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YSU Supervisor receives sentence for gambling

Richard Burnett is a computer operations supervisor at YSU

By Bill Rodgers
News Editor

Richard Burnett, a computer operations supervisor at Youngstown State University, was sentenced to two years probation with a \$2,000 fine for bookmaking in a gambling ring at the LaVilla Sports Bar and Grille in Struthers.

The first six months of Burnett's probation will be spent in electronically monitored home confinement.

U.S. District Judge Paul R. Matia sentenced Burnett Thursday, May 12 in Cleveland federal court. Also sentenced were Angelo Masco and Joseph Vaio of Struthers.

The three men were among 15 men and one woman indicted one year ago. Charges against two were dismissed and the rest pleaded guilty.

Burnett declined to comment on his sentencing, saying that his sentence had nothing to

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YSU Local company Investing in Engineering

College of Engineering gets donation from local company

By Joe Rafidli
The Jambar

The William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology has received a donation from a local company designated for the hundreds of students in the engineering program.

Autodesk Inc., a leading supplier of computer-aided design software and Ajax TOCCO Magnethermic of Warren, a leader in the induction heating and melting field, have donated a software package valued at \$238,625.

The donation includes 25 "seats" of the Autodesk Inventor Professional Suite

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YOUNGSTOWN Benefit helps victims of fire

Cedars Lounge event raises over \$10,000 for victims of Mattress Company blaze



Up in smoke

A fire at the Mattress Company in downtown Youngstown left many artists without their studios, supplies, and for some their home when the building burned down May 22. A benefit for the victims of the fire was held at Cedar's Lounge (below), where attendees participated in silent and Chinese auctions. The event raised more than 10,000 to help victims of the fire get back on their feet. (Photos courtesy of Sarah Sepanek)

By Cheryl Thompson
Contributing writer

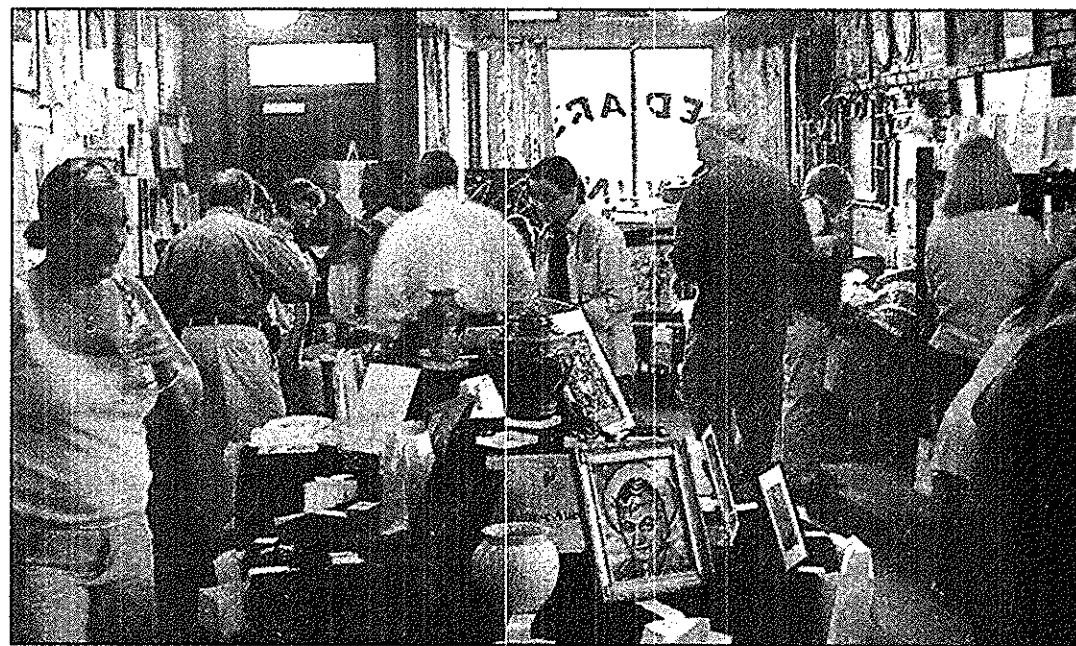
A T-shirt with a three-legged dog named Ralph. An electric sitar. A painting of Jim Traficant sitting on a spaceship with a crown of thorns ornamenting his awful trademark hair. A large salt crystal mined from 2,000 feet below Lake Erie with a warning stating, "Lick at your own risk." What do these seemingly random objects have in common? They were all items donated to be sold or auctioned off at a benefit for the Mattress Company.

