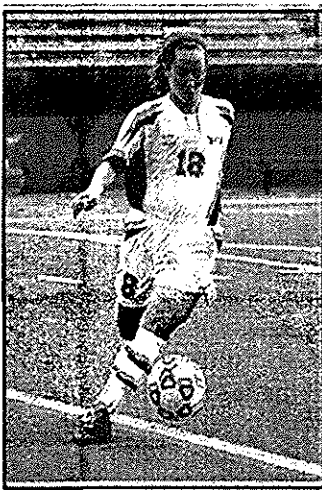


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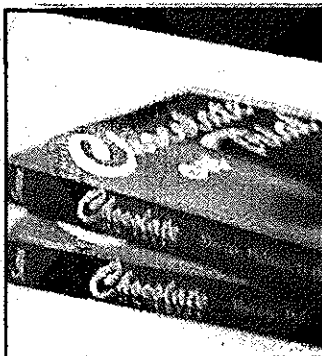
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In Brief

Kuwaiti official to speak on campus

Issa M. Al-Own will speak about Kuwait's role in securing energy supplies to the world on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. in the Humphrey Room of Kilcawley Center. Al-Own is Kuwait's Undersecretary-minister of oil and has been involved in numerous high positions regarding oil control since the liberation of Kuwait in 1991. The speech is open to the public.

Lane to visit SMARTS

Percussionist Johnny Lee Lane will visit the SMARTS Center at Powers Auditorium on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 7-8 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Lane, the director of education for Remo Inc., will also hold a percussion clinic on Friday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bliss Hall.

Poetry Center ready for 2005-06 series

The Poetry Reading Center will kick off its 2005-06 reading series with poets Roger Craik and Keven Walzer 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 in the Humphrey Room of Kilcawley Center. For more information, visit www.ysu.edu/poetry-center/reading_series.html.

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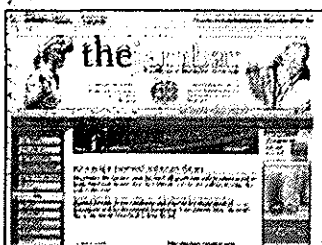
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Negotiations panel named

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University President David Sweet announced the names of a seven-member panel designed to study the recent contract negotiations and resulting strikes of the Association of Classified Employees and Ohio Educators Association yesterday.

The panel's purpose is to improve labor-management relations and the collective bargaining process on campus, a YSU news release stated. Sweet asked that the panel make recommendations for the process by the end of the year.

The panel will begin meeting every Friday, starting Oct. 21.

The panel's members are both

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—YSU Provost Robert K. Herbert

internal and external to YSU. It is being chaired by YSU Provost and vice-president of academic affairs, Robert K. Herbert.

The panel's other members include John Pogue, a current member of YSU's Board of Trustees, chair of the board's internal affairs committee and an attorney partner in the law firm of Harrington, Hoppe and Mitchell, Ltd.; Eugenia Atkinson, executive director of the Youngstown Metropolitan Housing

Authority, and a former chair of the YSU Board of Trustees; Jim Graham, president of United Auto Workers Local 1112, and a YSU graduate; Dennis Haines, a labor lawyer in Youngstown and partner in the law firm of Green, Haines, Sgambati Co.; James Morrison, retired professor and former chair of psychology at YSU and former chair of YSU Academic Senate; Tom Shipka, professor and chair of philosophy and religious studies at YSU and current

chair of Academic Senate.

Sweet said in the news release that strained labor-management relations were not unique to YSU's campus. He said that as operating budgets become tighter and employees are asked to share in the growing cost of benefits such as health care, tension has arisen in a number of campuses statewide and nationally. According to Sweet, the panel will seek input from YSU employees, union leaders and others.

Herbert said that the panel would like to hear from three separate groups while considering recommendations: administration, employees and the public. He said that people with comments may

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WRTA

WRTA goes to the vote

By: Eric Grosso
FEATURES REPORTER

Many people in the area who rely on the Western Reserve Transit Authority may have to find another ride if Youngstown voters turn down a pair of levies that provide 30 percent of WRTA's operating budget this November.

"We really don't have any other way to get around right now," Kate Anderson said while riding a WRTA bus.

She started using WRTA last March when she and her husband moved into a downtown apartment. With her husband traveling to work in Akron with their only car, Kate uses WRTA to travel to Boardman to pick up baby supplies and shop.

"We can only afford one car right now, so this is pretty much my only option when my husband goes to work," said Anderson. Kathy pays \$1 for the ride, less than the amount of money she would pay for gas.

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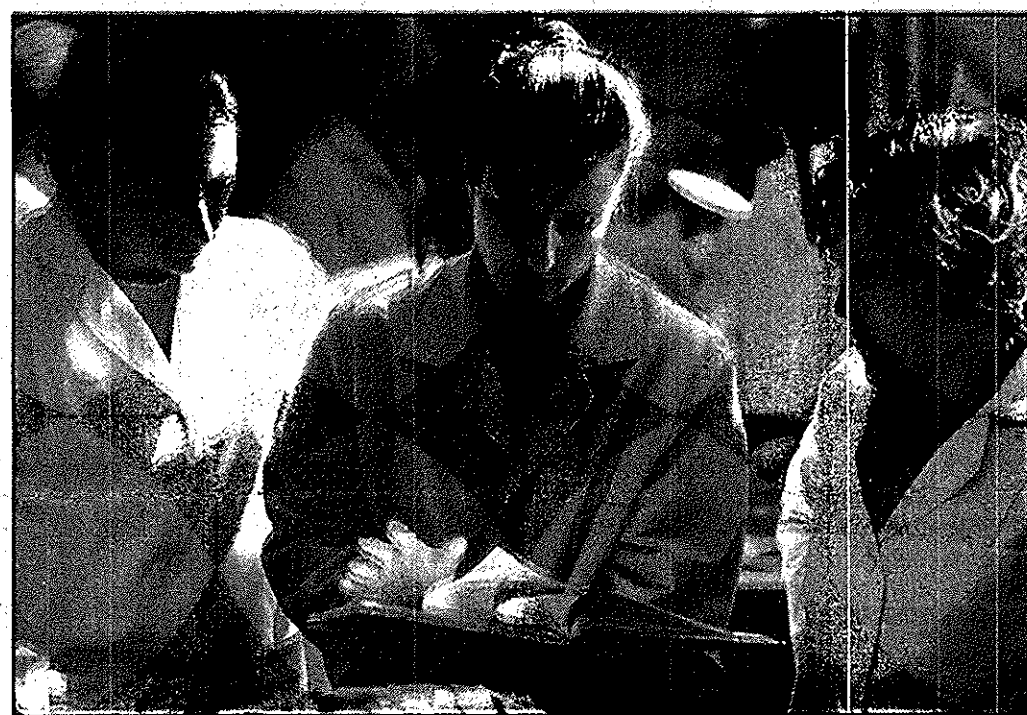


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Washington State University first-year veterinary-medicine students Johanna Deking, left, and Jessie Ziegler, right, work with Dr. Briedi Gillespie. Women students outnumber their male counterparts three to one at WWSU's veterinary college in Pullman, Washington.

Campus gender gap: Progress or problem?

By: Nick Perry
KRT CAMPUS

SEATTLE — When Dr. Terri Schneider was a pre-veterinary student in Ohio 30 years ago, she and her mentor were called to a farm one day to treat a cow that had problems with its uterus.

But when she got there, the surprised farmer insisted the operation was not for a woman's eyes. He refused to allow Schneider into the barn. Humiliated, she waited in the truck while her male mentor operated on the animal.

Now Schneider is a veterinary-medicine instructor at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., where a

program once dominated by men has reversed so dramatically that three quarters of the students are women.

And the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program there is only one example of a gender shift in higher education that has taken place across the country.

In 1975, women constituted 45 percent of all U.S. college students. This year, they represent 57.6 percent. The U.S. Department of Education estimates that, by 2014, women will earn 60 percent of all bachelor's degrees and will earn a majority of professional and doctoral degrees. Yet U.S. Census figures show 51 percent

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THEFT

Cushwa theft suspect arrested

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

Police arrested a former Youngstown State University cleaning employee who is a suspect in a robbery last week in Cushwa Hall.

Jake Turner, 48, of Youngstown, was arrested on Thursday and charged in Youngstown Municipal Court with one count of breaking and entering, YSU Police Sgt. Mike Cretella said yesterday.

The suspect was released from Mahoning County Jail within 24 hours, due to overcrowding, Cretella said. He added that Turner could go to court within a week. A police report states that Turner is a suspect in several thefts of YSU property.

When police arrested Turner, he was found possessing a YSU Cleaning identification tag and as well as keys reportedly taken from the office of James Andrews in Ward Beecher Hall. The keys unlock four rooms in Ward Beecher as well as a number of lockers, cabinets and laboratories. The report said the keys provided access to rooms that were illegally entered.

Cretella said that Turner was a former employee with a company that does contract cleaning on YSU's campus, Johnson and Gordon. Turner's employment at the company was terminated after a background check revealed that he had a theft on his record. Cretella said the company did not collect Turner's cleaning ID after ending his employment, though he was told not to return to YSU property.

A supervisor from Johnson and Gordon could not be reached for a comment.

The call came into campus police from the Environmental and

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COMING OUT

YSUnity ready for Coming Out Day

By: Katie Libecco
COPY EDITOR

YSUnity, Youngstown State University's gay/straight alliance, hopes to build and show support of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community through National Coming Out Day, which is officially today.

"This is the one day of the year that we can say, 'Yes, we're here,'" Christy Campf, president of YSUnity, said. "It's a great day to get support and let people know, 'It's okay."

"We're here to support you."

The first National Coming Out Day was held Oct. 11, 1988, in commemoration of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. This year's national theme is "Talk About It."

"We're going to have information tables set up in Kilcawley's main lobby, with lots of information for everyone," YSUnity co-advisor Sandra Stephan said. "We'll do that both Tuesday and Wednesday."

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HISPANIC

Campus celebrates Hispanic Heritage

By: Katie Libecco
COPY EDITOR

English and Spanish voices melded together Friday over Spanish background music in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room as students, faculty, staff and community members celebrated Hispanic Heritage Awareness Month at Youngstown State University.

The event featured displays from different Hispanic influences in the Mahoning Valley, highlighted achievements made by Hispanics and featured

speakers including Denise Rodriguez-Lopez, the deputy director of the White House Initiative on Excellence for Hispanic Americans.

The focal point of Rodriguez-Lopez's speech was to inform the community on the success of President's Bush's No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Rodriguez-Lopez said NCLB has been a driving force in the closure of the educational achievement gap between white and

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Transporting more than 1.5 million riders last year, WRTA has seen a steady increase in passengers, about 9 percent last year. They have also upgraded their busses to better accommodate handicapped and senior citizen riders while renovating Federal Station downtown, including improvements on heating and air conditioning, lighting, parking and security.

"If the levies do not pass, we will have to make significant cuts," Jim Ferraro, executive director of WRTA, said.

Ferraro said he didn't know if, or how many, of the 100 WRTA jobs would be eliminated or what routes would change or stop, but said definite changes would have to be made if the money wasn't there. He noted that out of their 33 bus routes, less traveled routes would be cut and others routes would run less frequently.

A few YSU students told The Jambar

they don't want to deal with the situation if it were to come up.

"I can find a ride some days, but there'd be no way I could get to campus other days," said freshman Monique Warnan, who travels a few times a week to campus from Niles using WRTA.

"I guess I'd just have to stop coming to school," Warnan joked.

Starting last year, WRTA began providing on campus bus service to YSU students. The vote could determine if students will have a ride from their dorm or University Courtyard Apartment, or a long walk.

"Walking in 10 degree weather from the courtyard to Cushman for class? I don't think so," said University Courtyard resident Ronald Kins. He walked to class last winter, but was relieved when the shuttle service started, replacing his 8 a.m. journey with a

warm five-minute ride. Many campus residents don't use the shuttle during the spring and summer, but depend on it for rides in the harsh Ohio winter.

The levy could also affect the Youngstown economy, with Ferraro noting that nearly 50 percent of riders depend on WRTA when traveling between home and work. David Allia depends on the ride from South Avenue to the Federal Station to his job at YSU for Johnson & Gordon cleaning. The trip is only around 3 miles, but Allia said WRTA saves him some cash.

"I don't have the cash for a car, and there's no way I'd pay for gas with all my other bills," Allia said, noting that he spends about \$6 a week to get to and from YSU using WRTA.

"I hope they don't have to cut any of the routes. How else would I get to work?" Allia asked.

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either submit them in writing or by meeting with the panel. He said that the panel will also set up an e-mail account to receive ideas.

Herbert said the panel will study campuses who have had similar labor-management problems to determine how they progressed.

He said the panel hadn't begun its fact-finding yet, but there was an informal consensus among many on campus that there was a need for better communication between the two groups.

Herbert added that, while people were free to offer their input, the panel wishes that either group would stay away from blaming the other for the contract problems.

"Let's move on to a place that's productive rather than the swamp that we're used to being in," Herbert said.

Christine Domhoff,

President of the ACE union at YSU said that she hoped students would comment to the panel as well.

She said that all the members of the panel were well-respected but she had a "slight" reservation about one of the board members, Pogue, being a current YSU Trustee. Domhoff said she hoped that wouldn't hurt his objectivity in making recommendations to the president.

Julia Gergits, president of the OEA union on campus, said her union would be interested in the report the panel makes to Sweet and that she was happy the president was taking actions to improve labor-management relations on campus. She said her union would cooperate with the panel if needed.

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of adults under 35 are men.

Some experts worry the trend could lead to a generation of men who are unable to compete in careers or have meaningful relationships with better-educated women.

But others point out that women still face many disadvantages in society.

"Do I think it's doomsday for the male gender? No," said Jacqueline King, a director at the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C. "I look around the world, and it seems to me that men are still in charge."

Either way, the statistics are prompting some colleges to rethink their recruiting policies.

When women's college enrollment first caught up with men's about 25 years ago, it was seen as a victory for women and a good thing for everyone. But since then, anemic growth in male enrollment and continuing success for women has been quickly widening the gap.

