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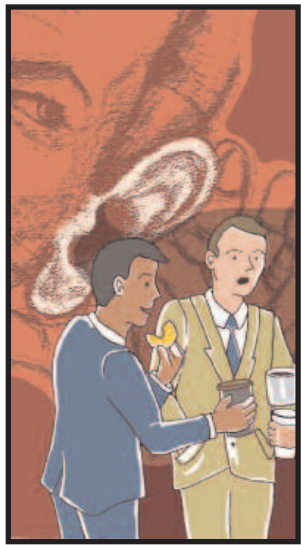
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VIRGINIA Massacre's shockwaves spread nationwide

Jambar Staff/ Wire

Andy Kinel was 40 yards away from the worst shooting massacre in U.S. history when he heard the gunshots that killed 33 people on Virginia Tech University's campus Monday.

A Newton Falls resident and Virginia Tech student, Kinel said he heard many gunshots on his way to class and hurriedly turned back toward his car.

He found a group of people huddled in the parking lot talking about the gunshots when someone came and told everyone to leave. "At that point, I got in my car and left," he said.

Later, Kinel was told that two of his friends were in Norris Hall, the building where 31 of the fatalities occurred, and jumped out of the windows to escape.

On the Blacksburg, Va. college campus over six hours away from Youngstown State University, 33 people — including the gunman — were fatally shot and 15 were injured, according to the Associated Press.

Local reaction

YSU students responded to the shootings saying that they are now more aware than ever of the dangers that could happen while liv-

Virginia Tech shootings

Where the shootings on the Virginia Tech campus in rural Blacksburg, Va., claimed at least 33 lives:

Monday, April 16

1 About 7:15 a.m. ET

West Ambler Johnston co-ed dormitory, houses 895 students
• Two killed

2 About 9:15 a.m. ET

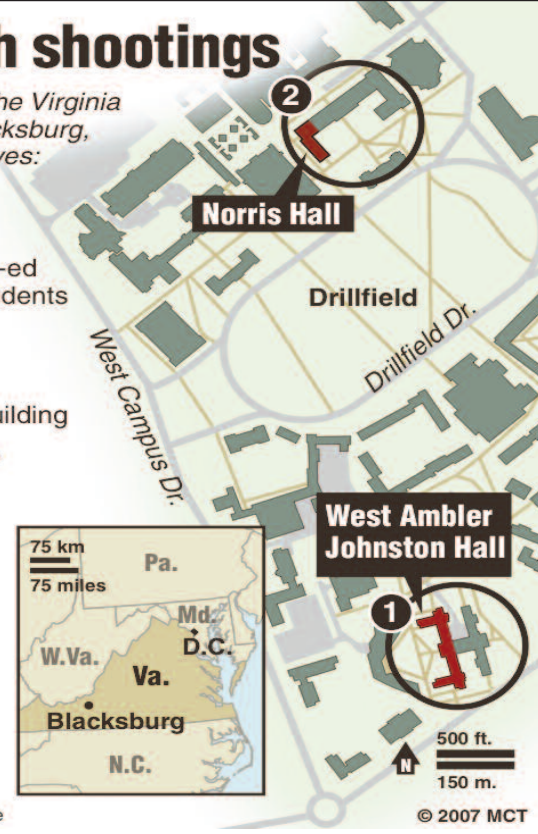
Norris Hall engineering building
• At least 31 people killed, including shooter

Virginia Tech

- Founded 1872
- 26,000 students
- 2,600-acre (1,052-hectare) campus; more than 100 buildings and an airport
- Eight colleges, graduate school

Source: Virginia Tech, AP, CNN

Graphic: Melina Yingling, Judy Treible



ing on campus and in residence halls.

"I'd be scared to leave my room if something like this happened at YSU," freshman and Lyden House resident Andy Thompson said.

"If this happened at YSU, I'd hope we would be smart enough to close down and take necessary precautions! We didn't close when the St. Elizabeth's guy escaped,

and none of my professors even knew about that!" sophomore Chelsea Pflugh said. Pflugh lives in an off-campus apartment.

YSU student Sean McGraw looked beyond the immediate consequences of the tragedy.

"All it takes is one person to get killed at YSU, and a whole hell of a lot of people won't be coming to YSU next year," McGraw said.

President George W. Bush held a press conference at 4 p.m. Monday. Bush said, "School should be a place of safety, sanctuary and learning," and offered his assistance to local law enforcement and prayers to the victims and families.

"When something like this happens, it's violently felt in everyone's classroom," Bush said.

Campus safety

YSU Police Chief John Gocala said that he and the YSU Police Department take a proactive approach to safety on campus.

"You have to be prepared," he said.

Gocala said the department stayed updated on the shooting and discussed it at work.

"Everybody feels sad for the students and families. We talked about what we would do in that situation. It makes you think," Gocala said.

Other YSU students agree with Gocala that safety is always a priority.

Freshman Lisa Pitcairn, a resident of Buechner Hall, said the shooting in Virginia made her realize that she should always be prepared for an emergency to happen at any time.

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SGA Spatholt, Cross win close SGA election 317-to-266

Adrienne Sabo
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association announced the winners of last week's election Monday evening.

After a recount, Dave Spatholt and Erica Cross were elected SGA President and Executive Vice President.

Spatholt and Cross defeated write-in candidates Erienne Raib and Keith Logan by a vote of 317-to-266.

Carol Ann Pitcairn, Elections Board commissioner, said because the bylaws require a recount when there is a 10 percent margin, the Elections Board recounted Monday. The recount results were the same as Friday's initial count.

According to SGA bylaws, write-in votes

only count if candidates' names are spelled correctly on the write-in ballots.

Pitcairn said there were misspelled ballots cast, but she said she was unable to release the number of ballots for Raib and Logan that were misspelled. She referred the request to Judith Gaines, executive director of Student Life.

