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## Parking project irks students

Construction on the M-8 and M-19 parking lots leaves Buechner Hall residents a long way to walk

By Mike Higgins  
Contributing writer

As construction on the M-8 and M-19 parking lots begins, some students have concerns that the project may not only be inconvenient, but may also be unsafe. Junior Melissa Hippley is one of these students.

Hippley, a resident of Buechner Residence Hall, has had to park across Wick Avenue near the Wick-Pollock Inn since the university began an extensive

improvement project on June 13 involving the lots, located just off University Plaza on Bryson Street. Buechner Residence Hall houses 32 female students during the summer and approximately 75 students when school is in full session.

"It's really scary," said Hippley. "There is not very much lighting and you have to walk two blocks to your residence hall in the pitch dark."

University officials said that the current parking situation for students like Hippley was a temporary inconvenience that would pay off in time.

"This is a short term situa-

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### Renovation

Workers take five Wednesday at the renovation project of the M-8 and M-19 parking lots near Buechner Residence Hall. Some of the Hall's residents say the construction has them concerned now that they have a much longer distance to walk from their cars. (Jambor photo by B.J. Lisbon)



## Vindy strike approaches eighth month

Strike leaders hope to be back at the bargaining table soon

By Bill Rodgers  
News Editor

Jeanne Starmack, a former copy editor for the Vindicator, sat on the picket line Monday beside the union's makeshift strike shelter, in the shadow of a blue tarp.

"Personally, I think it's depressing to come out here day after day," Starmack said. "There are other things that I could be doing with my life right now. This is just a reminder to me that I lost my job."

Starmack has been visiting the picket line nearly every day since the strike began in November. Now, in June, the strike has stretched on for 223 days, nearly entering its eighth month.

Leaders of the Youngstown Newspaper Guild, which represents 179 employees, said on Monday that the current strike might outlast the previous guild strike in 1964. The previous strike lasted eight months.

"Hopefully we'll come back to the bargaining table

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YSU

## Carlile says he will apologize for behavior

The OEA rep became irate when he was held up at the M-1 lot

By Bill Rodgers  
News Editor

Gary Carlile, a representative of the Ohio Education Association, told Youngstown State University Police he would apologize for becoming irate and shouting obscenities at a student and a parking attendant.

On Monday, June 13, officer David Truman was dispatched to the M-1 parking deck on Wick Avenue in reference to an irate driver.

The parking attendant, Alyssa Calder, told Truman

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WASHINGTON

## Activists go topless for protest at embassy

PETA caused a stir Tuesday during their protest of the treatment of bulls in Spain

By Ely Portillo  
KRT Campus



### Nude protest

PETA protesters rally outside the Embassy of Spain in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday to protest against the "Running of the Bulls" and bullfights. (KRT Campus)

Protests are commonplace in Washington, but 14 members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals caused a stir Tuesday by baring nearly all in front of the Spanish Embassy to protest the annual running of the bulls and bullfights in Spain.

The animal-rights activists arrived wearing bullhorns — and little else. The nine women and five men were bare-chested, clad only in underpants. Under the watchful and curious eyes of a largely male crowd, the protesters chanted "Torture is not part of my culture" in Spanish, held signs reading "Stop the bloody bullfights," distributed fliers and waved to passers-by for nearly an hour.

PETA organizer William Rivas-Rivas said the protest was meant to be "fun and upbeat," but also to open people's eyes to the suffering that bulls endure during the annual running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain.

"A lot of the tourists who are

going to the running of the bulls have no idea that those same bulls will be tortured and slaughtered that very evening in the bullring," he said.

The Spanish Embassy wouldn't comment on the protest.

The running of the bulls is an annual event in Pamplona to commemorate St. Fermin. Starting July 7, young men try to outrun a herd of bulls charging through the street. Six of the bulls are then killed in bullfights each night for a week.

This is the first time PETA has held its "Running of the Nudes" protest in Washington. Rivas-Rivas called it a good "warm-up for Pamplona," where PETA will have a similar demonstration for the fourth year in a row. That protest is expected to draw 600 animal-rights activists.

The Washington protesters attracted a modest crowd that included construction workers, tourists and businessmen. Nearly every one used camera phones or disposable cameras to photograph the demonstrators.

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TRIBUTE

## Remembering Tom Holden

The longtime WKBN anchor is remembered fondly by his co-workers, students

By Pete Vargin  
Contributing writer

Before Tom Holden passed away earlier this month, he left the future of the business in the hands of his students.

"Betty Boata bought some butter to make her bitter batter better." This is just one of the many tongue twisters that Tom Holden had his students read while he was teaching the class here at Youngstown State University.

