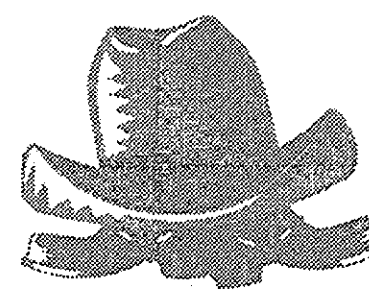




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## Media Services gets new structure

Media Service employees will be reassigned to other departments.

**MEGAN E. WALSH**  
News Editor  
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Copy Editor

Media services is being absorbed into Academic Computing and Technology and University Relations, according to Dr. James Scanlon, provost.

Mike Graham, associate director of media services refused to comment about the move, as did Floyd Jackson, director of media services.

They referred all comments to Dr. Scanlon, who said that under the new structure, Jackson will be

reporting to Mears, and Graham, "will direct both units and report to Dr. Gordon Mapley." Mapley, assistant provost, also refused to comment.

Scanlon also stressed that this is not a cost-cutting measure, but that there is a need to integrate these services.

"Media services is not being dissolved. No one will lose their jobs."

"We are reorganizing the administrative structure to strengthen the services provided to the faculty and university," said Scanlon.

Dr. G.L. Mears, executive vice president said, "There will be no loss of services. The media

services and support for instruction stay. The reporting structure for these services has changed."

Mears also stated that the some of the budget for media services will be going to the Academic Computing and Technology Center and some of the employees will be joining the public relations department.

According to Scanlon, a new budget will be developed for the total area.

Scanlon also said meetings have been held with the staff of media services to get their input and suggestions about how this transformation can best be handled. He further stated that the process takes time.

## News you can use

### Perseid reigns during summer night shower

The meteor shower can be seen on any clear night this week.

**EMILY D. CRONK**  
Editor in Chief

Stargazers this week will be dazzled with the meteor shower known as Perseid. This is an annual shower that offers sky watchers a colorful spectacle of falling particles of ice.

According to the Web site, <http://home.aznet.net/~arnesp/Perseids.html>, Perseids are meteors caused by dust, gravel, and ice from Comet Swift-Tuttle, which was last near the earth and sun in 1993.

When the earth rotates around the sun during the month of August, it picks up some of that dirt, gravel and ice. The dust and ice begin to burn up as it enters the earth's atmosphere and will then create what sky watchers call shooting stars and astronomers call meteors. It is possible to see approximately 60 meteors in just one hour, which creates the shower effect in the nighttime sky.

The constellation, Perseus, which stargazers can see on a clear night offers up the Perseid shower. Sky watchers can also look up toward the W shaped constellation of Cassiopeia and see more meteors.

The Perseid shower gets its name from the constellation and the mythical hero, Perseus. Perseus was the son of a mortal woman and the Greek god, Zeus.

The woman's husband, Polydeuces was upset over the affair and made the decision that when Perseus grew up, he would be sent on a mission to kill Medusa, a horrifying gorgon, who would turn him to stone if he looked at her.

Accepting the challenge, Perseus begged the gods for help, receiving a golden, mirrored shield from Athena, the goddess of wisdom, and winged sandals from Hermes, the messenger of the gods.

Perseus defeated Medusa. After killing her, a white horse, Pegasus, flew out of her neck.

On his way back home with Pegasus, Perseus sees a woman chained to a rock.

Andromeda, a princess, was being offered as a sacrifice because Cassiopeia, her mother, claimed that Andromeda was more beautiful than the sea nymphs.

The sea nymphs were the daughters of Poseidon, also known as Neptune, the god of the sea.

Angered by this claim, Poseidon sent floods over the land, which was ruled by Cassiopeia and her husband. Not satisfied with this, Andromeda was to be sacrificed.

Perseus swoops down on his white horse and saves Andromeda from her certain fate and becomes a hero. Perseus defeats the sea nymphs.

## News Nuggets

### Kosar comes to college

Bernie Kosar, former quarterback of the Cleveland Browns, will be the commencement speaker, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. in Beechly Center.

### New director named at YSU

Ron Trevellini, former Business District Authority director, has been named director of YSU's Cashwa Center for Entrepreneurship.

### Contract not renewed

YSU's Public Service Institute has not renewed its contract with the Center for Labor-Management Relations of the Mahoning Valley.

## Math professor heads to England

Zbigniew Piotrowski will do research with Thomas Korner at Cambridge University in Great Britain this fall.