She said there was some concern about how the ballots would be counted this year with write-in candidates, but both times the Elections Board counted the same number.

This year 631 students voted, as opposed to 628 last year.

Pitcairn said both sides may request a recount within 24 hours of the announced



Source: www.spatholtcross.com

results. They must justify the request, and the final decision is up to the Elections Board.

Spatholt, the newly elected SGA president, said, "It's been an interesting weekend. I didn't expect a recount. I'm glad the results are out now."

Spatholt said there are many reasons why

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YSU Second phase of East Campus Gateway Project begins this month

Jenny Boyce
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The second phase of Youngstown State University's East Campus Gateway Project begins this month, after the State Controlling Board approved the release of \$1.6 million for the next step in the university's Master Centennial Plan.

The money funding the project is from the state capital budget, which is one-time money that is restricted for use on capital improvement projects and cannot be used to fund operational expenses, said YSU's Manager of News and Information Services Ron Cole.

YSU President David Sweet said none of the money out of the operating budget would be used to fund this project. The operating budget is made up of money from the general fund, students' tuitions, etc.

"It's a very positive investment in capital dollars," said George McCloud, special assistant to the president for university advancement. McCloud added that it's important to know that this money can only be put toward capital projects.

"The second phase [of the East Campus Gateway Project] includes aligning University Plaza on the west side of Wick Avenue with Spring Street on the east side of Wick Avenue," Cole said.

Construction for the project will also include improvements to the road, curbs and sidewalks, new lights, underground utilities, and fixing up landscapes in that area of the campus.

"The Centennial Plan includes the construction of four gateways across campus," Sweet said.

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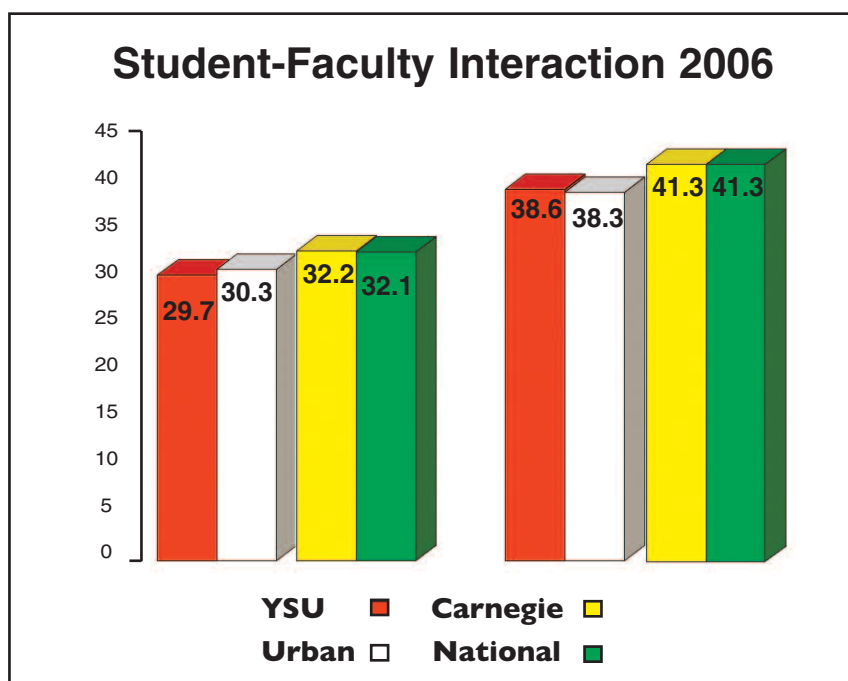
Student engagement survey results show areas in need of improvement

Jeanette DiRubba
REPORTER

Youngstown State University plans to take several action steps to improve problem areas shown in the results from The National Survey of Student Engagement.

According to the NSSE Web site, the survey was established to ensure higher education so colleges and universities could "engage in meaningful quality improvement." All of these results can affect the college or university's institutional accreditation process.

Sharon Stringer, director of assessment at YSU, said first-year and senior students took the NSSE during 2004 and 2006. Following the survey was an announcement sent in February to over 4,000 students explaining the NSSE and helping students understand its concept. The announcement also asked stu-



dents to share various college experiences to achieve continuous student input.

According to an article on the NSSE Web site featuring YSU, the

NSSE results need to be evaluated "in relation to multiple sources of data to inform campus decisions and institutional improvement. This date includes, but is not lim-

ited to: focus group summaries, student demographic characteristics, student retention and graduation rates; student participation in campus programs, students' performance on state and national exams as well as additional survey data completed by faculty, staff, and students."

Stringer presented the NSSE results at the Student Government Association meeting on April 9. She said student engagement is based on the students' input, which is reflected in the NSSE results.

"What you put into YSU is what you get out of it," Stringer said.

SGA Vice President of Campus Life Heather Baltic said Stringer's presentation was worth listening to and a definite eye-opener.

"I felt that the other colleges we were compared to were very competitive. ... Not only did YSU

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STEM

STEM dean finalists set to visit YSU this week

Jenny Boyce
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The three finalists for the position of dean of Youngstown State University's new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics [STEM] College are Martin Abraham, Ralph Rogers and Mark Tumeo.

Though none of the candidates currently work at YSU, all three men are currently serving as dean at different universities.

Abraham has served as dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Toledo for the last three years, and as professor of Chemical and Environmental Engineering for 11 years. He has also worked as associate and assistant professor of chemical engineering at the University of Tulsa before coming to Toledo.

Abraham

Abraham serves on the Environmental Protection Agency Board of Scientific Counselors Technology for Sustainability Subcommittee on the Board of Directors of

the Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition. He served on editorial boards for different environmental publications.

Recently, the College of Engineering graduate programs were ranked by the Princeton Review as being the 18th best in the nation, Abrahams wrote in his application letter for the STEM dean position.

"I believe that my seven years of administrative experience and 20 years of teaching and research experience have provided me with the skills and leadership experience that [Peter Kavinsky and the search committee are] seeking for this position."

