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SGA

SGA seeks cuts, debates \$50 fee

By: Cheryl Thompson & Maysoun Abdelrasul

One week after earning praise from university trustees for money saving plans, Student Government Association is debating whether to ask students for a \$50 per semester tuition increase that would send an estimated \$1.2 million to an account controlled by SGA for capital improvements.



The issues of cost savings and the proposed tuition increases both surfaced at Monday's SGA

meeting, prompting intense debate from the student government representatives. Some acknowledged that the two moves do seem contradictory.

Josh Hiznay, SGA's Vice President of Financial Affairs, said SGA representatives decided to wait until the next general meeting to vote about including the fee as a ballot issue for the entire student body. The proposal would increase tuition by \$50 each semester, including summer.

time to assess the situation and come up with more concrete information," Hiznay said.

If SGA representatives do vote to place the fee on the ballot, students will be able to vote on the additional \$50 as part of the general fee. The money would then be transferred to an SGA-controlled account and used for capital improvement projects. SGA leaders would decide which projects to fund.

Shannon Baker, chair of SGA's tuition and fees committee, said the issue is worthwhile.

"We need to have more

"Students are smart

enough and concerned enough to make their voices heard when they feel they need it. We intend fully to inform our constituents," Baker said.

While some SGA representatives said they want to inform students about the issue, they also said they want to remain neutral on the proposal.

"We have no opinion on whether or not students should pay a \$50 fee," Hiznay said. "The fate of the assessment needs to be decided by the students."

SGA representatives,

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SUPREME COURT

Supreme Court sides with military on recruiters' access to campuses

By: Stephen Henderson
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPER (KRT)

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court said Monday that Congress isn't trampling free speech by threatening to withhold federal funding from universities that kick military recruiters off campus because the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays conflicts with the schools' anti-discrimination practices.

In a unanimous 8-0 ruling, the justices said Congress isn't stopping the universities from protesting the policy, nor is it asking the schools to endorse the policy by granting military recruiters the same access they give other employers.

Congress' Solomon Amendment merely seeks to regulate what universities "must do," afford equal access to military recruiters - not what they may or may not say," Chief Justice John G. Roberts wrote for the court.

The ruling is a big boost to the military and a blow to 36 law schools that joined forces to fight what they'd described as over-reaching by Congress. The schools will now face a choice: Grant military recruiters full access to their campuses, or forfeit what in some cases is hundreds of millions of dollars.

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E. Joshua Rosenkranz, Attorney for the Schools

there's just no question about it," said E. Joshua Rosenkranz, the attorney for the schools. "But this is a skirmish in a much bigger war about equality and human dignity. That's a war we're winning."

The case ends a dispute that dates back decades but intensified in 2002, when lawmakers eager to boost military recruiting in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks got tough on universities.

In essence, they tied federal funding for universities to the hospitality they extend to military recruiters. Schools that treated the military like other employers would get their money. Those that chose to express their displeasure with the military's policy on gays by sending recruiters off campus or denying them the kind of reception that other employers received would have to forfeit their funds.

Since 1994, the military's policy of "don't ask, don't

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Recycling program increases campus awareness

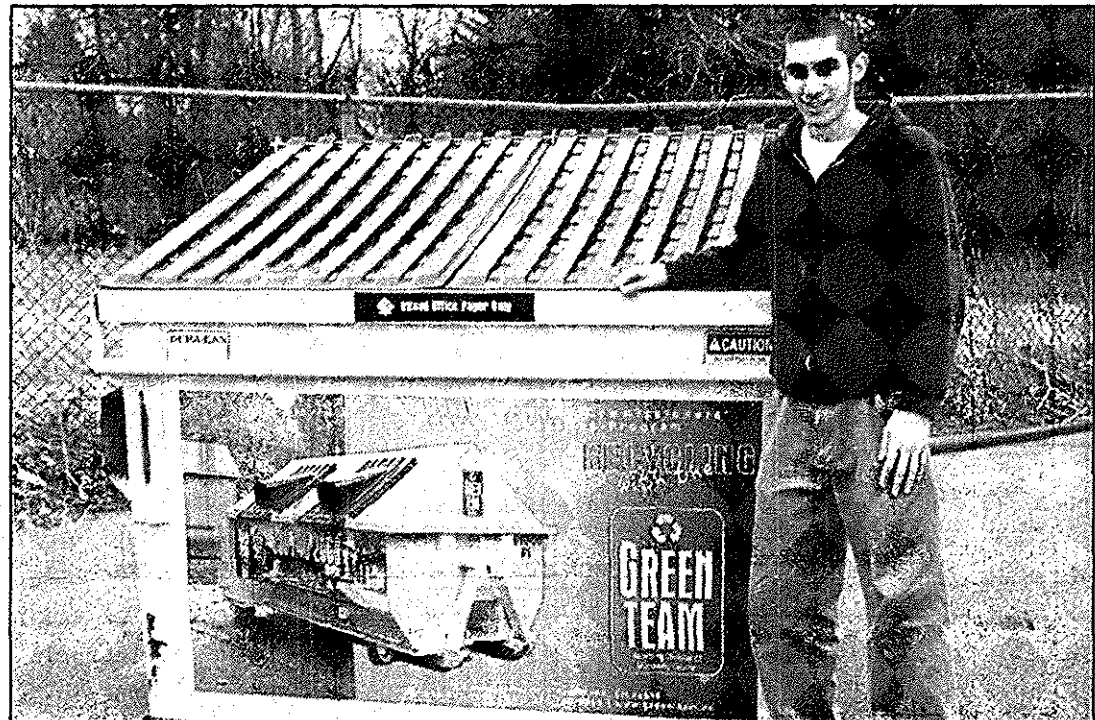
By: Jake Glavies
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Working in the shadows of an abandoned Youngstown steel mill, the Youngstown State University Recycling Program has set its sites on rekindling a long-lost Penguin legacy, that of being a champion.

The road to this championship began Jan. 29 as YSU kicked off its second year of competition in the Recycle Mania program. This national contest pits schools of all sizes against one another in seven categories ranging from waste minimization to the amount of paper recycled per person.

With help from the students, faculty and staff YSU has been able to jump into fifth place in the Waste Minimization category and 14th in the overall Grand Champion contest.

"The main goal of the



YSU's Recycling Program's manager Dan Kuzma stands with new trash receptacle in the YSU Recycling Center in the Smoky Hollow neighborhood.

competition is to create awareness on campus for your recycling program," said Dan Kuzma, manager of the YSU Recycling Program.

YSU's first year involved with the contest resulted in a 13th place finish.

"Were looking to improve," said Kuzma. "Last year we had a 26 per-

cent recycling rate; this year we're at 29 percent."

However, YSU faces more competition this year, as more schools are partici-

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When CELL PHONES own you

By: Megan Anderson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

R.J. Pepino is pretty good at guessing what a customer wants before he even talks to them.

After a year as a Cingular Wireless cellular service representative, he's usually correct when he pegs a new customer for a certain kind of cell phone before they even ask for it.

Pepino put it simply.

"Younger people want whatever is new, whatever is advertised as the latest technology," he said. "Older people go for the basics, nothing too complicated."