The event was held from

Friday through Sunday at Cedar's Cafe in downtown Youngstown. The downtown establishment has close ties to the art community, prominently displaying work by local artists throughout the dining area and bar.

Thousands of pieces of art and thousands of dollars worth of supplies were destroyed May 22 when an electrical fire burned the entire building to the ground. In addition to the art gallery, the building was also home to several people who rented studio apartments, a massage therapist's office, a hair

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YSU Union head Domhoff plans to fight decision

Administrative assistant says she will fight YSU's decision to terminate her employment

By Bill Rodgers
News Editor

The head of a Youngstown State University union, who was fired in April when the university department she worked for closed, has said she plans to fight the decision.

Christine Domhoff, administrative

assistant for the Cisco Networking Academy, said on Tuesday that she intended to fight the university's decision to terminate her employment. Domhoff also said that she would stay on as the leader of YSU's Association of Classified Employees (ACE) through the



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union's contract negotiations this summer.

Prior to Domhoff's statements, The Jambar received an anonymous e-mail from a Metro College employee. The e-mail contained a 2002 employee evaluation of Domhoff's co-worker Michael Glonek, who was trans-

ferred to a new position.

The e-mail said it was wrong of the university to terminate Domhoff's employment while transferring Glonek. The e-mail said Domhoff was a more qualified employee in education and excellence.

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Maloney wins "Last Penguin Standing" Contest

Erin Maloney, a senior graphic design major, beat 17 other student entries for the right to design the lone remaining penguin statue. Erin will also receive \$1,000 after the penguin is finished. Her design, titled "Campus Core," features an acrylic montage of the

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Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Jones Hall, and other unique campus landmarks. The finished penguin will be displayed in the Cafaro Lobby inside Kilcawley Center starting fall semester.

Sophomore wins internship

Sophomore Christopher McKee was selected for a sum-

mer internship with the Institute for Responsible Citizenship in Washington, D.C. IRC internships are awarded to minority students across the United States, and interns spend the summer working in or around the nation's capitol.

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salon and a picture framing business called Dalwick Framing Art.

The benefit, which featured performances by local musicians Friday and silent and Chinese auctions from Friday through Sunday, attracted more than 900 community leaders and raised more than \$10,000 to help the local artists, residents and business owners get back on their feet. The money will help the artists buy new supplies, the residents find new places to live and the business owners to rebuild. The night was so successful that the restaurant had to restock for the next day.

The Mattress Company was at the center of the art community in Youngstown.

"If you are an artist in Youngstown, the Mattress Company was where you went," senior Sara Tkac said.

A fine and performing arts major at Youngstown State University, who had her first open gallery there last June, Tkac organized the event. After finding out about the fire by a phone call from a friend's mother, she wasted no time at all getting started.

"I ran over to Cedar's right after I found out, there was so much despair in the air that we planned it while the fire was still blazing," Tkac said.

Tkac, who was planning to move into one of the studio apartments in the building, lost many pieces of her photography. While her work was invaluable to her, she said she is lucky that nobody was hurt because human life is ultimately irreplaceable. After getting

over the shock of the gallery being gone, Tkac is pleased with the amount of support from the community.

"I am in love with Youngstown," she said, beaming.

More than half a dozen local bands and musicians performed for the event including Paul Bishop, who lost work in the fire, Jessica Hartly, The Inner Circle Jerks, My Sister the Sun and The Zou. When they weren't listening to the band rock out on stage, patrons milled around the gallery, perusing pictures, paintings and sculptures, all of which were donated by local artists. In addition to the original artwork, there were gift certificates from numerous local businesses, including Star Supply, Havana House Cigar Shop and Artistic Dermographics, a local tattoo parlor.

Megan Thomas, a local massage therapist said she was nervous about what to do after her office was destroyed in the fire. However, she said that she has been offered space from her colleagues and is now operating out of her residence on Gypsy Lane.

Coy Cornelius, who owned and resided in the Mattress Company, said he was pleased with the support and turnout from the community. The former YSU art professor, who was in the building when the fire started, said he is thankful to have made it out.

"I'm just so glad the community stepped up to help us out," Cornelius said.