Rogers

Rogers is the founding dean and professor of the College of Technology and Computer Science at East Carolina University. His duties have included organizing the new college at ECU and implementing management structure, while working with university administration and local leaders on regional economic developing, according to his resume at YSU.

Rogers has also held positions as chair and professor of the Department of Engineering Management and Systems Management at the Old Dominion University in Virginia, and several directorial roles in the engineering and science fields.

"While I have had substantial personal success in research and obtaining external funding, my major academic impacts have been in providing the leadership and visions that built programs, faculties and infrastructure, which supported and led to the success of faculty and students," Rogers wrote in his admissions letter. "I consider myself an academic entrepreneur. I am someone who sees the opportunities offered by the changes, innovations and challenges fostered by globalization."

Tumeo

Tumeo has been vice provost for research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies at Cleveland State University for seven years, serving as a faculty member at

the university for the last 10 years. During his role as vice provost and dean, Tumeo was awarded upon sending a proposal to the State of Ohio for a \$23.7 million grant for the establishment of the Wright Center for Sensor Systems Engineering.

Tumeo is also owner and principle of Tumeo Engineering since 1984, which handles private consulting work that focuses on hazardous waste remediation, risk assessment and policy development, according to his resume.

"I have received two Fulbright awards (one in 1990 and an administrative Fulbright award in 1999)," Tumeo wrote in his admissions letter. "During my time as an administrator, I continued to teach, supported a research laboratory, mentored students, published scholarly articles, and served on University Committees."

Abraham's visit to the university will be on April 17, while Rogers will come April 20 and Tumeo on the April 24. Each candidate will start his daylong itinerary with meeting Provost Robert Herbert at 8:15 a.m.

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"It reminds you that even though you think you're safe, anything could happen," she said.

Junior Nichole Mick, another Buechner Hall resident, agreed with Pitcairn.

"This can happen anywhere. Who's to say one of those crazy people can't come here and do that?" she said.

While she believes this type of tragedy could happen at YSU, she's not agonizing over the possibility.

"You can't spend every day worrying. I feel that my dorm is safe enough," Mick said.

Lyden resident Evan Hertrick said he tries not to worry about the possibility of danger on campus.

"I try not to think about it. If I did, I'd be scared of everything," he said.

Flashback

Residents said Monday's shooting reminded them of April 2, the day convict Billy Jack Fitzmorris escaped from Youngstown's St. Elizabeth Health Center. In August 2006, Virginia Tech's campus experienced a situation similar to Fitzmorris' escape.

"I'm not any more worried now than I was when the convict escaped from the hospital," YSU freshman Katy Accetta said.

According a National Public Radio online article, Virginia Tech classes were cancelled in August after "an escaped jail inmate allegedly killed a hospital guard off campus and fled to the Tech area."

On Monday, Virginia Tech President Charles Steger did not cancel class until the second round of shootings in Norris Hall.

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Sweet said the four entrances across the university will include the north gateway, which starts at the Elm Street Bridge and leads toward Kilcawley House dorms; the west gateway, which will be 5th Avenue, coming toward the bookstore; and the south gateway, which will be by the Williamson Business College.

"The east gateway, along University Plaza, will be the main entrance into the university," Sweet said.

"University Plaza in particular represents the university's front door," Cole said. "It's important that we give prospective students and parents, as well as visitors, a good first impression as they approach the core of campus."

According to Cole, the first part of the East Gateway Project included work on two major parking lots on University Plaza in the summer of 2005.

Sweet said the majority of the reconstruction for the second part of the project will be done over summer break and should be completed by Fall 2007.

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students voted him and his running mate Cross into office.

"I would hope that it was because of our platform and debates." But Spatholt said the reason for their victory could have been as simple as standing outside Kilcawley Center soliciting votes.

Both sets of SGA candidates campaigned outside Kilcawley on election days last week.

Spatholt and the rest of the candidates were contacted by e-mail from the Elections Board about the recount. He said he intends to include Raib and Logan in next year's SGA.

Raib said, "We are very disappointed in the electoral process. While accountability was expected of us, it wasn't returned."

She said both she and Logan were upset that the bylaws regarding ballots were not followed.

According to the bylaws, when voting, the Scantron sheets and write-in forms must be numbered so that they are identifiable as a pair.

Raib said she believes the forms were not numbered, so there is no way to identify a pair. Raib and Logan do not plan on asking for a recount or filing a grievance.

Despite the discrepancy, Raib said, "I'm still proud of us. I think we did pretty darn good as write-ins."

Logan said he is disappointed in the Elections Board, and he intends to form an alternate SGA in the fall.

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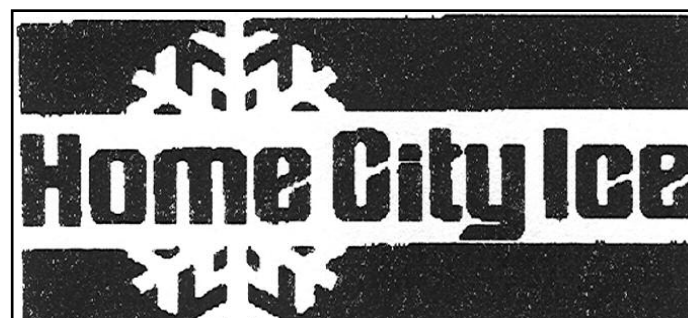
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OUR SIDE

Our hearts are with you

Working in the newsroom on production day, we weren't the same spirited students we normally are.

The television is always on in The Jambar office, but Monday afternoon we all gathered together on our newsroom couch to watch national coverage of a devastating massacre at a college university only six-and-a-half hours from our own campus.

On Virginia Tech's campus, a gunman opened fire at 7:15 a.m. in a dormitory and at 9:15 a.m. in a classroom, killing 33 people Monday morning in U.S. history. At a 4:30 p.m. press conference, Virginia Tech's President Charles Steger and Police Chief Wendell Flinchum were reluctant to disclose that one alleged gunman had killed himself after the shootings.

