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Fraternity helps homeless
 Theta Chi is holding its "Helping Hands for the Homeless" charity drive in Kilcawley Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and tomorrow. Canned food and clothing will be donated to The Rescue Mission on Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Tribute set for Friday
 "A Tribute to Mrs. Coretta Scott King: Commemorating the Fallen Heroes of the Civil Rights Movement" will be held in the Kilcawley Center Gallery Friday, Feb. 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. The event will be sponsored by the Office of Student Diversity, The Student African-American Brotherhood, Pan African Student Union, Sistas With a Vision and the Student Diversity Council.

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STATE OF THE UNION

Wings, Beer and Bush

College Republicans gathered at Buffalo Wild Wings for the State of the Union address.

By: Cheryl Thompson
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Most Tuesday nights, cheering can be heard from tables and booths inside Buffalo Wild Wings. Groups of friends, dressed in jerseys supporting their favorite teams gather to watch sports teams duke it out on one of the restaurant's big screen televisions. However, the cheering heard last Tuesday for a different reason.

About 30 members of the College Republicans from Youngstown State University, Kent State University and Akron State University convened to watch President George W. Bush deliver his sixth State of the Union Address.

With plenty of wings and beer to go around, the atmosphere was relaxed and the enthusiastic crowd seeming more like they were gathering to watch a game than a political speech.

The Republicans were the home team and George W. Bush was the star quarterback. And just like

sports fans support their teams with team apparel, so did the Republicans assembled.

Many of the College Republicans sported red, white and blue, stickers featuring their elephant emblem and the sentiment "Make a Difference." A few wore Republican endorsing T-shirts with slogans like "College Republicans - Join us now, or work for us later."

Wearing an oversized 'choose life' shirt, Nicole McElroy showed support for Bush's conservative stance on the abortion issue.

McElroy, who serves as the College Republican's pro-life officer, said she is glad Samuel Alito was appointed to the Supreme Court but doesn't expect any radical changes.

"Opinions are so divided on abortion, the best we can do is make sure that it's practiced in a limited manner," McElroy said.

McElroy said abortion should be acceptable only during the first trimester and in cases involving

rape, or if the mother's health was at stake.

One student brought a talking George W. Bush doll. The 12-inch figure replayed inspirational sound bites from previous Bush speeches such as, "We will rise up" and "I was not elected to serve one party, but one nation."

In his speech, President Bush addressed issues concerning cloning, oil dependence and Iraq.

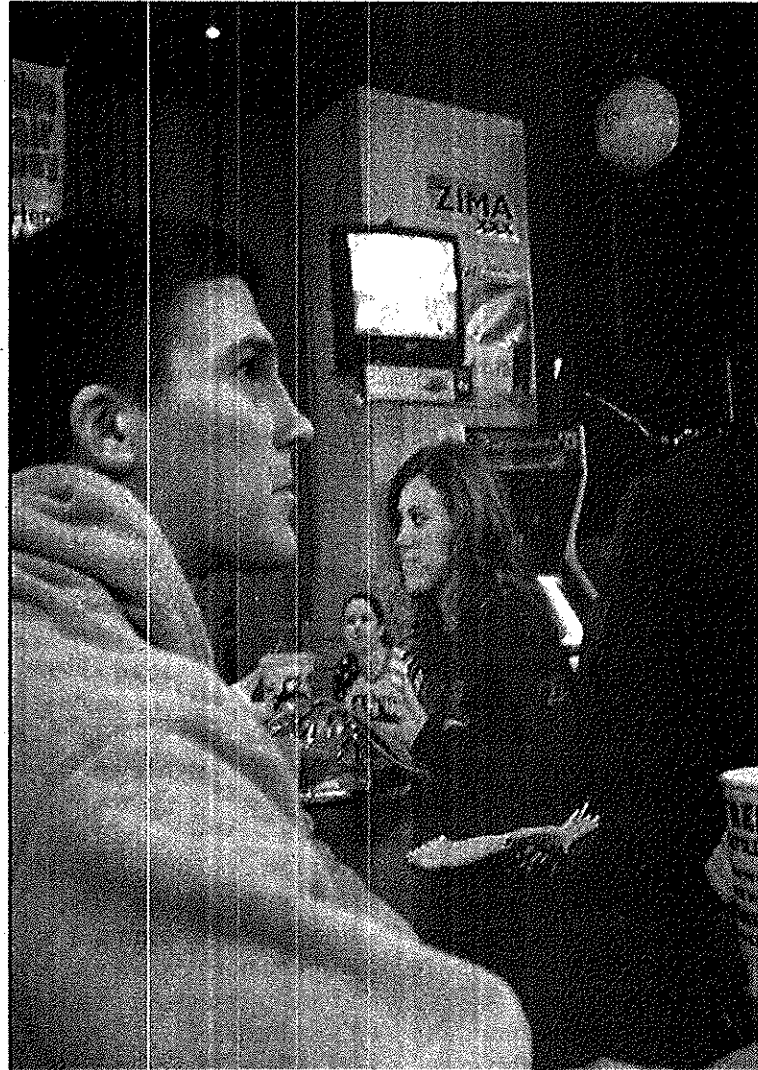
Junior Ian Tanner, College Republicans political advisor, admits Bush faces some challenges in the year ahead such as a low public approval rating, the economic issues and the war in Iraq.

"We've had some ups and downs this year," Tanner said. "There are some things he can do to improve, we can become less dependent on foreign oil."

Tanner said drilling in the Arctic Reserve was a possible source.

Not only did Bush say he wanted to wean America from foreign oil, he wants

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College Republican members Scott Kathary and Kristi Swiger watch the president's State of the Union address Tuesday night at Buffalo Wild Wings where it was shown on several screens for the group.

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YSU

A tarnished career: Chatman responds to university criticism

By: Bill Rogers
 NEWS EDITOR

Hugh Chatman's office walls are decorated with award plaques, Air Force medals, and awards testifying to his 30 years as a human resources administrator. When asked to describe his work, he - along with every employee review in his personnel file - said it was reliable, disciplined and full of integrity.

However, Chatman, Youngstown State University's executive director of human resources, said that his 30-year reputation is in jeopardy after the YSU Labor Management Relations Panel named him along with John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration, as no longer able to serve the university in any capacity.

Those who support the recommendation say that his personality was detrimental to the summer's negotiation process. Members of the panel testified to the YSU trustees that their recommendations must be implemented to return future contract negotiations to a state of normalcy.

The decision concerning the recommendations is up to YSU President David Sweet, who is formulating an action plan for the uni-

versity to be released in the next few weeks. Sweet declined to comment on specifics of his plan, but Chatman hopes to remain at the university long after the dust settles.