Pepino's observations about who buys what type of phone were confirmed after an informal survey of cell phones and their owners on the Youngstown State University campus.

YSU President David Sweet owns a standard cell phone.

"It's not a Blackberry or anything like that," Special Assistant to the President Thomas Maraffa said of Sweet's cell phone.

Maraffa himself has a plain cell phone, "nothing fancy," he said, adding that he thinks cell phones are generally very annoying and irritating. Maraffa said he only uses his cell phone when it's necessary. He also stated that added features like cameras and video recorders are not important to have on a cell phone.

Jonelle Beatrice, director of YSU's Center for Student Progress, owns an Alltel LG flip phone, with no camera and no added features.

"I don't use it often," Beatrice said. "I really only have it for security reasons."

Beatrice added that one of the main reasons she purchased a cell phone is to call her two children long-distance without being charged.

These findings support Pepino's theory that the older generation wants a basic cell phone, which they generally use out of necessity.

Pepino's observation that the younger generation goes for high-tech cell phones was also confirmed.

Senior Kristin Banks carries a Sprint flip phone, which she said that she bought because it has a camera, but added that she feels a camera isn't absolutely necessary to have on a cell phone.

"That's not what phones are for," Banks said.

Another senior, Dave Shelton, owns a Verizon LG flip phone.

"I'd die without it," Shelton said.

He believes a cell phone is essential to have, and he also feels that a camera is a necessary feature on a cell phone.

"I have to be ready for anything," Shelton said.

Sophomore Chris Santell agrees. He said he purchased his flip phone because it came with a camera, which he uses frequently.

However, not all students with cell phones buy them for the camera.

Freshman Christina Fletcher owns a Cingular Wireless cell phone, which did not come equipped with a camera. Fletcher said that having a camera on your cell phone isn't important, although she is among those who feel that owning a cell phone is necessary.

But not all students feel cell phones themselves are essential to have. Freshman Dominique Price has never owned a cell phone in her life.

"I'm against cell phones," Price said. "I don't like people being able to track me."

However, Price added that she would probably end up buying a phone for convenience. She said if and when she buys a phone, it will be just a phone, no camera or video options.

Despite the few exceptions to the rule, as cellular technology advances, more and more young people want a part of that technology.

"There's a very young market," Pepino said. "Kids as young as eight-years-old have cell phones."

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Leader forum

The Bitonte College of Health and Human Services will host a forum with local community leaders to discuss the nursing program and its impact in the community. The program is part of a re-accreditation process for the college by the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission, who asked to meet with community leaders. The forum is today from 4 - 5 p.m. There will be free parking on the M2 deck.

News Briefs

Astronomy researcher presentation

Patrick Durrell, assistant professor of Physics and Astronomy and a team member on the Hubble Space Telescope Project, will host "Searching for Stars Between the Galaxies" at 2 p.m. today in Ward Beecher Planetarium. Durrell will discuss searching galaxy clusters for stars that were freed from their galaxies by gravitational forces.

SafeZone training

YSUnity will host a safe zone workshop from 2 - 4 p.m. thursday in Bresnahan Suites I and II in Kilcawley Center. Those who attend will go through a sensitivity seminar in an effort to make campus a safer place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning students. Participants receive a "safe zone" sticker for their room or office. To reserve a space at the workshop, contact Sandra Stephan at (330) 941-1653 or e-mail her at swstephan@ysu.edu

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pating in the event. This isn't your friendly neighborhood recycling contest, this event is big, think March Madness but with recycling. Sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, Recycle Mania has attracted the likes of Harvard, MIT, Brown and Yale, all of whom rank below YSU in the Grand Champion competition.

In addition to competing for the Recycle Mania championship, YSU's program has organized an extensive campus wide recycling plan.

With help from the Green Team, and the YSU administration, the campus-based program was able to divert 414 tons of recyclable materials from local landfills in 2005 alone.

"YSU's Adams Street drop off site was the sev-

enth busiest in the county in 2005," said Lou Vega of the Green Team. "It took in 237,000 pounds; the lowest site generated only 24,000 pounds."

With an even higher goal in mind for 2006, the YSU Recycling Program is attempting to educate students.

One such attempt was the "Get Caught Green Handed" campaign in which 40 random students were caught recycling and given a recyclable lunch bag.

"We wanted to aggressively reach out to the students," Kuzma said. "Instead of handing them a flier, we wanted to reward them for recycling."

With an average recycling rate of 30-35 tons per month, it's evident that many students have already incorporated recycling into

their daily lives.

However, not all students have chosen to embrace a "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" mantra; in many instances, students are treating recycling bins as their own personal trash cans.

"We find everything from old slippers to waffles to pork chops in the bins," said Katie Papay, a student worker for the program.

In response to these findings Kuzma said, "If you can go to a trash can you can go to a recycling bin."

Whether YSU is able to make-up ground late in the game and come out with the Recycle Mania championship is yet to be seen. However, the outcome of the contest, as well as the fate of the campus, rests solely in the hands of the student body.

"Our success is dependent on the students, faculty and staff. When we achieve any recognition, it's the campus as a whole," Kuzma said.

POLICE BLOTTER

A security officer at Maag Library responded Sunday evening to an assault on a lab assistant, a police report stated. Records stated that the officer saw the assistant chasing a white male out the first floor doors. The assistant told the officer he had just been assaulted by the other male in the lab, the officer noticed a laceration above the assistant's left eye, according to the police report. The assistant said he asked the other male for his student ID to use the computer lab when the man attacked him, punching him above the eye and giving him the laceration. Officers recovered a six inch knife from a trash can which witnesses said was on the suspect. The suspect was arrested and taken to YSU PD for processing.

was 19-years-old. According to the police report, he was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital and was issued a summons for Disorderly Conduct by Intoxication and a court date.

On Sunday, an officer was dispatched to the Courtyard Apartments in reference to a female who had overdosed on pills, a police report stated. The officer was allowed to enter the apartment by two residents when he observed a coherent female resident laying on the bed, according to the report. She told the officer that she was bi-polar and had taken 75,500 mg acetaminophen pills because she had wanted to die, the police report said. Records indicate that paramedics arrived to give the resident medical assistance and transported her to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for further testing and evaluation.

An RA in Lyden House informed an officer that a resident was vomiting into a trashcan in his dorm room on Friday, a police report stated. The RA asked the resident if he was all right and he resident replied: "Yeah, vodka is terrible. I am never doing that again," according to the police report. The officers confronted the student, who admitted he was drunk and that he had learned his lesson and was never drinking vodka again, the report said. Officers determined the resident

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OUR SIDE

SGA's \$50 fee idea hypocritical

Youngstown State University's Student Government Association has come up with some pretty silly ideas before, but their idea to include a \$50 per student per semester fee for them to control for capitol improvements is monumentally ridiculous.

SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs Josh Hiznay defined the capitol improvements as "improvements to any buildings or materials owned by the university." Such improvements are traditionally controlled by administration, but Hiznay explained that he felt SGA - as students - could better prioritize the needs of students.

This proposal, if passed by SGA and approved by students, would generate roughly \$600,000 every semester. The amount of money that the passing of this SGA policy would generate is too important for students to not take notice and stand up.