Monday's shootings at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. strike fear and sadness into college students across the nation.

Imagine deciding to skip Monday morning's class for a few extra hours of sleep. Imagine waking up to national headlines and realizing that sleeping in decided your fate and saved your life.

Normally we joke about living and attending class in the country's ninth most dangerous city, but after Monday our humor might change. Youngstown may be crime-filled, but YSU students have never had to endure a disaster of "monumental proportions," as Steger referred to the 33 fatalities on his campus.

Scenes from the crime sites flashed across the television and Internet and depicted one of the world's worst shooting tragedies, second only to a 1996 shooting at Port Arthur, Tasmania, where 35 people were killed. The media portrayed injured students being carried across campus lawns and students handcuffed in the grass as potential suspects.

We come to college to get an education. We woke up this morning worrying about exams and papers, not gunmen on our campus. The thought of losing classmates, friends or roommates during a shooting spree never enters our minds.

But for the students at Virginia Tech, that thought is now a crushing reality. We at The Jambar send our sympathy to the families and friends who lost loved ones and to all students at Virginia Tech. While we cannot completely understand their fears and losses, we can offer our support.

We normally go about our business, heading to classes and work, without truly worrying about our safety. We have been lucky here at YSU, and we are grateful for a history of secure campus safety. The terror at Virginia Tech has humbled us.

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COMMENTARY

Families deserve reimbursement in loan scandal

McClatchy
Tribune News Service
MCT

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Friday, April 13:

Financial aid officials are hired to help college students not to help themselves to cash, trips, consulting fees and stock options. But this Ethics 101 lesson has been overlooked at many institutions of higher learning across the country.

Securities and Exchange Commission documents reveal that a number of financial aid directors, and at least one senior official at the U.S. Education Department, have been profiting from private student-loan companies. New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said last week that deceptive, unethical and perhaps even illegal practices appear to be the rule not the exception in the \$85 billion industry.

This scandal extends to an untold number of colleges and universities. But it's already hit close to home. The University of Texas at Austin has placed its financial aid director on paid leave amid charges that a loan company gave him stock in exchange for inclusion on the school's preferred-lender list.

In the ultra-competitive student loan

UNSEASONABLE COLD IN SOUTHEAST POSTPONES SPRING AND CHILLED MUCH OF THE REST OF THE COUNTRY



industry, some lenders have been willing to cross ethical and perhaps even legal lines to earn the preferred-lender designation, as they've provided school officials trips, stocks and consulting fees.

In Texas and elsewhere, parents and students deserve answers. And when schools are found to have inflated loan prices, families deserve to be reimbursed. At least six schools already plan to refund millions they pocketed through revenue-sharing agreements with private lenders.

The student loan industry exploded as college costs soared, and regulations simply never kept pace. Now, Congress must put rules in place that state the obvious: Universities, financial aid officers and fed-

eral officials should not profit from needy students' loans. Preferred lenders should be selected in an open process that evaluates which companies offer students the best deal. Lending corporations should not be permitted to offer schools or individuals stock options, junkets or profit-sharing plans.

Congress also should consider expanding direct lending programs, which provide loans from the federal government. Critics contend that private lenders provide better service, but this kickback scheme suggests that it was greedy financial aid officers not students who were best served by the current arrangement.

COMMENTARY

Darfur's miseries won't be cured by do-gooders

Wayne Madsen
MCT

WASHINGTON — Largely lost in the international angst about the tragic conflict in Darfur the dusty western province of sprawling Sudan is the role played by many of the bad actors responsible for the looming disaster in Iraq.

In late March, Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wisc., took to the floor of the Senate and became one of the first congressional leaders to address the wider regional issues of the hellish Darfur situation.

Condemning the Bush administration's failure to intervene in Darfur, Feingold noted that most other world leaders also spout righteous rhetoric about the continuing genocide there, but shy away from taking robust action.

"The violence that has resulted in the death and displacement of hundreds of thousands of innocent people in Darfur has now spread to infect nearby areas," Feingold warned, "destabilizing neighboring countries and fueling a downward spiral of conflict and insecurity in the region.

The third-term senator noted that things are so bad the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees had begun moving refugees from eastern Chad back into Darfur for protection from fighting in neighboring Chad.

The problems of Darfur have been unjustly blamed by the myopic Bush administration primarily on the Sudanese government in Khartoum without considering that a national unity government consisting of the mainly Arab and Muslim north and the primarily African and Christian south now governs Sudan.

In 2004, Ahmat H. Soubiane, the former Chadian ambassador to the United States, accused Chad's President Idriss Deby a new recruit in the Bush "war on terror" of fomenting guerrilla movements in Darfur.

The current Darfur fighting was instigated by former members of Deby's Presidential Guard, members of the French-speaking Zaghawa tribe that originally hailed from Darfur.

Feingold pointed out in his Senate speech that Soubiane had predicted at the time that

the Darfur fighting would spread into Chad

Much of the fighting, as it turns out, was done with weapons from U.S. military shipments sent to Chad to help protect a Chad-Cameroon oil pipeline being constructed by a consortium of American oil companies in concert with the World Bank.

With oil in Chad and suspected large oil reserves in western Sudan, the fighting in Darfur has taken on a geopolitical dimension which also plagues other areas of the world that have the mixed blessing and curse of energy resources.

The geo-politics and oil dimensions are lost on the "misery industry," the non-governmental agencies that move into areas like Darfur and, in some cases, front for corporate, religious, and intelligence interests whose last priority is comforting the millions of innocents afflicted by warfare, disease, and famine in today's world.

Like oil wildcatters, the NGOs rush into wretched zones like Darfur to reap the benefits of massive outlays of money sent by governments,

churches, and private philanthropists.

