "We are all green," she said. "This is our job now, we can become the greatest generation, the generation that changed, the generation that woke up and did something."

Backstage, Etheridge answered reporters' questions about the historic moment. "I have not been one to kiss my partner in public just for sensationalism," she said. "I was kissing her because that's what you do. You kiss your loved one when you win an Oscar."

Later Etheridge got laughs when she noted that her Oscar "is the only naked man that will ever be in my bedroom."

Ellen DeGeneres and Melissa Etheridge are talented women who happen to be lesbians. For one night at the Oscars, they were also both visible symbols of why lesbians and gays and their families are nothing to fear.

### COMMENTARY

## The British are going!

Rhonda Chriss Lokeman

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
(MCT)

Tony Blair knows when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em. He gradually cut British troops from 46,000 in the beginning to fewer than 8,000 in southern Iraq.

Took him years to declare "Mission (Not Quite) Accomplished." At least he acknowledged that British forces are stretched too thin for this mission in Iraq.

The U.S. Army is maxed out, too. And the Guard and Reserve are running on empty. But you can never get enough shock and awe, folks.

One-Beer Dick ain't calling it quits, that's for sure. He spun the Blair pullout as a good thing while blasting Democrats for wanting the same.

It so happens that the biggest warmonger in the White House is a vice president who had almost as many deferments as Liz Taylor had husbands. The closest Dick Cheney ever came to combat was as defense secretary while others watched his back.

Naturally, The Decider can't decide squat besides sending in more troops. Odd that Blair wants to cut 2,100 troops by summer while President Bush insists on deploying 10 times as many Americans. Stranger still that this White House could negotiate with nuke-happy North Korea but won't with Iran.

Blair wants the fractious Iraqis to work harder to walk without a foreign crutch. Unlike Bush, who birthed a diaper state that requires our troops to stay and clean up the mess. Some legacy!

Maybe The Decider should decide to support the troops when they come home. He can decide to go after the slumlords responsible for Walter Reed's Building 18. He can decide that heads will roll over The Washington Post's expose of unsanitary conditions and delayed outpatient care.

The White House initially treated Building 18 like Area 51. Officially, it didn't exist. Even D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton toured the fleabag facility for vets, though as a non-voting member of Congress she hasn't any real power. Too bad Democratic presi-

dential hopefuls are too busy cannibalizing on the campaign trail to focus on vet care.

"There is no reason that even one soldier should come home to such an unacceptable standard of care," said Paul Rieckhoff, head of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "The staff at Walter Reed are good people who are trying their best, but they can't fix this if they aren't given the resources they need." Dejavu, Catch-22.

Of course, Bush never was a detail man. He feels the urge to purge and goes with the flow. No entry plan, no exit strategy, no diplomatic option and no way to meet the needs of thousands of injured troops, some suffering post-traumatic stress.

Cheney accused Nancy Pelosi and John Murtha of using the power of the purse to "validate the al-Qaeda strategy." (He really is starting to resemble Jon Stewart's deranged-penguin parody.)

But foreign-war vets at VoteVets.org accuse the Republican minority of "emboldening the enemy" by squelching Senate debate. They object to their resistance to a bipartisan challenge to the president as "anti-troop."

"So far the president has ignored generals, foreign policy's greatest minds, the American people and the troops when it comes to his escalation of the war in Iraq," said Jon Soltz, VoteVets' chairman and co-founder. VoteVets describes itself as a "pro-military" anti-terror organization.

"If Prime Minister Blair truly believed in the course we are on in Iraq, he would not pull out troops when U.S. forces are severely overstretched and when the president sees a need for more troops, not fewer, in Iraq," Soltz added. "Instead, he would deploy those troops from southern Iraq to aid in the escalation of Baghdad." Good point.

Blair seems to have more credibility among our war vets than does the commander in chief. That's because while Bush has the cowboy swagger, he's no straight shooter. In war, as in peace, he's just all hat and no cattle.