"I hope my name is cleared. My 30-year career has been tarnished. I hope that tarnish can be removed," Chatman said.

Chatman began his career with YSU in the fall semester of 2001, coming

from two years as a human resources administrator in Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio and almost ten years as an administrator and officer in the Air Force. Today he makes more than \$92,000 a year with YSU.

Chatman said he sought out human resources administration in the air force because of a desire to help people.

"I wanted to help people both above and below me. Human resources seemed to be the avenue to take, since that was my forte," Chatman said.

Chatman received recognition for his efforts during Operation Desert Storm, where he held a senior officer position. Chatman deployed 2,800 passengers overseas on 166 aircraft without any loading delays.

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CHATMAN

STUDENT LOANS

Bill would raise loan limits and interest rates for students

By: Staff / Wire Report
 JAMBAR / KRT CAMPUS

Chances are, YSU students will feel the effect of a bill, described by many as controversial, that passed in the U.S. House of Representatives by a narrow vote of 216-214. Now college students will be able to borrow more money for college but they'll pay it back at higher interest.

The House of Representatives passed the Deficit Reduction Act, part of Senate Bill S1932, on Wednesday. It is now waiting a signature from President George Bush before going into effect.

Overall, the bill will cut about \$39 billion from domestic spending in the next five years, through cuts to programs including Medicaid.

The legislation, passed by the Senate and the House, will also take a \$12.7 billion bite out of federal student-loan financing, the biggest cut in the program's history. The Treasury will recover the money through higher interest rates, cuts in federal subsidies to private lenders and mandatory borrower's fees.

Rep. Tim Ryan (D-17th) from Niles voted against

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Rep. Tim Ryan (D-17th)

the bill. "College kids are going to get screwed on this. Seriously," Ryan said Wednesday.

Ryan, via a phone call from Washington D.C., said the students, their parents and their families would be hurt when the legislation goes into effect. He referred to the Deficit Reduction act as a "bad move for taxpay-

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YSU

Etruscan Press relocating to Wilkes College

By: Cheryl Thompson
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Etruscan Press, a non-profit literary press, will relocate to Wilkes College in Wilkes, Pa., June 1 due to limited space and funds at Youngstown State University.

YSU English professor Phillip Brady and Robert Mooney of Washington College in Chesterton, Md. Founded the Etruscan Press in 2001. Brady said he appealed to the administration last year, but was turned down. Tony Atwater, provost at the time, was unable to be reached for comment.

Robert Herbert, the cur-

rent provost, said he has no prior knowledge of the relocation and is unable to comment on Atwater's decision not to fund the press.

Brady did not release the official dollar amount sought last year from the administration.

"I'm not trying to be elusive, I just can't give you an exact figure. We proposed a budget just like any other department would," Brady said.

The Etruscan Press receives most of its funding from state grants. Brady said Etruscan is operating in the black and any money made from book sales goes directly back to the press. Brady says Wilkes College

will not profit from Etruscan Press book sales.

Brady says money is only one of the factors involved, limited space is another. For the past two years, Brady has been operating Etruscan out of his office in DeBartolo Hall.

"The campus is pressed for space," Brady said. "At Wilkes, they have space for inventory, separate computer systems and funding for a managing editor."

Gary Salvner, the English department chairperson, said he is disappointed at Etruscan's relocation because it helped support YSU's creative writing program.

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received a personal commendation by former-President Bush as well as a Meritorious Service Medal and the title of Senior Human Resource Officer of the Year for the United States Air Force.

Chatman said the recognition came as a surprise. "I didn't even realize I was in the running for the award," Chatman said.

In 1999, Chatman joined the administrative staff at Central State University, a historically black college, in a time when the university was in a financial crisis. Chatman reduced the number of grievances by the school's three unions by 60 percent and redistributed medical costs among the employees and university, saving the school needed money.

Charles Showell, Dean of Central's college of business and industry worked with Chatman. Showell, another retired military officer, said he was sorry to see Chatman leave for YSU.

"In the nineties, we were in a financial crisis and on the brink of being shut down. Hugh was hired as part of the president's team to rebuild the university financially," Showell said.

Showell said Chatman handled labor negotiations for the university with the classified workers, faculty and the police.

"They were successful," Showell said. "We avoided a strike."

Chatman Responds to Criticisms

Some people maintain, however, that Chatman fell short with the failed 2005 negotiations, particularly with the Association of Classified Employees

in a clarification meeting held with the YSU board of trustees last month, members of the panel clarified their stance against Chatman and Habat, saying simply that it would be impossible to have a successful round of negotiations in the future without removing the personalities from the process.

"As the evidence came in, it became clear that the process broke down due to the players," panel member Tom Shipka said of the testi-

mony the panel heard in regards to Chatman and Habat.

Chatman said he wasn't going to "second guess" the panel, but he believes the group didn't get all of the information surrounding his involvement in the negotiations.

"I can only say that I disagreed with the findings of the panel," Chatman said. "I don't know that the panel had all of the information they could have. They didn't ask to query me about my involvement. Why?" ACE President Christine Domhoff said that she didn't have "much success" dealing with Chatman. She cited that her union had 35 grievances pending arbitration. Grievances typically pass through human resources before going to arbitration, leading Domhoff to blame Chatman for the high number.

"I don't think he's interested in resolving any issues," Domhoff said, saying that she believed Chatman was unwilling to bargain with the group's complaints, leading to a high number of arbitrations and legal fees for the university.

Chatman responded to Domhoff's claim, saying that he asked Domhoff to personally sit down to resolve some of the union's complaints, but that she never responded.

Chatman said his dispositions on the complaints are often not responded to and the grievances forwarded to arbitration.

"I'd like to point out that I have to find ways to resolve the grievances in ways that are both acceptable to the university and the union," Chatman said. When asked about his plans for the future, Chatman says he hopes to remain at YSU.

"I hope to stay at YSU. I want to keep serving the students in my current capacity. I enjoy YSU. I enjoy the people. I believe in the mission of this university in training the leaders of tomorrow. It's a rewarding experience," Chatman said.

Call Bill Rodgers at (330) 941-1989.

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Boehner (R-8th) chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee.

The savings on student loans amount to about a third of the \$40 billion package of revenue-saving benefit reductions, including cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, backed by the Bush administration.

According to the College Board, 47 percent of students get help from federal loans.

For four-year private colleges, tuition and fees average \$21,235 for 2005-06, the board reports. For four-year public colleges, they total \$5,491. That's a 6 percent increase for private colleges and 7 percent for public ones over the year before.

Under the pending bill's new loan rules, freshmen and sophomores would be able to borrow \$3,500 and \$4,500 a year, respectively. That's an increase of about \$1,000 from previous limits.