Holden taught Media Announcing for the last time

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### YSU hosts materials engineering summer camp

Area high school teachers will learn about materials engineering during a five-day "summer camp" this week. The camp is sponsored by the American Society for Materials and hosted by YSU. High school teachers will learn experiments involving metals, plastics, ceramics and composites. Participants

will tour YSU's engineering laboratories and see demonstrations of YSU's lab equipment as well as tour the Materials Research Lab in Struthers.

### Shively honored with journalism scholarship

The Dolores P. Sullivan Scholarship for aspiring journalists will now carry the name of Pat Shively as well. The change

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was approved unanimously by the board of advisors for Press Day, an organization sponsored by YSU and the Tri-County Journalism Association. Shively is the current director of Press Day, a position she's



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held for 11 years. Contributions to the scholarship fund can be mailed to Press Day, YSU, One University Plaza, Youngstown, Ohio 44555.

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tion that will led to a much better and secure parking facility," President David Sweet said. "Campus police are very aware and attentive to the Wick lot and we will have a much more attractive and assessable facility when we are done," Sweet added.

The project is the first phase of an overall plan to improve the gateways to the university and to create a campus main street along University Plaza. Sweet's vision is to present a campus that is "pedestrian friendly, safe, and attractive," adding, "the issue of first impression is very important." The phase one project is located adjacent to the Sweeney Welcome Center, which is the first stop for most prospective new students.

The \$1.5 million improvement project is scheduled for completion by Aug. 29 and involves new parking surfaces for the M-8 and M-19 parking lots, new lighting, fencing, extensive landscaping and pedestrian walkways. The project is being funded by state capital dollars which can only be used for construction projects and through university parking revenues, Sweet said. The project is designed to include a rain garden and entails the planting of 100 trees.

The completion of this project, along with the Andrews Wellness and Recreation Center and renovated bookstore, Sweet said, will give the university an attractive entrance from the west side. Sweet added that landscaping along the Route 422 entrance will be improved and should result in a major positive impact on first impressions on those coming from that area. Sweet said the focus of the university's Master Plan is "creating a positive first impression and a safer and more comfortable campus environment for our students."

Not everyone sees Sweet's vision as promising. Hippley and the residents of Buechner Hall are just hoping for enough parking spaces when construction ends.

"Even before they started this renovation, parking was really inconvenient," Hippley said. "It was usually impossible to find a space and you'd have to park in the M deck on Wick."

One Buechner Hall resident who asked not to be identified also questioned the need for planting so many trees. "What do we need with 100 trees?" she asked. "We just want a place to park."

Sweet added that the university is working with the city of Youngstown to improve the south side gateway, which, he concedes, is presently the least attractive. There is hope that the new College of Business, to be located south of Lincoln will enhance the university's gateway to the downtown area.

"We are trying to link the university and downtown in a more attractive and effective way," Sweet said. Plans for the construction of the new College of Business are still preliminary and no formal timeline has been set.

Call Mike Higgins at (330) 941-1913.

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that she was in the process of giving directions to an incoming student when a man in a light colored vehicle, later identified as Carlile's, pulled up behind the student's vehicle.

Calder said that the man began honking his horn and shouting for the student to move his car. Carlile stated that he had a 9 a.m. meeting. The student told Carlile that he should have been on time.

Carlile allegedly got out of

his car, but changed his mind and began calling the incoming student an "a-hole" and shouted "f--- you" at the student.

Calder said that once Carlile's vehicle approached the gate, he then called her an "a-hole" and told her to "do her job." The M-1 deck was checked by parking services. Calder identified Carlile's car as being the vehicle she had seen earlier.

Lieutenant Mark Adovasio of the YSU police department

said Tuesday an officer contacted Carlile. Adovasio said Carlile admitted to the incident and was apologetic.

"He stated that he shouldn't have done that and offered to apologize," Adovasio said.

Adovasio said that no charges were filed and that no action would be taken against Carlile.

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Embassy workers peered out of their windows, mostly smiling and shaking their heads. Several times during the event, police officers had to direct traffic, which slowed significantly as drivers cruised by, honking and waving.

"Drive! It's a green light!" one frustrated officer yelled at motorists who stopped mid-intersection to stare.

Pat Edwards, a worker in a nearby office who stopped to watch, called the protest a great idea.

"Lunchtime, downtown, with your clothes off, you're gonna get attention," she said.

The protest drew plenty of attention from passing men, some of whom urged friends to stop by. "I'm at 2300 Pennsylvania Avenue. Get down here right now — don't ask any questions," one man yelled into his cell phone.