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## REVIEW

## “More Than It’s Worth” worth more than it costs

**Britta Snowberger**  
FEATURES REPORTER

Pour one tablespoon of Taking Back Sunday layered vocals into one cup of From First to Last melodies and four ounces of catchy Fall Out Boy guitar riffs.

Puree until smooth.

Sprinkle with As I Lay Dying screams.

Serve chilled.

Makes one Let All Prevail debut album.

The five-piece band from Newton Falls, Let All Prevail, which includes Youngstown State University sophomore Kyle Hoffman, will release its first full-length CD Saturday. “More Than It’s Worth” contains 14 tracks — nearly an hour of head-nodding, toe-tapping post-hardcore compositions.

The fact that “More Than It’s Worth” was independently recorded is apparent in the first minute of the album. Following a brief keyboard introduction, listeners must adjust their stereos’ volumes, as the second track is noticeably soft in comparison. However, once this adjustment is made, the remainder of the CD transitions smoothly, and oftentimes creatively, between songs.

The tracks themselves are not without flaw. Changing time signatures, the guitar stylings of John Baker and Payson Cowie become arrhythmic in

several instances, if only for a few seconds. In two songs, drummer Scott Byer’s beats hasten or drag without warning. Bassist Mike Layshock’s screams at the end of phrases are often as predictable as a Beastie Boys’ collaborative rhyme, and keyboardist Hoffman’s vocals occasionally fall flat at higher pitches.

Despite these imperfections, Let All Prevail more than makes up for any debut blemishes with tracks like “Kittens,” “Wilson” and “5 Point.”

“Kittens,” the fourth song on the album, is a hard-hitting track with a breakdown that could inspire a crowd of nuns to mosh. Layshock’s anger-filled screams rattle the souls of listeners and are as passionate as a man set on fire.

The dynamic work, including a building guitar introduction, in “Wilson” sets the song apart from the rest of the album. Intertwined vocals and screams in the sixth track’s chorus escort listeners near auditory orgasm.

Most notably, Let All Prevail’s twelfth track, “5 Point,” demonstrates the creative capabilities and musical possibilities of the young local band. Beginning with a drum solo, the metal-influenced song’s powerful guitar riffs shine among Hoffman’s most meaningful lyrics. With politically-charged lines like “They stole my life. I went to war, and now my nightmares are filled with so much more” and “Since we’re

stuck in our ways, we’re closer to death than we think,” the computer information systems major



Photo courtesy of purevolume.com

Let All Prevail will release its first full-length CD Saturday at the Newton Falls Community Center release party.

inspires the minds and challenges the morals of listeners.

Overall, Let All Prevail’s “More Than It’s Worth” is worth more than the \$10 listeners will shell out when the CD drops Saturday at the band’s Newton Falls Community Center release party.

**Best Songs: “Kittens,” “Wilson” and “5 Point”**

**Rating: 3.5 of 5**

**Sounds Like: Taking Back Sunday meets As I Lay Dying**

## FEATURE

## From job to job, ‘he work\$ hard for the money’



Jambar / Robert Smith

John Kajtar calls for a clean up in aisle six at the Austintown Marc’s.

**Robert Smith**  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

John Kajtar is pushing carts in the Austintown Marc’s. It’s below zero, and the wind is blowing hard. His face is red, his feet are wet, and his hands have lost all feeling. His feet are slipping on the ice as he pushes a row of about 10 carts into the store. Cars drive past, almost hitting him.

This is what Kajtar does three weeks out of the month. The remaining weekend, Kajtar is a patrol officer in the National Guard at a base in Mansfield. Kajtar said it can be boring, and there is always a chance he may be deployed. It pays for school, though, and provides him with money for rent. He said he enjoys both jobs, since they pay the way for school.

When Kajtar was a nursing major, he served as a registered nurse at Glenview Manner.

“One of the best things about nursing was the money; I made about \$12 an hour,” Kajtar said.

But his experience in nursing was so much to his disliking that he decided to change his major.

“I just couldn’t stand the work,” said Kajtar, whose responsibilities included paper work, passing out pills and giving injections. High-maintenance co-workers were another hassle for Kajtar.