Their current budget exists in four accounts and totals about \$200,000. They receive funding from YSU's general fund \$75,000 for stipends to pay members of SGA and operating costs, \$35,000 for appropriations, \$500 for advertising and \$500 for student discount tickets, which was moved to appropriations this year.

While SGA is trying to help administration find ways to cut corners around campus to avoid another 6 percent tuition increase, requesting a \$50 tuition increase is downright hypocritical.

SGA president Bob McGovern responded to this criticism of the proposal by saying, "I see the appearance of a contradiction, but not an actual contradiction."

Hiznay explained that he wasn't sure if this is what students wanted, but felt that they should be given the option to vote on it.

"We just want to let students decide whether or not they want this. We just want to give them that option," McGovern said.

If they support this, SGA representatives need to stand behind it and support it wholeheartedly instead of treating it like an experiment. If they want it to work, they need to come forward with research into capitol improvements that are being planned, what they feel they could do and reasons why it is up to them to do it.

Students might benefit from this money if SGA were to target student-related improvement on campus, including parking, Kilcawley Center and classrooms. But the majority of students at YSU would be better served by not increasing the cost of an already-rising tuition bill.

The Board of Trustees is postponing their vote for a tuition increase until June and the amount of increase is still undetermined. However, Ohio law prohibits universities from increasing tuition more than 6 percent. If the trustees want to increase tuition the maximum amount allowed by law, SGA could be in violation of the law by tacking on this additional \$50 charge every semester.

"There may be ways around that, we're not sure," Hiznay said, adding that this would be further clarified after meeting with administration officials in the near future.

SGA elections often see low voter turnout, frequently below 30 percent. A small portion of votes determines issues that affect a large number of students.

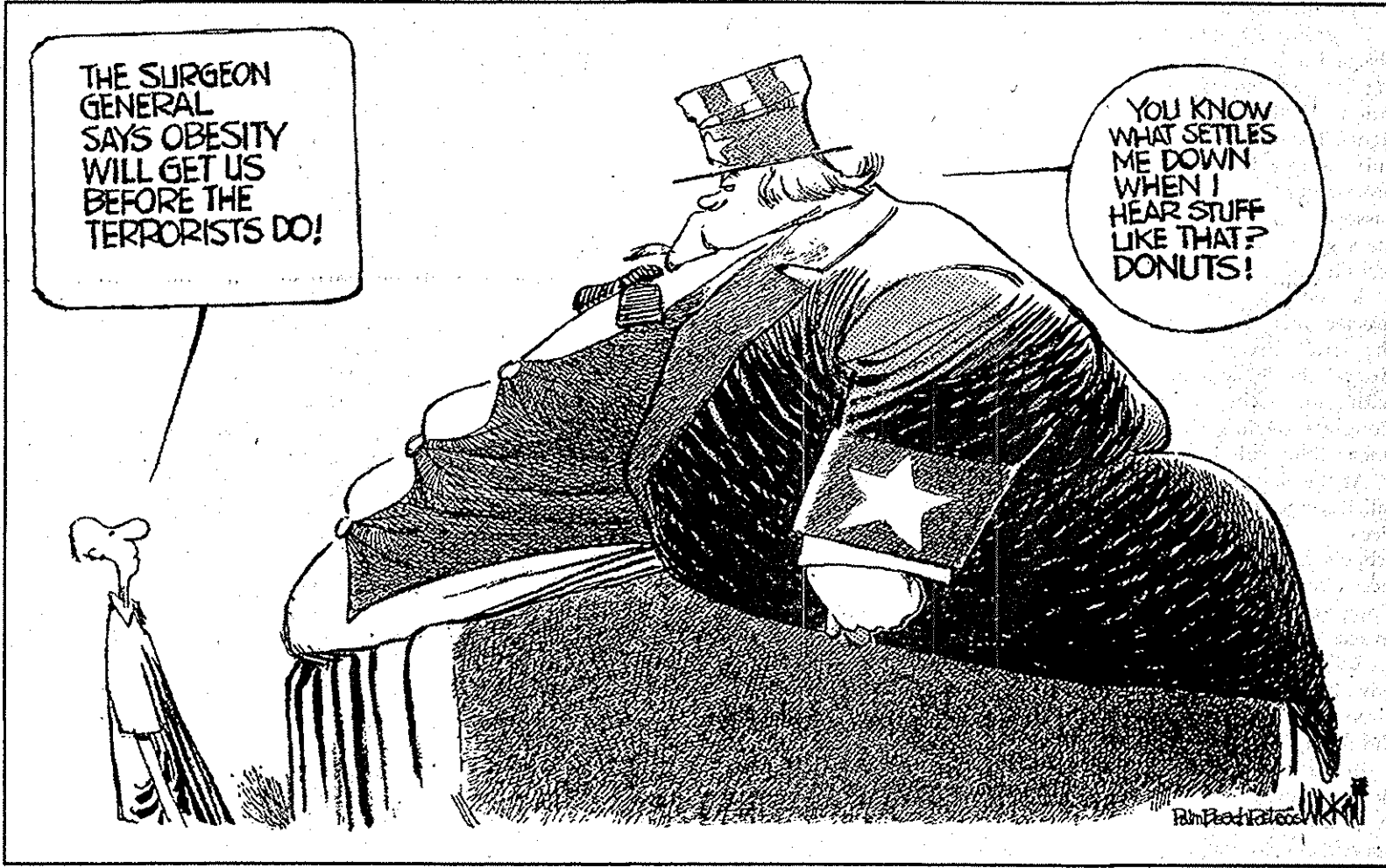
Every rational student should look to Hiznay and McGovern to offer solutions before handing over any money to them.

The amount of money they are requesting is too large to be a test of student support for SGA. A detailed plan needs to be in place before students should endorse the donation of their precious pocket money.

We would encourage students to let SGA know that asking for an additional \$50 on top of a rising tuition isn't what we want. It's also hypocritical of the group to encourage administration to cut costs to save money and at the same time ask students to pay even more money.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Efforts need redoubled

Editor:

I wish to applaud the efforts of Drs. Howard Mettee and Chet Cooper, during the March 1st Senate Meeting, to bring civility back to the YSU campus and Cynthia Anderson's call for improving lines of communication. We all need to redouble our efforts to promote YSU as a place of superior higher education. In that regard, I found interesting a March 5th article in the *Indicator*. The article titled: "New efforts instituted to increase enrollment" described some efforts to be made to reverse the declining enrollments experienced this academic year. To summarize the article, YSU's efforts center on increasing and streamlining its marketing and recruiting activities.

I believe that The Jambar could serve a positive role in opening such dialogue regarding this critical issue. It has been a forum for open and frank discussions. I would like to see a discussion on why attracting students to YSU seems to be a constant battle. I don't purport to have all the answers and I am not writing to you to be critical of anyone. I truly believe that the faculty, staff, especially those involved in recruitment and marketing, and students all wish to see YSU succeed and are working diligently to that end.

However, I can't help but think that a comparison can be drawn between YSU and the American automobile industry. This year, for the first time ever, Consumer Reports listed only Japanese automakers as producing the ten best cars. When one looks at the struggles already faced by American car manufacturers, this cannot be good news. The article goes on to say that it's too late for marketing or even producing a car that is as good as the Japanese product to stop the decline. Can anyone think where more GM or Ford ads could be placed on TV or

their quality significantly improved? Would any improvement in marketing have an impact on your car purchase? The article goes on to suggest that the American car industry must find a way to "jump" over the Japanese in both product and perception.