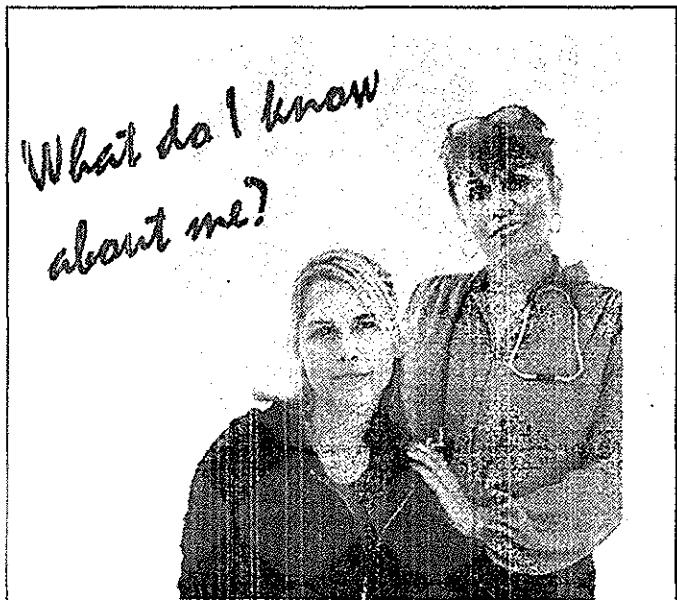
POLICE BLOTTER

A female Courtyard Apartments resident was assaulted by another woman Sunday, Youngstown State University Police said. According to the victim's statement, she heard a knock at her door, checked through the peephole and saw nothing. After opening her door, the alleged attacker forced the door open and struck the victim's right cheekbone area. The alleged attacker then commented, "I'm not afraid of the police because my uncle is the Chief of Y.P.D."

Youngstown State University Police were called to building 100 of the Courtyard Apartments on May 21 to investigate a break-in. The victim told the officer someone broke into his room the night before and stole several items. The

officer noticed damaged screens and screens out of the window lying on the ground. The Courtyard Apartment manager stated that students have been going in and out of windows instead of using the front door, and were warned not to do so.

Youngstown State University Police were called to the Courtyard Apartments on May 25, after a resident called and reported that someone had broken into her apartment the night before. The victim stated that she woke up around 1:45 a.m. and noticed what she thought to be a male intruder in her apartment, staring into her bedroom. When the victim yelled, the intruder took off through the front door. Nothing was taken from the apartment.



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The e-mail also suggested Domhoff's termination was an attempt by the university to break the union during negotiations.

"The decision has caused a serious decline in morale at Metro because no one feels safe," the e-mail said.

University officials announced in early May that the Cisco Networking Academy, which provides non-credit courses at YSU's Metro College, will close June 30. Glonek was transferred to another job as a program developer at the Metro College. Domhoff, who worked for the university for 23 years, was notified April 29 that her position would be terminated.

Domhoff said she signed a contract that waived her rights as an ACE employee to have a longer notification period of termination under article 16 of the ACE contract. However, Domhoff said the university made a mistake in classifying her as a contract employee, when she was a civil service employee.

Domhoff said under Ohio Administrative Code the university would have to announce it was abolishing the position and specify the reason why.

Domhoff said that she was simply told her job was being terminated.

She said the university didn't go through the proper procedure to terminate her position. Domhoff filed a complaint with the State Personnel Board of Review, and a hearing is pending.

Domhoff said her termination was unjustified, saying that she excelled at her job.

"I've had dedicated service for 23 years, and I have a master's degree," Domhoff said. "I went through training and achieved everything that was asked of me to do. I have had perfect evaluations and have had letters of acknowledgment for work I've done that went above and beyond my job."

Domhoff said she might seek redress through the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. She believes that her termination and Glonek's continued employment could be a sign of gender discrimination.

The e-mail said Glonek was less qualified than Domhoff. It said that Glonek did not have the minimum education qualifications for his job as an Academy Trainer/Technician when he worked at the academy in 2002.

The minimum education requirement is a bachelor's degree. As of the 2002 employee evaluation, Glonek was still working on his bachelor's of education degree. The evaluation also said that Glonek needed improvement in reliability and promptness.

However, the evaluation said Glonek exceeded employment expectations in job knowledge, working relationships and professional development.

"Michael is always looking for ways to advance the academy and YSU in general with the community and potential students," part of the evaluation read. "He represents YSU with enthusiasm and professionalism at all times, but especially when he visits schools."

Glonek could not be reached

for comment.

Ron Chordas, YSU's Assistant Provost for Academic Administration, said the closing of the Cisco academy was due to low student enrollment. Chordas said that in the 2003-2004 academic year, enrollment in the program was 6 students. In 2004-2005 there were no students enrolled in the program.

Chordas said Domhoff signed a contract that would pay her with soft money, or funding that comes to the university externally, as opposed to hard money, which is internal university funding.