Graduate students would be able to borrow as much as \$12,000 a year, and the interest payments on \$7,000 of that each year would be subsidized while they're in school.

But interest rates would be fixed at 6.8 percent, a shift from the variable rates that students pay now, currently 5.3 percent and

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Olsavsky during part of his Pittsburgh career.

"It's easy really. In the NFL you are in auto pilot," Olsavsky said of the preparation.

However, for the players, the hype and buildup are added nuisances, and Olsavsky said the players can't wait for the first whistle to sound, ending the media circus, and letting the players play.

"You are in your game mode," Olsavsky said of the players prior to kickoff.

"You get kind of angry because of all the pageantry."

"You are waiting for something spectacular to happen. When are the elephants coming out? It kid of pisses you off to be honest, but then you realize it is just another game."

Despite leaving the game in 1997 after a stint with the Baltimore Ravens, Olsavsky said he still keeps in touch with Steeler heritage and that he still bleeds a little black and gold.

"It is a bond you can never really break," Olsavsky said of ties with his former teammates and coaches.

Olsavsky said the bond is so strong in Pittsburgh with former players because unlike most professions, it is a family atmosphere.

"A lot of people ask me if they gave me free tickets to the game. That is not what makes a good organization," Olsavsky said. "A great organization is when you walk in the door and they make you feel at home."

Sunday afternoon, the Steeler family will be watching along with Olsavsky, and what they will be watching is a low scoring game according to Olsavsky.

"I've been telling people it will be a low scoring game...13-6," he said.

Olsavsky said the Steelers are hitting on all cylinders at exactly the right time, and they are doing exactly what they need to do.

"Offensively, I think they do a good job of game planning. The biggest thing is to not have a turnover," Olsavsky said.

The Steelers look to be following Olsavsky's advice thus far in the season ranking ninth in the NFL in turn over margin, turning the ball more than just 21 times compared to 28 take-aways.

Kick off for the Super Bowl game on Sunday is set for 6 p.m.

Call Justin Smolkovich at (330) 941-3758.

More News in Brief

Hurricane relief trip scheduled

A YSU Hurricane Relief trip to Long Beach, Miss. will be held for students from March 10 to March 19. The trip is \$200 and covers transportation, housing and meals. Students will stay at Long Beach Presbyterian Church and work on rebuilding homes during the week. An informational meeting will be held 3 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Cochran Room of Kilcawley

Center. For more information contact Kathryn Adams at (330) 743-0439 or kathryn-pcm@aol.com.

Greenway and Glaser to read poems

Poets William Greenway and Elton Glaser will be holding readings on Friday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in Kilcawley Center. The event is sponsored by the YSU Poetry Center. Greenway is a professor of modern poetry and poetry writing at YSU.



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Panama City Beach has been a Classmates USA's calendar model Spring Break hot spot for as long as search. Spring Breakers can expect most Spring Breakers can remember plenty of more of the same this year. The Sandpiper-Beacon Beach with bikini and wet t-shirt/wet Resort has been at the forefront of jockey shorts contests daily and Spring Break activities in Panama City Beach since 1990.

The Sandpiper is never short on its popularity stems from its big-time entertainment, hosting such nonstop party atmosphere and acts as Bob Marley's Waiters, Tone on-site resort accommodations, Loc and other major acts. Tentatively scheduled for this year are the Black without ever leaving the resort. Eyed Peas performing on the beach DJ Big Donna has been playing the hottest dance mixes since 1995 and the Sandpiper has been host to many away swimwear and the Corona DJ Skribble. The Sandpiper-Beacon Beach Volleyball Tournament is brings the party to you - no driving necessary.

MTV's The Real World was at the Sandpiper in 2005 with MJ and Robin as special guests at an Axe/Stuff Magazine Beach Party. They sponsored a model search, party, and a swimsuit competition. Resort in beautiful Panama City Alloy Marketing has also brought in model searches, along with

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OUR SIDE

What state of the union is President Bush living in?

President George W. Bush stood before a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, gazing into the television cameras that would take him into the homes of the American people, delivering a promise-filled State of the Union address.

The speech had a lot of positive points. There was support for the military. There was an urge for continued tax relief. There was a strong stance against creating human-animal hybrids.

But unlike previous presidential speeches, Tuesday's had fewer plans and actions. Everything he promised was hardly new, having given five other State of the Union addresses thus far.

His stance on the war wasn't unpredictable, either.

"The United States will not retreat from the world, and we will never surrender to evil," Bush said.

The president kept statements about the Patriot Act, the economy, and fossil fuels to a few sentences. He said even less about the hurricane-recovering South. In fact, he waited until almost the end of his speech to add four sentences.

"The federal government has committed \$85 billion to the people of the Gulf Coast and New Orleans," he said, before transitioning into a brief comment on poverty.

Foreign policy remained a primary concern of the president's, even at the cost of vital domestic programs. The fight against terrorism and spreading democracy was the bulk of the beginning of the president's speech.

"As we make progress on the ground, and Iraqi forces increasingly take the lead, we should be able to further decrease our troop levels - but those decisions will be made by our military commanders, not by politicians in Washington, D.C.," Bush said.

There were, of course, examples of his faith-based initiatives including a statement against gay marriage. And this speech had just as many religious references as expected from Bush.

"Human life is a gift from our Creator - and that gift should never be discarded, devalued, or put up for sale," he said in a statement against cloning.

At this point in his presidency, we can expect one of three things to come from the president. He could fall into the lame-duck presidency, doing little. He could attempt to re-make and re-spin old policies that have failed. Or he could fight out the last two years, giving it all he got.

Bush's speech didn't show the passion and drive needed to bring new ideas to the table. No new concepts or policies were introduced, nor did he coin any phrases as in past years, such as "reign of terror" or "axis of evil."

Bush's speech seemed to show that he would continue on with what he's already done, firmly believing he's made few errors. Such speeches seldom contain revolutionary new plans for a country. Tuesday was no exception.

One part of his speech did surprise many Americans - the change in his opinion on energy resources.

Bush said, "We have a serious problem: America is addicted to oil."

If Americans are addicted to oil like drugs, Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, both old school oilmen, are our dealers.

Bush then announced a 22 percent increase in clean-energy research at the Department of Energy, which is a pretty good plan, but far from a new concept. Democrats have been seeking alternative energy research funding and assistance for years.

Congress and their assorted guests, of course, stood up and applauded after Bush announced the energy plan. In fact, Congress (at least the Republican half) cheered on their POTUS after nearly every line delivered. And as Congress clapped and hooted and hollered for Bush, he just stood there and smiled, soaking it up.

But who could blame him? With approval ratings hovering around 45 percent, he'll take whatever praise he can get.