I think it's time for YSU to face the fact that we also offer a product that too few consumers wish to purchase for the size of our institution. For those that would call for "downsizing," as is occurring in the auto industry, I would contend that a smaller YSU would not be able to meet its obligations to the Mahoning Valley community at large. What else can we do?

As I have stated before, one solution out of YSU's current situation should involve the rebuilding of the stature of its School of Engineering. Again, this is not a criticism of the personnel currently in the School but simply a statement that there are not enough faculty, instruction is too great a share of their workload, and there are areas of engineering not represented by current faculty. We need to double the faculty in the School and provide them with the appropriate support to accomplish a rebirth of the School. Why Engineering? Many already identify YSU with its School of Engineering and its rich history. It's the one group of programs that our nearest competitor does not possess. These programs are those most identified in the State's Third Frontier Initiative. It houses the programs that are more often used to gauge the overall value of an institution. These programs are also those most often sought by businesses looking to start or relocate facilities in a community.

May I point out that when I arrived at YSU the School of Engineering was thriving and the Institution's enrollment was climbing. What I suggest will not be easy or inexpensive. The addition of this many faculty and staff cannot be justified by the current enrollment figures of the School, but those enrollment figures reflect that lack of attention that the School has gotten over the past 20 years and mirror the decline in enrollment across the campus. If others would like to comment, I would welcome that. If there are open forums other than The Jambar, I would be happy to participate in them. Has The Jambar thought of hosting online forums related to issues relevant to the YSU community? Could the YSU Web page? Best wishes to all, and go Penguins!

Daryl Mincey
Professor, Chemistry

Observations of a Pet

Editor:

I knew it was serious when my pet maggot - a Republican mind you - read Joe Iesue's letter two weeks ago and thought it to be maudlin crap about past deaths and how Iesue's point concerning the State of the Union was blindly hypocritical as he avoided at every twist and turn "not to put the blame on his Republican Party." And what tripe, Iesue telling us not to forget 9/11! That's impossible now that we're allowed to carry scissors on planes and our ports are being sold to the terrorists by the Almighty Terrorist Hunter: George-Alfred E. Newmman-Bush.

Well, the point is, Mag puked; hollering at me: "Forget your promise not to write in The Jambar, anymore! Look, you jackass! Can't you see you're being pulled back in just like Al Pacino in *Godfather III*? Gees!"

Mag was right - and I hate to admit it. But then, I picked up last week's Jambar and saw salvation: wonderful, gentle, intelligent advice coming from Ms. Lori MacDonald.

What relief that "I" didn't have to blast Iesue as he has done me so many times in past letters: last saying that I was a threat to the campus because I wanted to see everyone on Reality Shows dismissed from life.

But now there's no need for me to be strident and say cross things about Iesue's warped evangelistic spewing. Nor would I need to point out how self-serving and frankly whacked that a person talks about their personal hang ups in print. Still, I'd be very tempted to suggest that such a Zealot Patriot possibly never even joined the girl scouts - let alone ventured near a military recruiter's office when eligible.

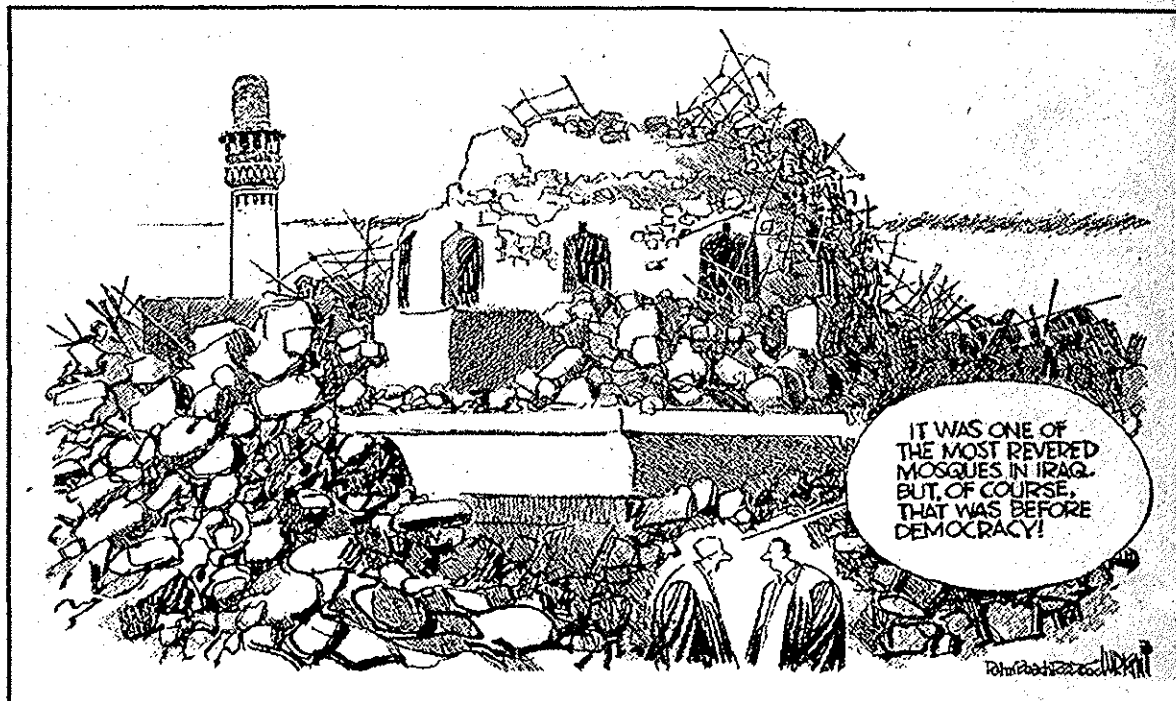
I just hope the University'll consider giving Ms. MacDonald a much deserved honorary degree in Counseling. She truly helped the blind see the rainbow. Also, hopefully, the Editor will give Iesue a permanent spot in the paper - but off the Editorial Opinion Page - the size of a postage stamp since what he's writing has nothing to do with opinion or common sense. Again, "I" did not say this; it's my pet maggot's observations.

Ted Williams

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tell" has allowed gay men and women to serve as long as they didn't disclose their sexual preference or perform blatant homosexual acts in public.

Many law schools have stringent anti-discrimination policies that include protections for homosexuals; they give the same chilly welcome to recruiters from all employers that they feel discriminate.

A group of law schools objected to the new rules, saying Congress' edict was a violation of their free speech rights. They argued that it not only slapped down their protest, but also forced them to "associate" with the military's message by facilitating their recruitment efforts.

A federal district court rejected their arguments, but the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia sided with the schools, saying Congress' action was likely unconstitutional.

At the Supreme Court last fall, it seemed clear that the justices weren't buying the schools' argument. Several justices said it was within Congress' power to tie funding to access.

Roberts asked several times why, if the law schools felt so strongly about the policy, they didn't forgo the federal money.

In his opinion on Monday, he outlined how First Amendment protections of free speech and association weren't jeopardized by what Congress did.