Police Officer J.D. Herold said the nearly nude protest was legal under city law. "As long as they keep their bottoms on, they're OK," he said.

**BRIEFS**

**State kicks off new toll free college access hotline**

The Ohio Board of Regents' College Access Information Hotline is now running at 1-877-ATTAIN (1-877-428-8246). The hotline offers information on preparation for college admission. It will also deliver information about finan-

cial aid, directing callers to available sources.

**New higher education center opens in Columbiana County**

A new partnership between YSU, Jefferson Community College and the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center will offer col-

lege courses to the residents of Columbiana County. The project is called the Higher Education Center of Columbiana County (HEC) and will open in August at the Columbiana County Career Center in Lisbon. HEC will offer classes ranging from introductory coursework to graduate level classes. In addition, gateway degree programs will be available at HEC.

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soon," strike leader Tony Markota said. "We're not looking forward to setting a new strike record."

The guild and the Vindicator's management haven't negotiated formally since March 23, Markota said. He also said there was still communication between the two sides.

"We have had some informal talks going off-the-record with the management," Markota said. "We're trying to feel each other out before formally meeting again."

Guild vice-president Debora Shaulis added to Markota's state-

ment. "There's nothing more disheartening than meeting to negotiate and getting nowhere," Shaulis said.

Marc Brown, managing editor of the Vindicator, said he couldn't predict when the negotiations would end.

"We're still talking through a federal mediator," Brown said. "If it makes sense to call another meeting, I'm sure we will. We don't plan on changing that."

"It's hard to tell when the strike will end. It could end soon or it could go on for years."

Another striking guild member, Neva Yaist, said the ongoing strike was stressful and frustrating, but that the guild was determined to stand by its proposals.

"I never thought we'd be out here for eight months," Yaist said. "I want it to be over, but we're not going back until we get what we came out here for. It seems foolish after this many months not to."

Guild leaders said that they were working to keep the public

informed about the strike.

"It's always a concern to keep a strike fresh in the minds of the public," Shaulis said.

Markota said that the guild was using billboards, leaflets and yard signs to inform people about the ongoing strike. The guild also publishes a weekly newspaper, The Valley Voice. The strike paper is distributed to some area homes and businesses and keeps the public updated on ongoing negotiations and strike news.

Shaulis said that the guild workers receive weekly strike benefits from the greater Newspaper Guild.

The Youngstown Newspaper Guild went on strike against the Vindicator Nov. 16, after they were unable to reach a final contract agreement.

The two sides are still negotiating over key guild proposals such as health care, wages, mandatory overtime and using personal vehicles for company business.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

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An officer was sent via radio to the F-12 Lot around 10 a.m. Friday in regards to a university employee's car being keyed between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15. The marks went from the driver's side door to the rear of the vehicle. According to the employee, the vehicle has been keyed before on March 30, and the damage is now more pronounced.

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### OUR SIDE

## YSU, OEA need to release documents

The Sunshine Laws are a collection of statutes based on the idea that government should grant open access to public records and meetings to all citizens.

Earlier this month, both the Jambar and the Vicindicator requested the initial contract proposals between Youngstown State University management and the YSU-Ohio Education Association (OEA), the union that represents more than 400 full-time faculty members.

The request was denied because the two parties have agreed to a "media blackout" and won't comment on details. A hearing has been set for June 29 to determine whether the contract proposals should be released to the public.

The YSU-Association of Classified Employees (ACE) didn't have the same media blackout agreement, and thus, the administration turned the initial contract proposals right over. However, ACE didn't agree with the disclosure of records and filed an unfair labor practice against the university.

With this apparent double standard, the administration has essentially boxed itself into a corner, relying totally on the idea that they can break the state Sunshine Laws as long as the two parties both contractually agree to break the State Sunshine Laws.

That same logic would dictate that if two parties entered an agreement to murder somebody, both would be contractually bound to murder somebody, state law be damned.

The more logical argument for the union and administration to make would be that contract negotiations are always private affairs, however, with the release of the ACE papers, university officials imply they don't subscribe to those ideas.

So the question begs to be answered: what do the two parties have to hide by not releasing these documents?

Are the demands (on either side) so outrageous as to spark public outcry? If so, perhaps the administration and the union should set more realistic goals, ones that are not only in their own interests, but in the public's interest and most importantly, the students' interests.

As public employees of a state university, their salaries are being paid both by Ohio's taxpayers and the students who attend YSU. We, as students and taxpayers, should demand the university and the union remove the veil of secrecy surrounding the contract negotiations. We should be afforded the right to scrutinize and weigh in on issues that will affect us before the decision is made, not after.