When soft money funding for a program runs out, employee contracts paid with that money are terminated, Chordas said.

The university was unable to find another department to move Domhoff, and she may have waived her "bumping rights" in her contract, which would allow her to have hiring preference over another employee who had less seniority, Chordas said.

Chordas referred further questions to Hubert Chatman, executive director of human resources at YSU. Chatman could not be reached for comment. Domhoff said that she would still represent ACE in contract negotiations this summer. The union includes 400 workers. Groundskeepers, maintenance staff, library employees and computer center employee and other university staff are included in the union. The ACE contract expires on August 15.

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do with his job.

Other university officials and staff were asked if Burnett's conviction or sentencing would affect his job at YSU. However, there was no definite response regarding Burnett as of yesterday.

Donna Esterly, interim chief technology officer at YSU, said she was out of her office during the time surrounding the sentencing and was unable to respond.

Hubert Chatman, YSU's executive director of human resources, could not be reached for comment.

Burnett is in the Association of Classified Employees union at YSU. Christine Domhoff, the union's leader, said she didn't believe the university would file any disciplinary action against Burnett if he didn't violate his contract or conduct his book-keeping business while working for YSU.

FBI Investigation

An FBI investigation of the ring began after the bureau received an anonymous letter dated Jan. 10, 2001. The letter detailed a "major gambling racket in the Struthers-Boardman area" with LaVilla Sports Bar & Grille at the center.

The defendants were suspected of running sports book-making, mostly of college and professional football games.

FBI Special Agent Joseph A. Bushner detailed the group's activities in a 74-page search warrant affidavit. Sections of the affidavit said that Burnett, Kevin Almasy and Steve Almasy of Youngstown, and Todd Yallech and John Yurko of Boardman committed offenses such as "conducting, financing, managing, supervising, directing or owning all or part of an illegal gambling business."

During the investigation, two orders for intercepting phone conversations between the ring members were made by U.S. District Court Judge Lesley Wells. During that time, more than two million dollars in bets were made through cellular and business phone calls between Burnett, Yurko, Vaio and Kevin Almasy.

One phone conversation between Burnett and Yallech on Nov. 18, 2001 revealed three bets placed by Yallech for a total of \$1,500. Five days later Yallech placed another \$1,500 bet with Burnett.

Investigators estimated that the ring made almost \$2,000 on any single day. Bushner said that the book-makers charged bettors a 10-percent fee on all losing bets.

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BRIEF**Times set for Trustees meetings**

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees will hold their Investment Subcommittee, External Relations Committee, and Academic and Student Affairs Committee meetings today beginning at 8 a.m.

Thursday, June 9, the Audit Subcommittee, Internal Affairs Committee, and Finance and Facilities Committee meetings will begin at 8 a.m.

Friday, June 24, a Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 3 p.m.

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YSU will celebrate anniversary of degree

Youngstown State University will celebrate the tenth anniversary of awarding the doctor of education degree at an invitation-only dinner Friday in the DeBartolo Stadium Club.

The Ohio Board of Regents authorized the doctorate in educational leadership, or Ed.D., in 1992, and it is the

first and only doctorate offered at YSU.

In 1995, Kathleen Nogy was the first to receive the doctorate degree. Since then, 26 students have earned the degree.

Robert Beebe, who chairs the Department of Educational Administration, Research and Foundations, said the original

purpose of the program was to help build and promote quality leadership in our region's schools, and this celebration gives us the chance to reflect on that purpose.

More than 200 people and their guests, including current and former doctoral students, faculty and administrators, have been invited to the dinner.



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OUR SIDE

YSU needs a man like Herbert

Youngstown State University needs a man like new Provost Robert K. Herbert.

Herbert, who last week accepted the provost's position vacated by Tony Atwater in January and temporarily filled by Bege Bowers in the interim, has a very impressive resume.

Herbert has been a linguistics professor since 1977 and in 2001 was named Dean of Liberal Arts at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He has written two books on linguistics and has authored 27 children's books for language development.

At the Texas university, Herbert also developed a summer program that tutored provisionally admitted students, an idea all the more relevant considering YSU will start conditionally admitting at-risk students starting this fall.

But perhaps his most impressive experience came when Herbert taught in South Africa from 1992 to 1995 — right after apartheid — and played a role in recruiting and retaining minority students and faculty in that racially divided nation.

Experience like that could come in handy at YSU.

In fall 2004, minority enrollment at YSU reached an all time high of 1,791 students or 13.7 percent of total enrollment, compared to less than 11 percent in fall 2000.

