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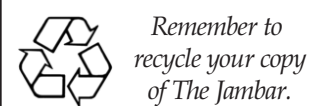
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COLD CASE

Arrest made in 1985 murder of YSU sophomore

Darlene Wagner
 Jambar Contributor

When Lucian and Avalon Tenney spoke to their daughter, Gina, at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 29, 1985, they never imagined that it would be the last time they would ever hear her voice.

The Youngstown State University student told her parents she was on her way to meet a girlfriend that evening. She was never seen alive again.

On the morning of Dec. 30,

1985, a trapper checking his traps saw a body floating in the Mahoning River near the West Avenue Bridge. Later, that morning, the Tenneys received a fateful call.

The Youngstown Police requested that the Tenneys make a positive identification of a young woman found murdered. It was their 19-year-old daughter, Gina Tenney.

A little over one week ago, the 22-year-old cold case resurfaced.

At 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 4, as Bennie Lee Adams was on his way home from work, he was arrested and charged with the aggravated

murder, rape, kidnapping and aggravated burglary in the 1985 Tenney case. He was arraigned in Youngstown Municipal Court, and bond was set at \$1.75 million. Adams' preliminary hearing is set for Oct. 23 in the Mahoning County Municipal Court.

Five days before Gina's body was found, she reported a burglary at her apartment, suspecting that a 28-year-old male staying with her first floor neighbor was responsible. Jay Macejko, Youngstown city prosecutor, was reported to have said Gina "was leery" of the man.

The same man she suspected was indeed Adams — and was later charged with possession of stolen property because he had Gina's ATM card in his possession. The case was never prosecuted.

In 1986, Adams was convicted for the kidnapping, rape and robbery of a Boardman woman. He was released from prison in 2004, after serving an 18-year sentence. He is a registered sex offender.

Two decades have passed, but the Tenneys' memories of that horrific day in December 1985 and of their daughter are still fresh in their

minds.

"I'm glad they finally caught him. He doesn't deserve to be on the streets," said soft-spoken Avalon. "I've forgotten a lot of things, but I'll never forget my Gina. She was a beautiful, pleasant joy to us."

Avalon said her family, of Ashtabula, holds no grudge against Youngstown or YSU.

"We haven't been back since her death because we had no reason to visit," the victim's mother said, however adding, "We will be at his hear-

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HOMECOMING WEEK



EATING HIS WAY TO THE TOP — Freshman Josh Workman wins the eating contest, his first, by consuming two 12-inch buffalo chicken wraps and a smoothie the fastest. Surveying the competition and the empty food containers, Workman said it was a comfortable win.

Workman won a \$50 gift certificate to the YSU Bookstore. Student Activities put on the contest with food from Sodexo and Affiliates Food Service as part of Homecoming Week.



READY FOR A REMATCH — Graduate student Patrick Rigney took second place after eating a big breakfast and nearly forgetting he had signed up for the contest. He was reminded that morning by a promo on WFMJ-21, which later broadcast the contest live from Kilcawley Center. "I'd do it again," Rigney said, suggesting a rematch.

Photos and story by Richard Louis Boccia.



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YSU

Campus kicks off Homecoming Week

Ashley Tate
 News Reporter

Free bottles of specialty drinks NOS and FUZE, caricatures and balloon creations are indication that Homecoming Week has started.

Monday kicked off the week with the introduction of Coca Cola soft drinks NOS and FUZE, Jocko the Clown, caricature artist Jodie Fleming and a buffalo chicken wrap eating contest.

Senior Bill D'Amico, who really likes Homecoming Week, said he rooted for his buddy Mason at the food eating contest in Kilcawley Center, but he didn't win.

"I thought it was funny. I really like how YSU tries to do all of these events for us. I think it's a good thing. They do try to keep some of the commuter students here and connect with the university."

"Usually they get intimidated right before, but I always try to encourage them and say, 'Hey, we'd like to have a couple girls in here.'"

Carrie Anderson, coordinator from campus recreations

Josh Workman was the winner of the contest, taking home a \$50 gift certificate to the YSU Bookstore.

Carrie Anderson, coordinator of programs and marketing in campus recreation, said Workman was an alternate, meaning he was late signing up for the contest but his name was called because two participants did not show up.

All the participants received Homecoming Week and YSU Bookstore T-shirts.

Although girls aren't regular participants in the food-eating contests, Anderson said they encourage

them to join.

"Usually they get intimidated right before, but I always try to encourage them and say, 'Hey, we'd like to have a couple girls in here.'"

Anderson said the four food-eating contests "are a must."

"We always have those, it's good publicity for the university, and it always brings a crowd of students."

Actually, all of the events bring crowds of students, Anderson said.