Still, with all his unnatural optimism, we can't help but wonder: What state of the union is Bush living in?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

With leaks, staying dry at YSU an increasing challenge

Editor:

As a student at YSU, I expect to stay dry when I'm inside campus buildings. I shouldn't have to worry about my clothes or books getting wet while attending classes or walking the halls. However, given the current state of the campus buildings, staying dry is starting to become a challenge.

Let me begin with the science building, Ward Beecher Hall. As a physics and astronomy major and student employee in the planetarium, I spend a lot of time in Beecher. Since starting my job in the planetarium in the summer of 2004 I have witnessed two major floods, several minor floods, and several continuous leaks in the physics department in Ward Beecher Hall.

The first major flood occurred only a few weeks after I started my job. A water pipe burst over room 2019, which is an office currently shared by four members of the physics department. Computers, desks, books and many other belongings were soaked and/or destroyed. Then, last June, we endured another major flood when a hot water pipe burst over the planetarium office. This came

just as we were starting our \$750,000 remodeling project in the planetarium.

Cleanup from this flood set back renovation work by several weeks. Again computers and books were soaked and/or destroyed. However, the planetarium also lost decades of old shows and other important, irreplaceable items in the flood. It was later found that the culprit pipe had been leaking for some time and had been wrapped in duct tape in an attempt to stop the leak. Following that flood, two more leaks were found in the planetarium. In September, after cleaning the 40-foot dome and installing new carpeting and seats in the planetarium, water stains were found developing on the white surface of the dome. As of yet nothing has been done to remedy this problem.

There are also several other showcases water problems in the physics department. In addition to the two major floods I've witnessed, I've also seen several smaller floods on the first floor of Beecher. These floods, which occur fairly regularly, usually soak everything that is lying on the floors of the various offices and labs in that hallway. As a matter of fact, two of these floods just occurred over winter break. There also used to be a slow, continuous water leak in the ceiling right outside the physics department office.

After at least a year and a half of dripping, that leak was finally remedied over winter break. However, during this past weekend, another ceiling leak began just a few feet from the old one. The old water-catching trashcan is back in the hallway once again. Also, the ceiling in the large lecture room 2006 used to leak quite often. Last fall, the water leaked in that room so badly that a trashcan lived in the center of the room for much of the semester. What's more is that a hose used to run from the ceiling straight into the trashcan in order to collect the water.

Finally, to top it all off, I've been told flooding has been occurring in the physics department for many years. Several old signs around the department warn people not to leave valuable items on the floor because the building floods frequently.

Moving across campus we find more water problems. As everyone that parks in the Wick Parking Deck knows, every time it rains here in Youngstown, several holes in the roof of the skywalk over Wick Avenue leak water. The water then collects into several large puddles across the skywalk. These puddles are then surrounded by the familiar yellow construction worker cutouts that serve as caution signs. The other skywalk on campus, the one between Moser Hall and Cushman Hall,

is nearly as bad. On rainy days water can be seen dripping into trashcans there as well. However, the funniest water problem on campus has to be the leak in the basement of Moser Hall. At the site of this leak a sign above the water reads "Install Drain Here" complete with an arrow pointing to the puddle.

I'm sure there are many other places on campus where puddles are collecting on the floor or ceiling tiles are turning brown and it amazes me how few of these problems are ever properly fixed. I'm also sure that many readers of The Jambar get just as annoyed with these leaks, and the damages they cause, as I do. It's really quite sad when professors have to wonder if their labs and equipment will be full of water when they show up for work. YSU should be embarrassed about these conditions. What's more annoying is that, even with the expected raise in tuition costs for the next academic year, many of these water leaks will undoubtedly remain unfixed. So next time you're walking across one of the skywalks and you're in need of a poncho (or maybe a kayak) I hope you wonder, just as I do, where the heck the money for these much-needed repairs goes and why these problems continue to persist.

Joe Neihsel

COMMENTARY

through the looking glass

By: Mike Pingree
KRT CAMPUS

SHOULDN'T AT LEAST BUY YOU DINNER FIRST?

A woman in Russia has been diagnosed with breast cancer, and believes that the best way to fight it is through frequent sexual relations. So she has placed a full-page ad in the daily paper Moscow Komsomolets asking for volunteers to drop by the house and help her out. She says that the man must be willing to have sex with her "every two days for at least a year." The response has been overwhelming.

THIS PICTURE MAKES ME LOOK DISHONEST

A robber beat up a man in his Melbourne, Australia, home, and then stole a racing bicycle from the man's shed. But the victim was a nationally known

cartoonist, and, when the police arrived, he drew a picture of the bandit. They took the picture to other officers who had arrested a suspect for a nearby burglary. It was a perfect match.

AND MAKE IT QUICK, MY GOOD MAN

A man fell asleep at the drive-thru lane of a fast food joint in Clermont, Fla. When police appeared at his window, he ordered five double cheeseburgers from them. Instead, he was given a field sobriety test, which he failed.

YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP DOING THIS UNTIL YOU GET IT RIGHT

Two teachers, a 54-year-old man and a 50-year-old woman, had sex in a classroom of their McKeesport, Pa., middle school, during the day while two other teachers guarded the door. During the subsequent investi-

gation, they admitted they had done it a number of times in the classroom and in a school bathroom over about two years.

NOW DON'T SHOW THIS TO ANYONE, KIDS

A man got four children, between eight and 14 years of age, to burglarize a home for him in Dade City, Fla., then covered his tracks - or so he thought - by making them sign a handwritten note swearing them to secrecy. The note will be known as Exhibit A at his trial.

LOOK THAT WAY ... CRASH!

A bilingual road sign near the center of Cardiff, Wales, advises drivers in English to "look right," but the Welsh translation says, "look left."

THESE LOOK FAMILIAR

A Utah teenager stole some skis then put them up for sale on eBay. Alas, the man from whom

he had stolen them went on the Internet, saw them, and called the cops.

NO, I'M OK, REALLY

Hockey players in Sweden became concerned when one of the referees began skating erratically, falling over, and making contradictory calls. He was removed when they realized that he was drunk.

WHAT GAVE ME AWAY?

A robber knocked on a man's hotel room door in Indianapolis to "borrow" some gas money, then hung around for a few minutes and made small talk while waiting for two accomplices to arrive. The three then beat the man and took all his money. The victim told police that, while they were chatting, the first man mentioned the name of the motel down the street where he was staying. Arrests were swift.

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to use new technologies to find ways to replace oil as a main energy source.

"America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world," Bush said, announcing the Advanced Energy Initiative, a 22 percent increase in clean-energy research at the Department of Energy.