However, according to the most recent data available from the United States Census Bureau, the U.S. as a whole is about 25 percent minority, Mahoning County stands at about 19 percent minority and Youngstown is 49 percent minority, so the university still needs to make strides to truly represent the diversity of the community.

Of the 11 administrators in YSU President David Sweet's cabinet, 10 are white and seven are men. White administrators hold all six top executive level positions. As the second highest ranked administrator at YSU behind President Sweet, it will be vital for Herbert to encourage and work toward a goal of greater diversity not just for the student population, but also on faculty and administrative levels.

Given Herbert's experience and record of diversity, he truly seems more than qualified for the task ahead of him. But only time can tell.

The Jambar editorials reflect the opinions of The Jambar and its Editorial Board members. Those wishing to schedule meetings with the Editorial Board should call the editor in chief.

Letters must be typed and should not exceed 400 words. Each letter must include a name and telephone number for verification purposes. Submissions are subject to editing for spelling and grammar. Letters must be received by noon Friday for Tuesday's edition and by noon Tuesday for Thursday's edition.

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Moby EATS A SANDWICH

By Bob Mackey



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crist's view of commencement misguided

Editor:
Leonard Crist's commentary on the subject of commencement (front page, below the fold, May 26) prompts my instincts as a teacher. In August of this year, I will mark the 35th anniversary of receiving my Ph.D. During the intervening years I have participated in well over 100 commencement ceremonies at several universities, so I am somewhat familiar with the ritual as it is practiced in the U.S. Consequently, I feel reasonably qualified to offer some perspective on the subject.

Contrary to Mr. Crist's assumptions (and apparently the assumptions of a few other students as well), a commencement ceremony is not solely intended to commemorate an individual's achievement; it is intended also to serve as a collective ritual in which the value of human achievement itself is celebrated. Anyone who is simply awaiting his or her brief moment on the stage as the singular *raison d'être* for the event (and who is prepared subsequently to leave the ceremony) is bound to miss the point. It is in the collective set of moments, in the community's attention to the whole event, in the procession of faculty, officials, honorees, and students, that the meaning of the ceremony is conveyed.

Commencement is a ceremony. It is not an entertainment arranged for the lone satisfaction of the individual. Participation in public ritual calls for self-restraint and a respect for the community. Perhaps concepts of comity are difficult to grasp in the midst of a contemporary culture that embraces, with so little sense of irony, "reality" television programs such as "Survivor" or "The Apprentice."

George McCloud
Special Assistant to the President

YSU is 'womb-creating' campus

Editor:
I have been on many campuses in England, France, Holland, and the U.S., and never had I seen such a calming, womb-creating campus as here. That is because of the labyrinth of tree-filled islands that

we slalom through from class to class. At first I found it a bother, but once the spring came I could see the full worth of such abundant vertical greenery. It makes for the uniqueness of YSU, as opposed to almost all the other campuses I saw, which all were lawn, lawn, lawn.

Please do not ungreen the campus.

Lorene M. Birden
English

'Hobbit' gets more than 'true worth' of \$1 per month

Editor:
On Wednesday, May 11, the faculty unanimously approved a resolution permitting the Executive Committee of the YSU-OEA (the faculty union) to notify the State Employees Relations Board of our intention to strike at the end of our current contract (11:59 PM on August 21). This vote followed a long briefing on the status of current negotiations by the president of the YSU-OEA and the chair of our negotiating team. I feel obligated to inform the student body and the university community that unless this administration begins to bargain in good faith, there is no doubt in my mind that the faculty (and probably the staff, as well) will be on strike at the beginning of the Fall Semester. Conditions are now worse than they were in 1989, when we went on strike for the first and only time in YSU's history. Some of the faculty (I'm not one of them!) would be happy to receive a cost of living contract that kept all of our current benefits in place. Although this administration has stated that it has the financial means to pay for our suggested package, they just don't want to! They want what amounts to an overall 2-6% decrease in our salary and benefits. Apparently, they have no understanding of the function of a university and believe that YSU has no need for professionals to handle teaching, research, and scholarship. But don't worry! They will "privatize" by hiring graduate students to teach your courses. However, just don't expect the Tod Hall Boys in the classroom; they wouldn't know what to do.