Some religious organizations active in Darfur, including Pat Robertson's Samaritan's Purse, have clear right-wing religious agendas. Franklin Graham has made no secret of his desire to convert Sudan's Muslim President and other Sudanese to evangelical Christianity.

Protecting these aid workers are African Union peacekeepers with their own dubious human rights records. The most striking example is the presence in Darfur of Rwandan Army contingent that committed horrendous atrocities of genocidal proportions in Rwanda and Congo.

Darfur is a complicated problem that cannot be solved by right-wing politicians beholden to oil companies, defense contractors, money-hungry NGOs, and Christian fundamentalists.

Darfur requires a diplomatic solution that only diplomats armed with a strong sense of justice can provide. The concerned of the world still wonder in quiet anguish: "Do any exist?"

COMMENTARY

Administration's response to global warming is incomprehensible

McClatchy
Tribune News Service
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Despite the release last week of two white-hot warnings about global warming, the Bush administration kept right on fiddling.

First the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal government can regulate carbon dioxide and other gases that cause global warming. President Bush's response? The nation's already doing

enough, thank you very much.

Then came what should have been the definitive ice-breaker: the second U.N. report from more than 200 scientists on global warming, this time detailing the effects of the heat-trapping gases. Its dire account of a 3- to 5-degree increase in temperatures expected in the next century should nations fail to curb carbon-based emissions? The extinction of nearly one-third of the Earth's species and a spike in droughts and flood-

ing that could bring famine to millions, especially in poor countries.

The administration's response? Damage from rising seas is a cause for high concern, but it's not exactly the apocalypse. The report, after all, mentions benefits to agriculture in temperate regions.

The administration added that it's important for industrialized countries to foster economic growth in poorer countries so they can react better to climate change.

But the responsible reaction among many nations greeting the U.N. findings didn't include highlighting silver linings. And it didn't focus on making investments in countries so they can better weather climate change once it takes hold.

It included calls for greater reductions in the gases that cause global warming. The administration's refusal to join that chorus isn't just embarrassing; it's tragic.

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Who's snooping at YSU?

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

Walking through Kilcawley Center or enjoying a coffee in Peaberry's Café you can always catch weird snippets of conversation.

"Oh my God! It's all for the purple man!"

"It's not a bad song... just talentless and horrible..."

"It's still operational; that should tell you something..."

We all eavesdrop as we wind up the stairs, pass exes on the way to class or hear something amusing enough to tell our friends.

"Dude, they were totally lesbians. It was hot. Did you vote for SGA?"

So why do people do it?

Michael Clayton, a psychology professor at YSU, says, "It's really picking up things that are out-of-the-ordinary. There's not a lot of research on that, but unusual things stick."

Sophomore Laura Young is an eavesdropper, just like everyone else.

"I don't ever really eavesdrop on

anything important. I mean, if I walk down [to campus] by myself, hearing random bits of conversation is fun, or when people are loud on their cell phones you can't really help it."

Clayton likens eavesdropping to tuning in — and out — in class. He says students get distracted by text messaging or drawing, "but if you announce there will be a quiz next week, attention comes back to the class."

Allison Huck, a junior, listens in occasionally, too.

"I listen to stupid stuff, too. What happened last night at the party, or plans for later ... Oh! Instructors! When people talk about professors, I listen to that, too," Huck said.

Clayton thinks that once upon a time, eavesdropping may have been a good survival skill.

"Hearing where others left food could have been a good skill to have. You hear things that could be useful to you, like food and shelter," the professor said.

Young and Huck don't use their skills for survival as much as they do entertainment.

"You hear super random things sometimes, and you have to turn around and go, 'Huh. Weird,' and go on with your day," Young said.

Huck considered the survivalist edge.

"I don't think it's really survival anymore, but more curiosity than anything," she said.

Clayton laughed, relating how it curiosity can be used in his classes.

"I curse; attention goes back to what I'm saying," he said, reiterating that the unusual is what catches attention.

And what does he think people cue into the most?

"Anything with sex or music, I would guess," he mused.

On a college campus, it's not a bad bet at all.



FEATURE

'Happy Feet,' sad audience

Britta Snowberger
FEATURES REPORTER

Penguins are social animals — they eat together, they play together, they sleep together (you know what I mean). So, why is this Youngstown State University penguin straying from the flock in response to her fellow penguins' roles in the newly released DVD "Happy Feet?"

Because the movie blows, Monica Lewinsky-style.

Set in Antarctica, the Academy Award-winning film depicts the life of a young emperor penguin, Mumble, and his struggle to overcome adversity (think "Finding Nemo" with penguins). To attract a soul mate, members of Mumble's flock must sing unique "heartsongs," but due to an unfortunate-yet-predictable birth defect, Mumble is tone-deaf. His only skill is feverish tap dancing, hence the title, "Happy Feet." This tap dancing earns

Mumble disapproval from his parents and excommunication from his religious cult-like flock.

If ostracizing Mumble wasn't enough, flock elders blame the young penguin's unorthodox behavior for a faltering fish supply in the Antarctic oceans. To prove that tap dancing does not cause famines, Mumble sets out on an adventure with his true friends, a small group of stereotypically Mexican penguins, with hopes to convince the "aliens" (humans) to take fewer fish from the waters.

Although the Warner Brothers-distributed film's CGI (computer-generated imagery) animation is breathtaking, the movie's plotlines and musical numbers leave viewers baffled and ultimately annoyed.

With an all-star cast of actors lending voices to the

film, "Happy Feet" begins innocently with the story of Mumble's incubation at the feet of his father. Shortly thereafter, the film becomes a creepy, not-so-PG-rated music montage of inappropriately positioned penguins, dancing and dry-humping while singing lyrics like, "You don't have to be beautiful to turn me on, I just need your body, baby, from dusk till dawn."