Bush said he plans to invest in zero-emission coal power plants, solar and wind power and clean, safe nuclear energy. Bush also said he intends to fund research to derive ethanol from wood chips, stalks and switch grass, as well as corn. Bush said breakthroughs on this and other technologies would lead to a 75 percent decrease in oil from the Middle East by 2025.

Domestically, Bush said that although America still faces social problems, the country is on-the-right track. Bush cited numbers indicating the lowest crime rate since the 1970's, a 50 percent drop in welfare cases over the last decade, a 19 percent decline in drug use amongst youths, the falling number of children born to teenage mothers and the fewest abortions in 30 years. He said these statistics were "evidence of a quiet transformation, a revolu-

tion of conscience."

"Everyone here tonight, Democrat and Republican, has a right to be proud of this record," Bush said during his speech.

Like at all good sporting events, there were some dissenters in the crowd.

Senior Adam Zagotti said he doesn't agree with the president's policies and that he felt the rest of America doesn't either.

"When someone only has a 43 percent approval rating, they shouldn't go around bragging about their accomplishments," Zagotti said as the jukebox played a song he requested - AC/DC's "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap."

Zagotti said he chose the song especially for President Bush.

"I was just going to go home and watch the address, but then I found out the Republicans would be here and decided to stay and antagonize them," he said.

Mark Munroe, the vice-chairman of the Mahoning County Republican Party, defends the president despite his low approval rating. He attributes Bush's negative ratings on Democratic influence.

"The Democrats have been out of power for so long that they are frustrated,"

Munroe said. "And the only strategy they have is to sling dirt at the Republicans."

Munroe said the only area Bush needs to work on is his relationship with Democrats.

"Bush is doing an awesome job running the country, he just needs to do a better job reaching out to the Democrats," Munroe said.

One of the ongoing issues facing Americans is the war in Iraq. Bush ensured the nation of his stance, saying he will keep soldiers in the Middle East until democracy prevails.

In his speech, Bush said the advance of freedom is not a hopeless dream but instead the great story of our time.

"In 1945, there were about two dozen lonely democracies on Earth. Today there are 122. And we are writing a new chapter in the story of self-government with women lining up to vote in Afghanistan," Bush said.

Sophomore Alex Mangie said he agrees with the president's retention of U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

"We have to finish the job. If we leave with out finishing it, then the U.S. will be seen as weak," Mangie said.

Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate and Iraq War veteran, Paul Hackett of Cincinnati, released a pre-battle to the address, which states that the president needs to come up with a clear exit strategy for U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

Bush reiterated his intent to keep troops in Iraq.

"We cannot find security by abandoning our commitments and retreating within our borders. If we were to leave, these vicious attackers alone, they would not leave us alone," Bush said.

"It time for the president to task our military leadership with developing a plan for the safe redeployment of our troops in Iraq," Hackett said, calling the president's address a political smokescreen.

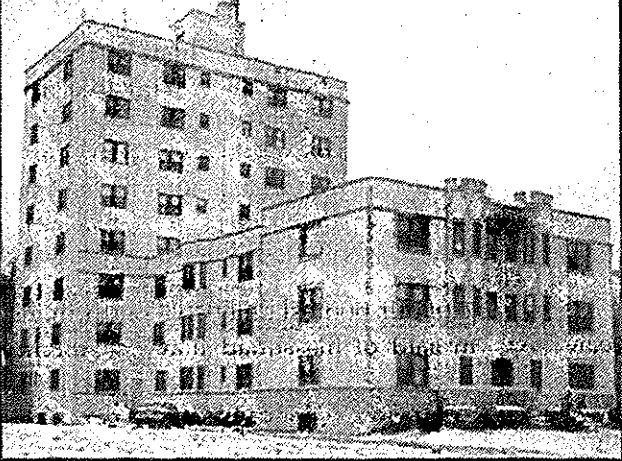
Hackett said he would like to see the president take on the scandals on Capitol Hill instead.

"He needs to address head on the culture of corruption that so pervades Washington and why his party has stood in the way of any meaningful reform for more than a year," Hackett said.

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Sophomore David Catchpole said smoking the hookah is a relaxing social event among friends.

"It's a bonding thing. It's about people all doing the same thing. I guess it's kind of like when smokers go outside and smoke together," Catchpole said.

Catchpole said the prices are reasonable. He said he can split a hookah between three people, smoke it for one hour and end up paying only pay \$2.

Ammar Hashmi, a senior at Liberty High School, said she heard about the place from a friend.

"It's not like a bar. It's not a gross smoke smell and there are no drunk people," she said. "It's a chilled environment.

Smoking hookah is not the only thing to do there. There is a big screen television, a pool table and game machines. On the weekends, Aburahama's mom and aunt make Middle Eastern food, like grape leaves, to sell at the café.

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"The impact will be softened because Dr. Brady will still be here," Salvner said.

Brady echoed Salvner's sentiment, saying YSU students will still get to be involved with Etruscan.

"Students enrolled with the NEO MFA program will still have the opportunity to be interns with Etruscan," Brady said.

"Just because it's being moved doesn't mean it's being taken away from us," Brady said. "Etruscan was never YSU's official press to begin with."

Brady said a positive aspect will be the university's new ties with Wilkes College.

"It gives us a chance to create synergy with Wilkes College. It will be similar to the relationship between the Artful Dodge and the College of Wooster," Brady,

poetry editor of the Artful Dodge, said.

Brady says Etruscan's next release will be a collection of poems by Roberto Manzano, a 2002 YSU Poetry Center guest, as translated by YSU English professor, Steven Reese.

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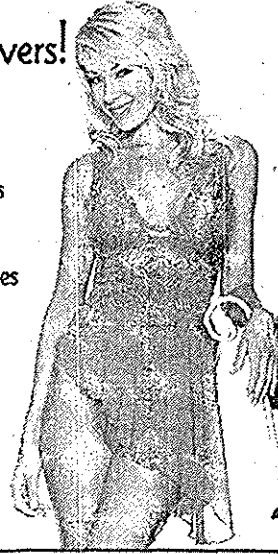
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Pirates caravan hypes 2006 season

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

For one day at the Butler Art Institute, only two colors mattered to the visitors inside.

Not a single person was there to see the browns, reds, and oranges of the Western scenes or the blues, greens and whites of the multitude of sailing ship paintings.

Nope. The only two colors that mattered to the crowd were black and gold.

The 16th annual Pittsburgh Pirates Winter Caravan came Tuesday to the Butler Art Institute, to hype the 2006 baseball season. The luncheon offered a chance for fans meet current players and to purchase tickets to the Pirates Home Opener on Monday, April 10.