"I mean, Jocko the Clown? Would you expect a line for him from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.?" No.

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COLLEGE JOBS

Most work experiences can boost student resumes

Sarah Sole
 News Editor

Cleaning the walls of McDonald's bathroom stalls often gives freshman Edward Tulanko the chance to ponder how a person can possibly create such a mess.

Tulanko summed up his response to the question. "I'm about ready to hurl," he said.

Though students may not always enjoy the jobs they hold, work experience during college helps prove the ability to handle complex schedules said Bernie Cummins, director of career and counseling services.

For example, a student who works 25 to 30 hours a week will have a harder time consistently achieving good grades, Cummins said.

Cummins said students should not take any job casually. Rather,

they should specifically look at what they achieved while employed at their jobs, he said.

Cummins said work in the retail and food industries gives employees practice providing customer service.

Fast food, fast forward

Some students are already in the practice of marketing past job skills to future employers.

Freshman Jessica Lelesch said she picks out characteristics from her work experience that match what prospective employers desire.

"That way, you sound more qualified," she said.

Other students have also practiced highlighting college job skills on their resumes.

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TO THE POINT

Homecoming Parade to kick off Centennial Celebration

The Homecoming Parade on Fifth Avenue will begin at 2 p.m. Oct. 20. Helen Stambaugh, a donor to YSU Marching Pride, will lead the parade as grand marshal. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m. and the Centennial Celebration begins at halftime.

University groups plan to discuss meeting disability needs

The YSU Community Diversity Committee plans to hold a disability awareness program at the Jewish Community Center at 6 p.m. Oct. 18. The discussion will focus on methods for institutions to be compliant and sensitive to the needs of those with physical and mental disabilities. Representatives of YSU Disability Services will be present.

Nursing research symposium set

The Fifth Annual Nursing Research Symposium starts 8 a.m. Oct. 23 in Kilcawley Center. The registration fee will be \$25 for students, and \$40 for non-students. The program is sponsored by Humility of Mary Health Partners, Sigma Theta Tau International nursing honor society — the Xi Xi Chapter at YSU — and Forum Health.

Business students to shadow executives

The Williamson College of Business will participate in the 4th

Annual Advertising/PR Shadow Day starting 7:30 a.m. Friday with a networking breakfast at the Holiday Inn Metroplex. Students will shadow executives to gain more knowledge of the role of advertising and public relations specialists in the areas of sports, non-profit agencies, finance, information systems, manufacturing, and radio and television.

Retirement lectures begin in Tod Hall

Lectures by the YSU-Institute for Learning in Retirement will resume for the fall Oct. 19 in Tod Hall. Refreshments are served at 9:30 a.m. and the lecture begins at 10 a.m.

Visiting musicians will play at Bliss

Bliss Hall will host acclaimed Steinway Artist Nancy Zipay DeSalvo and award-winning saxophonist James Flowers for a performance at 8 p.m. Oct. 17. The free concert is sponsored by the Dana School of Music

Blanket drive

Student Social Work Association will hold a blanket drive Thursday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Cushman Hall Lobby and Friday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Kilcawley Center near Comdoc. Blankets collected will be donated to the Rescue Mission.

POLICE BRIEFS

Cone on vehicle

On Oct. 8 YSU police were dispatched to the M1 deck in response to a vehicle that had a YSU parking cone on top of it. The car also had a parking sign leaning on it, several empty cans of Skoal were on the windshield along with two and written notes in the front windows.

Fire alarm at apartments

YSU police were sent to the University Courtyard Apartments after two residents sent off the fire alarm while cooking hamburgers on the stove.

YSU

Alcohol awareness week helps students learn responsibility

Jeanette DiRubba
Jambar Contributor

Monday kicked off Alcohol Awareness Week at Youngstown State University with Wasted Weekdays, presented by the Housing and Residence Life on campus.

Each themed day of Wasted Weekdays aims to inform students about the dangers of alcohol and the alternative safe ways to have fun.

Junior Lelan Jones, a resident advisor, said that students who participated in the drunk driving simulation on Monday learned that drunk driving isn't smart.

Ken Cloud, a freshman, said that he hit three or four cones while driving a golf cart with beer goggles.

Freshman Joe Lemzo had an experience similar to Cloud.

"I was going too fast and I hit a pole. They guy was trying to tell me to slow down, but I couldn't find the break."

Lemzo said that he will never drink and drive.

Jackie Clifton, Kilcawley House coordinator, said the program is marketed specifically for residence hall students, but all YSU students are welcome to attend.

"We always have a fairly good turnout with all students," Clifton said.