From there, "Happy Feet" morphs into a nearly anti-Semitic children's film, as flock elders call Mumble's tap dancing a "pagan display" that offends their deity, the "Great 'Guin." While traveling with penguin guru, Lovelace, who speaks often of "mystic beings," Mumble and friends stumble upon human civilization — their first sight of which contains an abandoned church.

The film's disjointed plot progresses to the point of public service announcement, warning audience members of the destructive

effects overfishing has on Antarctic wildlife. Also centered on human neglect and mistreatment of animals, the movie displays Lovelace with a plastic six-pack binder around his neck (which he considers a talisman from the "mystic beings") and depicts penguins in captivity as disoriented and borderline comatose.

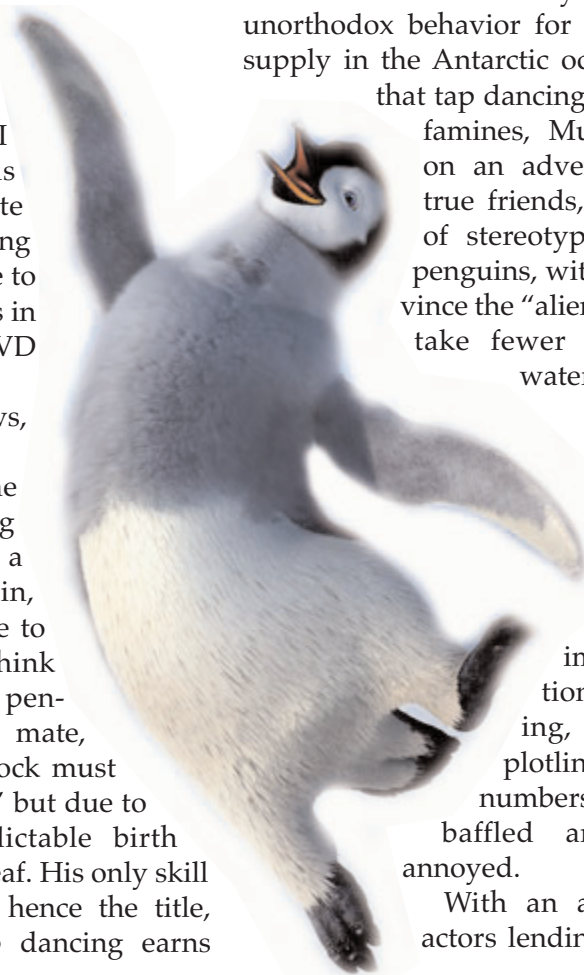
Overall, "Happy Feet" is a brilliantly animated, racially charged, anti-religious version of a soft-core porn PETA public service announcement.

Inappropriate for children and adults alike, the supposedly family-oriented film is a disgrace to penguins everywhere.

HAPPY FEET

Stars: Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Brittany Murphy, Hugh Jackman and more.

Rating: 2 of 5: This movie sucks. A lot.



Images courtesy of
www2.warnerbros.com/happyfeet/

Tuesday, April 17

-The Zou, indie rock, at Peaberry's Café, 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 19

-Drew Thomas, comedian at Peaberry's Café, 11 a.m.

Friday, April 20

-Tilt 360, 5 Elements and Dimstarshining at The Wedge, show begins at 9 p.m., 18 and over, \$5 tickets in advance, \$7 at the door.

-Kitchen Knife Conspiracy, Gingerspitz, Eileens Basement and Secondhand Suicide at The Cellar, doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m., 18 and over, \$6 at the door.

-Dog OK, Finding Mike Vagas, Valerie Drive and Bellville Suite at Irish Bob's in Youngstown, show begins at 9 p.m., \$3 at the door.

-Lonestar at The Chevrolet Centre, doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m., tickets available online at all Get Tix locations and at The Chevrolet Centre.

-Heath Hyche at Funny Farm Comedy Club, show begins at 8:30 p.m., 21 and over, \$17.50 admission.

-Greek Sing 2007 at Stambaugh Auditorium, show begins at 6 p.m., free admission.

-The Zou at Youngstown Relay for Life, Beeghley Center at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

-Disco Inferno at The Cellar, doors open at 9 p.m., show begins at 10 p.m., 18 and over, \$5 at the door.
-Heath Hyche at Funny Farm Comedy Club, shows begins at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, \$17.50 admission.

Sunday, April 22

-Z02 with Another Found Self at The Cellar, doors open at 6 p.m., 18 and over, \$10 at the door.

Upcoming
events

SURVEY, continued from page 1

size up with the others, but we did much better than I expected," Baltic said.

Dave Spatholt, vice president of financial affairs, said he was concerned with how YSU performed against the residential colleges and how that affected student involvement.

"We are a commuter school. Compared to residential schools, where others actually live on campus, YSU probably shows less involvement," Spatholt said. "Also, seniors are and have gotten smart with different Web sites and requirements, so they understand how the university works and might not want to pursue advisement opportunities or any other student-involved help center because they already know what they need to graduate."

The NSSE results show that YSU's strengths are based on providing academically challenging work while creating a supportive campus environment. According to the 2007 Performance Report from the Ohio Board of Regents, "YSU performed very well on state and national exams. YSU's retention rate for first-

year students is commendable."

NSSE findings show that areas to improve at YSU include the documentation, integration and enhancement of student involvement in "educationally enriching experiences at YSU." Teaching and learning improvements should relate to the campus community and "close the feedback loop."

In response to these problem areas, Stringer said YSU aims to improve "the structural support for ongoing assessment processes by selecting and appointing one assessment coordinator for each college at YSU." The coordinators would then be able to become more involved in campus assessment on an ongoing basis.

Stringer also said YSU is going to be conducting focus groups, climate surveys, and interviews with students, faculty and staff. NSSE results and survey data, as well as students' actual use of campus resources, should be shared with the student body through different newsletters sent out continuously and electronically to the campus community.

YSU

High school students visit YSU for Press Day

The Jambar

College students take caution. More than 450 high school students will attend the annual Press Day at Youngstown State University.