On hand for the Pirates were General Manager David Littlefield, Manager Jim Tracy, Broadcasters Greg Brown and Bob Walk and Pirates players, outfielder Jason Bay and pitcher Zach Duke.

For three weeks the caravan travels around different

cities throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Ohio but Youngstown is his favorite.

"It's such a joy coming to this stop," Brown said. "You can't say enough of how beautiful this place is."

Certainly Pittsburgh is generating enough buzz these days with the Steelers going to the Super Bowl and with rookie sensation Sydney Crosby lighting the lamp for the Penguins, but the Pirates are definitely compiling enough buzz on their own these days.

It started with the hiring of new manager Jim Tracy, who previously coached with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Tracy brought with him a whole new coaching staff with him to the Pirates and also a sense of hope to turn around a team who hasn't had a winning season in 12 years.

"If I don't get it done here I'll feel like I've failed. I'm one of the spokes in the wheel that will turn this organization around," Tracy said.

Credit can be given to Littlefield who signed key

free agents this off-season to fit in with the young centerpieces of the team. Littlefield signed veteran first baseman Sean Casey, third baseman Joe Randa, and Outfielder Jeremy Burnitz. The moves provide both power from the corner infielders and more left-handed hitters, both, which the Pirates lacked last year.

"We're much improved from last year, we added some veterans and if you look 1-8 on the lineup we're going to score some runs," Littlefield said.

Signing Bay to a multi-year contract also shows that the Pirates are ready to take their game to the next level. The former National League Rookie of the Year in 2004 did not have a sophomore slump as many predicted last year.

All Bay did to silence the critics was have a .306 batting average, hit 32 home runs, knock in 101 runs and steal 21 bases. With more power in the lineup the production from other players could increase, dropping Bay's numbers, but Bay says he doesn't mind.



Jambar/ Katie Libecco
Pirates outfielder Jason Bay, coach Jim Tracy and pitcher Zach Duke pose for a picture in the sports arts gallery of the Butler Institute of American Art during the Pirates caravan visit.

"With the other guys contributing it should help the team more, we only won 67 games, I'd rather take a decrease in numbers for 20 more wins," Bay said.

The Pirates are also excited about the season because

Pittsburgh's PNC Park was selected to host the 77th All-Star game this year. Bay, Pittsburgh's lone all-star a year ago played down the hype just for a moment.

"You know a lot of people have asked me that

question lately, but you still have to go out and perform. But its huge with the Steelers going to the Super Bowl, Pittsburgh's got something to look forward to."

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YSU BASKETBALL

YSU men look for momentum against UIC

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Coach Jerry Slocum routinely says that he believes in the tangible aspects of coaching basketball. He says he believes in things he can see and touch, and doesn't concern himself with the many clichés that surround the game.

However, Slocum probably knows that Thursday's game against the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames can give his team something very intangible. Momentum.

The Penguins, coming off a setback at Wright State Monday night, will need all the momentum they can muster as they look to finish strong going into the conference championship. The Penguins stand at 7-13 overall.

"We know what is at stake," Slocum said. "We know that if we take care of business at home it could be a special conference year for us."

There is no place like home for the Penguins — five of their seven wins came at the Beeghly Center — who have the opportunity to add yet another victory to their collective belts. They have increasing offensive production and a growing crowd presence, which may culminate Thursday night in the form of a promotion called "Paint Beeghly Red." Red Penguin shirts will be given to the first 250 students.

One of the tangibles that Slocum can worry about is the



Jambar/ Katie Libecco
Senior guard Derrick Harris breaks away and takes the ball downcourt during a recent home game. Harris brought in 13 points during Monday's game against Wright State.

poor performance from his team Monday night in an 81-67 loss to Wright State, that Slocum considered one of the low points for this season.

"It was one of our poorest defensive performances of the year," Slocum said of his squad that was torched for 35 points from Wright State's playmaker DaShaun Wood.

The Penguins' loss to Wright State was their third contest in five days, which left the team tired, but Slocum said he would not use that as a crutch.

"Three games in five days might have something to do with it in terms of our legs," Slocum said. "But that is not an excuse. It is unacceptable."

Thankfully for the Penguins' weary legs, the team has had two days of rest before the match up with the Flames, but will need more than sturdy appendages to get a victory against the up and down Flames who stand at 10-12 but only 3-7 in the Horizon League.

Slocum said his biggest concern is out-muscling the Flames in the paint, where they have been proficient as of late.

"They absolutely own the offensive glass," Slocum said of the Flames who are out rebounding opponents 36.5 to 32.8 on the season. "Over our last six or seven games that has been a problem for us. We have not rebounded the ball against teams that are bigger inside that us."

Tip off is set for 7:35 p.m. and will be the last game of the day's double-header. The women take on Butler at 5:15 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

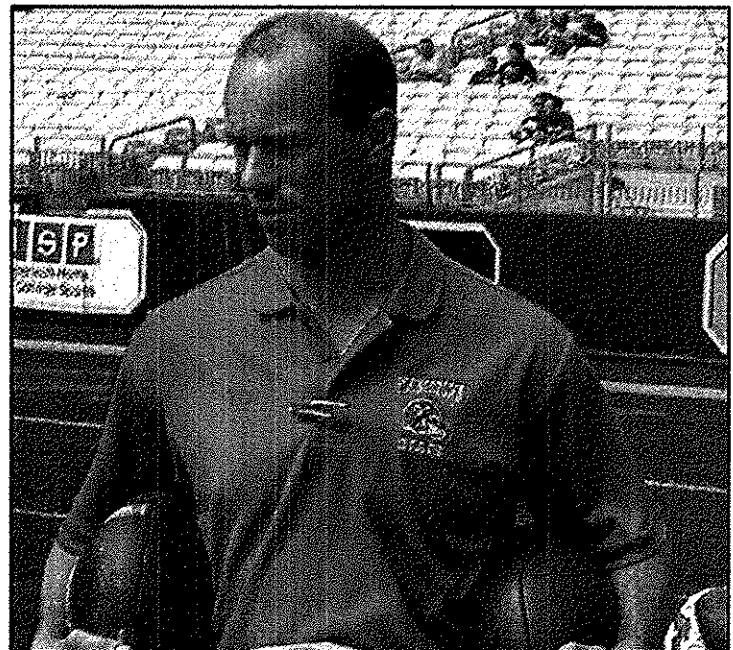
YSU coach part of Steelers family

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

For 10 years, Youngstown State University football coach Jerry Olsavsky paced NFL sidelines and read the eyes of NFL quarterbacks. For two of those illustrious years, Olsavsky was a Pittsburgh Steeler.

Former Steelers assistant coach Olsavsky is also a Youngstown-native. He played football at Chaney High School and was a member of the Steeler's 1995 SuperBowl squad that fell to the Dallas Cowboys during that team's run of championships.