The source of the growing divide is hotly debated. Some experts say it's because girls tend to do better in school from an early age and mature faster. Or they attribute it to more female teachers. Others say it's because it's more socially acceptable for boys to do poorly in school.

"Girls and boys are fundamentally different animals, they learn in different ways, and we are not dealing with those differences," said Tom Mortenson, a senior scholar at the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education, in Washington, D.C. "We tend to treat all children equally. Girls on the whole look like good students, while boys are not engaged in learning."

But King, of the American Council on Education, said her research shows the gender gap also is tied to race and class. The gender gap widens as family income decreases.

When young, low-income men don't go on to college, they still can get relatively well-paying jobs on construction sites or in warehouses, for example, King said. Low-income women, on the other hand, often are left facing a future of minimum-wage retail jobs.

"That woman is just as concerned about paying for college, but she has an economic imperative more pressing than

the male student," King said. "That's really important."

Some occupations for women that traditionally required only high-school education, such as secretarial work, now often require college, King added.

The gender gap is significantly wider among African-Americans. Part of the problem is that black men have been dropping out of high school in record numbers, said Obie Clayton, chairman of the sociology department at Morehouse College in Atlanta, an all-male, predominately black college.

"The teachers are over 80 percent female," he said. "When you have white females trying to teach inner-city men, their styles don't fit."

The worry for Mortenson, of the Pell Institute, is that the days are gone when "big, strong men" could earn middle-class wages in logging, farming and manufacturing jobs.

"You have to have education and training to qualify for the best-paying jobs out there," he said. "The women seem to understand that message, and the men don't. It's already creating difficul-

ties in relationships, he said. With thousands more educated women, many will not find a "college-educated man to marry when they'd really like to marry a man of equivalent education," he said.

Even if leaders begin today to address the gap, it could take decades to turn around, he laments. But it has been a hard point to sell.

"There's no political oxygen for this," he said. "Women have crowded men out from gender issues."

Other experts don't think the gender gap is a problem. They point to the continuing struggles women face.

Men continue to dominate top-paying fields such as engineering and business. They are well-represented at Ivy League schools, and capture most of the top academic jobs. And in the work force, men continue to earn more than equally educated women.

At private colleges, where the gender gap is greatest, some suggest that men prefer the athletics and hard sciences of public schools. Or they suggest that parents often feel their daughters will be safer at smaller, private schools. Whatever the reasons,

administrators at private colleges have been looking for ways to balance the flood of women students.

At Seattle University, where 60 percent of students are women, the gender divide is a source of constant discussion, said Mike McKeon, the dean of admissions. He said the college wants to attract more men, but not in a way that discriminates against women.

At the larger public universities, where the gap is smaller, there has been less inclination to act.

"As it becomes more out-of-kilter it may become a primary concern, but currently it is not," said Philip Ballinger, the director of admissions at the UW. "We are more concerned about access from a socioeconomic point of view."

Experts seem to agree that the real answers will be found in elementary and high schools. King urges colleges to mentor boys in middle school to make sure they are on a track for college. Clayton believes more male teachers would help.

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OUR SIDE

Dann's reforms on right track

Like many Democrats around the country, Ohio Sen. Marc Dann tastes blood — Republican blood.

From Texas to Ohio, Republicans are on the ropes. A flurry of scandals has left the party battered and bruised, reeling but not yet knocked out.

In Washington, former House Majority Leader Tom Delay, Presidential Adviser Karl Rove, and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist are all caught up in a flurry of legal woes.

In Columbus, Gov. Bob Taft is out on his feet with an almost statistically impossible 15 percent approval rating after the investigation into a \$50 million rare coins investment scandal in the Bureau of Workers' Compensation led to his conviction for accepting free golf outings and other trips from political donors.

Since the investment scandal first broke, Dann has shown a willingness to throw as many left hooks as it takes to win the battle against corrupt and hypocritical Ohio Republicans.

Dann's tireless and vocal criticisms of the "Coingate" investment scandal have provided a voice to Ohio's taxpayers and injured workers who were swindled by Tom Noe, a top Republican donor and the shady investor at the heart of the scandal.

Dann's latest laudable efforts in his fight against political corruption involve supporting the Reform Ohio Now group, and he is proposing legislation to limit campaign contributions from contractors who go into business with the state of Ohio.

Reform Ohio Now has placed four reform-minded initiatives on the November ballot. Respectively, they call for all Ohioans to be allowed to vote by mail up to 35 days before an election, for a reduction in campaign contributions from special interests, for an end to gerrymandering by creating an independent panel to draw up fair electoral districts and for the creation of a bi-partisan board of supervisors to oversee elections—a stark contrast to the current system under Ken Blackwell, Ohio's secretary of state, head of elections and an unabashed partisan Republican.

Dann has taken a stand against Ohio First, a group opposed to Reform Ohio Now's ballot initiatives, warning that he "will not hesitate to speak out loudly and often if it becomes apparent that Ohio First is nothing more than an arm of the Republican pay-to-play operation in which contributions made to the anti-reform campaign are rewarded in the General Assembly, by members of the executive branch or by statewide officeholders," according to the Dayton Daily News.

Dann is also sponsoring a piece of reform legislation aimed at capping campaign contributions at \$250 for state contractors for two years before a contract is awarded and throughout the duration of the contract.

The current law sets the cap at \$1,000 in the two years prior to a contract; however, contractors are free to fund a future campaign immediately after receiving the contract. Tom Noe used this loophole to donate \$2,000 to Taft just weeks after receiving approval for his rare coins investment scheme in 1998.

The Toledo Blade quoted Dann last month as saying, "There's a real inability, it appears, on the part of the contracting executive agencies in the state to know the difference between right and wrong, to balance the responsibilities of office to the demands of campaign fund raising."

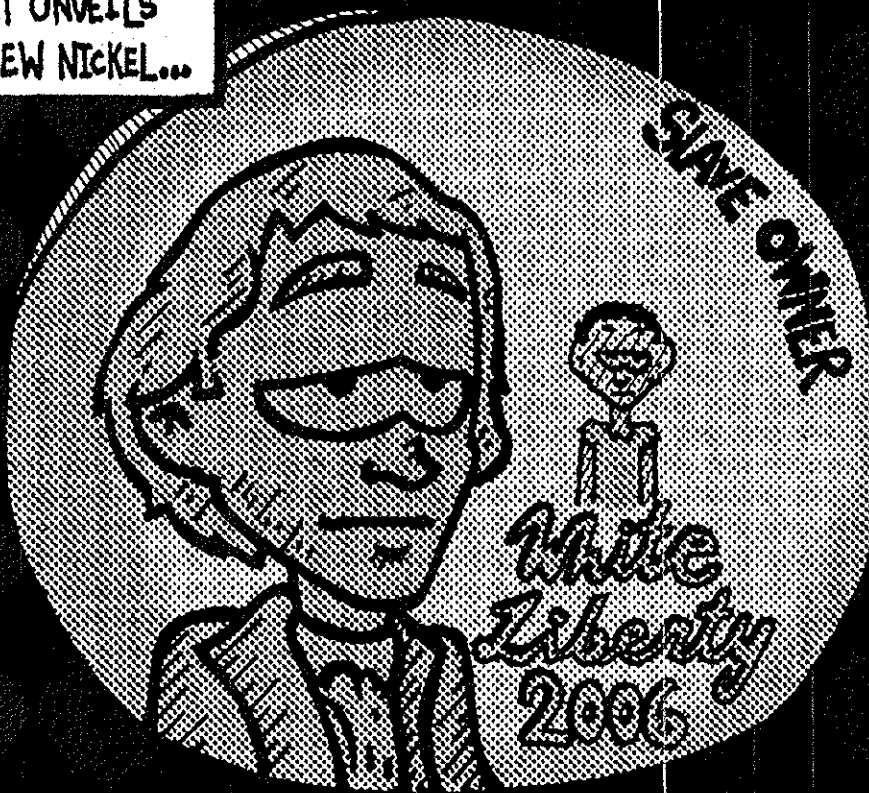
Dann's biting moral critiques are dead on. If Ohio is to knock out its culture of corruption, hypocrisy and political pay-offs, deep-seeded change must happen now.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intelligent design is a pseudo-science

Editor:
In a letter dated Oct. 6 entitled "Intelligent design is intelligent thought," an esteemed friend and colleague has once again demonstrated that one can be highly educated without understanding much about science and the scientific method.

His defense of "intelligent design" as a scientific alternative to evolution and one that is not religiously inspired, is both tragic and terribly wrong. IDism is the latest mutation of the "Genesis Is Science" belief that has evolved out of Christian fundamentalism.

However, the Bible also tells us that the Earth is flat and the Sun revolves about it. If the good professor can accept the fact that the Earth orbits the Sun, he might just as well get over his creation conundrum and accept the fact of the evolution of life and the universe.

In the beginning (A.K.A. 330-1400 CE), Christianity ruled the West; this was known as the Dark Ages. The human intellect and rationality were eclipsed by blind faith. Anyone who disagreed with the Church was tortured and/or burned at the stake, something Galileo narrowly avoided because his personal fame had spread throughout Europe. The Pentateuch was believed to be factually accurate, and people all over the continent believed on the basis of Lev. 11:6 that the rabbit chewed its cud ("Weak is the faith that hangs by a hair").

Slowly, as science evolved and inquiry in all fields was (grudgingly) permitted and even encouraged, humankind began to discover the natural causes for such things as thunder and lightning (not caused by Thor's hammer) and disease (not caused by the devil). But similar old beliefs still held sway in many parts of the world, especially in America.

In the 20th Century, the teaching of biological evolution was first banned in states such as Tennessee, where the Scopes Monkey Trial took place in 1925. These laws were finally ruled unconstitutional in 1968. For the next evolutionary step, the literalists tried to demand equal time for "scientific creationism." These too were ruled unconstitutional in 1981 (Arkansas) and 1987 (Louisiana), so something else was needed to further their religious beliefs.

In the early 1990s, the "wedge strategy" was developed using the hypothesis of "intelligent design" or ID, as it became known. The idea, developed by a California attorney, was to develop a bland and politically correct version of creationism that never mentions God, gods, or a supreme being. Because it appears to be religiously neutral, ID-ism was seen as a chance to wedge Genesis-without-Genesis back into public school and university science classrooms, thus promoting their particular archaic supernatural worldview.

ID-ism is not new; it has a long history going back at least to Thomas Aquinas. William Paley developed the idea further in the early 1800s. So why is it still around? The answer is

because it — and the religion that spawned it — satisfies a very strong psychological need to have certainty in an uncertain world. However, whether or not God exists is not the issue here. The question is whether ID-ism is science, and it is not!

IDism explains nothing and makes no predictions (Yes, I'm familiar with the literature, although it is not to be found in refereed journals). How did the DNA molecule arise? ID (secret code word for the God of Genesis) did it. Why are there no human fossils in Permian strata? ID did it. Why aren't there any living dinosaurs today? ID did it. How did cytochrome-c develop? ID did it. Any time there is a legitimate scientific question, there is no need to investigate it further since (obviously) ID did it. Why? It is not for us to understand the mind of the supreme ID.

"Come on, folks; we can do better than that!" Biological evolution is both a fact and a scientific theory that is supported by a vast convergence of evidence. (As you may have heard, a scientific theory is not simply a wild-eyed guess.) It should not come as a surprise that we still do not know the answers to many scientific questions, and we probably never will. Today, there is much for scientists to investigate. ID-ism is a dead end, its proponents lacking the intellectual honesty to state publicly who or what ID is, as if they didn't care. It is merely the return of the "God of Gaps." If we don't know the answer to a particular question, "God did it! End of discussion!"

Like all pseudo-sciences, it is an attempt at a shortcut to knowledge, but the end result is not knowledge but a short circuit of the intellect. Science is always open to new ideas; however, it is dangerous to be so open minded that one's brains fall out.

Ron Tabak
Physics & Astronomy

Don't judge people on political affiliations

Editor:
It amazes me the attitudes given to those interested in politics. I have spent my life working in politics — in both parties — assisting both sides to achieve goals that I have felt important to the United States, crossing over boundaries