“There is a saying that nurses eat their young.” And if something went wrong, the new nurses would get blamed. Kajtar said he had to deal with death and blood on a regular basis. He is not uneasy about such things, but the work depressed him.

“I would come home each night, feeling

depressed. I wasn’t happy, even though I was making good money,” Kajtar said. “It was a combination of seeing people suffer and the work environment.”

It was also hard to find study time. Education is important to Kajtar, but he also wanted to have fun while he was young. He decided that nursing wasn’t for him.

“Working at Marc’s and serving in the Guard doesn’t pay as well,” said Kajtar.

It does give him a roof over his head and time for studying and friends, but it has its low points, too.

Kajtar was working one day when a fellow employee pushing carts was nearly hit by a car. The customer got out of his car and yelled at both of them, so Kajtar sent him to the store manager. After talking with management, the customer came out of the building and spat on Kajtar.

“I actually found it pretty funny that someone would get so upset like that,” he said.

He still enjoys it more than nursing.

For Kajtar, the Guard has few drawbacks, besides the boredom and the chance of deployment. Those things don’t bother him. In fact, he hopes to be deployed since it will give him points on his civil service test. It’s a small price to pay to get an education and avoid nursing, he said.

Kajtar rationalizes an undesirable job with its outcome: Nursing experience gave him a different major and a desire for a different job. Although the jobs he has now are not perfect, he is happier than he was before. Despite rude customers, Kajtar does his job at Marc’s with a smile on his face, knowing he has time to study after work.

## YSU women’s soccer team scores goal with community kids



Jambar / Britta Snowberger

Freshman soccer player Mariah Snyder explains a ball-handling technique to Brian Placeres, 7. Representatives of the Youngstown State University women’s soccer team, including head coach Anthony James and assistant coach Greg Mitchell, traveled to United Methodist Community Center in Campbell on Wednesday to instruct a group of after-school program participants.

**Saturday**

UFC Fight

Jillians

9-11:45 p.m.

21 years old and older

\$5 cover charge



**Monday**

Jillians: Family Day

11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

**March 8**

Blue Man Group: How to be a Megastar

Tour 2.0

Chevrolet Centre

7:30 p.m.

**March 10**

Mahoning Valley Golf Expo 2007

Chevrolet Centre

10 a.m.-8 p.m.

**March 11**

Mahoning Valley Golf Expo 2007

Chevrolet Centre

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**March 16**

Disco Inferno

The Cellar

Upcoming  
events



YSU

## Luncheon provides students with opportunity to network

Cristina Byce  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

The annual Professional Networking and Etiquette Luncheon offers students an opportunity to network with business professionals from the area. The Williamson College of Business Administration is offering the event Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center.

For \$5, students will meet with 32 area businesses such as Merrill Lynch, Quicken Loans, J.M. Smuckers and First Energy.

"So far there are about 60 students signed up," Christine Shelton, coordinator of external relations, said.

Prior to attending this luncheon, students are encouraged to attend a pre-etiquette session — taught by coordinator of professional practice Gwenn Clark — which teaches students how to properly act in dining situations. Some tips include,

"[It's not a chance] to trade in your resumé, instead it is a place to talk and get your name out there..."

Christine Shelton  
Coordinator of External Relations

"when asking for the salt, you ask for both the salt and pepper, and how never to talk about politics," Shelton said.

Ron Cole, manager of News and Information Service said the program has proved to be "very effective and helpful."

Students are paired with business professionals in careers that are similar to the students' interest.

In addition, there will be three speakers, Jim Dascenzo from Healberth & King, Jack Wellitz from Innis Maggiore and Lauren Gallo from Cortland Banks.

Shelton said the event is not a chance "to trade your resumé;

instead it is a place to talk and get your name out there and a way to navigate and help students get their careers on course."

This luncheon can be a beneficial experience to students if they just come and talk to potential employers, Shelton said. During a previous luncheon, a student was offered an internship with one of the businesses and ultimately accepted a full time job with the company.

Business attire is required for the event.