If there is one person who knows what goes into the most watched sporting event in the world, it is Olsavsky. This Sunday, when his Steelers take on the surprising Seattle Seahawks, Olsavsky will know the thoughts of each



Jambar/Lenny Crist
Jerry Olsavsky, a YSU football coach, is a former Steeler, having competed in the Super Bowl with the team in 1995.

player.

Despite the pageantry, Olsavsky said most of the time leading up to the game is spent like most other weeks during the season. Despite parades and confet-

ti this week he said it's like any other for the Steelers. This weekend the team will be led by veteran NFL coach Bill Cowher, who coached

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YSU FOOTBALL

Recruits sign letters of intent

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Every February, college coaches wait anxiously by a fax machine, eager to see if their hard work and toil paid off.

Wednesday was National Letter of Intent signing day for college football prospects, and here at Youngstown State University, head coach Jon Heacock received the signatures he wanted.

"They know where they are coming," Heacock said of his latest signing class of 20 soon to be freshmen prep stars. "They know what they are playing for."

The twenty players will have to bolster a YSU team that is losing 19 seniors to graduation, and Heacock's concern was beefing up the lines, both offensively and defensively. Thirteen of the twenty recruits play line positions, seven defensive.

However, Heacock noted that with all freshmen and incoming players, it is best to expect a slower transition to the college level.

"Obviously, there are some guys that can help us. How soon, I don't know," Heacock said.

Sifting through mounds of video on prospects is always hard work, Heacock said, and finding the right personalities to play at Youngstown State is the most important criteria.

"We don't always get everyone we recruit, and we don't recruit everyone," Heacock said. "I would say we took in over one thousand DVD's, videos and CD-ROMs of players."

Four players in particular are "Youngstown guys," as Heacock put it. They include Canfield's Kyle Banna, Austintown's Brian Mellot, Cortland-native Jesse Smedi and Campbell's Louis Irizarry.

Irizarry could be one of

the Penguin's biggest acquisitions on signing day. He's a former Ohio State Buckeye who practiced this season with the Penguins. He earns a scholarship this spring and was once touted by many as the number one tight end recruit in the nation. He will enter the season as a junior.

This class, Heacock said, is proof positive that YSU remains a top destination for many football stars across the nation.

"I think this group verifies that we will get the guys that want to come to Youngstown."

Heacock, who won the school's first ever Gateway conference title this past season and recorded an 8-3 record, said he is pleased about his staff's efforts to bring in the top players.

"I am like every coach, I am excited about the guys we got," Heacock said.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Cultures, flavors mix at Hookah Cafe

By: Maysoun Abdelrasul
FEATURES REPORTER

The lights are dim, the aroma of scented flavors are breathtaking and the soothing sound of music is the setting of a new local hangout.

This is unlike any other place in the Youngstown area. College-age kids just hanging out without alcohol, with no fries or burgers in sight. This is straight Middle Eastern (without the camels).

The Hookah Café, on Belmont Avenue next to Auto Zone, brings a different vibe to the area. Youngstown State University student Emad Aburahma said he was sick of going to the same hangouts in Youngstown and wanted something new and different.

While visiting his brother in Washington D.C., he went to what is traditionally known as a Middle Eastern hangout, where people were smoking the hookah, an Eastern tobacco smoking water pipe. It has a long flexible tube connected to a container where the smoke is cooled by passing through the water.

"People seemed to like it in D.C.," Aburahma said. "And there is nothing like that around here."

The idea was there, all he needed was a location. He said his mom was driving around Liberty and found the location and told him about it. The space used to be a bank then a little restaurant before the



Josh Corvino, 20, from Columbiana, smokes from two hookahs simultaneously with friends Emily Harbison, 18, from Pittsburgh (left) and Annie Bishop, 18, also from Columbiana (right) at the new Hookah Cafe on Belmont Avenue, next to Auto Zone, in Liberty.

Hookah Café moved in.

Aburahma and his uncle opened the Hookah Café at the beginning of the year after three months of hard work in renova-

tions. Every Friday and Saturday night the place is filled with Arabs and Americans.

He said people were waiting to find a seat in the place last Saturday night.

How to Use the Hookah:

The hookah is made of several parts: the body made of glass, the head made of brass and a gummi pipe for smoking, a ceramic top and a brass plate.

Coal discs, tobacco, aluminum foil and water are also necessary to smoke the hookah.

1. Fill the bottle with water leaving some air space.
2. After filling the bottle, press the head into place.
3. Put the brass plate on top of the head.
4. Put the ceramic top on the brass plate.
5. Put the flavored tobacco into the ceramic top without blocking the holes.
6. Take a piece of aluminum foil, wrap it around the top and make three-five small holes in the foil.
7. Put one piece of round coal on top of the foil.
8. Light the coal
9. Smoke gently and slowly through the pipe.

"I thought it would be mostly Arabs in here, but Americans love the hookah and want to try every flavor," he said.

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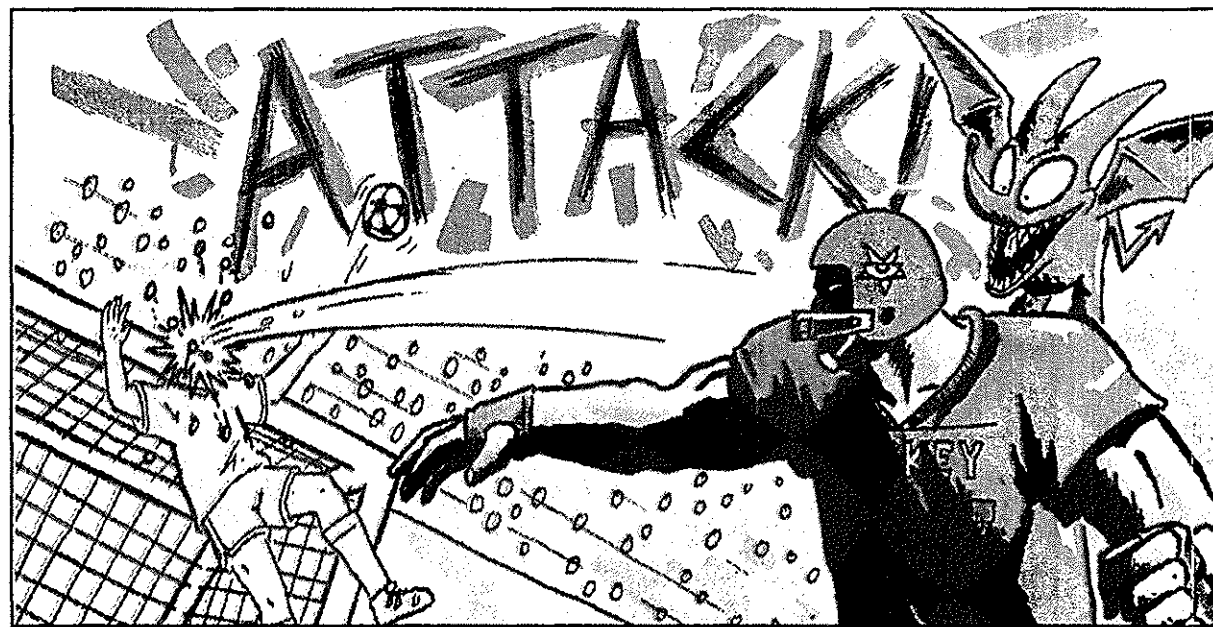
COMMENTARY