This ridiculous posturing by the administration is what happens when non-academics like D. Sweet,

John Habat, and the eight remaining members of the Board of Trustees — all appointed by anti-education Republican governors — attempt to handle faculty negotiations like Wal-Mart handles its employees. For example, these non-academics (and assorted sycophants) don't seem to realize that Extended Teaching Service for faculty actually saves the university money. Neither are they aware that summer teaching contracts for full-time faculty actually earn money for the university. Concerning my own department, John Hobbit didn't know that our Descriptive Astronomy courses alone earn enough money to pay the salaries of all our full- and part-time faculty members. These are the kinds of individuals who are trying to demand concessions from the faculty. Why? Because it apparently justifies their existence. This administration's team is being driven by ideology (mostly right-wing, screw-the-serfs philosophy) and not by common sense, let alone wisdom.

A good example of their mind-set has been Hunter Morrison's obscene "Great Lawn" proposal to "beautify" our campus. He proposes taking out all the trees and shrubs from DeBartolo to Maag and leveling the hills so that YSU becomes "more open." (My guess is that they want to install AstroTurf with a giant Coca-Cola symbol on it.) When Hunter was asked why he didn't consult with students, faculty, and staff, he claimed that he did — he gave a full report to all the deans! As they have shown time and again, Sweet et al. just do not care about anyone but themselves. David, for example, has a super duper medical plan, the Premier Plan at the Cleveland Clinic, which is paid for by you students — no give-backs there! Hunter, now that he can't use a City of Cleveland car, gets paid for mileage. Hobbit gets paid more than his true worth of \$1 per month. By the way, their campaign is called "No Tree Left Behind," which should remind you of Sherman's march through Georgia. In order to counter this desecration, I am starting an "Adopt-a-Tree" program. Any faculty, staff, or students adopting a specific tree will chain themselves to it when the bulldozers come. I adopted the aromatic Ginkgo tree on Lincoln Avenue near Jones Hall.

Ron Tabak
Professor
Physics & Astronomy

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software, a complete design package that includes 3D solid modeling and 2D drafting for developing and documenting engineering designs. This newly designed software makes it easier for the engineers and designers to transition to the manufacturing stages.

The engineering school currently uses the same software and pays about \$7,000 in annual licensing fees for 25 "seats." Each year, the school acquires 50 "seats" of this software. The gift of 25 "seats" has helped to cut costs in half for the engineering program.

The gift comes as part of Autodesk's "Invest in Education" program. To help foster the new generation of designers, Autodesk's preferred customers may donate soft-

ware to the school of their choice. Engineering students can learn and master the software before they are considered for job placement.

"This software is used by engineering companies across the world," Dan Suchora, YSU professor of mechanical and industrial engineering, said.

"By training on this software, students will enhance their employment prospects."

Ted Burke, engineering manager at Ajax TOCCO and a graduate of YSU's mechanical engineering program, said the company recently purchased software from Autodesk to qualify for the "Invest in Education" program.

"A lot of students out of college will go into an engineering office

and will be working with this software, so it's important that they master it," Burke said.

"Dan Suchora has helped us so much through the years in terms of giving us guidance," Burke said. "We rely on him quite a bit, and we also employ many YSU graduates. So, we thought that making the donation to YSU was appropriate."

Recent electrical engineering graduate Khabib Imshat commented on the usefulness of local companies helping to prepare students for jobs after school.

"It's really nice to have a local company to donate such expensive software for the program and it gives the school the opportunity to make other improvements with this gift," Imshat said. "It forces students to

have adequate experience before even being considered for job after graduation."

IMAGINiT Technologies in Cleveland, a global provider of CAD/CAE/CAM design solutions and the leading reseller of Autodesk solutions, has supported the generous donation.

As a working partner with Autodesk and YSU, IMAGINiT assisted the facilitation of the program into the university.