"The Solomon Amendment neither limits what law schools may say nor requires them to say anything," Roberts wrote. "Law schools remain free under the statute to express whatever views they may have on the military's congressionally mandated employment policy, all the while retaining eligibility for federal funds."

He noted that the law might require schools to send e-mails or post notices about military recruiters because they do it for other businesses. But he said such "compelled speech" was only incidental to the require-

ment that military recruiters be treated equally.

Comparing that situation to similar ones the court has faced, Roberts wrote: "Compelling a law school that sends scheduling e-mails for other recruiters to send one for a military recruiter is simply not the same as forcing a student to pledge allegiance, or forcing a Jehovah's Witness to display the motto 'Live Free or Die.'" He said it "trivializes" constitutional protections to suggest that the law schools face similar burdens.

Roberts said law schools aren't "speaking" when they aid students in the recruitment process.

"Unlike a parade organizer's choice of parade contingents, a law school's decision to allow recruiters on campus is not inherently expressive," Roberts wrote. "Law schools facilitate recruiting to assist

their students in obtaining jobs. A law school's recruiting services lack the expressive quality of a parade, a newsletter, or the editorial page of a newspaper."

Rosenkranz, picking up on the court's insistence that the law didn't prohibit law schools from opposing the military's policy, said some might respond with more aggressive protests.

"Imagine signs over interview rooms saying: 'Danger: Discriminating employer inside.' Or imagine school-sponsored protests when military recruiters come," he said. "You haven't even seen protests until now."

The court's 8-0 ruling reflects the absence of Justice Samuel Alito, who hadn't been confirmed to the court when the case was argued and thus didn't vote.

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however, have been outspoken about opposing any more tuition increases and when University President David Sweet discussed the need for another tuition hike for the 2006-2007 school year, SGA leaders started looking for ways to save money.

McGovern presented the organization's proposed cost-cutting findings of \$17,000 to the YSU Board of Trustees at a meeting last week. McGovern said Monday afternoon that he believes trustees will act on the proposed cost-cutting measures.

McGovern said that reducing the circulation of the YSUupdate publication would save \$4,728.

Ron Cole, editor of the YSUupdate, said the idea of reducing circulation is valid.

"If it's something that would save the university money, then it's something we should all do," Cole said.

Another \$12,300 would be saved, McGovern said, by eliminating the validation stickers on the back of student identification cards.

Other ideas McGovern said SGA is now studying include replacing paper towels with electric hand dryers in the bathrooms across campus.

Cost-cutting, alone, won't be enough to offset anticipated deficits and stave off a tuition increase, McGovern said.

McGovern said he has hope that state officials will revise

provisions for funding higher education. He said he has hope that YSU may be able to reap benefit from the \$30 million that the state legislature has earmarked for higher education in 2007. But he said there are severe flaws in the state plan, including a provision that rewards schools for how many graduates complete degrees in four years.

"We have programs at YSU that cannot conceivably be completed in four years," McGovern said. "Therefore, timely graduation incentives should be based on the expectation of the program, rather than a blanket of four years."

Paul Walker, SGA's Secretary of Student Affairs and also a student member of YSU's board of trustees, is organizing a trip to Columbus to lobby state senators and representatives to alter the proposal.

To identify how the university can help students graduate in four years, SGA Vice President Amanda Mielke sent surveys to juniors and seniors to see how course offerings could be improved.

"We want to know if students are having a tough time scheduling classes because of overlapping courses or courses not being available," Mielke said.

The surveys were sent to students' Cue-mail accounts and the deadline for completing them is March 31.

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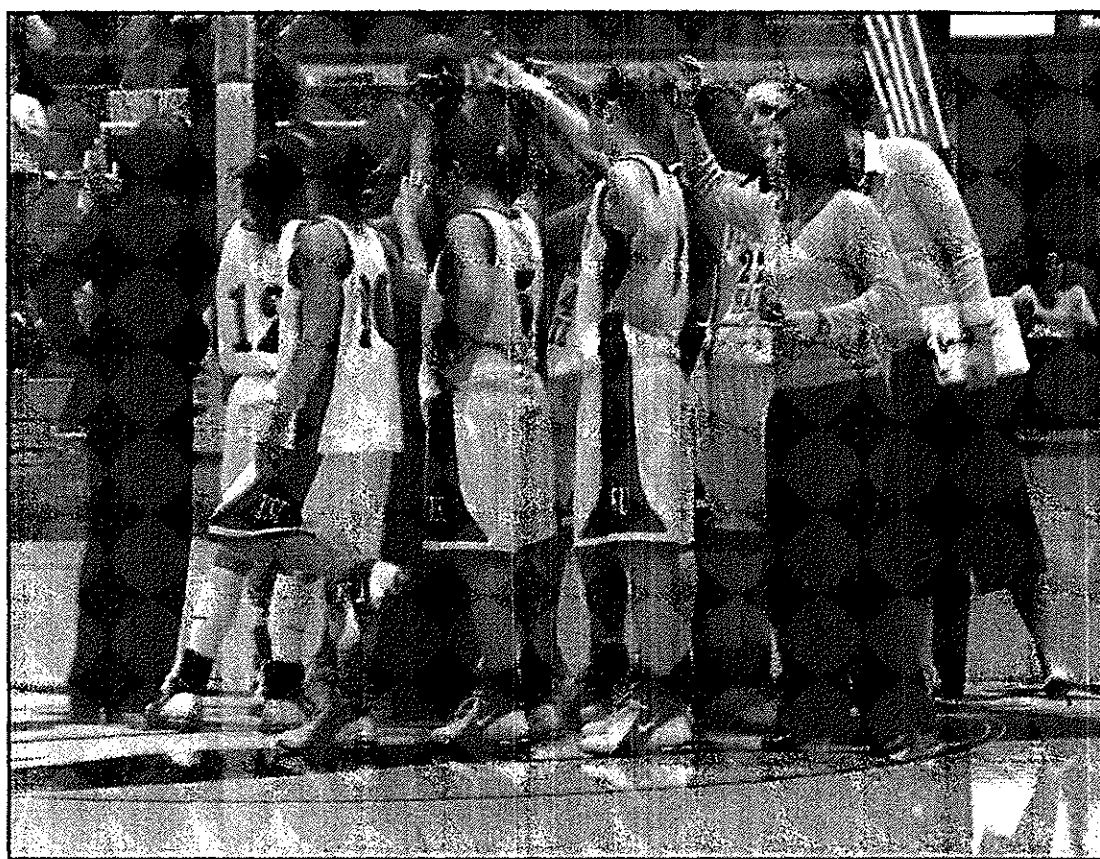
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BASKETBALL



Jambar/ Katie Libecco

The Penguins women's basketball team meets on court after their last home game of the season at Beeghly Center on Feb. 23. They finished the regular season 6-20 and fell out of the Horizon League Tournament with a loss to University of Wisconsin - Green Bay on Thursday.

UW-GB halts run for playoffs by women

The Youngstown State Women's basketball team took their final hit of the season last Thursday as they fell in the Horizon League tournament to Green Bay 53-63.