In other words: release the documents. Let the public decide if the administration is being too stingy or if the union is being unreasonable.

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### Sweet & Habat's View of Negotiations Misguided

Editor:

At the State of the University Address given by President Sweet in the fall of 2002 he acknowledged, "learning some things about negotiations." Whatever it is that Sweet did learn is not obvious in his present bargaining with classified employees. Sweet and Habat, vice president for administration, aim to reduce the total compensation package by offering salary increases significantly below inflation coupled with a large increase in employee payout for health insurance. They aim to take away salary and benefits while they give more of those things to themselves. Sweet, for example, got a 4% salary increase for next year, while he is offering 1.5% to staff.

Sweet and Habat should take the advice given by George McCloud, special assistant to the President, in this space several weeks ago to some students who, according to him, apparently did not fully appreciate the meaning of commencement. To paraphrase McCloud, Sweet and Habat should negotiate in a manner that shows "self-restraint and a respect for the community" that "commemorates an individual's achievements" and contributions to our university. Negotiating in that manner might well create a positive and humane institutional culture in which staff feels valued because they are fully appreciated in a real and concrete way — just compensation for good work.

But perhaps for Sweet and Habat such ideas are, as McCloud said of some students, "difficult to grasp." So, let me put it in a simple way: Sweet and Habat should ask themselves not what on the basis of the power of their office they can offer in negotiations, but what they should offer to secretaries, maintenance and grounds workers, academic advisors, librarians, and others because of their crucial contributions to accomplishing the mission of this university. We will then all know exactly what Sweet did learn from the last round of negotiations.

Mr. Wilkins, Sweet-Habat's hired gun for negotiations, remarked to The Jambar that YSU will seek a contract that is "fair to the employees and economically affordable to the university" — is only poppycock. Have some self-respect, man!

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during the spring of 2004. Due to his ailing health, Holden thought it would be best to stop teaching. In April, Holden did his last six and eleven o'clock newscasts before going back to being the anchor for the noon newscast on WKBN. That didn't last too long as Holden's condition started to get worse. Holden passed away June 11.

This not only had a tremendous effect on the broadcasting business in the area, the viewers and those he worked with, but maybe more so the students that he taught in class. Several students he taught ended up working with him. Others went on to find jobs in the local media.

Mike Rosko, a director at

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, Ph.D.  
 Director, Dr. James Dale Ethics Center, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

### Columbus is to blame

Editor:

In your editorial of June 9 you justifiably express concern over rising YSU tuition and the rancorous tone of ongoing OEA and ACE contract negotiations. I share these concerns.

In the ideal world, public higher education would be free, or so close to free as to be universally affordable. Universities would be sufficiently funded that their administrations can attract and retain top professionals at all levels, with no contentious labor disputes. Please, however, do not point fingers at YSU's faculty and classified unions when assigning blame for this university's troubles.

In the real world that is Ohio, there is one and only one place to assign blame for higher education woes — Columbus. For years, ideologically motivated anti-education State politicians have financially gutted public universities to the point where a once two-thirds majority State funding share now falls on the students. These politicians do not care whether you can afford college. In fact, if you cannot, it only means fewer over-educated intellectual liberals to deal with on Election Day.

You ask, and dismissively answer, if the quality of a YSU education has doubled in ten years, as has tuition. Your question is both irrelevant (is your gasoline twice as good as it was ten years ago?) and insulting, and your answer of "not likely" is patently wrong. Quality of the faculty? Post-doctoral experience and extensive scholarship, once "bonuses," are now absolute requirements for a tenure track position. Check out the CVs of recent hires before slamming us as a group. I'm afraid it is true that external funding of scholarship at YSU has not exactly doubled in ten years; it has grown fivefold. During my first three years (at a salary well below your quoted \$65,000 average) my share of external grants has paid, or is paying, nearly \$60,000 in salary and benefits to YSU students.

The earning power of your YSU degree? While I doubt that it has doubled, the earning power of NO degree

has declined to absolute zero. The prestige of your YSU degree? Anyone concerned about the prestige of their degree you should take a good look in the mirror. Latin honors, even from "State U," open doors everywhere. Two-point-six just doesn't cut it.

Thomas Diggins  
 Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences

### Hot Rod article an 'embarrassment'

Editor:

Talk about poor journalism. "Hot Rods to Hell" was an embarrassment to YSU.

I received my Jambar online and noticed the article was listed as a commentary with no author's name attached. A commentary by someone without someone's name?

So I decided to pick up a print copy and see for sure. There, Bob Mackey's name was visible... but there was no disclaimer that the article was a commentary.