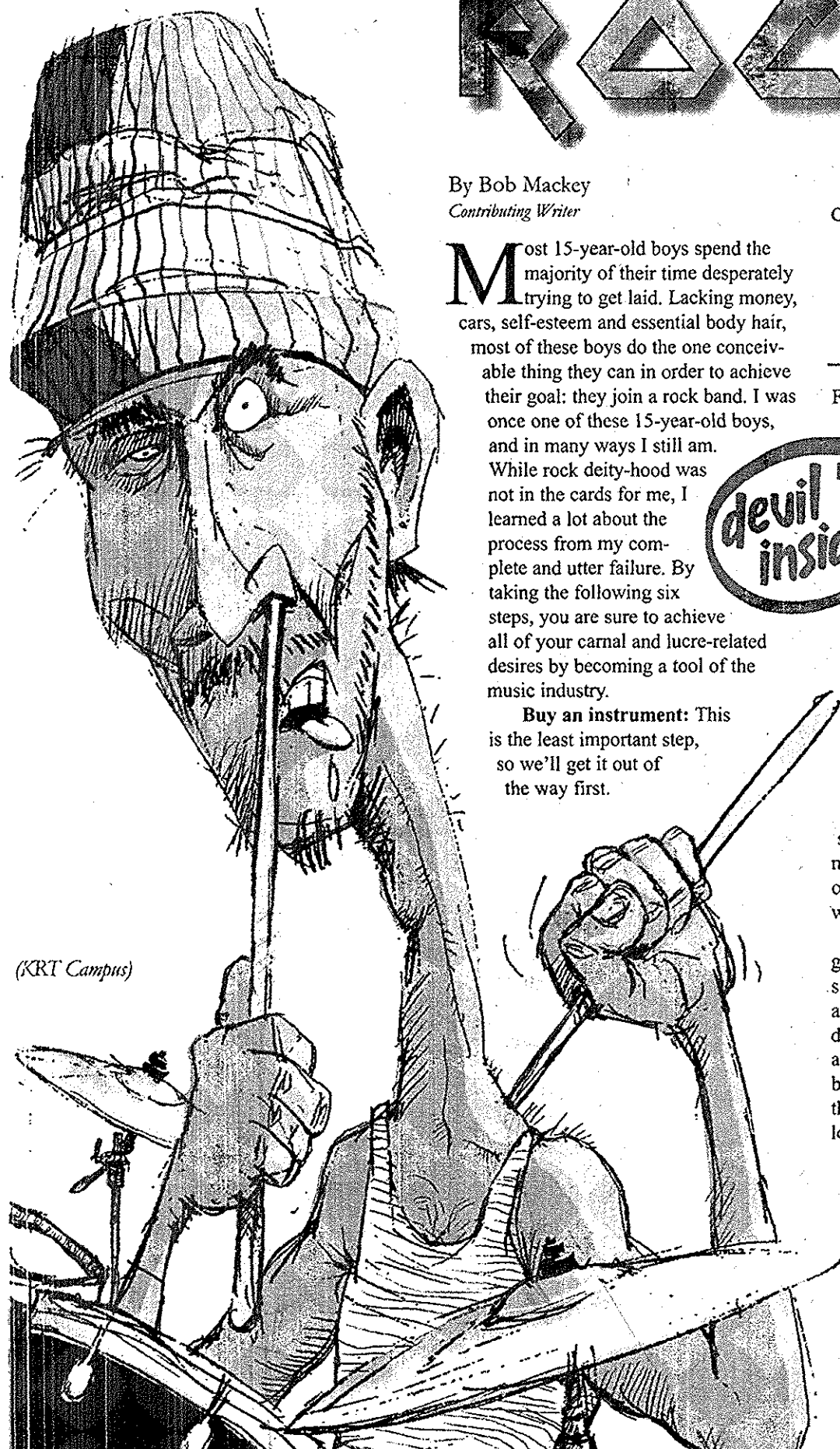
"We are very supportive of the "Invest in Education" initiative from Autodesk and are pleased we could be a part of making this donation happen to YSU on behalf of Ajax TOCCO Magnethermic," Marc Cica, senior account executive of IMAGINiT Technologies, said.

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Most 15-year-old boys spend the majority of their time desperately trying to get laid. Lacking money, cars, self-esteem and essential body hair, most of these boys do the one conceivable thing they can in order to achieve their goal: they join a rock band. I was once one of these 15-year-old boys, and in many ways I still am. While rock deity-hood was not in the cards for me, I learned a lot about the process from my complete and utter failure. By taking the following six steps, you are sure to achieve all of your carnal and lucre-related desires by becoming a tool of the music industry.

Buy an instrument: This is the least important step, so we'll get it out of the way first.



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Finding an instrument is easy: just look for a guitar, and if it has features like triple strings, a picture of an explosion, or is red (red guitars can be played faster), you've found what you're looking for. On the way back from buying your guitar, have one of your friends, or if you have no friends, your mom, drag it along the asphalt. This will give your guitar a thoroughly rocked-out look.

Learn your instrument: It's even easier than buying it. Take your left hand, place it on the long neck-like part, and then mash the bottom part of the strings with your fist. Now, move your left hand and mash the strings again. Do this for about two minutes. Congratulations! You just made a song! Now, create nine more songs; they should sound exactly like the first one. If you need lyrics, you can either scream incoherently or just flip through the dictionary and search for words that look vaguely threatening.