**KAREN HAMEL**  
Contributing Writer

He is a mathematician who hates numbers, a teacher who often prefers doing research, and something of a wild and crazy guy.

"We're not like nerds," Zbigniew Piotrowski, professor, mathematics and statistics, said of himself and his fellow mathematicians. "We really have fun with this stuff. You have to be logical, but also a little bit crazy, a little bit wild."

The "wild" professor of mathematics and statistics will head to Pembroke College in Cambridge University, Great Britain, this fall after being chosen an associate scholar by that institution for the 1999-2000 academic year. Dr. Thomas Korner of Pembroke nominated him for the honor.

While there, he will do research with Korner in Pembroke's department of pure mathematics, working on topology, or pure mathematics, which Piotrowski describes as "deriving

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Zbigniew Piotrowski  
Professor, mathematics and statistics

new theorems from old ones using laws of logic."

"There are hundreds of thousands of questions that are unanswered," he said. "We solve problems that no one ever solves in the history of the world."

Fellow YSU mathematics professor Dr. Richard Goldthwait called Piotrowski "highly respected" in his field.

"He has done top-notch research," said Goldthwait. "He's known by mathematicians throughout the world."

Piotrowski began his adventure into abstract mathematics at Wroclaw University in southwestern Poland. After earning his doctorate in 1979, he taught at that university before accepting an

invitation to become a visiting professor at Cleveland State University in 1981. He came to YSU in 1984.

Piotrowski said the principal role for a professor is research, which is why he has presented more than 50 papers on the subjects of topology and analysis. However, he still relishes his work in the classroom.

"I am the happiest camper when a student comes to me and wants to write a master thesis on topology," he said. "This is the time when you can really use your knowledge."

His happiness with teaching is

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**Stargazing Tools**

- Lawn chair or blanket.
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- Low lit area.
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## EDITORIAL

### Scout's Honor

The Boy Scouts Of America are eating crow after the Supreme Court of New Jersey ruled in favor of reinstating Dale, a homosexual Scout Leader who was fired from his position in 1990 because of his sexual orientation.

As a young boy, Dale was enrolled with the Boy Scouts and received 30 merit badges before he became an Eagle Scout and, eventually an Assistant Scoutmaster.

According to the Aug. 10 edition of Newsweek, the Court's decision said, Dale's removal was "based on little more than prejudice and he had never used his leadership position or membership... [in the Scouts] to promote homosexuality, or any message inconsistent with the Boy Scouts' policies of being 'morally straight' and 'clean'."

The Court also rejected the argument that the scouts are a private membership organization. According to the New Jersey Supreme Court, the Scouts are referred to as "a quasi-public entity because of its partnerships with public institutions and facilities. Such accommodations thus put the Scouts in violation of state law prohibiting exclusion based on race, gender, religion or sexual orientation."

George Davidson, Scout lawyer said, "This ruling unconstitutionally infringes on the rights of the Boy Scouts of America. And it's sad when the state dictates to parents what role models they must provide their children."

When the Court of New Jersey handed down the final decision to reinstate Dale, the damage had already been done.

Dale's winning is only a small victory for the larger problem of accepting gays and lesbians in today's society. It shouldn't matter what sexual orientation a person is. They are still human beings and deserve to be treated with respect and as our equal brothers and sisters.

The war being fought against gay rights is expected to move to Vermont. The Supreme Court there will be ruling soon on whether or not the state's constitution allows gay marriages.

If everyone is supposed to be created equal, then society as a whole has to come together and support their brothers, sisters, cousins and friends who are of homosexual orientation.



## A STAFF VIEW

MEGAN E. WALSH  
News Editor

### Scrappers strike out with one staff member

Why is it that once you put a man in a uniform, he gets a sudden burst of power and celebrity? He thinks that every woman should fawn over him and he has the authority to do whatever he wants.

That's what it felt like meeting some of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers a few weeks ago. My friends and I were in a local bar after attending the Scrappers' home game against the Jamestown Jammers, when we noticed a group of guys looked vaguely (and I stress VAGUELY) familiar.

To make a long story short, they turned out to be some of the Scrappers. Upon meeting them I realized almost all of these guys; thought they were the best things since sliced bread.

I hated to break the news to them, but they seemed more like over-sexed, rude male chauvinists to me. Granted, two of them, (I counted), were extremely nice and well-mannered. They were third baseman, Nate Grindell, and designated hitter, Eric Johnson.

As for a few others I met that night, they made me sick. I was astonished that my friends were actually feeding into these players' warped sense of celebrity.