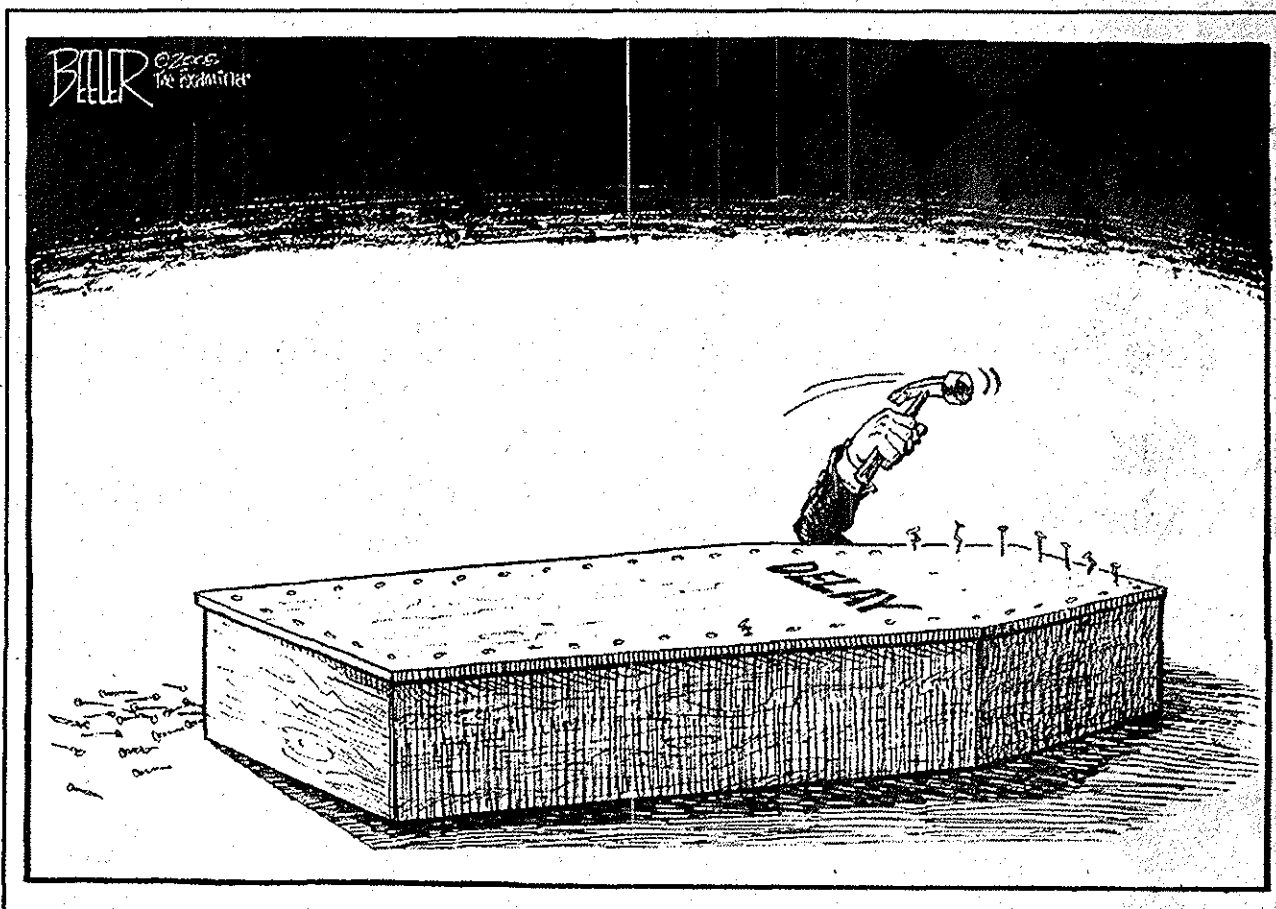
of party limits in order to extend the hand of friendship to accomplish common goals, even though my action was only as a volunteer instead of a policy maker. Yet, it seems people view that loyalty to a job and an ideal as a negative, thinking it must make a person close-minded and ignorant of any other facts, which is usually completely false. Words such as liberal and conservative seem to confuse people bringing about condescending feelings, and unneeded attitudes; and I am probably one of the chief wrongdoers of this offence without even realizing it.

Yet, those in politics have usually used those terms to hold as a banner; for they were not created condescendingly, but to help explain the ideals certain people associate with. Here at Youngstown it has been my experience that respect for politics in general is at an all-time low, where students attack the other side, sometimes not even trying to see both sides of an issue, or even get to know a person and that is unfortunate. I am a collection of ideas and experiences that has made me who I am today just as anyone else in this world. You will never totally agree with something or fit into one specific category totally unless you in fact created it whether that be religion, politics, etc. When you distance someone just because they do not believe the same thing as you do, you miss out on some wonderful people.

I have dated many girls with different political views and they usually have been my most interesting and energetic relationships, and the bulk of my friends totally disagree with my political philosophy and I wouldn't change them, even if I could, because of the different things I have learned from them.

Please, YSU, do not judge people on political ideal or party as we sometimes are all want to do, but view them as people whose experience may differ from yours, and whose standards are against everything you believe, but is still in some way valuable. We all have work to do on this issue, but I feel if we accomplish the goal here at YSU we can be a role model for the nation as to the importance not so much of political titles, but the importance of people in general so that our nation is reaffirmed again as a nation centered around its citizens.

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Hispanic children. "Education is at the root of everything. With education opportunities for better jobs and better healthcare, everything comes back to education levels," Rodriguez-Lopez said.

Rachel Madden, a junior, said she was impressed with the event this year.

"I'm surprised by how much it evolved since last year," she said. "I like it because as a non-Hispanic student, it gave me exposure to the culture."

"The Hispanic culture is diverse," said Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, a YSU professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies. "Unlike Irish and Italian heritages, it comprises of many different backgrounds all tied together by a common language."

Rodriguez-Lopez said not only do the cultures differ

from Spanish speaking country to Spanish speaking country, so do dialects.

"I have to be mindful of the cultural differences within the Hispanic Community," Rodriguez-Lopez said.

Rodriguez-Lopez, who made her first trip to Youngstown for the event, said she noticed how tight knit the Hispanic community is.

"You can see that they are proud of their separate heritages, but you can also see that they blend together quite nicely," said Rodriguez-Lopez, who is of Cuban and Puerto Rican descent.

Dressed in cultural attire, students from East Middle School and Wilson High School presented flags from 20 Spanish-speaking countries and Brazil. Although Portuguese is the official language of Brazil, it is still con-

sidered a Hispanic country.

Since the focus of the celebration is to recognize Hispanic excellence, YSU presented 12 students from East Middle School, Wilson High School, Campbell Memorial High School and YSU with the Hispanic Achievement Award.

Estrella "Starr" Flores and Lana-Monique "Nique" McElrath were this year's honorees from YSU.

In addition to being recognized in the awards ceremony, both were instrumental in bringing the event to YSU, Flores serving as the conference facilitator and McElrath as a member of the planning committee.

While the outreach from the community has improved since last year, McElrath said she would have liked to see more student involvement.

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"We're doing it both days because we realize not everyone has class Tuesday and Wednesday," Campf said.

In addition to information for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students on how to come out; resources for AIDS/HIV treatment and prevention, health department representatives and information on support groups, there will also be information on YSU Safe Zone training at the tables from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

"The whole point of this is to help encourage people who are struggling with their sexual identity. Many people are raised in a culture that isn't necessarily open to it, there are a lot of problems," Stephan said. "The idea of this is to invite people to feel comfortable with their sexual identity."

Both Stephan and Campf were enthusiastic about the impact of National Coming Out Day.

"I would say 'congratulations' and it's great for anyone who comes out. It's a great

day to take that step," Campf said. "National Coming Out Day gives us a day to not put it off anymore, and shows that no one has to do it by themselves."

Stephan saw the same benefits with designating a specific day for coming out.

"It's a very brave and personal decision," Stephan said. "Anyone making that decision needs to know that they are supported and that there is a group on campus willing to help them and do whatever they can to help them."

Campf also said that the event is to help inform others about coming out and help gain support for YSUUnity.

"Our best advice is to be supportive. Even if you're not sure how you feel about it, be there for them," Campf said. "Sometimes they just need someone to talk to who won't judge them. They just need an ear to listen or a shoulder to lean on."

Stephan also noted that National Coming Out Day was being promoted on the electronic marquees across campus, which she said was a

good sign for YSU and the community.

National Coming Out Day will be celebrated at other colleges in Ohio this week.

The Ohio State University will hold workshops and seminars. Ohio University is hosting events all week with a celebration themed, "Far Out!" in honor of National Coming Out Day, including a dance. Case Western Reserve is also featuring a "week" of events, including a barbecue and a film.

Kent State University will host a Coming Out Party; the College of Wooster will hold a drag show and cities such as Dayton and Cleveland will hold celebrations to honor the day.

YSUUnity includes about 30 active members, including faculty and graduate students.

Call Katie Libecco at (330) 941-3758.

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Occupational Health and Safety department in Cushman. The report states that officers were dispatched to Cushman in reference to a subject portraying himself as a cleaning employee.

Cretella said that the subject fled as two officers approached him. The officers chased the man on foot through YSU's campus before apprehending him on Phelps Street, between Wood and Rayen avenues.

Turner's arrest comes after a theft in Cushman last Wednesday. Two cabinets were opened and electronic equipment was removed. One cabinet in room 3029 had been pried open at the hinge and a DVD/VCR player was taken. In room 3028, another DVD/VCR player was removed from a cabinet where the lock was "placed in such a way as to allow opening," the report states. Also missing was an audio mixer, valued at \$700.

The report said an officer

tried lifting fingerprints from the cabinets, but was unable to because of the cabinets' texture.

A theft in James Andrews' office in the Physics and Astronomy Department in Ward Beecher was reported on Sunday Oct. 2. The glass door pane to Andrews' office was found broken out. Drawers in Andrews' desk were found opened. A camera, black bag and a radio were reported missing.

The newer thefts come after a previous theft in Ward Beecher and one in Fedor Hall. On Sept. 26, 11 office windows were found broken out on the fifth floor hall of Ward Beecher. The perpetrator broke the windows and unlocked the doors from the inside to gain access to the rooms. Various electronics were found missing, including three Pioneer Industrial DVD players which were being used in YSU's Planetarium. The value of the DVD players

was approximately \$2,370. Richard Pirko, the planetarium's director, said that the players had to be replaced from the department's budget, due to a YSU's high insurance deductible.

Cretella urged people on campus to keep their offices locked when no one was around. He also asked that people report any suspicious persons they see on YSU's property to campus police.

"If you see someone suspicious around your building, please call us, and give us a decent description when you report it. We can always talk to him. If he belongs in there, fine. If not, we can remove him," Cretella said. Call Bill Rodgers at (330) 941-1989.

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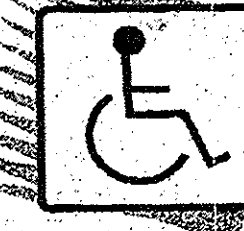
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YSU SOCCER

Soccer team grabs year's first victory

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Head coach for the women's soccer team, Anthony James, has reason to be proud. He also has reason to be optimistic following Saturday's shut-out win over league foe Butler 2-0.

It was the first victory for the Penguins, bringing their overall record to 1-13. They were led offensively by sophomore Brittny Humphrey, who scored both goals.

James credited the offensive output to the whole team and said that it was a complete effort.

"Everyone on that field was part of it," James said. "It was a total, true team effort."

The total team effort that James spoke of included a flawless defensive game played by senior goal keeper Caitlin Bestard, who nullified eight Bulldog shots on goal in her first start of the season.

The Penguins reached the scoreboard early in the game behind a Humphrey goal from five yards out, at 38:51. Her second goal would come in the sixty-seventh minute.

"There are so many things we did to put her in those opportunities," James said of the team's efforts to assist Humphrey in her offensive flurry.

James said the win was instrumental in turning the season around and felt good about the

victory.

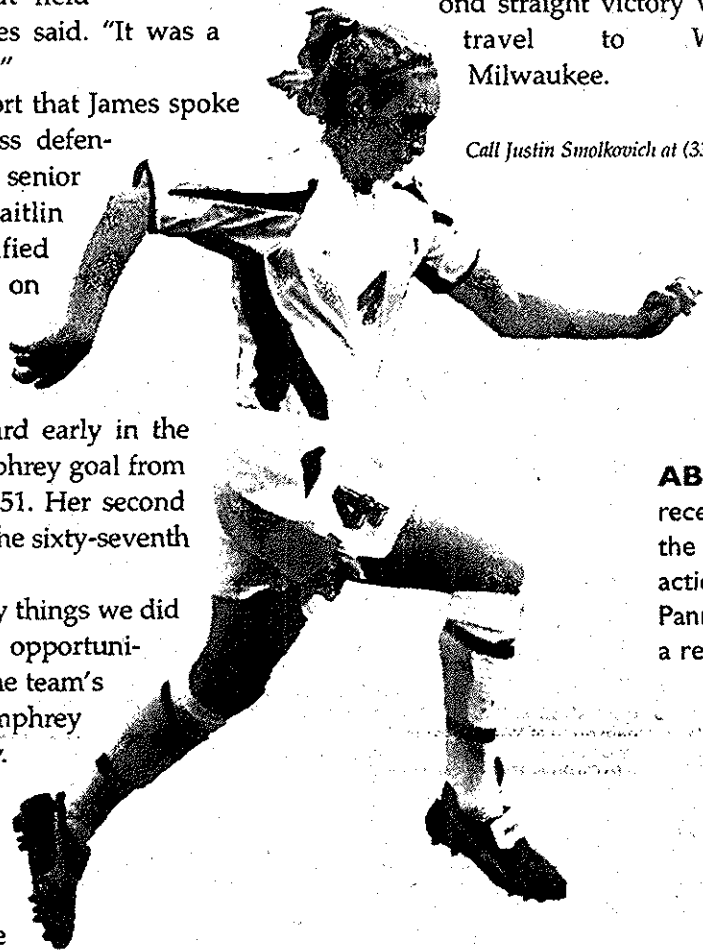
"It feels pretty good," James said. "Getting a win is good, but getting a win against Butler is great. I always say Butler is who we want to be."

James also said that the future is bright for the Penguins, as they will have the core of their players returning in years to come. The Penguins have only six seniors dotting the roster.

"I have always liked our chances from day one. We probably have one of the youngest teams in the country," James said.

The Penguins return to action this Friday. The Penguins will look to grab their second straight victory when they travel to Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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ABOVE: YSU's Jenna Fink heads the ball in recent action. RIGHT: A YSU player fights for the ball with an opposing player during recent action. LEFT: Penguin soccer player Nina Pannoni is shown dribbling the ball downfield in a recent contest.

Photos / Ron Stevens



YSU MEN'S BASKETBALL

Basketball team getting ready for season

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The Jerry Slocum era at Youngstown State is well under way and the Penguin coach is optimistic about where his team can go.

Slocum, entering his first basketball season at YSU, said he believes the hard work during the off-season was just what the Penguins needed in laying the groundwork for a successful season.

"They have done a tremendous job of wanting to learn," Slocum said of his team's work learning the new system. "I think we have made progress; our work ethic has been good."

The Penguins will need that mental toughness when they take the court Nov. 12 in an exhibition game against Geneva College. The Penguins are also looking to erase last year's nightmare season; only five winning games.

Slocum and his staff have also bolstered the roster during the off-season, adding six new faces. Slocum said when the season starts, every player will have a chance to crack the starting lineup and that the three newcomers who are available to play this season will be asked to contribute early.

The three new Penguins who are eligible for play this season and do not have to sit out due to transfer rules are: Keston Roberts, a guard from Brooklyn, N.Y., Jack Liles, a 6-foot-8-inch forward and Mikko Niemi, a point guard from Finland. Niemi was part of the Finnish under-twenty national team.

"All three of those new kids who are eligible to play this year

will play. There's no doubt about that. To what extent, how many minutes, that's yet to be seen, but those guys are going to definitely contribute," Slocum said.