Affiliate yourself with Satan: You're not going to get anywhere on talent, but pure evil should suffice. While the Christian devil is reliable, he's seriously overworked. Lesser-known demons like Jormungand or Alastor may not be as well known, but they're a hard-working bunch of scrappy go-getters. As for summoning them, information on this can be found at your local library.

Get a "look": Now that you can play the guitar and annoy parents with your non-descript evil, you need to decide on an iconic appearance for yourself. Oh, and for the rest of your band, too. It should really be more than just you at this point. You need something daring that hasn't been done before. For example, did you know that David Crosby of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young is actually seven people? This is why they sold so many records! While that gimmick has been done, there are



other options available to you. Consider mixing two themes, such as "football player from hell," "zombie little league coach," "future barber," or "voting Republican."

Sell out: At this point you should have a rabid fan base and you should be playing in arenas so large they can only be measured in metric football fields. Now's your chance to sell out to the corporation that backs the biggest dump truck of money up to your palatial mansion. Did you know that the lyrics to almost any song can be changed in order to sell adult diapers and pudding? Why not make it your song? After this, all of your fans will leave you, and you can spend the rest of your life destroying your body until the last step.

Die in the gutter: You really don't have to be picky about which gutter you choose, as long as you die in it. After you kick the bucket, everyone will think that you were a much better musician and person than you were in reality. Not only this, but channels like VH-1 and E! will devote entire half-hours to your wasted life. Congratulations: you've finally made it!

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Penguins fall to Panthers in Horizon tourney

Charles Schultz and Justin Banks were named to the Horizon League All-Tournament Team

By Mark Stevens
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University baseball team's bid to repeat as Horizon League tournament champs fell short last week, with the Penguins being eliminated after consecutive losses to Illinois-Chicago and UW-Milwaukee.

YSU won its first game of the tournament against UWM before dropping its next two contests.

Despite the disappointing finish, juniors Justin Banks and Charles Schultz were named to the All-Tournament team. Banks hit .385 for the tournament and scored the winning run in the 11th inning of the team's only win, while Schultz hit .364 despite being held without a hit in the first game.

Sophomore Brent Parks provided the game one heroics with a two-out RBI single in the bottom of the 11th inning against UWM, giving YSU a 4-3 victory.

Junior Kevin Libeg picked up the win in relief, allowing only one hit in three innings after relieving starter Justin Thomas, who went eight innings, giving three runs and scattering six hits.

Five Penguins had five

hits in the game.

In the second game against top-seeded UIC, the Penguin offense was halted and the Flames managed two two-run innings in a 4-0 loss for YSU.

The Penguins managed just four hits in the game, and the Flames tallied two runs in both the fourth and eighth innings.

In the last loss to UWM, the Penguins were unable to hold onto an early five-run lead, as UWM crossed the plate seven times in the fifth inning and never looked back.

YSU stayed close throughout the game, adding three runs in the bottom of the ninth on a three-run homerun by freshman Erich Diedrich, but were unable to come all the way back.

Schultz and junior J.D. Hannan led the team in the finale with three hits apiece, and freshman Mike Turjanica added three RBI and his first homerun of the season in the losing cause.

UIC eventually won the tournament and will face the Nebraska Cornhuskers this week in the NCAA Baseball Regional Championship.

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Last stand

Penguin infielder Charles Schultz went 3-4 against UW-Milwaukee, but it wasn't enough for the Penguins to prevail, as their season ended with a 12-10 loss to the Panthers. Schultz, however, along with fellow infielder Justin Banks, was named to the Horizon League All-Tournament Team. (Jambar file photo courtesy of Chuck Rogers)

Sportswire

Information taken from the YSU Sports Information Web site (ysu.edu/sports) and wire reports

Openings for women's basketball camps

There are still spots available for the 2005 Youngstown State University women's basketball individual camps. The Penguins will host three camps this summer, starting with Fundamental camp. A Junior Day Camp and a shooting camp will also be held.

For more information call assistant coach Stacy Krueger at (330) 941-3116.

Women's track at the Regional level

At the NCAA Midwest Regional track meet, Youngstown State University freshman Bethany Anderson finished fifth in her flight in the shot put with a mark of 44 feet, 1 1/4 inches Saturday, the 4x400-relay team of Yandeh Joh, Emily Wollet, Leslie Johnson and Jeanna Cunningham placed third in its heat, while Emily Schnitkey was 14th in her heat in the steeplechase. Friday, Aaliyah Gillespie finished eighth in her heat in the 100-meter hurdles.

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