The Penguins trailed by only four points in the opening minutes of the second half, but were unable to topple the 23-5 Phoenix. The Phoenix shot a blistering 53 percent from the field for the game compared to just 20 percent from the Penguins in the first half, and 46 percent in the second half.

The loss dropped the Penguins to 8-20

overall.

The Penguins were led offensively by freshman Monique Godfrey who chipped in 13 points and Jessica Schloemp recorded 12 points and nine rebounds. Schloemp was perfect from the charity line converting all six of her foul shots.

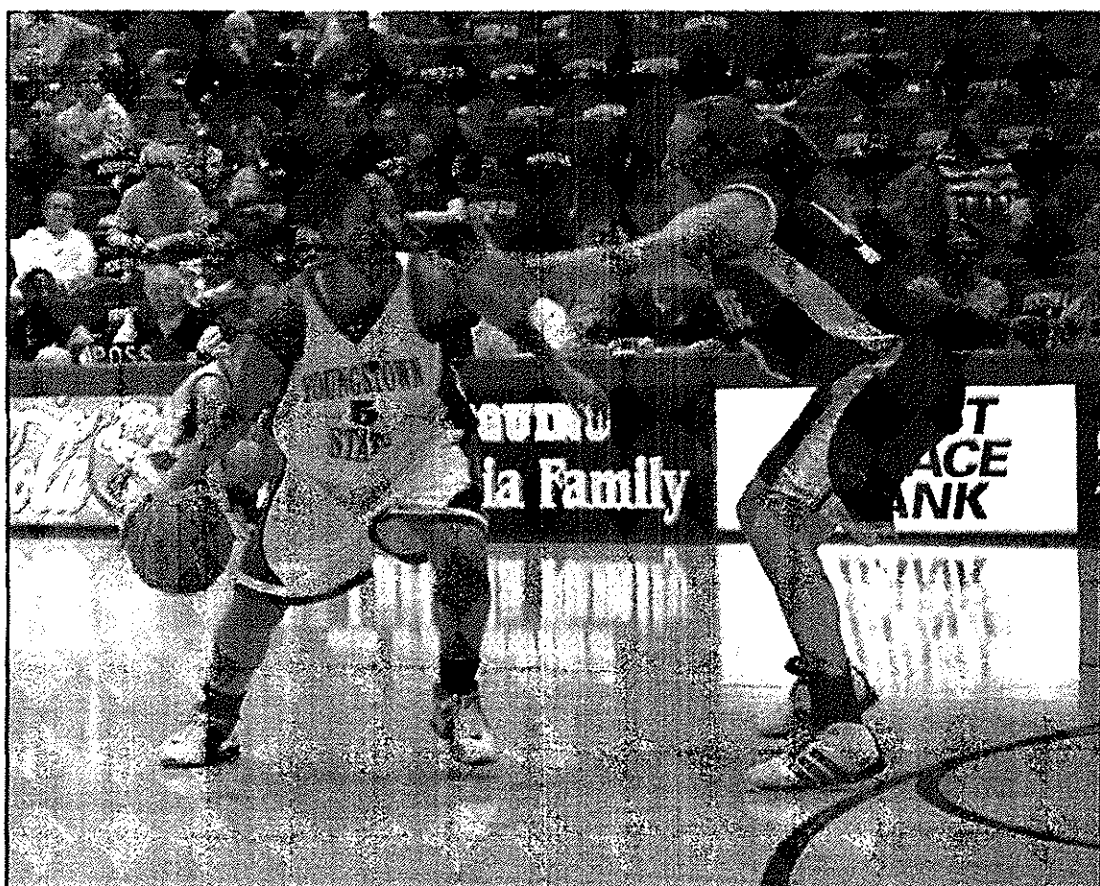
Despite having an up and down night offensively, the Penguins out rebounded the Phoenix 37-25 and committed just five turnovers in the second half.

Green Bay lost the following game to league power University of Illinois Chicago.



Jambar/ Katie Libecco

Ashley Russo, a senior guard, sneaks a play past an opponent and puts up a shot during a game this season. Russo led the 2006 Penguins in free throws and assists.



Jambar/ Katie Libecco

Senior guard Aliyah Sabree looks for an opening past an opponent in a game late in the season. Seniors Sabree, Russo and teammate Michelle Holmes were honored during their last home game in Beeghly Center.

SOFTBALL

Slow start for YSU softball

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The early part of the 2006 season has not been kind to the Youngstown State University softball team. Bad weather and tough experienced squads have stifled the Penguins, who dropped to 0-4 overall after a weekend trip to the University of Kentucky's Frostbite Invitational.

The two losses the Penguins suffered came at the hands of Ohio University and Belmont. The Penguins lost to Ohio 3-4 and Belmont 2-6.

Head coach Christy Cameron said that while dropping two games, the Penguins are where they should be at this point in the season. She said that unlike the teams the Penguins have played, YSU's women are just getting into the swing of the season.

"Unfortunately, we are inside a lot," Cameron said of her teams' battle with Ohio weather. "Every team we played had six or eight games already, these were some of our first."

Blazing the way for the Penguins so far this season has been sophomore Becky Hibner. She has paced the Penguins with a .455 batting average through the first



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Sophomore Becky Hibner is batting .455 after the first four games of the season

four games.

Hibner is only one of the Penguins who Cameron said is playing well early, but some aspects need to be corrected before the Penguins trip to Columbus where they will play four games in three days.

"There were a lot of good things in this weekend," Cameron said. "There are also some things we need to address before Columbus."

At least one of those areas that may need to be addressed is putting the bat on the ball. In the second game of the weekend, Belmont out hit the Penguins 14-7, including stranding six runners on base.

While the Penguins have 10 underclassmen on the roster, Cameron said that her team is athletic and talented enough to make a run soon.

"All the kids are good athletes," Cameron said. "They all have the ability to do good things. It is just up to them to do it."

The three-day stint in the state's capitol is part of a grueling early season road trip that spans 10 games. The Penguins won't return home until April 1, where they will host Wright State in a double header at McCune Park in Canfield, Ohio.

Call Justin Smolkovich at 330-941-3758

YSU Softball Home Game Schedule

All games are played at McCune Park on Shields Road in Canfield.

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| Sat. April 1 | WRIGHT STATE (DH) | McCune Park | 1 p.m. |
| Sun. April 2 | WRIGHT STATE | McCune Park | Noon |
| Wed. April 5 | CANISIUS (DH) | McCune Park | 2 p.m. |
| Sat. April 8 | BUTLER (DH) | McCune Park | 1 p.m. |
| Sun. April 9 | BUTLER | McCune Park | Noon |
| Sat. April 15 | ILLINOIS-CHICAGO (DH) | McCune Park | 1 p.m. |
| Sun. April 16 | ILLINOIS-CHICAGO | McCune Park | 11 a.m. |
| Tues. April 18 | KENT STATE (DH) | McCune Park | 3 p.m. |
| Wed. April 19 | NIAGARA (DH) | McCune Park | 4 p.m. |
| Tues. April 25 | CLEVELAND STATE (DH) | McCune Park | 4 p.m. |
| Wed. April 26 | OHIO (DH) | McCune Park | 3 p.m. |

Source: YSUsports.com



Women's tennis: Penguins pick up 4-3 win over Cleveland State

Cleveland — The Youngstown State women's tennis team won four of six singles matches to pick up a 4-3 victory over Horizon League opponent Cleveland State on Sunday afternoon.