The new additions strengthen the Penguins roster that lost two key seniors in Brian Radakovich and Kerri McQueen. Radakovich averaged 12 points per game last season and recorded a team-high 5.5 rebounds per contest. Radakovich now plays football for the Penguins.

The cupboard is not bare entirely for the Penguins and coach Slocum. Junior guard Quin Humphrey returns after last season. He averaged 14.4 points a game and started all 28 games. The Penguins also return forward John Barber and senior guard Derrick Harris.

Ranking 17th among active coaches in career wins, Slocum said he loved this part of the season, because there is still a chance to get better and to continue to improve.

Slocum will need that winning mentality more than ever this season as many of the Penguins games will be away from the friendly confines of Beeghly Center. The Penguins will play the role of visitor in fifteen games this season while hosting twelve home games.

"For a basketball coach, this is a favorite time of the year. You're still undefeated. You get a chance every day to work with good kids that are hungry to want to get better. Everything is on the up-tick in terms of being positive," Slocum said.

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Finnish import adjusts to YSU

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Undoubtedly, one of the hardest transitions a college athlete has to overcome is traveling away from his or her family, friends and comfort zone, and beginning as a rookie, a newcomer among unfamiliar faces.

The Youngstown State University Men's basketball team has an athlete that made a similar, but more drastic move. Mikko Niemi, a freshman point guard, travelled 4,287 miles to find his new home here in Youngstown.

Niemi (pronounced ME-ko Knee-em-ME) hails from the city of Kangasala, Finland. He is the second player from Finland to play for the Penguins, following in the footsteps of Kimmo Heinonen who played for the Penguins in the early 90s.

Niemi was part of the Finnish Under-20 National Team, which finished eighth out of twenty teams in the European "B" Championships in Bulgaria.

Being far from home has never been a problem for the 6-foot-2-inch point guard as his travels playing in Europe have made him accustomed to life on the road.

"I'm not homesick," Niemi said. "My whole life I have been away from home."

Niemi, 20, who also served one year in the Finnish military, said his new Penguin family has helped him make the transition to America.

"So far, so good," Niemi said about his move half way across the globe. "My teammates have been great helping me get used to everything."

One of the biggest changes Niemi will have to make is the different style of play. Across the nation, from college to the professional ranks, teams are looking overseas to find fundamentally sound players.

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"There are a lot of differences," Niemi said. "The players here are very physical and very athletic. In Europe it is more fundamental."

Niemi is only one of three European players in the Horizon League.

So what brought Niemi across the Atlantic to play basketball for first year coach Jerry Slocum? The answer is a fresh start.

"First of all, they were the first college to contact me. It is a whole new program and a whole new staff," Niemi said. "It has always been my dream to come here and play against the best."

Niemi is also one of Slocum's first recruits at Youngstown State.

Niemi will get that chance to play against the best

when the Penguins take the court this year, and will likely be a huge piece of the puzzle for the Penguins.

Head coach Slocum said he likes the game that Niemi plays and the experience he brings to the court. Not only will Niemi and the Penguins be tested against an ever-challenging Horizon League, but also the schedule boasts tough regional foes such as Kent State and Akron along with a meeting with St. Bonaventure.

"He is a great addition for us and gives us some much-needed help at the point-guard position," Slocum said in a press release. "He has great international experience. Overall, he has a solid total game and is exactly what we needed in terms of backcourt help."

Niemi is one of three newcomers who will be asked to step up for the Penguins when they begin their season Nov. 12 against Geneva in exhibition play. Tip off is set for 7:15 p.m.

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LITERATURE

'Chocolate on Trial' in professor's book

By: Cheryl Thompson
 REPORTER

Lowell J. Satre, a Youngstown State University history professor, signed copies of his new book, "Chocolate on Trial: Slavery, Politics and the Ethics of Business," Monday at the Bookstore in Kilcawley Center.

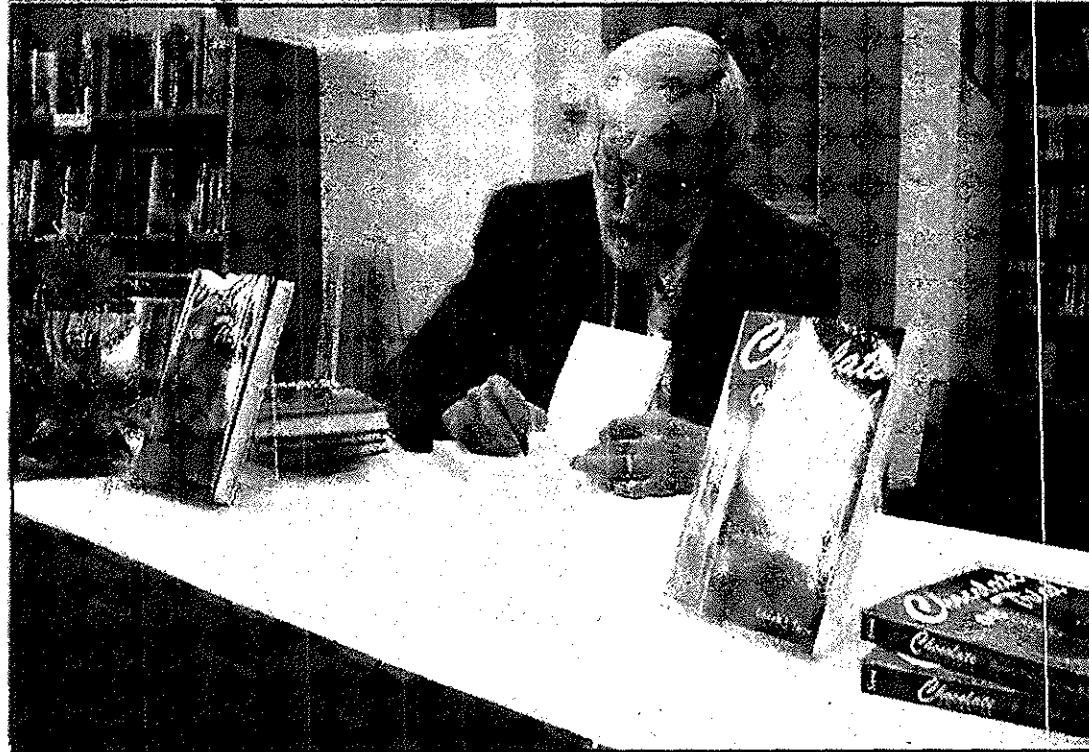
The book delves into an early 20th century trial in which Cadbury Bros. Ltd., a chocolate factory, sued the Standard of London for libel after the paper published articles accusing the chocolate makers of hypocrisy for purchasing cocoa beans that were the product of slave labor.

"It was a highly-publicized trial. It probably received the equivalent amount of press as the O.J. Simpson trial did in the 90s," Satre said.

In England, Cadbury Bros. had a reputation of not only producing quality chocolates, but of being concerned for the factory workers. The company boasted model villages for the employees and a modern factory. Despite the company's image of goodwill toward the workers in its factory in England, the company was using cocoa beans that had been harvested by slaves on the tiny island of Sao Tome, off the coast of West Africa.

When the company learned about the use of slave labor on the plantations, instead of boycotting the cocoa, the company decided to launch investigations. Soon after, the British press published articles accusing the company of profiting from human misery, leading to the 1909 libel trial.

Satre said he found out about the incident while researching old newspapers for another



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YSU history professor Lowell J. Satre signs copies of his new book, "Chocolate on Trial: Slavery, Politics and the Ethics of Business," Monday at the Kilcawley Bookstore. The book details an early 20th century trial involving Cadbury Bros. Ltd.

book he was writing and spent six years working on the book, taking a sabbatical from 1999 to 2000 to visit the island nation.

The book includes photos from his visit and compares them with photos taken from the early 1900s.

"It was remarkably the same as it was 95 years earlier," Satre said.

Prior to the 1920s, 20 percent of the world's chocolate was made from cocoa beans grown in Sao Tome, a small island roughly the size of Mahoning County. The

island, located off the coast of West Africa near Angola was discovered by the Portuguese in the 1470s and was completely uninhabited.

Europeans didn't start growing cocoa in Africa and islands near Africa until the 1800s. Because there was no one living on Sao Tome, the plantation owners decided to import slaves from Angola.

Conditions were deplorable, according to Satre's book. The slaves were kept shackled and there were harsh punishments for trying

to escape.

"The authorities would form a posse to go after the escapees. When slaves were caught attempting to flee, they were made examples of, they would be publicly lashed by elephant or rhinoceros hide whips," Satre said.

Satre added the conditions were not the big issue, slavery was.

"It doesn't matter how conditions are, slavery is slavery and it is illegal," Satre said.

Sao Tome no longer produces cocoa, and Satre said in 2000, it was listed as the number one most indebted nation. The collapse of the cocoa plantations came about because of space restrictions and increased competition from growers from the Ivory Coast in Africa, where the plantations used wage labor.

"Wage labor, it turns out is less expensive than slave labor, they don't have to provide workers with housing or food, it's cheaper to pay them," Satre said.

Satre said corporations are facing comparable issues today.

"With globalization, it's difficult for companies and consumers to know how their raw materials were produced," Satre said. "The same things are still going on."

He points out that Nestle and two brokers, Archer Daniels Midland and Cargill, are on trial charged with aiding and abetting in the kidnapping of children from Mali to work in their cocoa plantations.

The book raises questions about business ethics and corporate responsibility, he said, adding he felt companies today could learn from the mistakes Cadbury made almost a century ago.

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PLAY REVIEW

'Sisters' takes off at the Oakland

By: Katie Libecco
 COPY EDITOR

Youngstown State University professor L.J. Tessier's directing debut, "The Sisters Rosensweig" premiered at the Oakland Center for the Arts this weekend.

"The Sisters Rosensweig" was written by Wendy Wasserstein, who also authored the book "The Heidi Chronicles." Tessier, also the president of the Oakland's Board of Directors, said the show deals with the lives of successful middle-age Jewish women and their identity issues.

Be warned — "The Sisters Rosensweig" has no plot. It is based on a birthday party at Sara Rosensweig's London home, and allows the audiences to peer into the characters' lives.

"There is no narration to the audience. There's no big moment or crisis," Tessier said.

The sisters are played by Linda Chiaccarino-Metts as Sara, Geri Dewitt-Tichnor as Dr. Gorgeous Teitelbaum and Ellen Licitra as Pfeni Rosensweig.

One would never know Metts, a YSU graduate, hasn't been on the stage since college. Tichnor's hilarious portrayal of Dr. Gorgeous Teitelbaum is responsible for many of the show's laughs and the casting of Licitra was a brilliant decision. What is most striking about their performances was their ability to express complicated emotions powerfully and clearly.

Tom O'Donnell appeared

as Geoffrey Duncan, whose energy and humor pushes the show beyond most area productions. C. Richard Haldi was amicable and delightful as Mervyn Kant, who becomes a love interest of Sara's.

Harold Davis, the treasurer of Oakland's board of directors, made his acting debut as Nicolas Pym, the straight-laced and uptight English gentleman. His ability to play a straight part amid humor is respectable and entertaining in itself.

YSU instructor Brooke Stanina appeared as Tess Goode, Sara's daughter and Jonathan Emerson was perfectly cast as Tom Valiunus, Tess's high school boyfriend. Their flawless portrayal of innocence provides insight on a young and pure relationship, for both the cast and the audience. Emerson proves his ability to outstandingly play character parts like few others. His comedic timing adds to quick one-line quips.

Although the show has a serious tone, the cast uses humorous moments to their fullest, highlighting the romantic and light-heartedness aspects of "Sisters Rosensweig." The sincere portrayal of real characters made every emotion heart-felt and powerful.

At the end of the night, "The Sisters Rosensweig" is a great way to escape from reality for a few minutes, to peer into lives of others, while providing interesting perspectives to reflect on the power of relationships and life.

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COMMENTARY

Two reasons nature hates you

By: Bob Mackey
 COLUMNIST

We all say that we like nature. Yes, trees are pretty, flowers are pretty and even bears can be pretty, as long as they're not within disemboweling distance. As Americans, though, we can only tolerate nature for so long before we have to retreat back to our habitats full of recycled air and various devices that beam cancer rays into our squishy bodies. As we peer our windows — which is difficult to do thanks to the glare from said TVs — we can only imagine what's looking back at us from that dirty green-carpeted area that we call "outside." While Mr. Squirrel up in that oak tree may have cute little eyes and an angel face, his head contains the eyes of a cold-blooded murderer and the face of a vile madman. The simple truth is that nature wants us dead.

Luckily for us, animals are stupid. Heck, most of the time they're preoccupied with feeding themselves and coitus, so their pre-programmed nature assassin plans never come to fruition. Next to stupidity, domestication is another battle that we're currently winning in the war against nature. If we see an animal we like, or one that would compliment our handbag, we point at it, the animal is castrated and it becomes a "pet." Take that, nature!

Yet, while we have fenced off, humiliated, and/or eaten most of nature, there exists a few animals on this planet which are proof that if there is a god, this omniscient force wants us eaten in horrible ways. There are quite a few animals put on earth whose job is to do just that, and I'm calling for their wholesale extinction. Humans have wiped out cool animals like dodo birds and giant sloths off of the face of the earth, so I figure it's about time to use our evil powers for "good" this time. Also, I'm bitter about not being able to ride a giant sloth to campus every day.

Let's start with sharks, the assholes of the sea. The only part of them that's useful to anyone is their fins, which are used in soups for rich white businessmen and aphrodisiacs for Asian ones. This fin with such a marginal use, is sadly attached to a malevolent killing machine that doesn't even have the common decency to be a mammal. Here's a shark fun fact for you: Sharks are capable of eating each other in the womb. And when sharks give birth to their horrible babies, the young just swim away, never to see their terrible mommy ever again.

You know, the dolphins are right to judge this kind of awful parenting. If you're a fish and you're going to go to the trouble of having a live birth, you could at least stick around for a few minutes, if only to tell your spawn how to run the ocean for everyone, since that's basically all sharks do.