But the thing that bothered me the most was not the fact that I was the only sober person at this bar, but that my friends allowed a few of them to grind and grab several of their body parts.

Also, I guess the players' mothers never taught them how to talk to a lady because all that was spewing out of their mouths was garbage. They

talked about my friends like they were on a meat rack.

"Oh look at her [butt]" or "She's got quite a rack on her," were some of the things a couple of them said.

And when it came time to call it a night, all of these guys expected me to drive them to their homes.

"Oh, can I be so privileged," I thought as I wished this nightmare would end. But of course it didn't.

My friends insisted on driving their little boy-toys home. Trying to rationalize with drunk people isn't the easiest task on earth.

Then 10 other guys standing around tried to jam themselves into the same car and got incredibly igno-

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rant when I explained to them that not everyone is riding home in the "Megan Mobile."

Upon taking them home, my friends and I

learned that a couple of their boy-toys had either wives or girlfriends. Yet they still wanted to continue their little grinding episodes with my friends!

Hoping that this "After School Special" scenario was over, I took a few of the guys home and prayed that I'd never see them again.

I can honestly say that I've never met such a rude group of 10 or so guys before in my 20 years on earth. For someone to think that just because they play minor league baseball it means they can treat women like objects, disregard their loved ones back home, and act in such a "holier than thou" manner, is unbelievable.

Needless to say, I was extremely disappointed and I'll never attend a Scrappers game again!

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

After reading the editorial written in the July 29 issue, "Prisons aren't the only solution to the economic woes of the valley," I felt that I couldn't agree more.

The editorial pointed out the fact that four prisons were built within a 50 mile radius including the county jail located just two blocks from campus. Do you really think we need more prisons?

If any of you haven't noticed, our valley is not as thriving as

would like it to be. Yes we have GM and Packard, but those jobs don't appeal to everyone. We need to bring in businesses that offer high-tech jobs that can appeal to more people.

This would also give a reason for YSU graduates to stay in Youngstown. Rather than going somewhere else.

It would be nice for a lot of us who were born and raised in Youngstown to have a reason to

### The city of Youngstown needs to offer more to its college graduates

still be here and have a family.

But, this won't happen if we continue to ignore the fact that Youngstown is not appealing to college students.

But every cloud has a silver lining. Ohio Senator Robert F. Hagan has expressed interest in running for the United States Congress. He also supports bringing in better jobs to the valley instead of more prisons. I have gotten help and advice from the sena-

tor, and he has always been gracious, and shows that he truly cares about the needs of the students at YSU.

We need someone in Washington that can fight for making Youngstown a place that is more appealing to stay and work after graduation. Senator Hagan can do just that.

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# Country music causes fans to kick up their heels

■ Singing sensation Dwight Yokum gets the crowd jumping.

LYNN NICKELS  
Contributing Writer

PITTSBURGH - Fans "Last Chance for a Thousand Years" was Tuesday night to see hard core country singer Dwight Yokum perform his hits before the new millennium.

Yokum got the crowd revved up with "Turn It On, Turn It Up, Turn Me Loose." The audience was so into Yokum, they were on their feet before the singer even stepped out onto the stage.

Yokum's definite country twang was what this crowd wanted and what this crowd got.

The singer hit a real personal note with the crowd, as well.

The West Virginia-born, Ohio-raised singer told

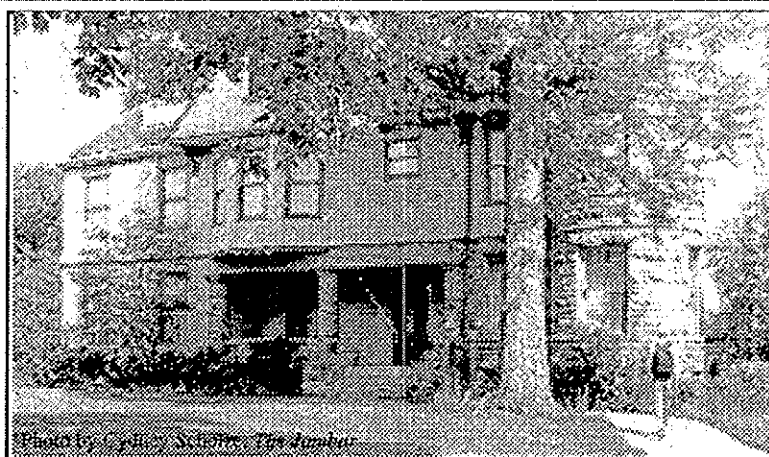
fans tales of his childhood in the Appalachian Mountains with his grandmother. Their times together included sitting around the kitchen table singing hymns, inspiring the singer to write the hit song, "A Thousand Miles From Nowhere."