Clifton said the program is fun, but it's also extremely informative. Students have the chance to participate in various activities that make them appear to be drunk so as to realize the hazards of alcohol.

Erin Driscoll, assistant director for resident education, said students seem to appreciate the safe alternatives to partying.

"These programs help students to look at a variety of ways to make safe choices about alcohol," Driscoll said. "They are able to see how alcohol alters the senses and impacts fine motor skills."

She added that the programs also pay tribute to those who have been victims, in any way, of alcoholism.



Davionce Estelle attempts to successfully drive a golf cart through an obstacle course while wearing drunk goggles, in an event organized by Housing and Residence Life. Photo by Brian Cetina.

Alcohol Awareness Week Events

Wednesday

Weekend Warrior Wednesday

The Bootlegger Kegger 9 p.m. to midnight
Club Christman returns as a 1920's prohibition speakeasy. Come dressed in your suits and dresses and be ready to have a swinging good time. Free margarita glasses and mock tails will be provided.

Thursday

Thirsty Thursday

Beer Goggle Games 6-9 p.m. Christman Green
Rain location Christman dining. Are you really that good at all those drinking games? Come see if being "drunk" impairs your gaming skills. Free Wasted Weekdays T-shirts until supplies last.

Friday

Finish it off Friday Quarter-thon 1-4 p.m. Outdoor Track
Know someone who suffers from alcoholism? Did someone close to you pass in a drunk driving accident? Come and walk a lap around the track in the memory.

STUDENT LIFE

Instructors receive report cards on Rate My Professors Web site

Chelsea Pflugh
Reporter

Whether your professors drive you nuts or inspire you to do your best work, RateMyProfessors.com is the place to get it all out in the open. Sponsored by 6,000 schools and with over 750,000 ratings for professors, RateMyProfessors.com is the most visited professor rating Web site on the Internet. More than 1.5 million college students visit this site a month and more than 150,000 visit every day.

On Wednesday, RateMyProfessors.com released a list of the highest rated college professors and faculty on its Web site. The professors were ranked according to how much they've impacted students and their general interest to teach.

A professor who teaches at Eastern Michigan University

claims top honors, while Brigham Young University boasts the most professors ranked.

RateMyProfessors.com is allowing any professor an equal opportunity to rebut their own rankings and ratings from students using the feature called "Professor Rebuttal." Professors can respond to criticism, thank students for their ratings or justify their teaching.

RateMyProfessors.com has added a new application, among countless others, on social networking Web site

Facebook.com. This add-on allows students to see the ratings and rankings of professors.

How Are Professors Ranked?

Professors are rated by the students. Scores for each professor were collected from the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 to present. Scores were weighted for each year: 15 percent for 2005, 25 percent for 2006, and 60 percent for 2007.

The sum of all the scores represented the overall performance for the two years for each professor but had an emphasis on the most current rating.

For a balance of scores, only professors with more than 30 ratings were submitted to the list of

the top 50 professors. Without this criterion, hypothetically, a professor with three amazing ratings would outrank a professor with 60 ratings of good or okay ratings. Professors with matching scores ended in ties.

(More information on how professors were ranked is available at www.ratemyprofessors.com/methodology.jsp)

Student Reaction

Although Youngstown State University doesn't have any professors on the Top 50 and is not in the Top 50 schools of highest ranked professors, YSU students have shown general interest in the rating system.

Using a professor rating system Web site can be beneficial to students, but only if other students take the time to do it.

Junior Lindsey Golubic says she'd try to help other students out. "If the professor I've had is exceptional, then, yes, I'd take the

time to fill out a rating for them on the Web site because I'd want other students to have the same experience I did," Golubic said.

Some students who have used Web sites like RateMyProfessors.com are skeptical.

"The Web sites aren't accurate, because sometimes students don't go into detail about ratings. Everyone has different experiences with different professors," senior John Brkic said.

When asked about forming a schedule around professor rating Web sites, student reaction was mixed.

"I don't base my classes off of it, but I use it. I like to know what to expect," junior Veronica Williams said.

Junior Dalene Scott said she would gear her classes toward the better professors.

"I'm a student, and the Web site is based off of student opinion. I'd definitely take into consideration what they're saying."



HEALTH

Universities go on the offense against student binge drinking

Pauline Vu
Stateline.org

More than 200 universities require incoming freshmen to take AlcoholEdu, an online course that informs students about drinking's impact on the mind and body, before enrolling in school.

To many college students, binge drinking and everything that goes with it - beer pong, keg stands and \$1 shots - are a rite of passage, as integral a part of the college experience as midterms and all-nighters.