The next animal on my hit list is one most of you have probably never heard of, mainly because Africa is the only country that it louses up. I recently watched a TV special on this abomination, and I was so terrified that I called Africa and told them, "Get out! Your country is booby-trapped!" No one listened to me, however, and the siatu ant is still allowed to roam freely in that continent for reasons unbeknownst to me.

I don't know about you, but if I was living in a country that regularly had 20 million ants going on murder marches, I would get the heck out and go somewhere safer, such as a minefield in Afghanistan. Being the repugnant nasties that they are, the siatu regularly go on these aforementioned murder marches, with the bigger ants forming an impenetrable barrier of ant defense for the smaller ones to scurry between. This may inspire cries of "How cute!" until they start devouring your chickens and any newborn babies that happen to be loafing around. The siatu's wave of death destroys anything in its path, and when we're talking 20 million ants, that's horror movie material right there, folks. So why have we not developed ant-fighting robots to take on this menace that has no purpose in this world but to spread pain? I guess scientists are too busy doing things like "fighting cancer" and "curing AIDS," but I bet if these scientists were covered in ants they would change their tune.

Perhaps the most horrific element of the siatu life is that of the males who are lucky enough to float around, doing nothing but building up a supply of sperm, much like most human males. When the death marches start a-rolling, however, these poor schmoes are drawn into this conveyor belt of madness. Instead of being gently carried to the queen for lovin', these unfortunate souls are paralyzed by the smaller ants, which then carry the male's mutilated body to the queen for unspeakable atrocities to take place. Now tell me that there's a god.

I wish that I could bring you more, but sharks and the siatu are two things you should worry most about in your lives. And while the fact that these animals are either in Africa or the ocean may help you sleep at night, just think: What if the siatu made a land bridge to America, and carried some sharks into your bedroom? Sleep tight.

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In Brief

Correction

The article "Campus Celebrates Hispanic Heritage" in the Oct. 11 issue of the Jambar was mistakenly attributed to Katie Libecco. It was actually written by Cheryl Thompson.

Fall Dana concert set

The Dana New Music Society's annual fall concert will feature works by student and faculty composers Wednesday Oct. 19 and Friday Oct. 21. The main performance is at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bliss Recital Hall featuring performances by the Composer's Ensemble and director Gwyneth Rollin. Two additional concerts will include one on Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Butler Institute of American Art and the other at 11 a.m. on Friday at the Dana School of Music Convocation at Bliss Recital Hall.

Mayoral debate today

Youngstown mayoral candidates will take part in a debate in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13. The debate is sponsored by Omega Psi Phi and will be moderated by former WKBN TV-27 reporter Ode Aduma. It will include candidates answering questions from the audience and opposing candidates.

New Orleans benefit concert set for Oct. 27

Alpha Phi Sigma, the Criminal Justice Honor Society, and YSU will host a New Orleans Police Benefit concert Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the new Salty Grog's location in Austintown. The event will feature local bands, raffles, prizes, giveaways and discounted drink prices. The price is \$10 per ticket, available in the Criminal Justice Department in Cushiwa Hall or at the door, with all of the proceeds going to police officers and their families located in New Orleans.

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YSU / NATIONAL COMING DAY

YSUUnity comes out

By: Katie Libecco
Ashley Tate

For Greg Gahrns, coming out and living as an openly gay man has been an ongoing process that started about 20 years ago.

"My friends certainly knew first. Then I came out to my family about 15 years ago," Gahrns said. He originally told his friends he thought he might be bisexual, but once he found acceptance he said he "went the whole way and said I was gay."

Gahrns, a former YSUUnity president, was on hand Tuesday for YSUUnity's National Coming Out Day celebration. YSUUnity is a gay/straight alliance that offers support and education to Youngstown State University and the Mahoning Valley about issues affecting the gay community.

With rainbow flags, hats, pins and shirts out in full force, Tuesday and Wednesday brought the largest celebration of National Coming Out Day at YSU in the holiday's 17-year history. Professors and students, both straight and

homosexual, stopped by YSUUnity's tables to talk with members and friends of the organization.

YSUUnity President Christy Campf said the group hosted the celebration on campus to recruit members and show their support for the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender culture.

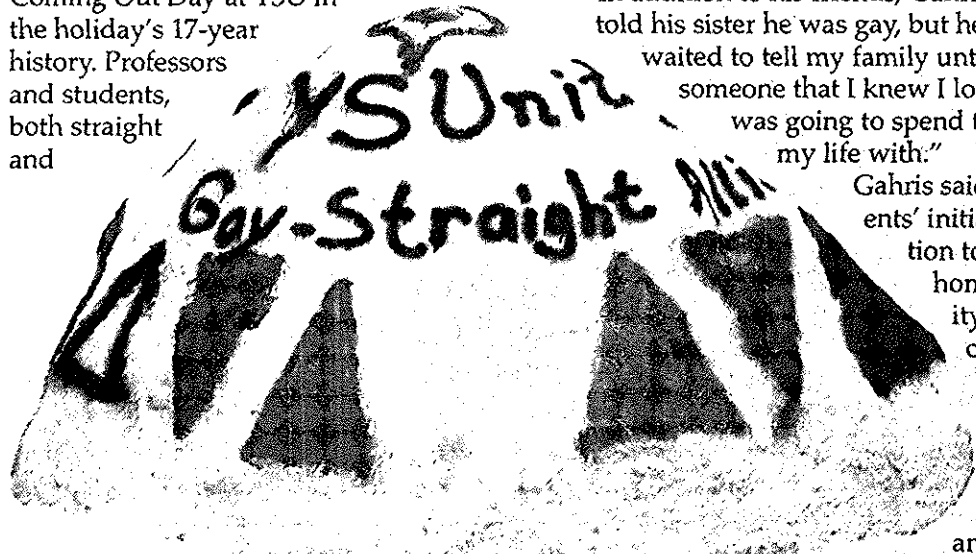
Several members of YSUUnity noted that many people came out as "allies," or someone of the majority who unites and supports the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community as an advocate. They referred to the event as having a party atmosphere.

The theme of this year's event was "talk about it," which the friends, members and allies of YSUUnity eagerly did.

Gahrns and others shared their coming out stories, as they laughed and talked together while distributing information on sex and dating to interested passersby.

In addition to his friends, Gahrns also told his sister he was gay, but he said, "I waited to tell my family until I found someone that I knew I loved and was going to spend the rest of my life with."

Gahrns said his parents' initial reaction to his homosexuality was concern for how difficult his life might become and the

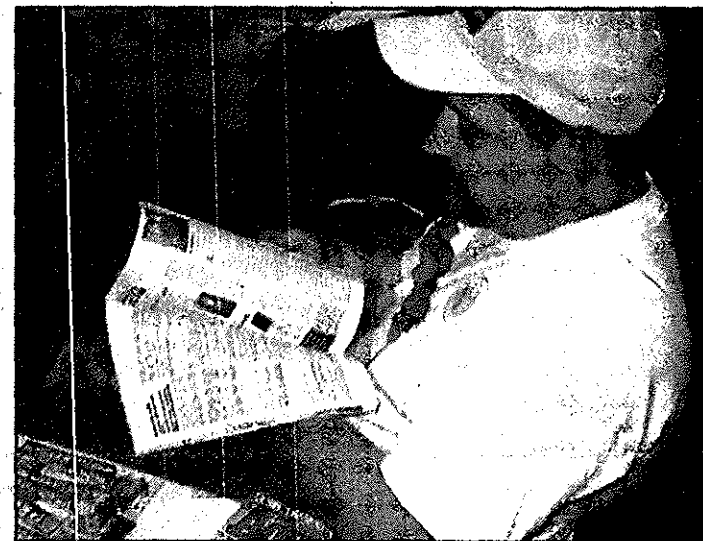


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ABOVE: In celebration of National Coming Out Day, the area around YSU's rock was decorated with messages of love and support. **BELOW:** Former YSUUnity President Greg Gahrns reads through some literature at a table set up for National Coming Out Day. **BELOW LEFT:** The rock on the campus core in front of Kilcawley Center was decorated for National Coming Out Day.



YSU / SGA

McGovern: Campus rock shouldn't be moved

By: Cheryl Thompson
REPORTER

Student Government Association President Bob McGovern said the University Safety Committee wants the rock outside of Kilcawley Center moved elsewhere because they believe the painting of the surrounding sidewalk poses safety issues to students.

It is currently against university policy for an organization to paint the sidewalk surrounding the rock, but it is frequently painted.

The committee proposes the rock be moved near the Andrew's Recreation and Wellness Center. McGovern said he plans to meet with the committee to suggest possible alternatives for relocation. Ideas include placing a sign near

"I think it makes sense where it is, being the campus core and all."

— SGA President Bob McGovern

the rock or replacing the existing sidewalk with a paint-resistant, textured sidewalk.

"I suspect that the sidewalk painting would be a problem no matter where we put the rock," McGovern said, adding that he thinks the rock should stay put. "I think it makes sense where it is, being the campus core and all."

Degree Audit Program During Monday's meeting, SGA passed a resolution

to create standardized curriculum sheets, which allow students to track how many classes they've taken and how many they have left for their majors.

According to the resolution, they are to be used conjunction with the new Degree Audit Report System, which is essentially an electronic form of the sheets.

Vice President, Amanda Meilke said this will help

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Official discusses rising cost of fuel

By: Eric Grosso
FEATURES REPORTER

As the cost of fuel rises, more people are starting to wonder why. Issa M. Al-Own, Kuwait's undersecretary-minister of oil, spoke at Youngstown State University on Tuesday, explaining the Middle Eastern nation's role in the situation and what could be done in the future.

"Imagine no gas pumps for your car, no electricity for your house, no jet fuel for planes," Al-Own said. "We've engineered a life that makes oil the same as air, in that we can't live comfortably without it."

With an average price of \$2.93 per gallon, gas prices have steadily increased throughout 2005. Natural disasters, political violence,

corrupt oil leaders and market demand have all played an important role in the supply and price of crude oil, but the only concern of commuting students and staff is the price they're paying at the pump.

Last week crude oil fell to \$61.80 per barrel after reaching a recent high of \$70.85 in August, according to Forbes Magazine. The prices declined even though 14 percent of U.S. oil production remains shut down after hurricanes Rita and Katrina. The U.S. Department of Energy also announced that consumption of fuel declined by 3 percent compared to last year, mainly due to the high costs.

But at any gas stations across the county, com-

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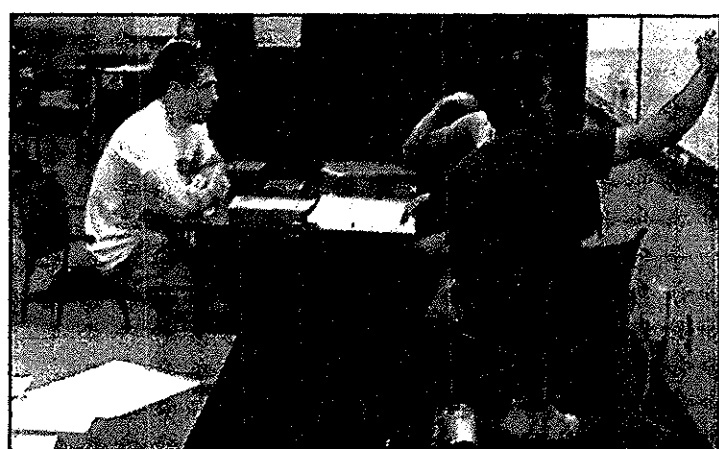
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YSU tutors open doors to success

By: Eric Grosso
FEATURES REPORTER

After failing to put full effort into his first college experience, Tom Berringer, a junior pre-med major, wasn't sure if he had the skills to return 20 years later.

In 2003, he re-enrolled as a full-time student after working numerous self-described "dead end" jobs. Unsure of his abilities, Berringer enlisted the help of a campus tutor.



Jambar / Eric Grosso

Students at the Center for Student Progress get extra help for their classes with peer tutors.

Now, Berringer sees both sides of tutoring.

He works as a tutor in the Center for Student Progress, but also gets tutored, usual-

ly for one class per semester. He takes advantage of what the university has to offer while contributing to those

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Ordinance to rezone Smokey Hollow on hold

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

An ordinance intended to rezone the Smokey Hollow neighborhood to facilitate future residence and business development is on hold after a vote by City Council on Oct. 5.

The ordinance would rezone the historic residential neighborhood to overlay zoning, which would permit planned development of residential and business buildings. The ordinance needed approval of six of the seven

city council members. Five members voted for the ordinance; two members, Rufus Hudson and Mark Memmer voted against. The vote will have to be postponed to a later meeting.

Margaret Murphy, of Wick Neighbors Inc., the group that is trying to attract developers to create a neighborhood in the Smokey Hollow area, said that one of the councilmen had concerns with how the group would get financing

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students earn degrees more quickly.

"The goal of this project is to create an effective, comprehensive curriculum sheet that students can use to figure out a four-year plan," Meilke said.

She also said that about 60 percent of campus departments use a degree audit program.

"All we need to do now is

to get the other 40 percent to use it," Meilke said.

The project has been sent to the Dean's Council for approval; after which, it will be introduced to each department.

Legal Help
YSU may implement a Student Legal Service (SLS) program to help students deal with minor legal problems.

Because Kent State University has a similar program, McGovern said SGA is planning to visit their Undergraduate Student Senate to get more information about the service.

SGA plans to form an ad-hoc committee to propose the idea to the university, but students have the final say whether or not to implement

the program.

Other Business
SGA passed two financial appropriations granting \$200 to the University Scholar Trustees and \$1,200 of the \$7,660 requested to Zeta Tau Alpha to defray the costs of their Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic.

The Student Affairs

Committee reported plans to change the tentative date of Nov. 4 for student movie night to Nov. 3, due to a scheduling conflict with the Shanty Town event. The cost has been estimated to be around \$6,985 for six movies.

The name of the Luminis Portal, a website interface similar to Yahoo.com, was revealed. From 300 entries, the winning entry, MyYSU was selected by YSU's Website Advisory Committee.

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discrimination he might face. He also said that his parents have not told his extended family.

"I thought that since the extended family was mostly my parents' siblings, it was their decision whether or not to tell them. They decided it was none of their business," Gahrns said.