Senior Whitney Thomas and Sophomore Michelle Fulekey were the doubles match winners for the Penguins. The pair won their No. 3 spot dual against Jenn Meyers/Christine Vogelgesang, 8-1. Fulekey also won her singles match at the No. 4 spot defeating Morgan Ungerott, 6-3, 6-3.

In other singles action, at No. 1 CSU's Sarah Galon defeated Thomas, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1,

at No. 2 Jenn Myers beat Emily Thayer, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (2), at No. 3 Gina Peretti beat Lindsay Sellers, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 5

Nicole Haralambopoulos defeated Kristin Chamberlain 6-7 (2), 7-6 (3), 6-2 in the third set tie breaker and Irena Lanc def. Christine Vogelgesang 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 6 spot

Wofford rallies again to complete three-game sweep

Spartanburg, S.C. — Wofford College came from behind for the third straight game to knock off the Youngstown State baseball team 5-3 on Sunday afternoon at Russell C. King Field.

The Terriers completed the three game sweep and improved to 10-6 on the season. The Penguins fell to 0-6 on the year despite leading in five of the contests.

Bradford Eaves hit a two-run double and a solo homer to lead the Terriers while seven different Penguins recorded a hit.

Reid McElveen threw 5 1/3 innings of scoreless relief to pick up the win. Brian

Boone was charged with the loss after surrendering one run in three innings of relief.

YSU got a run across in each of the first three innings to go up 3-1.

The Penguins banged out three of their seven hits in the first inning and took a 1-0 lead when Erich Diedrich singled home Justin Banks. Wofford tied the score in the first thanks to three walks and an error.

Charles Schultz brought in Dustin Thomas on an infield single in the second, and Lou Gattozzi brought in Brian Dill on a sacrifice fly in the third to make the score 3-1, but the Penguins left the bases loaded in both innings and only recorded one hit in the final six innings.

The Terriers tied the score on Eaves' two-run double in the fourth and took the lead in the seventh on his homer to left. Wofford then got an insurance run on an RBI groundout in the eighth.

The Penguins will play a doubleheader at Austin Peay on Saturday.

Sports briefs courtesy of ysusports.com

FASHION

Girl pants: Making the man

By: Jeremy Lydic
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When I first set out on my self-appointed quest to discover the true meaning behind the subculture phenomenon of emo, I had very little information to back up any of my hypothesis. I had my speculations, of course, as to why these tormented souls bring their moodiness to coffee shops and rock clubs, but I think the bigger question on my mind was how they determined what their official "uniform" would be.

I'm certainly no fashion critic like the razor-penned Mr. Blackwell or those irritating Rivers women. But, after dabbling in the grunge, punk and goth subcultures myself, I was curious as to what emo was, why it was and what made it enticing to high school kids.

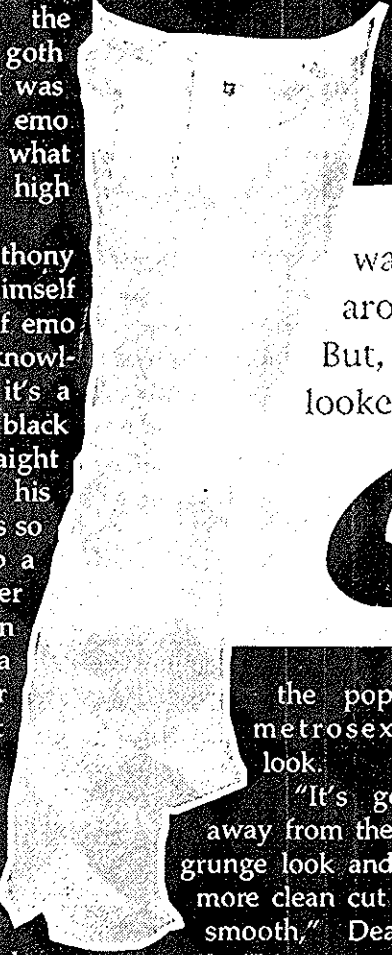
19-year-old Anthony Johnston considers himself to be the epitome of emo fashion, and he acknowledges the fact that it's a trend. With his jet black hair combed straight down covering half his face gauged earrings so wide you could slip a Sharpie marker through the holes in his lobes (officially a 5/8 inch gauge for those of you that need a point of reference) and his tight pants that are somewhat reminiscent of the leather pants worn by rock icons like Jim Morrison of the Doors and Michael Hutchence of INXS, he certainly implements every aspect of the emo look.

But, what struck me most was not only were his

pants exceedingly tight, they were also of the female persuasion.

"I wore tight pants, but they [men's pants] never compared to the look I wanted," Johnston said. "I was gonna stop doing it because it was just way too difficult to move around in girls' pants, especially at work. But then I got a girlfriend who thought it looked hot."

The look itself is startling at first, but when compared to other current hip fashions, it actually doesn't seem that strange. Deanna, a floor associate at an Old Navy outlet store, suggested that the emo look has some variations of



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Anthony Johnston

the popular metrosexual look.

"It's going away from the old grunge look and it's more clean cut and smooth," Deanna said. "It's more of a sexual thing."

Walking through the cultural train wreck of Boardman's Southern Park Mall, I noticed a distinct style of clothing in all the

windows and on all the mannequins. Obviously, the girls' skirts are going to be short, and the shirts are going to be tight. That was a given. (When did female mannequins get nipples, by the way?) But, the guys' clothing all had similar traits:

Tight fit with straight legs

A tiny hint of a flare

Lower waistline

Perhaps, the emo subculture has taken it to a further extreme with guys wearing the girls' pants. Still, it seems that elements of machismo are slowly being worked away from men's general clothing and style. The same shift in gender could also be said for girls' clothing in some regards. Old Navy, after all, now sells boys' cut pants for girls. So, if fashion is

his former high school. Johnston said one night after he came home from work, he logged onto his instant messenger and was contacted by someone who mentioned something derogatory about Johnston's screen name, which at the time just happened to mention the fact that he wore girls' pants.

"It was just a joke between me and my friends," Johnston said. "But this guy basically said he wanted to beat me up because I wore girls' pants."

Johnston quoted the guy as telling him, "It's people like you that make my city look bad, saying 'Oh, I wear girls' pants.' Do you want me to get a pair of my mom's pants for you and maybe a thong?"

Not letting himself be goaded into a fight, Johnston played along and has thus not heard from the person since. But, while he was putting up with callous remarks and unsavory language, I was having troubles of my own.

It's hard enough trying to get people to talk to a reporter, yet for some reason the floor employees at the mall's department stores seem to consider fashion a highly-taboo subject. I got the cold shoulder from many sales clerks, which is rather unbecoming from people who get paid to assist the public. In

fact, the only one that let me quote her worked for a store that actually caters to counter-culture, but wouldn't let me mention the name of the store. Of course, the topic seemed to be a hot one, so she let me quote her.