I'm not ready for some football

By: Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

The act of watching football, much like other manhood activities such as car admiration, building spice racks, and prostate cancer, have never really interested me as a card carrying male representative. Just so you know, I keep a card handy so that terrible incident in the Ponderosa bathroom I don't want to talk about won't happen again. Putting that tragedy behind me, this lack of apparent masculinity comes from the fact that the only male figure during my childhood was a television, which I assumed was male because of his phallic plug and lifelong sexual relationship with the wall outlet. Father Television couldn't teach me important life lessons, like how sausage is made, and he was unable to play catch with me unless I wanted to break my only source of entertainment and sex education. All of this, along with my lack of rowdy friends to come over on Monday nights, has led to a life that has been somewhat football free, except for the brief period in my life where I changed my name to "Rudy" and won the heart of America by being Notre Dame's most famous underdog, aside from that boxing Irishman.

I do have a general idea of what's going on in football most seasons, since I'm used catching the end of games thanks to years and years of the sport postponing episodes of "The Simpsons" every Sunday night. Even I know that the Super Bowl is coming up, an overblown event where people will actually sit and watch 30 seconds of sports interspersed between five minutes of commercials over the course of six hours. There are also the people who watch the Super Bowl just for the commercials, but it would be best to not talk about them. These annual games would be easier to handle if



football were not so boring, so to remedy this problem, I have a few ideas for the game that will make Jonas P. Football, the inventor of football, spin in his grave with delight.

It's common knowledge that football players are overpaid, with every winning game giving them another nine holes on their private golf courses behind their solid-gold mansions. Not only should these athletes work harder for their salaries earned from stadium-sold \$7 plastic cups of beer, they should also completely destroy their bodies in the process. I suggest that the NFL not only make performance-enhancing drugs legal, but mandatory. My dream is for football players to be completely blown-out, massive behemoths, having such drug-induced rage that they would have to be caged before every football match, or "meat battle," as these games would soon be called. Players would still be paid the same amount, but the average NFL career would be shortened to only one year thanks to complete brain atrophy and/or heart explosions. Thanks to the game's new mandatory drug use policy, I can imagine future episodes of MTV's *Cribs* featuring NFL retirees showing off diamond studded wheelchair ramps with "Spinna's." That should be entertaining for everyone.

Another problem with football is that the rules of the game have been relatively unchanged since its invention. Even basketball went from the lame wicker, bottomed baskets, to having reinforced Shaq-Fu-proof, shatterproof billboards; meanwhile, football's greatest evolution is the computer-generated first down line that may actually burn players on the field. To add a new twist to an old sport, I think we should put exactly \$200 of spare change in each and every football player's football pants. Not only will this make the game more difficult, but at the end of the game players will also get to keep each and every single coin that they manage to not spill out on the field, giving them some incentive to "keep it in their pants," an expression that will quickly be repurposed. Players will also be encouraged to throw piles of loose change at each other; if you think that wouldn't hurt, you've obviously never had 17 quarters thrown at your face by a genetic supermonster.

The halftime show, another element of football grossly exaggerated by the Super Bowl, usually contains all of the boredom of an Oscars ceremony compacted into a half-hour period. Super Bowl halftime shows usually feature the brilliant combination of over-rated old bands, like Aerosmith, with

terrible new acts, like Britney Spears, in a bold mix of the mediocre and the putrid. Along with all of this horror, there's also a remote chance that viewers of this ceremony could witness the misshapen boob of an aging diva. In the spirit of science and good taste, I think we should clone the greatest dead musicians, from Mick Jagger to Johann Sebastian Bach, and bring some spectacle back to the aging beast that is the halftime show. Where else could you see Kurt Cobain smashing Jimi Hendrix's guitar, while both he and it were on fire? Some ethical concerns may be raised by what people may call "playing god," but it's important to remember that clones have no rights, and the clones that question their human rights will be promptly murdered and replaced.

I do have many more ideas that would improve football, and especially the Super Bowl, but unfortunately I've only been given enough space to share the best ones. One thing's for certain, though: I hate those damn goalies. Their fruity outfits and their flagrant use of hands have no place in the sport of men, football.

Bob Mackey measures all things in football fields. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday:

It's the final weekend of drama "**Steel Magnolias**" at the Youngstown Playhouse, 600 Playhouse Lane. Reserve tickets by calling (330) 788-8739. Curtain rises at 8 p.m.

Oakland Center for the Arts, 220 W. Boardman St. will present the comedic two-man show of "**Greater Tuna**" at 8 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling (330) 746-0404.

Pittsburgh's **Short Dark Stranger** and Columbus's **Terribly Empty Pockets** will meet up for a night of rock at Cedar's Lounge, 23 N. Hazel St. The show will start about 10 p.m. (21+)

The **SteelHounds** will play the Memphis River Kings at the Chevrolet Centre, 229 E. Front St. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

Low Divide (with former members of bands *Rebreather* and *Favorite Action Hero*) will perform with **Centrifuge** at The Nyabinghi, 1229 Salt Springs Road. The rock show starts at 11 p.m. (18+)

Saturday:

All-ages show at The Cellar, 162 S. Bridge St. in Struthers. Local rockers **Via Sahara** are scheduled to appear with opening acts **Strip The Image** from Cincinnati, **Blush** from Akron and locals **The Rydells**. The show is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

Nude Butcher and **S.T.M.L.** at Cedar's Lounge, 23 N. Hazel St. (21+)

"**Greater Tuna**" at the Oakland Center for the Arts, 8 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling (330) 746-0404.

"**Steel Magnolias**" at the Youngstown Playhouse, 600 Playhouse Lane. Call (330) 788-8739. 8 p.m.

The **SteelHounds** will play the Memphis River Kings at the Chevrolet Centre, 229 E. Front St. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

Want to be included in the Weekend Event Calendar? Let us know what's going on by e-mailing thejambar@gmail.com.