Connie Schultz, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, from the Cleveland Plain Dealer will speak at 8:30 a.m. in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center.

Press Day includes numerous sessions featuring local print, radio and

television journalists. High school journalists can compete for awards in categories including best editorial, editorial cartoon, news article, feature article and newspaper layout. The event runs until 2:30 p.m.

Lost...Lost...Gone!

All items FOUND this semester, that are not claimed by the end of finals week, will be donated to area charities.

FOUND: Keys, cell phones, hats, gloves, books, bags, etc. The campus LOST AND FOUND is located at YSU Info on the upper level of Kilcawley Center.

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SCIENCE DAY 2007

Student and Faculty Research Posters and Presentations

Keynote address:
Dr. Bruce Rothschild,
Professor of Medicine - NEUOCOM
"The Road from Serendipity to Hypothesis Testing"
Noon - WBH 3022

Thursday, April 19th
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Ward Becher Hall, 3rd floor

YSU GREEK Sing

Our Campus Tradition for Fifty-five Years!

2007

Friday, April 20th
6:00pm
Stambaugh Auditorium
Free Admission

This competition is sponsored by Coca-Cola

If you would like more information about Greek Sing or how to join a YSU sorority or fraternity, contact Student Activities at x3575 or 330.941.3575.
GO GREEK!

Greek Lunch Specials
Kilcawley Center
April 16-20

Monday, April 16th
GREEK POLSTITSIO
Delicious layered penne pasta with ground meat and white sauce. Available at Noodles and KC Food Court / Pete's Arena. \$4.89

Tuesday, April 17th
GREEK SALAD
Fresh greens with marinated tomatoes, cucumbers, Kalamata olives, and Feta cheese. Available for a quick yummy lunch at Noodles and KC Food Court / Grab 'n Go. \$4.59

Wednesday, April 18th
APPLE BAKLAVA
Just Baked. It's Heavenly! Available at Noodles and KC Food Court / Grab 'n Go. Take it home for dessert tonight! \$1.59

Thursday, April 19th
CHICKEN PITA W/ GARLIC CUCUMBER SAUCE
Take a lunch vacation to the Greek islands with our pita stuffed with tender boneless chicken breast, garlic cucumber sauce, sliced tomatoes, and crisp shredded lettuce. Only at Noodles Restaurant \$3.39

GREEK SOUP
Delicious Yuvarelakia Soupa Avgolemono! At Noodles, KC Food Court, and Christman Dining. Cup, Bowl, & To-Go-Sizes!

Friday, April 20th
FREE FRIES FRIDAY - GREEK SING DAY!
Free fries with any sandwich purchase if wearing your GREEK LETTERS! Only at Grill 155 in the KC Food Court. (Does not include Grab n' Go sandwiches)

Win A Cedar Point Road Trip!
Win 4 Adult One-day Cedar Point Tickets A \$50 Gas Gift Card, Plus a Coca-Cola Cooler w/Coke. **A \$245 TOTAL VALUE!**
Purchase a 'bottle' of Coke in Kilcawley Center and receive a contest entry card. Enter often as you wish through April 20th. Contest rules and details at www.kc.ysu.edu and at participating Kilcawley areas.

YSU SPRING JOB EXPO 2007

Thursday, April 19 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room

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Classic Auto Group	Ohio State Highway Patrol	Valley Counseling Services, Inc.
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CMI, EFCO, Inc.	Parsons	Walgreens
Community Counseling Center of Mercer County	PBS 45 & 49	West Corporation
Defense Finance & Accounting Service	Penske Truck Leasing	Western Southern Financial Group
Department of Public Safety	PS America, Inc.	Windsor House, Inc.
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Emerson Process Management	Rite Aid	
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The Madden video game franchise bestowed its first perfect rating to which current NFL player and in which skills category?

- A. Jonathan Ogden, pass blocking
- B. LaDainian Tomlinson, agility
- C. Adam Vinatieri, kicking accuracy
- D. Devin Hester, speed

D. Devin Hester

COMMENTARY

Homestretch a relief for road-wary baseball squad

Andrew Berry
SPORTS REPORTER

In what has been one of the worst springs for the great American pastime, neither the Youngstown State University baseball team nor the weather has fared too well this season. Add on the squad's rigorous road schedule during the first half of the season and it's a formula that would spell doom for most teams.

But not the Penguins.

It may be hard to believe, but the team's 11-20 record has not put them out of contention for the right to be called the Horizon League's best.

The Penguins began the season with an array of formidable opponents lined up on the schedule, including Stephen F. Austin University and the University of Missouri Tigers, a 2006 regional finalist team.

By staying focused and playing hard, the Penguins survived their 19-game road trip to open the season and were able to close it out strong, winning seven of eight games before returning to Youngstown for their home opener.

What has been keeping the Penguins alive in the standings is their strong play against league opponents.

Playing the hard portion of the schedule early in the season gave the team the experience they needed to come out swinging during league play.

The squad exploded for a three game sweep of Butler University to earn a quick spot at the top of the standings, but have recently fallen down the ladder as the Penguins currently sit in fifth place with a 4-8 conference record.

Numbers don't always tell the story though.

While the Penguins may not be in first now, the pinnacle of the Horizon League standings is not out of reach. The University of Chicago-Illinois holds the top spot with just a four game lead over the Penguins with 22 contests left on the schedule.

The opportunity for the Penguins to climb back to the top begins now as the team will not have to play a road game again until May 15.

With 17 league games remaining, the squad will play all but three away from Youngstown, which means their playoff hopes will be determined by what unfolds during the next few weeks.

The home stand couldn't have come at a better time for though, as the team has been unable to ignite a hot streak during the extended winter months. The Penguins have won just two of their last 10 games while Mother Nature has nagged the Penguins with delays and cancellations.

The pitching staff is good enough to win games, but will have a hard time doing so without run support. The offense will have to fight off the cold and light up the scoreboard for the Penguins to have success.