He also admitted that those extended family members had more than likely figured everything out by now without being told directly.

"I found a lot of acceptance. I guess I chose my friends wisely," Gahrns said, noting those same close friends in

high school are still his closest friends. "They are my second family."

Not all students passing by Tuesday were so accepting of the concept of a National Coming Out Day.

Sophomore Leslie Norwood asked, "How many times do you have to come out? They don't need two days for it. I don't have anything against gay people, but I wouldn't go up to that table for anything."

Junior David Stilwell said he feels National Coming Out Day is a made up holiday that no one cares about.

"To me, it's just a normal

day," Stilwell said. "Why should it be anything else? It doesn't make it any easier for people to come out just because there are two days reserved for it. I've been hit on before and it's uncomfortable, even when they know I'm straight. I don't care for it, but I don't judge people on their preferences."

Jason Hagerty, YSUnity's secretary and treasurer, had a different point of view.

"This is a national holiday for people to come out and express themselves and show support," Hagerty said. "You don't have to be afraid, and if you are straight you can still

support it. Something like this makes it easier for people to come out."

Gahrns offered a closing piece of advice for those who may be coming out: "By all means, do it."

"You can take your time, but it is just so freeing to be open. You don't realize how much energy it takes to hide it, even if it just means changing pronouns."

There will be Safe Zone training through YSUnity on Oct. 27, which Campf explained was sensitivity training.

For more information on YSUnity, call (330) 692-1099 or e-mail ccampf@yahoo.com. All conversations are kept completely confidential.

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OUR SIDE

Faster background checks needed

Despite an arrest and subsequent criminal charges filed against a man who allegedly broke into Cushman Hall last week, Youngstown State University appears no safer than before.

The suspect, Jake Turner, was an employee of Johnson and Gordon, a company that does contract cleaning work for YSU.

After a review, Turner's employment with Johnson and Gordon was terminated. A background check revealed a previous theft charge. Turner was told to not return to YSU property.

But he allegedly did return. YSU police said that during Turner's arrest, he possessed a YSU cleaning identification tag and keys for rooms and cabinets in Ward Beecher Hall. The police report indicated the keys provided access to rooms that were illegally entered this semester, where items were reported stolen. Missing items included industrial DVD players for the planetarium and a camera from the physics department.

According to YSU Police Sgt. Mike Cretella, the suspect spent less than 24 hours in jail and was released early due to overcrowding.

This was nothing less than a complete breakdown of campus security. The background check came too late. A background check serves little purpose after a person has been employed and given access to university offices. Background checks should be performed before keys are handed out to university offices and supply rooms.

If there is one thing everyone knows on campus, it's that there is simply not enough money to go around. In a time of tuition increases and unions unhappy with wages, every dollar needs to be carefully guarded and monitored.

More needs to be done to protect YSU investments, including stricter evaluations of employees working on the YSU campus.

When YSU contracts work to outside companies, the least those companies could do is respect the university with tighter hiring standards and procedures.

Moving the rock is a terrible idea

Recent talk about relocating the painted rock is absurd.

Apparently members of the University Safety Committee want to move the rock from the campus core outside of Kilcavley Center to somewhere near the new recreation center because of safety concerns. Painting campus sidewalks is already prohibited under current university policy.

The fraternities, sororities and student organizations on campus that paint the sidewalk around the rock hardly do it anonymously. The organization's name is always prominently displayed and many times, so are the names of the people who painted it.

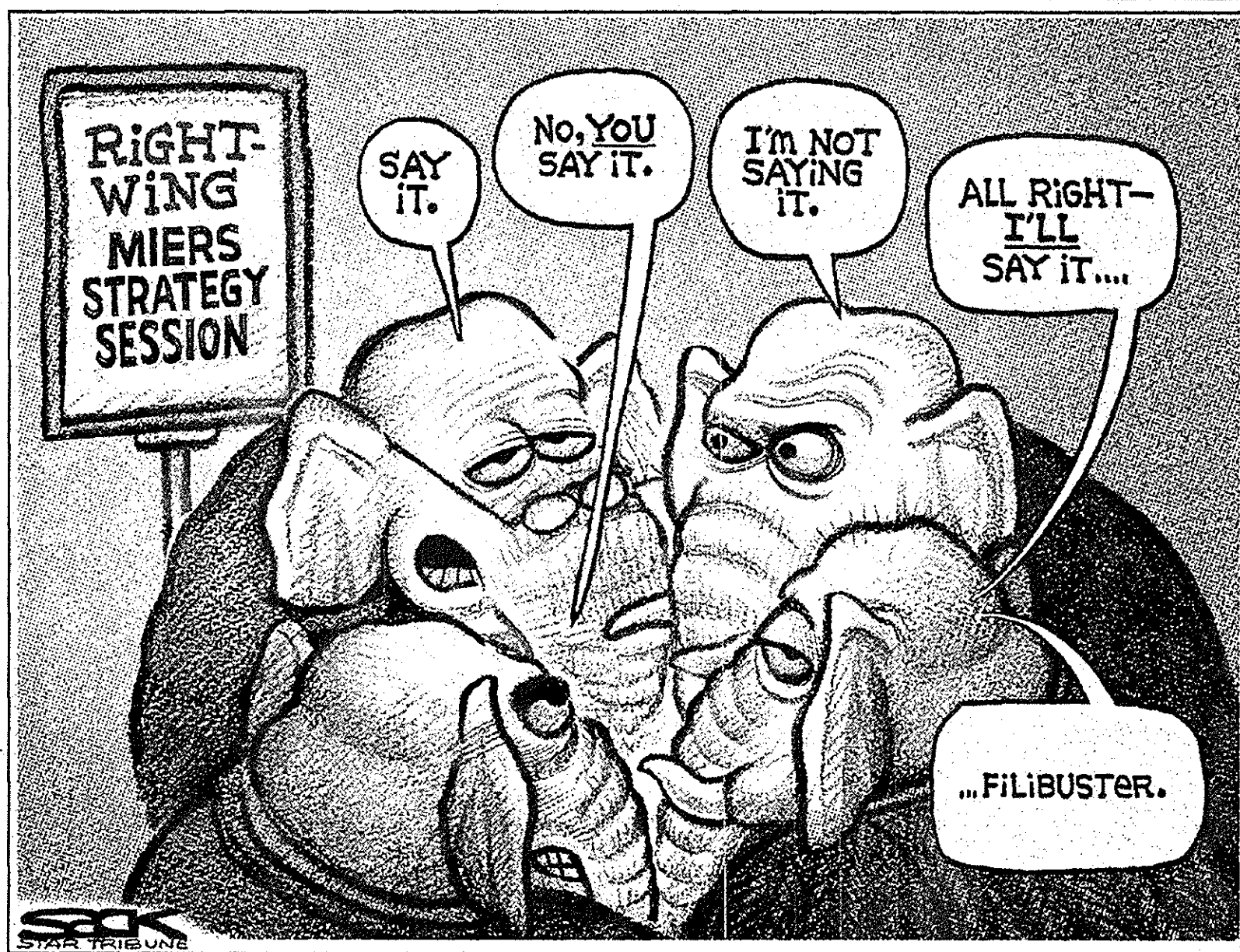
If officials want to put a stop to sidewalk painting, all they have to do is talk to the organizations and kindly ask them to stop. It's more than possible that most people who paint the sidewalk are unaware of the campus anti-sidewalk painting policy. If the sidewalk painting persists, punitive action should take place.

There should be no need to move the rock that so many students have painted over the last 38 years. A policy is in already in place. If a painted sidewalk is really a hazard, officials should simply enforce the no-sidewalk-painting rule — if the sidewalk painters are really a lawless group of miscreants with no respect for the rules, moving the rock will not stop their cavalier and dangerous actions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Williams for effective change

Editor:
Election day is a few weeks away, and nothing is bigger than the two major races in Youngstown: mayor and president of council. The question that needs to be asked is, "Are you satisfied with the status quo?"

Electing Hagan and Chuck Samarone would be doing just that. If you are a resident of the city, are you happy with the way things have been going as of this year?

Crime is still a major issue, the city still is not bringing the jobs to town (which in part stems from the tax issues, difficulty from politicians and organized labor), and in general, the upkeep on almost all sides of town should be better.

I realize that there is only so much money. However, things can still be done, given the right people in office to get them done.

Richard "Dickie" Atkinson is a guy I have known for a couple of years. But during the time I have worked for him this year, I have seen something astonishing. People love him. To be very honest, I have not heard a bad thing about him. Door to door, in casual conversation, at political meetings, everyone has commented on the great job he has done in the 3rd Ward. Republican or Democrat notwithstanding, people keep saying what a hard working and decent person he is, and that is why they will vote Atkinson for

President of City Council. If he works as hard as president of council as he does in his own ward, a lot will be accomplished.

I have only met Jay Williams once or twice, but he is very articulate and personable. The people behind his campaign are very passionate and hardworking. From what I have heard around town, he is the kind of person that would do anything for you if you asked.

Samarone and Hagan, on the other hand have been impersonal from what I have seen. Hagan has refused outright to debate with Williams on more than one occasion. Samarone has failed to show up to period. Save for areas sympathetic to their votes, they have been nowhere to be found. My question to them is this: What do you have to hide?

If you want effective change, vote for Atkinson and Williams. If you want politicians jumping from office to office for a living, vote Hagan and Samarone.

Alex Mangie
Sophomore
Business Administration

Bob Mackey should be 'eradicated'

Editor:
Would someone please take away Mr. Mackey's computer, pencils, pens, paper, crayons and walls to write on. His banal diatribes against

society and his pathetic attempts at satiric humor and cynicism should be banned.

Do you people really pay him to do this? If so, I will pay you to stop paying him. I am sure I could take donations on campus to pay The Jambar to stop his salary.

Advocating the eradication of two species in his latest attempt at humor shows that he should be fed to either the sharks or, preferably, the ants.

If he can advocate the eradication of a fish and some ants, it is reasonable that I can advocate the eradication of him. Or at least his column.

Mr. Mackey, read Jonathan Swift or Mark Twain, both of whom were good satirists. James Baldwin had a pretty keen grasp on society — anyone other than Dr. Seuss.

In the meantime, please put down your pen. You do not do The Jambar any favors with your writing, and whatever they pay you is far too much.

Joan M. Izzo
Senior
Education

Searches should be conducted for administrators

Editor:
Given the recent disaster in negotiations producing two labor strikes at YSU, it is time for the Board of Trustees to reconsider its

policy waiving a search for top administrative positions at YSU. That waiver was introduced a few years ago and was designed for the not-so-veiled purpose of hiring Mr. John Habat as vice president for administration.

Mr. Habat had been a mid-level political operative in Cleveland for some time with no experience in the management of an institution of higher education. Indeed the only reason he was ever offered a position here was that he is a close associate of David Sweet.

We know now the fruits of such an ill-conceived policy: two strikes, a multi-million dollar deficit which will have to be made up by increasing tuition, and a dispirited and angry staff and faculty — all that given to us from the Office of the Vice President for Administration.

As the Board of Trustees examines labor-management relations at YSU, it should take a close look at its policy waiving a search for top administrators. We can identify the best person for a position only through a proper search. Obviously, what we got without a search has proved to be a disaster. Get rid of the policy and get rid of what it gave us!

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

Through the looking glass

By: Mike Pingree
KRT CAMPUS

AND HE'S THE HAPPIEST MAN IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD

A married man in Rosendaal, Holland, hit it off with a divorcee he met in an Internet chat room. They formed a relationship, and she moved in with the couple two months later. In a fortunate development, the man discovered that both the ladies are bisexual, which is why his wife agreed to the arrangement. He says he considers himself "married" to them both.

HEY, COULD'VE HAPPENED TO ANYONE

A woman in Duluth, Minn., is suing a two of her friends after she was injured during a visit to the couple's home.

It seems she felt an urgent need to answer nature's call, but the husband was using the bathroom. So she went down into the cellar and attempted to relieve

herself in a concrete laundry tub. It tipped over and crushed her fingers. Alcohol was involved.

NICE CAR, BOYS, WHERE'D YOU GET IT?

Two men stole a gas station employee's car in Pensacola, Fla., and made a clean getaway. However, they were caught when they returned to the scene of the crime an hour later to gas up the stolen car.

PLEASE LADY, IT WAS JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING

Hoping to shock a lady out walking her dogs, a 52-year-old flasher in Mettmann, Germany, leapt naked from behind a bush and exposed himself to her. Alas, the woman turned out to be an off-duty police officer. She called for backup.

I THINK THE SPIRITS WILL LEAVE IF WE UNDO YOUR BRA

A 60-year-old man in Nara,

Japan, quit his job at the post office, declared himself a monk, and opened a hall for spiritual understanding in his home. He ran afoul of the law when, attempting to exorcize evil spirits from two young women, he fondled their breasts.

OH DRIVER, COULD YOU TURN OFF THE MACHINE?

Three men were out for an evening of heavy drinking in Perth, Australia, when one of them passed out on the street. As a joke, the other two tossed him into a trash bin and left. The man was awakened by the sound of a trash truck dumping the contents of the bin into its rear compacter, and gearing up to crush.

ZZZZZZ! HUH?! DOING? ME? NOTHING, WHY?

A man, attempted to steal fuel from a gas station in Muncie, Ind., in the dead of night by siphoning it into a 55-gallon tank he installed in the back of his van. It

takes a long time to extract all that gas, so while his battery-operated pump did its work, he went to sleep. He was still sleeping when the gas station employees showed up for work the next morning.

GEE, WHY IS EVERYONE SO MAD AT US

Two members of the staff at a nursing home in Frankfort, Ky., playing a prank on the staff of the next shift, gave laxatives to the elderly patients. Both have been fired.

THE DUMBING DOWN OF DRIVER'S ED

A man tried to carjack a Chevy Camaro in a parking lot in Shawnee, Kan., by pulling a shotgun on its owner and taking over behind the wheel. Unfortunately, the would-be carjacker had driven only cars with automatic transmissions, and was unable to operate the Camaro's stick shift. So he commandeered another car.