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years and are running on Windows XP. Cafaro House opened in 1995 and was built to house YSU honors students. The computer lab was meant to be used by both honors students who lived in and outside of the residence hall. Because students who weren't living in the dorm could use the lab, funding responsibilities were given to the Honors Department instead of Housing

and Residence Life, which takes care of all other residence labs.

Ron Shaklee, director of the Honors Program, accepts that his department is to blame for the recent issues in the lab.

"If there's any fault, it's ours for waiting too long," Shaklee said. "We messed up. We should have tried to replace them last summer."

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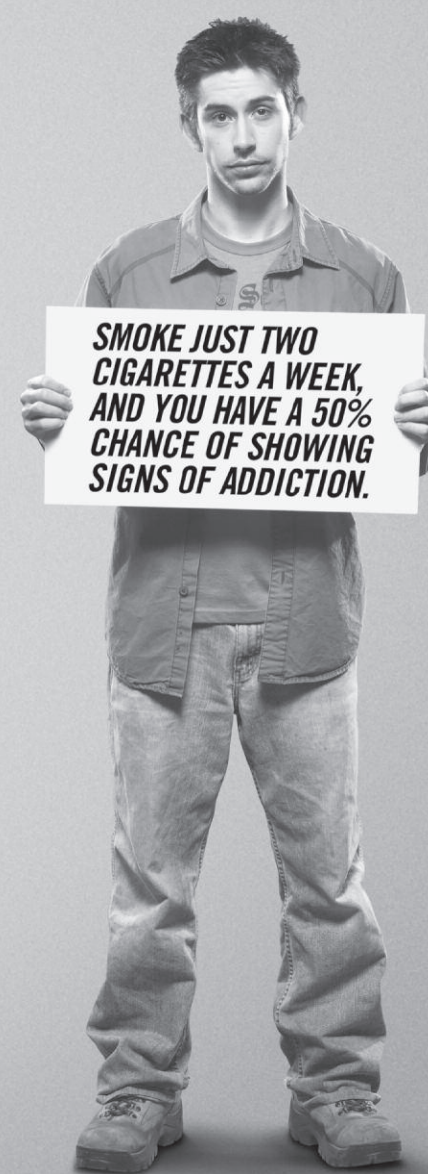


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## MEN'S BASKETBALL



YSU Sports Information

Keston Roberts scored a career high 31 points in the Penguins first playoff game since 1995. The squad won a tight 82-80 game over Detroit to propel the team into the second round of the Horizon League playoffs.

## Penguins advance in playoffs after 82-80 win

Steve Lettau

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

It took nearly 12 years for the Youngstown State University men's basketball team to have a chance to host a postseason game at Beeghly Center.

Taking advantage of the home crowd proved to be challenging, but the fifth-seeded Penguins (14-16) knocked off the eighth-seeded Detroit Titans (11-19), 82-80 in first round action of the Horizon League Tournament.

Senior Keston Roberts led the Penguins in scoring with a career high 31 points, going 12-19 on the night – including 4-4 to start the game giving YSU an early 10-0 lead.

Roberts 31 points is remarkable for a player who YSU coach Jerry Slocum was unsure could play due to a "severe thigh bruise" caused in the regular season finale against Cleveland State University.

"I wasn't myself tonight. I felt 90 percent," Roberts said. "I just wanted to come out and play aggressive."

Playing in front of over 2,000 fans in a home playoff game is what Slocum had in

mind for his team before the season began.

With the hometown crowd behind them, YSU jumped out to a 45-31 lead at halftime, and shot 59.3 percent from the floor. The Penguin defense held Detroit to 12-30 shooting for during the first half.

"We put out from day one that we wanted to host a home playoff game," Slocum said. "This was the most exciting and loud a game as we have had this year."

The last time the Penguins led by double figures at halftime and lost was against Detroit in January of last year. The Titans Brandon Cotton did everything in his power to make Tuesday's game reminiscent for the Penguins.

After scoring only 10 first half points, Cotton led the Detroit comeback with 23 second-half points and helped gain a 65-64 lead with six minutes remaining.

It was the first Titan lead of the night.

Cotton finished with a game-high 33 points.