Yokum sang old favorites and new hits to the delight of the crowd. Many just couldn't stay in their seats, getting up and dancing as they sang the words along with Yokum.

Yokum has a varied vocal range and can really get down on the low notes.

Unfortunately, sound problems were threaded through the show as feedback and very loud volume made the audience cringe at times.

Overall, the show was a huge success. And in great part due to Yokum's very professional and talented opening act, Deana Carter.



Closed Inn: It is uncertain when the Wick Pollock will reopen for business.

## Inn flickers out

■ The Wick Pollock Inn will be closed until YSU can find a company to run it.

JIMMY FILICKY  
Contributing Writer

The tired and huddled masses passing through Youngstown won't be spending a night at the Wick-Pollock Inn anytime soon.

Located on the corner of Wick Avenue and Spring Street, the Wick-Pollock Inn may not be reopening for quite some time according to Dr. G.L. Mears, executive vice president. He said YSU is currently in search of a company to take over the operation of the inn.

Neither Mears nor Dr. John Yemma, dean, health and human services, could say when the Wick-Pollock Inn would reopen. Mears said YSU has received a few offers from prospective groups, but none of the offers have been acceptable.

Mears also said that although YSU has not advertised in the local newspapers for operators for the inn, it does have a brokerage firm working on locating a business to take over the operation. YSU owns the building and the real estate the inn sits on, but definitely has no plans to take over

the operation of it at this time.

Although owned by YSU, the Wick-Pollock Inn was never incorporated into the university's hospitality management program.

"We have been trying to get YSU students involved since the inn was taken over in 1986. However, the previous operators were not interested in having the students involved," Mears said, adding that the Wick-Pollock Inn needs to be utilized as part of the hospitality management program.

"The Wick-Pollock Inn also could be used for students of other majors like accounting or management for example," Mears said.

He added that every aspect of the inn, from managing the front desk to keeping track of the finances, could be incorporated into the majors offered at YSU.

"I would like to get YSU students involved with the Wick-Pollock Inn. I am convinced that if students get involved, the Wick-Pollock Inn will be a 4-star establishment," said Yemma.

He stated that when the inn is reopened, getting students involved will definitely be one of the top priorities.

## Still great after all these years

■ Deana Carter not only sings, but offers up her time as a spokeswoman for the National Kidney Foundation.

LYNN NICKELS  
Contributing Writer

PITTSBURGH - Small in stature but large in talent? Southern-fried rock singer, Deana Carter opened last night for country music veteran Dwight Yokum at Star Lake Amphitheatre.

Carter hasn't been on the country music scene very long but you couldn't tell by her performance. The first female soloist ever invited to participate

in Farm Aid VII, Carter got her start in 1994 when she was invited by Aid's host, Willie Nelson, after he'd heard one of her demo tapes.

The crowd wasn't as receptive to Carter's performance as she deserved. Her vocals were strong and seemingly effortless she is truly a talented singer.

Finally, though, the crowd did get on its feet for the singer's final number, "Strawberry Wine," for which she won CMA's 1997 Single of the Year award.

Carter was thankful to the crowd and to Yokum for their support during the tour. She was a real lady.

The only problem with Carter's performance was that it just wasn't long enough.

Carter keeps herself busy outside the music business as a spokeswoman for the National Kidney Foundation.

Carter's father received a kidney five years ago, and the singer has been singing the foundation's praises ever since.

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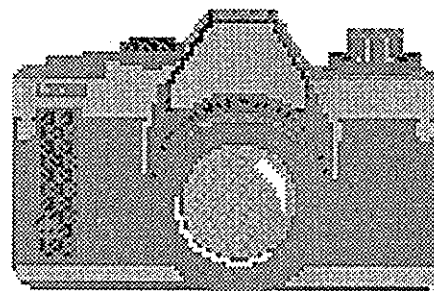
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clear to fellow professor, Dr. Eric Wingle.

"One of the things that stands out is the way he encourages people to get involved in mathematics research," Wingle said. "One student has written three papers in three years."

At Pembroke, Piotrowski will do both of the things he loves,

research and some teaching. YSU will pay his salary while he is at Pembroke, but his work will bring prestige to the university and help him reach one of his goals.

Piotrowski said he plans to someday institute a cooperative doctoral program with a college in another country.

As he travels to Europe, this goal will be on his mind. "I will not stop until we accomplish this," he said.



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