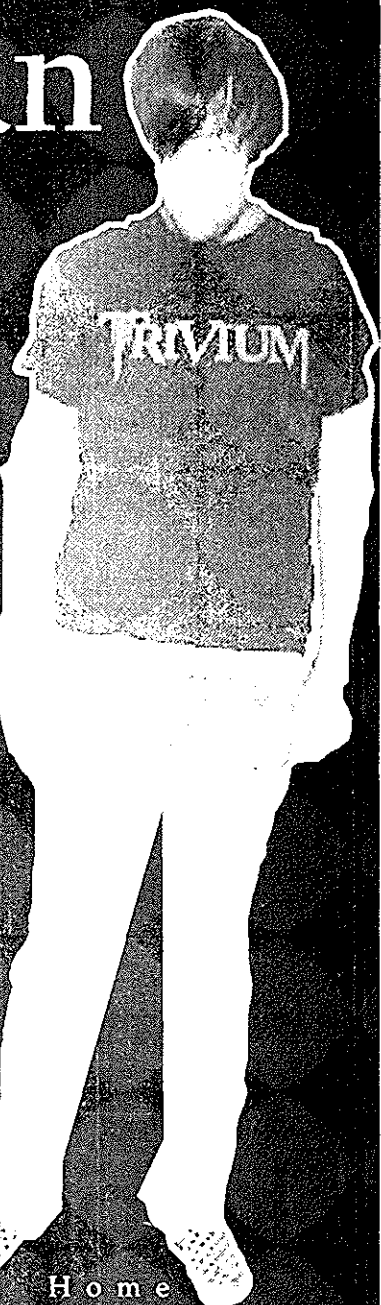
Jessica Olsavsky is a one-year veteran of the retail wars at the aforementioned establishment, and in that store it's quite common to see members of the emo subculture. Unfortunately, a lack of selection keeps them from cornering the emo market.

"Some guys can get away with it, but not all of them," Olsavsky said. "Usually guys wearing a five to a nine in girls' size look good when it's a little loose and not skin tight. A good cut jean can make anybody look good."

"I bought my first pair at Sears," Johnston said. "The main stores are usually Sears, American Eagle and sometimes Charlotte Russe. I don't go to Hot Topic because they don't have much of a selection."

Emo is simply a fad. A trend. A fashion. And it will die a death similar to the hippie style of the 60s, the disco style in the 70s, the acid-washed denim of the 80s and the thrift store look of the 90s. It will remain in the underground until it is accepted by the mainstream. When that happens, expect to see guys in girls' pants walking up and down the catwalks of our nation's sexiest fashion hot spots.

"It's just a phase like everything else," Johnston said. "The look is emo. The gauged ears, emo. The hair: emo. The tight pants: emo. I was at a show of a band called Between



Home and Serenity and the singer was wearing girls' pants. I saw him and was like

"All right, I wanna be like this."

Perfect in it's simplicity. So, I didn't get what I wanted. There's no underlying social message, no hidden elements of transvestism, and not an inkling of a current market for this style...yet. But, at the very least I've found that most ultra-alternative fashion can be instantly linked to rock 'n' roll, which makes me wonder what the next big counter-culture wave will be after emo rolls back into the chaotic ocean of hip fashion. Then I begin to wonder, and fear...

We're not due for an 80s revival — are we?

COMMENTARY

Say it loud, tall and proud

By: Bob Mackey
 COLUMNIST

You may not see our faces — possibly, only our torsos — but we're there. In the factories and businesses of America, from the lowly slaughterhouses to the more distinguished chipped beef canneries. We're at home, hanging mini-blinds and helping our love ones retrieve things from the top shelves of closets. We may not be sure why they need a Lite-Brite that has been in storage since 1986, but we don't ask questions; we've learned that while we may be mocked, they depend on us for our differently-abled abilities. Despite qualities that some would call "extraordinary," we are marginalized and shoved down into a world that doesn't fit us. We find ourselves pushed up against a sort of "glass ceiling," and while we do not find job promotion at all difficult, the ceilings where we work are uncomfortably low and have no place in metaphors. We are the tall.

Yes, you may be shocked that I am tall; our people are allowed to write just as much as short or "average" American citizens can. If this shocks you, a poll taken by scientists states that one out of every six people are considered tall by the standards of scientists who enjoy taking polls. That's nearly half of the world's population! In fact, you may be tall yourself. I know it must be hard, with your parents forcing you to attach shoes to your knees and walk around like the Tim Conway character Dorf since your last major growth spurt, but you don't need to hide behind the identity of an extremely obscure direct-to-video geriatric comedian anymore! It's time to stand up —

making sure that there are no cupboards or awnings overhead first — and realize the problems of a world that challenge our people on a daily basis.

To show the eternal struggle of the tall, we begin in the bathroom. While it is a place of convenience, comfort and light reading for most people, for the tall it is a never-ending rollercoaster ride of shame and discomfort. Take a look at your average bathroom sink; while it may be the perfect level for you, for the tall it sits about crotch-level. Now, if bathroom sinks were made for washing crotches, we would have it made. Unfortunately, hygiene concerns and public decency laws prevent this sort of behavior, so a normal trip to the sink for the tall involves a lot of uncomfortable stooping and the inevitable spray of water hitting us on the front of our pants. This is a warning to all of you out there; if you encounter a tall that doesn't look like they peed themselves, then it's very clear that they don't wash their hands and are disgusting.

This same bathroom discomfort also carries over to the tub. It's my estimation that the designs for all tubs were finalized before humans were able to grow more than four-foot-tall, because there is no way that any person can actually fit in a bathtub as intended. The tall who dare skirt danger and attempt to take a bath find that at most only 20 percent of their bodies can be submerged at one time, with the rest of their parts sticking out of the water at abominable angles. The shower offers a little more comfort, but visiting the showers of friends and hotels means that we are greeted by neck or shoulder level shower heads; the games of shower limbo we tall have to

play to get fully clean are so embarrassing that they're incriminating in most Northern states.

It's true that most of us don't spend our time in the bathroom; this fact would be a relief to the tall if we didn't face shame nearly everywhere else our genitals weren't exposed, and on campus this is especially hard. Sitting, one of the ways the tall have been able to fit in with their non-tall peers, is tragically made impossible by the grade school desks that our campus feels are entirely appropriate for a student body who no longer drinks juice out of boxes or the coveted Capri-Sun pouch. Should one of the tall manage to find a way to fit into one of these desks comfortably while surrounded by other students, escape is akin to untangling a balled-up string of Christmas lights. And if the tall find enough clearance for the simple act of crossing their legs, past tragedies involving head trauma of the people in nearby desks caused by the whipping around of gangly limbs makes the tall to rethink this basic act of comfort.

Yet, this is the world I was boxed into, and I have no choice but to tolerate it. But we tall should be recognized. In fact, as I am forced to duck under the diversity flags strewn about campus, I think, "Why not me?" For an organization that recognizes you only by physical characteristics, or a shirt that tells people you are gay, I feel left out. Why can't I be part of their bland, vague goal? Unfortunately, the battles of the tall are mostly unknown to the general public. Just remember this the next time you scoff at the outrageous salaries of NBA basketball players; because of their stature,



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their lives are a waking nightmare. While we may lead vastly different lives, we raise our fists in solidarity.

"Say it loud. Tall and proud."

Bob Mackey has a poorly-Xeroxed manifesto he would like to sell you. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.