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for the project. Murphy said the group was looking for zoning approval, not complex financial approval, but that it was all "part of the process." She said her group didn't look at the vote as "the problem."

"It's very normal in a project of this scale to have questions raised," Murphy said. She said the group wanted to have the approval process in place before they try to attract developers.

"We're trying to work to have the milestones covered. When we have the approval process in place, we will be in a position to engage develop-

ers," Murphy said. She said that getting the zoning approval would also help to attract "private investment in neighborhood reinvestment."

"Zoning approval is part of the package that would say to the private sector that the community is behind this development. That the community wants a project of this scale, Murphy said. Murphy said that the group was putting together a "developers package" which would include background information about the neighborhood for interested developers. The package would contain infor-

mation about zoning laws, design standards and utility and engineering information. Youngstown State University has been buying property in the neighborhood to develop an off-campus resident community of mixed income and ages. The community would include residence and retail locations. Hunter Morrison, director of the Center of Urban and Regional Studies at YSU, echoed Murphy's statement that getting approval was all part of the process.

"It's just part of the procedure. It's a new process for the city of Youngstown. People

are understandably skeptical at first as they come to understand what's going on," Morrison said. Last month, Murphy told

The Jambar that Wick Neighbors has a goal of breaking ground in the neighborhood in 2006. Call Bill Rodgers at (330) 941-1989.

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muters share the same opinion on gas price trends, including one YSU student. "They're too high," freshman Isaac Yurco said. Drastic times called for drastic measures for Yurco and many others. For his first month of school, Yurco drove his 1975 Chevrolet Camaro 18 miles to YSU from New Middletown. His Camaro got a whopping 10 miles per gallon, costing him about \$5 each way. He said the cost was just too much. "I had to find another car," Yurco said. His new car gets around 28 miles per gallon. The rest of America is finding similar options may pay off. Sales of hybrids and smaller cars have increased over the past two years while sales of trucks and SUVs have

declined. But, the rise of gas prices started much earlier than most people think. Countries in the Middle East provide more than 70 percent of the world's oil, with the relatively small country of Kuwait providing 12 percent of this country's petroleum. Al-Own spoke on the world's supply and demand of crude oil with a presentation entitled "Kuwait's Role in Securing Energy Supplies to the World" in Kilcawley Center Tuesday. Al-Own, who has been heavily involved in oil production and trade since the liberation of Kuwait in 1991, noted a large difference in supply and demand that will leave the world with a heavy shortage of oil in starting in 2015 and peaking around

2030. He noted that Kuwait, like many other countries, is taking steps to avoid that shortage. Kuwait, which produces more oil per capita and per square mile than any other country in the world, recently allocated \$50 billion over the next 20 years toward oil production. A majority of the money will attempt to increase their refining capacities from 3 million to 4 million barrels per day. "We're going to enhance our fleets, our production, our refining capabilities and our transportation. We're going to need to provide supplies to the rest of the world," said Al-Own. "We're the producers while others are the consumers. We just have to cooperate." Call Eric Grosso at (330) 941-1913.

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services at the same time. Oct. 2-7 marked the National Tutor Appreciation Week, as tutors all across campus were given a heartfelt "thank you" from course instructors, their advisors and most importantly, the students who visit them every week. "We're not a help center. We don't give 'help.' We're a success place," said Jonelle Beatrice, director of the Center for Student Progress. Beatrice maintains that the center, and the tutors who work there, don't simply teach students. She said the motto is much different than simply teaching or fixing problems. "Cultivating the skills of new students, expanding the skills of developing students, and enhancing the skills of exceptional students — that's what we try to do," Beatrice said. Berringer agreed. Using the center's tutoring service, as well as their supplemental instruction service, he said his tutors taught him much more than class material. Rather than just re-teaching the material, Berringer acquired learning techniques and study skills that helped him excel in the pre-med program after having trouble nearly 20 years ago. What he learned from others, he passes on to students he tutors. He says it's important to not only teach the class material, but to help the student figure out which method is best for him or her to use when learning. "You just have to sit down and analyze, see whether the student is a visual learner or is an auditory learner, whether they study in a group or by themselves," Berringer said. "Knowing how to study is just as important as what to study." Apparently, that approach is working. Last academic year, nearly 6,657 students used the center with over

25,000 visits. Students of all ranks who use the center are more likely to return to YSU the following year, including 76 percent of first-time, full-time students compared to 71 percent who return that don't use the center. Berringer has worked with a wide variety of students. He noted that he's seen students who needed a lot of help and others who just stop in once to ask a few questions. One student, Aylin Uius, started using the service when she began having problems in physics last year. The mechanical engineering major came back this semester for thermal dynamics. Uius said that she finds instructions from a peer are sometimes better than those from a teacher. "My tutor is actually a friend from class. It just makes it so much easier to learn that way," said Uius. Berringer and fellow tutor Roza Shayesteh, said they both enjoy the job. "We cover a lot that professors might not have the time to. I really enjoy it, especially non-traditional students who might be looking at the material first time in 20 years," Shayesteh said, who also worked as a tutor in high school. The Center for Student Progress isn't the only tutoring program on campus. The Writing Center, Upward Bound and the Reading and Study Skills Center each have ways of helping students. Upward Bound begins with minority students before they graduate high school. Through instruction, counseling and workshops, they aim to get students to enroll in, and graduate, college. In 2005, every member of the Upward Bound program graduated high school and enrolled in college. The Writing Center tutors students one-on-one in English or similar studies, as the Center for Student Progress teaches mostly sci-

ences. The Reading and Study Skills Center serves the one-third of all incoming freshmen who are mandated to take Reading and Study Skills courses. Karen Becker, coordinator of the Ready and Student Skills Center, said, "Peer tutors can make a very important impact on the lives of these 'developmental' or 'at risk' students." Call Eric Grosso at (330) 941-3758.

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THE PENGUIN PRIZE PATROL

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LOOK FOR THE PENGUIN PRIZE PATROL!!

Six lucky students each hour in Kilcawley Center will be surprised and awarded INSTANT PRIZES by the Penguin Prize Patrol! You may be chosen if you are displaying your YSU Homecoming spirit by (1) wearing red & white, and/or YSU logo apparel and (2) between 9:45am and 11am are spotted drinking a bottle of PowerAde or Dasani Water or between 11am and 1:15pm are drinking a bottle of Coke, Cherry Coke, or Diet Coke. (3) HINT: Many "lucky" winners last year were spotted with shakers, pennants, & fun props!



Prize winners of gift cards will be notified on Thursday, October 20th, by email and/or phone. Winners must be able to pick up their prize at Kilcawley Center on or before October 20th, 2005, or unclaimed prizes will be awarded to another contestant.

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YSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hill has her squad ready to go

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State women's basketball team had two perceived problems during the off-season. They were too small and too young.

Head coach Tisha Hill put those beliefs to rest Tuesday when she met with the media to discuss the upcoming season.

The Penguins, coming off a 12-16 season, lose five players from last season. The five include Jen Perugini, who averaged 14.4 points per game. Now, the Penguins will bring in seven new players, and Hill is excited about what each brings to the court.

"It's an exciting group, they want to run," Hill said. "Right now, our challenge is definitely our youth."

Hill also said newcomers and veterans alike will have to earn

Returning Players

- Jessica Schloemp - Forward
- Lauren Branson - Guard
- Aliyah Sabree - Guard
- Kristy Gaudiose - Guard
- My'kea Cohill - Guard
- Ashlee Russo - Guard
- Michelle Holmes - Center

Newcomers

- Monique Godfrey - Guard
- Nikita LaFleur - Center
- Kira Mowen - Guard
- Ashley Pendelton - Forward
- Toni Roscoe - Guard
- Megan Snorf - Forward
- Velissa Vaughn - Guard

game time, and nothing is set in stone, in terms of starters as of yet.

"These guys know they have to compete each year," Hill said. "I'm

hoping they step up to the challenge."

While the Penguins lose most of their frontcourt from last season, they are not worried about being bullied around in the paint. While the Penguins tallest player is only 6-foot 3-inches tall, the Penguins are optimistic about their chances.

"Size isn't really a concern," Hill said. "I am confident in our post play."

Guard Lauren Branson, who was named to the Horizon League Newcomer team, said the Penguins are moving along fine before the first game.

"We are a lot farther along than when we started," Branson said. "I expect us to be right in the hunt when league play starts."

Branson also recognized the problem of losing a large core of senior scorers. Branson played in 28 games last year and started 22 at the point guard position, where she led the Horizon League with 5.7 assists per game.

"Obviously it's a huge concern," Branson said.

Hill said that despite losing a large group, the returning veterans ease her burden.

"They are making my job a little easier," she said.

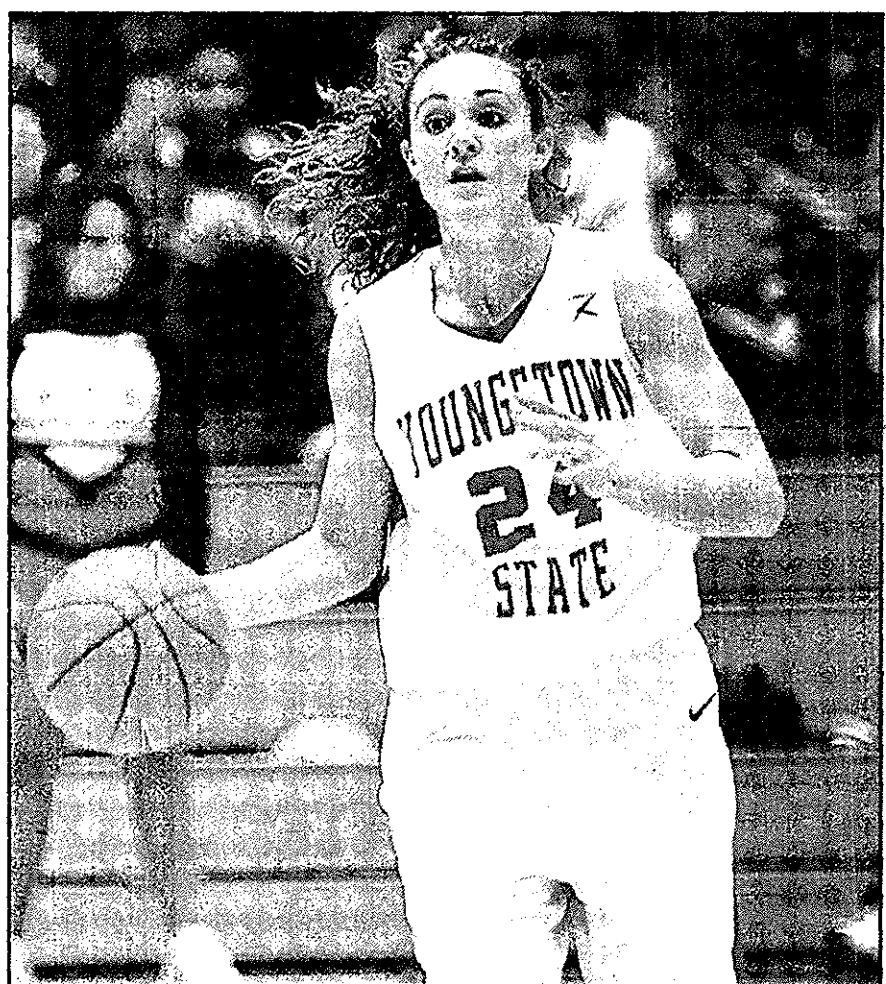


Photos courtesy of YSU Sports Information
LEFT: Senior Ashley Russo dribbles the ball upcourt during action last season. ABOVE: YSU's Lauren Branson tries to drive around an opponent during a Penguin game last season.

Hill remains optimistic before the season opener at Robert Morris on November 18.

"I see what is ahead and it is exciting," Hill said. "I definitely expect to be in the thick of things."

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YSU FOOTBALL

Penguins look to continue Gateway run

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

It's hard not to get caught up in Penguin fever this football season.

Off to a 5-1 start, including a 2-0 Gateway Conference record, the Penguins are clicking in every phase of the game, highlighted by last week's drubbing of Indiana State 45-0. It was their second shut out of the season.

The Penguins remain atop the Gateway with the win and jump up to No.15 in the ESPN/USA Today poll.

The Penguins exploded for 567 yards and limited the Sycamores to 269 yards. Despite these great performances, head coach Jon Heacock said that some of the best work comes from special teams.

"If I had to pick one thing that I have been really pleased with at this point, I just think special teams," Heacock said at Tuesday's press conference.

Heacock has reason to be pleased.

Last week, Joe Bishop punted twice in the game for an average of 43.5 yards, including a 52-yarder. Both punts pinned the Sycamores inside the 20-yard line. Bishop also kicked off seven times in the game, two for touchbacks and two kicks were not returned past the six-yard line.

Senior Nick Forro, who is an integral part of the special teams unit, summed up the importance of YSU's stellar special teams unit best.

"It does get overlooked sometimes," Forro said. "But they are very important. It is a one play series, but it is a one play series that can totally change the game."

Change the game is exactly what the spe-

cial teams unit did for the Penguins, setting up the Sycamores offense with terrible field position all game long.

Offensively, the Penguins benefited from the poor field position of ISU. The Penguins had a huge day on the ground, rushing for

"Offensively, we need to try to find some ways to take what they give you, and capitalize on them when they give you a chance," Heacock said.

Offensive coordinator Brian Smith agreed and said the offense would need to

undefeated at 3-0. Coach Heacock and his team are happy to be back Saturday, the first of a two game home stand, including next week's homecoming game.

"There is nothing like playing in Youngstown," Heacock said.

Keys to the game

Paving the way: The YSU offensive line has opened some big holes for running backs to dart through. Last week the Penguins gave up only one sack. Offensive lineman John Bartos and Tony Limongi were awarded for their efforts. Bartos earned the Jim Zdelar Offensive Lineman of the Game award while Limongi earned the Haines Family Player of the Game awarded by the YSU radio crew.

Inching towards the record book: Senior wide receiver Kyle Smith nabbed another reception against the Sycamores, putting him at 27 consecutive games with a pass reception. The record stands at 28.