Look for Brent Parks to turn things around and contribute more to the offensive production. Parks is struggling with a .218 batting average, but has only two home runs and 10 RBIs. The senior slugger needs to find his rhythm at the plate.

Head coach Mike Florak has done a phenomenal job this season getting his team to maintain consistency and not altering its approach to the game. Keeping the team focused will be key to the Penguins title hopes coming down the home stretch.



Photo Courtesy YSU Sports Information

The first half of the season is over and the Penguins hard play has been rewarded with a 19 game homestretch over the next month. A resurgence at the plate by senior slugger Brent Parks could revive the Penguin unit out of the cold and back to the top of the Horizon League standings.

Best of the Best:

Penguins vs. Vikings



Hitting

Batting Average
Slugging Percentage
RBIs
HRs

Youngstown State

John Koehnlein - .388
Erich Diedrich - .530
Erich Diedrich - 26
Erich Diedrich - 5

Cleveland State

John Westra - .291
Carlos Laboy - .438
John Westra - 18
Matt Madrid - 2

Pitching

ERA
Wins
Saves
Strikeouts

Youngstown State

Andy Svitak - 2.18
Lucas Engle - 3
Any Svitak - 5
Adam Kalafos - 33

Cleveland State

Pat McKittrik - 2.43
Pat McKittrik - 3
Mike Babin - 2
Stephen Procter - 45

Fielding

Fielding Percentage
Putouts
Errors
Double Plays

Youngstown State

Lou Gattozzi - 1.000
Lou Gattozzi - 147
Anthony Munoz - 16
Anthony Munoz - 21

Cleveland State

Mike Babin - 1.000
Theo Hudson - 190
Rich Rannels - 12
Bobby Cash - 20



YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF

Humphrey named MVP for third time

USBL's Long Island Primetime draft Guins' Keston Roberts

Former Penguin guard Keston Roberts was selected in the 2007 United States Basketball League draft Tuesday by the Long Island Primetime. Roberts, who played for YSU the past two seasons, was a fourth-round pick by the Primetime team.

In his two seasons with the program, Roberts had a memorable career. He tallied 895 points in 59 career games, an average of 15.2 per contest. He made 339 field goals, including 87 from behind the 3-point arc. A stellar free-throw shooter, he made 130-of-159 attempts (81.8 percent). He had 105 assists, 58 steals and 20 blocks.

As a senior, Roberts was impressive, scoring 504 points in starting all 31 contests, an average of 16.3 a contest. He grabbed 104 rebounds (3.4 per game), had 52 assists, 25 steals and 12 blocked shots. He averaged 14 points and 2.9 rebounds a game as a junior.

Quin Humphrey was named the men's basketball program's Dom Rosselli Most Valuable Player for the third consecutive year. Head Coach Jerry Slocum announced the award at the team's end-of-the-year banquet on Sunday.

Humphrey is the first player to be named team MVP for three consecutive seasons since the award was created in 1990.

A two-time first-team all-league pick, Humphrey averaged 18.8 points and 7.1 rebounds a contest during the 2006-07 campaign. He started all 31 games, scoring 584 points, grabbing 221 rebounds, and dishing out 92 assists, 42 steals and 10 blocks.

He led the Horizon League during the 16-game conference season by averaging 19.7 points per contest while scoring a total of 315 points. It marked the second consecutive year in which he led the league during the conference slate.

His 7.1 rebounds per contest helped him to also earn the Leo Mogus Leading Rebounder Award as well.

PENGUIN PROFILE

Penguin tennis star keeps team competitive with aggressive play

Aaron Blatch

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Youngstown State University junior tennis player Michelle Fuleky has played a key role in helping her team stay competitive despite its plague of injuries.

Fuleky played well in a recent three-game winning streak at the beginning of April, and Saturday she paired with teammate Gina Peretti to win her No. 1 doubles match over UW-Milwaukee.

Fuleky has had a successful career at YSU, posting a 22-15 record in singles play entering this season. The junior will compete in home matches against Detroit and Butler Saturday and Sunday in preparation for the Horizon League Championships April 27-29.

Fuleky had time in between matches to answer questions about Penguin tennis and all the rest.

Q: What is your favorite thing about YSU?

A: I love being a part of a team! My team is a great group of girls and we always have a blast together. I also have made some amazing lifelong friends!

Q: How is your relationship with the tennis coaching staff?

A: My coach is the type of person that will be there for you no matter what. On the court she helps you out with your tennis game, but off the court she is also your friend who listens to what is going on in your life outside of tennis. I think when your coach is involved in every aspect of your life you are going to have an even closer relationship with [him or her].

Q: What do you plan to do after college?

A: I plan on getting my doctorate in physical therapy. I'm just not sure where yet!

Q: What are your goals for the rest of your tennis career at YSU?

A: I'm sure like every athlete, I would love to see my team win the conference.

Q: What is your favorite sport other than tennis?

A: I love football! If I was a guy I would definitely change my sport.

Q: What is one thing that most people don't know about you?

A: Well, I am a very outgoing and open person, so a lot of people probably know a lot about me. I like

to think I'm funny, but I am also very sarcastic.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: When I am not going to class, playing tennis or studying, which is pretty much always, I like to sleep, eat and go out with friends. I'm also kind of a shopaholic.

Q: What is something that people don't realize about being a college athlete?

A: I'm not sure that people realize how much time it really takes up. We condition at 6:30 in the morning, go to class all day, and then go to practice. Then there is all the weekends and weekdays away and the things that you do outside of all that. It's a full time job!

Q: Who is your favorite professional athlete?

A: I'd have to say my all time favorite would be Steffi Graf.

Q: How would you describe yourself as a tennis player?

A: I am a very aggressive player. I've always liked to hit the ball hard.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: My mother. She is always motivating me to do my best, and when I am down she is my inspiration to keep going.