"Cotton played out of his mind," Slocum said. "We knew they were going to make a run as talented as they are."

Not to be out shined, senior YSU star and Horizon League leading scorer Quin Humphrey nailed a three-point shot to

momentarily regain the Penguin lead.

After a series of buckets by Humphrey, the score was tied 77-77 on a Detroit three-pointer with a 1:04 left. But another huge basket by Roberts put the Penguins ahead by two.

"Keston carried them early and Quin came through for them in the second half," Detroit coach Perry Watson said.

Humphrey finished with 19 points and five assists while Jack Liles added 13 points and three blocked shots, including a key stuff with six seconds remaining to keep the Penguins up by two points.

But with two seconds remaining Detroit's Brandon Bell put-up a desperation shot that t bounced off the rim.

According to Humphrey the squad's early season experience playing against Big Ten teams helped YSU pull out a victory.

"Honestly, I think it helped us. I knew there was a certain point that it would come back and help us and it did tonight," he said.

The Penguins advance into the second round of the Horizon League Tournament and will travel to Dayton Friday to face fourth-seeded UW-Green Bay, a team that swept Youngstown this season.

## Penguin Spotlight

Keston Roberts, #34



Position:  
Guard  
Height: 6'8"  
Weight: 235 lbs  
Rank:  
Sophomore

16.2

Points per  
game

3.4

Rebounds  
per game

.8

Steals per  
game

.4

Blocks per  
game

.427

field goal %

2.3

turnovers  
per game

Quin Humphrey, #2



Position:  
Guard  
Height: 6'4"  
Weight: 205 lbs  
Rank:  
Senior

19.1

Points per  
game

7.1

Rebounds  
per game

1.4

Steals per  
game

.3

Blocks per  
game

.439

field goal %

2.8

turnovers  
per game

### Up next



Time:  
8 p.m. Friday

vs.

Location:  
Dayton,  
UD Arena



## BASEBALL

## Penguins ready to rebound against Missouri after early season sweep

Andrew Berry

SPORTS REPORTER

The first few weeks of the season have been tough for the Youngstown State University baseball team. The first two games were cancelled due to inclement weather, and Stephen F. Austin University swept the Penguins out of Texas in a three game series capped by a 9-5 win on Sunday.

Despite the 0-3 start to the new season, head coach Mike Florak is focused on preparing for the future rather than dwelling on what could have been.

"We have more and greater challenges to overcome, more so than any other pro-

gram, and I'm confident we can do it," he said. "I have an immense amount of faith in the talent we have."

The Penguins almost immediately find themselves faced with another big challenge as they take on the University of Missouri in a three game series beginning Friday.

One of the final 16 Super Regional teams in the 2006 College World Series, the Tigers have fared better in the early goings posting a 6-5 record before their scheduled clash with the Penguins.

After several days rest, junior hurler Lucas Engle is the probable starter for the first game on Friday. In his initial outing against Stephen F. Austin, Engle tossed four superb innings before coming undone

in the fifth, yielding five runs on four hits.

To shutdown the Tigers roaring offense, the Penguin pitching staff will have to improve its performance from the first three games in which they surrendered 28 earned runs to a formidable Lumberjack lineup.

Keeping the ball in the park and getting ahead in the pitch count will keep the game within reach.

On offense, sophomore John Koehnlein will need to continue reaching base from the lead-off spot as he did in the first three games this year.

Currently on a nine game hitting streak dating back to last season, Koehnlein's production is crucial for allowing the heart of the order to produce runs.

"It's important that everyone clicks," Florak said. "We have a great team concept that nobody plays selfish."

The Penguin bats will need to click on faster against Missouri than the team's previous series. The Tigers have given up 31 runs for a sound team ERA of 2.75 through their first 11 games. Senior Eric Deidrich and the Penguin heavy hitters will have to work deep counts and force mistakes to manufacture runs against the Tigers.

Even with a brutal schedule to begin the season, Florak said the team will continue to take it one game at a time as they move toward the beginning of conference play.

"We're striving to get better and I'm looking forward to the rest of the season," Florak said.