Quarterbacks: They continue to impress: Tom Zetts went 13-of-16 for 129 yards while fellow quarterback Vince Gliatta passed for 59 yards and two touchdowns for a combined and nearly flawless 17-of-20.

Field position: The Penguins crippled the Sycamores' offense by punting twice inside the 20-yard line. Joe Bishop had two touchbacks of kickoffs and averaged 43 yards per punt Saturday.

Ground game shakeup: The Penguins have relied on a stable of qualified backs. Against the Sycamores, the Penguins had nine different players rush for positive yards.

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“There is nothing like playing in Youngstown.”



— YSU head coach Jon Heacock

379 yards behind another strong performance by sophomore Marcus Mason, who totaled 152 yards and two touchdowns.

The Penguins offense will have a stiff test this week, hosting a Western Illinois University team that, despite a loss to the No.2 ranked Southern Illinois Salukis, held them to their lowest offensive output of the season. WIU lost by a score of 34-24.

Heacock said the Penguins would need to be opportunistic on Saturday.

play basics and get the job done.

"Our job is to move the football, get first downs, and put points on the board," Smith said.

YSU's offensive squad did just that last week, amassing nearly 600 yards of total offense and picking up 28 first downs, compared to just 14 from the Sycamores.

The Penguins will also have the benefit of playing in front of a welcoming crowd in their home territory again, where they are

COMMENTARY

Sesquipedalian like me

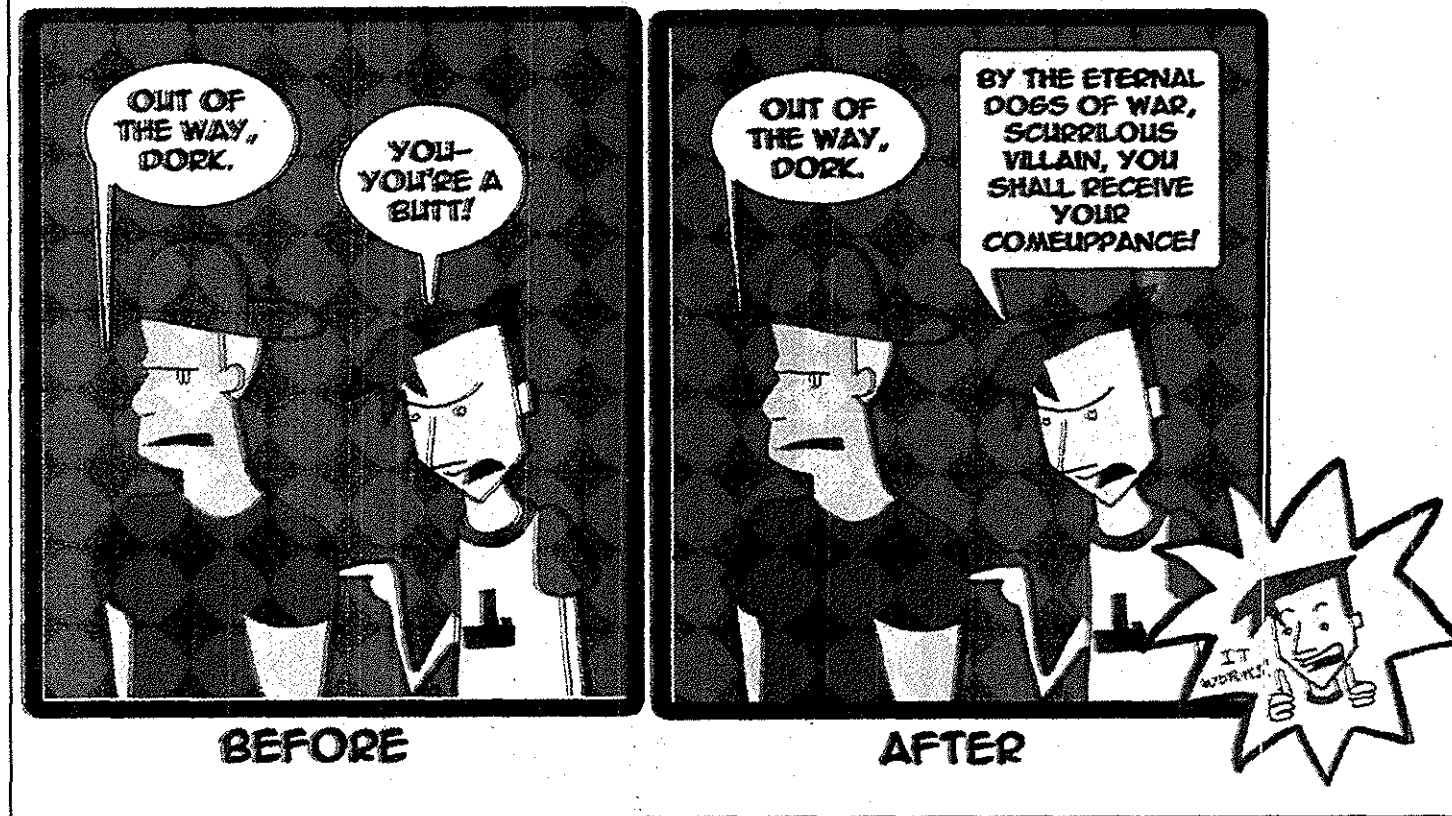
By: Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

Since the creation of sites like www.urbandictionary.com, and also because of the unstoppable growth of rap music, the use of new "urban" slang has spread. I — as a horrified bystander of pop culture — can do nothing but try to adapt, much like a mudskipper gasping for air through horrible, slimy lungs.

Yet, as a man whose last hip new words were taught to him by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and cereal mascots, this personal adaptation has been an arduous process. Old standbys such as "radical" and "tubular" have gone out the window in favor of newer terms like "crunk" and "chronic." And I'm not even sure if "chronic" has been used in the past ten years; that's how out of it I am!

So, in response, I've decided to create my own kind of slang to alienate those who have alienated me; it's only fair. I'm not going to the trouble of creating new words, though. Instead, I'll be taking fantabulous words that have fallen out our common speech, and then adapting them for current usage. Yes, with my help, you'll soon sound like a stuffy turn-of-the-last-century Englishman, complete with fabulous coattails, a magnificently waxed mustache, and a finely-polished

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monocle, which should pop out of your eye at inappropriate occasions. If you don't want to join in on the fun, I'm afraid you'll end up looking like a mooncalf instead of a wunderkind. Do you really want that?

Prepare to increase your worditude:

Brobdignagian — majorly, big-time, huge.

Updated example: "Your mama so Brobdignagian, people often reference Jonathan Swift literature for the purpose of insulting her. Oh, snap!"

Morbific — disease-causing.

Updated example: "Paris

Hilton's morbific genitals have caused new strains of brain-destroying syphilis to ravage certain Hollywood circles."

Septuagenarian — a person between 70 and 80 years old.

Updated example: "If they were forced into elderly mortal combat, the septuagenarians would probably best the octogenarians, unless the octogenarians were given spears, or perhaps large hammers."

Tenebrous — super-spooky.

Updated example: "My trip to Dracula's house sure was scary, but the most

tenebrous part of my Transylvanian trip was when he molested me. Mark my words: Dracula is no gentleman."

Ninnyhammer — dummy.

Updated example: "When I told the large, violent man he was a ninnyhammer, well, that's when he started stabbing me in the head."

Fescennine — licentious; uh, I mean lusty (in a sexual fashion).

Updated example: "The fescennine man visited prostitutes daily, until he woke up in a hotel bathroom full of ice without his

kidneys."

Palimpsest — something written-on a bunch of times.

Updated example: "As the biker's lovers repeatedly died in knife fights, his tattooed buttocks began to look rather palimpsest."

Adoptotron — the "parents" of an adopted child.

Updated example: "Although he called them 'mommy' and 'daddy,' the boy's adoptotrons knew they were incapable of loving him, and would soon sell him to the circus when he had enough meat on him to feed an elephant, or perhaps the ringmaster."

Antidisestablishmentari-

anism — this word may have a meaning, but its main use is to allow you to win any argument, no matter what the content.

Updated example: "Maybe I was sleeping with your sister, but it was for antidisestablishmentarianism! Now let's go to T.G.I.Friday's for some of those loaded potato skins."

Defenestration — throwing something out of a window.

Updated example: "Billy tried to test his dog's flying ability through the act of defenestration; sadly, he lived in a 70th-floor penthouse. The silver lining to this story is that in America, dogs are plentiful."

Legerdemain — a showing of skill or sleight of hand.

Updated example: "After the magician pulled a quarter out of Josh's ear, he decided to investigate this legerdemain later that night, using a power drill to see if his head contained any more money. To his surprise, it did!"

With these 11 words, you're bound to delight and annoy your friends, family members and the people you violently force into conversations. They may not understand what you're saying, and you may not either, but deep down inside you'll feel like you're better than them. And that's what learning is all about.

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POETRY

Craik and Walzer to kick off 2005-06 Poetry Center series

By: Nick Kloss
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Poetry Center Reading Series will kick off its schedule of events with two neoformalist poets 7 p.m. Thursday in the Humphrey Room of Kilcawley Center.

Roger Craik and Kevin Walzer will read poems at the event as well as greet those in attendance with a book signing after the reading.

Phil Brady, professor of English and the event's organizer described the poets as "entertaining performers who bring new life to traditional forms of verse with beautifully crafted, accessible, and sparkling wit."

Craik received a fellowship from Yale University in 1990 and has had works appear in *The Formalist*, *The Literary Review*, and *Fulcrum*.

A professor of English at Kent State University Ashtabula, Craik's "I Simply Stared," "Rhinos in Clumber" and "The Darkening Green" have been published by Ginninderra Press in Australia.

Walzer, a Cincinnati native, is the author of 3 books including "The Ghost of Tradition: Expansive Poetry" and "Postmodern-ism" which was hailed Outstanding Book by Choice Magazine.

Walzer's most recent work is his book "Austere Offices," published this year by Word Press.

The hour-long event is free

and open to the public.

Other events planned by the series include fiction and musical artists from local to international.

On Nov. 2, the series welcomes the poets of *Artful Dodge*, a national literary journal co-edited at YSU, alongside Penguin Review writers.

For more information, contact Phil Brady in the English department at (330) 941-1952 or visit www.ysu.edu/poetry-center.

"After Arguing Over the Best Way to Wash Dishes"
By Kevin Walzer

He slept, or tried to sleep. There was no way he was going to sleep. His wife was fast asleep; there slept his insomnia's source. Not her. The steep anger he felt at her sleep, her peace. She stayed anger with silence and calming thought, alone. He wanted to fight, to talk and reach to her. He wanted to find forgiveness, and would prefer to find it now. But he saw her gentle tone: her quiet breath fluttered the sheet that touched her nose. He let his anger begin to melt and lay back down, to try and calm himself. He had to give her sleep. He owed her that much. The anger still acted, but less, a fading welt no heavier now than dust blown off a shelf.

YSU HOMECOMING

Events set for Homecoming

By: Cheryl Thompson
Reporter

The air is getting crisp and the leaves are starting to fall. This can only mean one thing: The homecoming festivities are about to begin. Next week marks the start of Homecoming Week at Youngstown State University.

There are many events scheduled for everyone to enjoy, from eating contests to stand-up comics Al Katz (a YSU grad) and Charlie Wiener, there is something for everyone to enjoy. This year's Homecoming Week Festivities feature many returning favorites, such as caricature artist, Jodi Fleming and Jocko the Clown, alongside first year activities, such as Air Brush Tattoos.

Ben Kalamon, a junior, said he is looking forward to the homecoming events.

"With all the different activities, it's going to make for a fun week," he said.

While most activities are being housed in Kilcawley Center, others, such as the "Buffalo-Wild Wings Party" next Friday from 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. will be hosted in downtown Youngstown at the main BW-3 Restaurant.

Local television and radio stations, such as Y-103, WHOT, WFMJ TV 21, 95.9 KISS FM, WKBN 27 and 106.1 WBGG-FM will be on hand with various contests, prizes and giveaways.

One type of contest covered by the local media outlets will be food eating contests. The games begin at noon on Monday with a Marketplace sub eating contest. The first out of 10 students to eat a 12" inch sub will win a \$50 gift certificate to the YSU Bookstore. The contest will be aired live on WFMJ for their midday show.

If you don't get a chance to compete in the sub eating contest, then are plenty of other eating contests. They include a pizza eating contest sponsored by TG's Pizza at noon on Tuesday, an Arby's Roast Beef eating contest at noon on Wednesday and a Buffalo Wild Wings wing eating contest at noon on Thursday. All participants will be vying to win \$50 YSU Bookstore gift certificates.

All of these activities are designed to get students into the Homecoming spirit, but the main attraction is the Homecoming Parade which will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday before the game.

As of now, various fraternities and sororities on campus are brainstorming ideas for this year's float competition. The goal is to come up with an original float centered on this year's Homecoming theme, "The March of the Penguins: In Search of the Fifth Ring."

Samantha Simpco, the social chair for Alpha Omega Pi sorority said her organization is teaming up with Phi Mu Alpha this year and hopes their float is successful in the contest.

"Last year we teamed up with Phi Kappa Tau and we used a superhero theme because the general theme was 'Defending the Ice Castle,' and that was a lot of fun," Simpco said. "This year, we haven't decided yet, but it might have something to do with pirates."

Other fraternities and sororities participating as pairs in this year's parade will be, Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Tau Gamma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Theta and Delta Zeta. Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta will have floats of their own, along with a float from the Fashions and Interiors department.

While this year's parade will still feature floats from different fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations, the route which they will be using will be changed said Greg Gulas, the associate director of student life.

He said instead of starting at Williamson Hall parking lot, going down Lincoln and up 5th Avenue, the route will start at Wood Street, allowing for a longer route.

He said this year he expects more than 750 people to come watch the parade, but with YSU's centennial arriving soon, he says that number could escalate over the next couple of years.

"This is to accommodate the transition to the 2008 Homecoming which will be YSU's centennial celebration," Gulas said.

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How do you feel about this year's Homecoming lineup? Drop us a letter to the editor at thejambar@gmail.com