Due to careless oversights, it is now the opinion of The Jambar that anyone who went to 224 for the cruise and car show were, "doughy, sun-burned guys with mullets, swilling beer and shouting things in a strange unintelligible language." Nice.

And thanks for referring to me as a "jerk," Bob.

Since it wasn't labeled as a commentary, The Jambar also thinks "People should have stopped being fascinated by cars, after, let's say, the 1940's?" I'll be sure to let some of the successful auto writers that have worked for The Jambar know the opinion. Including Mike Mavrigian (Birchwood Auto Group/Porsche of America, Jambar Writer 1971-74). They'll appreciate the article.

When I called to discuss The Jambar, I was told that there was nothing wrong with "Hot Rods to Hell" because Mackey admitted to knowing nothing about cars. Is news really that slow that all you can do is have someone who knows nothing about cars write about cars?

But what really bothered me the most about "Hot Rods to Hell" was the blatant lie from Mackey.

Let me quote the beginning of the fifth paragraph: "Now, I actually decided

to do research on the Super Nats..."

Anyone who relies on other forms of news besides The Jambar caught this. For the past two years, there hasn't been a Super Nats. It's Dave and Ed's Steel Valley Nationals. The Hot Rod Nationals are in Springfield, Illinois and are sponsored by Hot Rod Magazine.

However, Mackey referred to the Steel Valley Nationals as the Hot Rod Super Nationals at least 5 times in your publication. Research, huh? Usually, when I research something, I at least know the name. What research could you possibly have done, being that all of your information is wrong?

Perhaps you thought so few people read The Jambar that no one would care. The major flaws and offensive bias in "Hot Rods to Hell" would help that, right?

And I'm sure I'm not the only one who noticed the photographer in the purple Chevy's front bumper. I don't know who took this, and who let it run, but niiice... good professional photography, there.

So Jambar, why did you waste expensive color ink and space in your paper to let someone whine about traffic?

Memorial Day weekend has always been car weekend in this area. It's been here longer than you. If you don't like it, stay home. The Steel Valley Nationals are here to stay — talk with coordinator Dave Ehret. (Just saving you some "research.") Your offensive comments, bad information and incessant whining won't be missed.

Katie Libecco

### Kudos to the Art department

Editor:

I wanted to write in to say what a wonderful thing it is that the Art department had donated so much to the two art students who are victims of the Mattress Factory warehouse fire. Yet I wonder why the political science department has done nothing for the political science student who is a victim of the same fire? It seems odd that one department is willing to do so much when another is not.

Cynthia Mallard  
 Alumnus

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molests collies."

No. 15

The green is littered with golf balls, none within ten feet of the pin. Somehow, we make par, and we're still one-over.

"I got to get into this dude's pelt and crawl around for a few days. Who's the gopher's ally? His friends. The harmless squirrel and the friendly rabbit."

No. 16

BJ hits the drive and three-wood of his loins, and we're on the green in two on the par five and putting for eagle. Missed it. We're back to even.

"To kill, you must know your enemy, and in this case my enemy is a varmint. And a varmint will never quit — ever. They're like the

Viet Cong — Varmint Cong"

No. 17

Don't want to talk about it. Plus one.

"I haven't even told my father I'm not gonna get that scholarship. I'm gonna end up working in a lumberyard the rest of my life."

No. 1

We made par on 18 — don't ask me how — and then birdied this par five to get back to even.

"Do you know what the Lama says? Gunga galunga... gunga, gunga-galunga."

No. 4

The easiest hole on the course, so without question, we take a bogey.

"You're a lot of woman, you know that? Yeah, wanna make 14

dollars the hard way?"

No. 6

The second easiest hole on the course. Want to guess what happened? We're now two-over with three to play. The dream is fading. "You're a little monkey woman. Yeah, you're lean, mean, and I bet you're not too far in between, are ya? How'd you like to wrap your spikes around my..."

No. 8

A miraculous, Tin Cup-esque birdie. We're one-over with one to play. We're in it.

"I'll slack you off, you fuzzy little foreigner."

No. 9

Ugh. "You're not a man, you're a bishop, for God's sakes." "There is

no God."

Failure. Again. If I develop an inferiority complex, I'm suing The Run. I love it like a warm woman on a cold night, but I hate it with the fury of an unborn god. Following the round, we barbecued and drank beer until the memory became forgivingly fuzzy.

"This is a cross, ah, of Bluegrass, Kentucky Bluegrass, Featherbed Bent, and Northern California Sensamilla. The amazing stuff about this is, that you can play 36 holes on it in the afternoon, take it home and just get stoned to the bejeezus-belt that night on this stuff."

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