But to college administrators, drinking too much is a hazard to students' health and safety. As a result, officials are addressing excessive drinking with tactics such as moving classes to Friday to prevent "Thirsty Thursdays," convincing nearby communities to limit drink specials like ladies' night, and requiring incoming students to take online classes about alcohol use.

"The academic and social consequences are just very high, to say nothing of the value of human life," said University of Mississippi spokesman Mitchell Diggs, who listed a litany of potential ailments that go along with binge drinking: crime, falling grades and death.

Alcohol abuse by college students is a rampant problem. A

March study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University reported that 3.8 million full-time college students, or 49 percent, regularly abuse drugs or binge drink, which is defined as five or more drinks at a time for men, and four or more drinks for women.

Even the federal government is worried. In March, the U.S. surgeon general issued the office's first call to action to stem underage drinking, with recommendations for parents, schools, colleges, communities, governments and even the alcohol industry on how to stop the abuse. The surgeon general asked colleges to end alcohol advertising in campus newspapers, provide more alcohol-free late-night events, and shift more classes to Friday to "shorten the elongated weekend" that has students binge drinking by Thursday night.

The University of Iowa - ranked 12th on the Princeton Review's list of top party schools - is answering that particular call. Starting in the fall of 2008, the school will move more classes to Friday.

The move was discussed for years, but the decision was cemented with the July release of a

University of Missouri study that found students with Friday morning classes are less likely to over-imbibe on Thursday. This spring, the University of Iowa averaged 2,438 classes daily Monday through Thursday but had only 1,404 classes on Friday.

Associate Provost Tom Rocklin said more Friday classes are just one

"The academic and social consequences are just very high, to say nothing of the value of human life."

Mitchell Diggs, University of Mississippi

strategy in the fight against binge drinking. "There is no single thing that will make a dramatic change," he said. Friday classes aren't "going to make binge drinking go away. But it's one thing that will help the problem, so it's worth doing."

Another tactic to cut extreme intoxication looks at advertising that lures students to campus. Two years ago, the California State University (CSU) system put tighter controls on alcohol advertising, such as banning promotion on campus of two-for-one drink specials. This summer CSU-Fullerton hired a stu-

dent to take down unauthorized campus fliers that advertise drink specials.

Several colleges also sponsor alcohol-free events, such as Late Knights at the University of Central Florida, Wildcat WILD Nights at the University of Kentucky, and Friday Night Live events at the University of Cincinnati.

But if incentives don't work, there is always punishment. In recent years, more schools have instituted a two- or three-strikes policy to punish students for public drunkenness or possession of alcohol by a minor. The final strike can result in a semester's suspension. The University of Mississippi began a two-strikes policy in November, with five suspensions so far.

"Ole Miss," currently No. 2 on Princeton Review's party-school list, had long discussed curbing alcohol abuse. But the school began its crackdown in earnest when a campus officer, Robert Langley, died in October after pulling over a car driven by a student with alcohol, cocaine and marijuana in his system; the student took off, dragging Langley to his death.

Mississippi also joined more than 200 colleges in requiring that

incoming students take a three-hour online AlcoholEdu course, which surveys students on their drinking habits and explains alcohol's impact on the mind and body. At Ole Miss, athletes and fraternity and sorority members also have to take the course.

But experts say universities' attempts to cut binge drinking also must involve local communities. The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which provides grants to improve health and health care, are nearly finished with a decade-long experiment at 10 universities to cut student drinking by encouraging partnerships with their communities.

"When we first went in, communities were angry with universities, as if universities had landed from outer space and brought all these drinking students with them," said Richard Yoast, the director of the project. Colleges and communities "realized they needed to work together. The finger-pointing really stopped."

Cities have taken steps such as requiring more training for bartenders, tightening penalties for bars caught serving minors, restricting liquor licenses and banning cheap drink specials, Yoast said.

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ing”
The parents of another daughter who lives in Brunswick continued to reflect on Gina.
“We miss her and remember the good things about her. Our lives have to go on without her; we take it day-to-day,” Avalon said.

DNA testing heats up cold case

After Tenney’s murder, the evidence from her rape was preserved and stored by the Youngstown Police Department. For 22 years the case lay cold and dormant until Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann instructed the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation to create a DNA database to investigate old rape and murder cases.

Part of the evidence stored was a blood-determining serology test that was done on Adams in 1985. It was only able to prove that he had the same blood type and could not prove conclusively that he was the perpetrator.

The serology report and other evidence collected from the 1985 crime scene were sent to a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation lab. Reports published in the Oct. 5 Vindicator state “partial DNA evidence” point to Adams.

“DNA procedures used today are much more accurate,” said Robert Wardle, forensic science instructor at YSU.

“The Short Tandem Repeat test [a DNA test that involves swabbing the inside of the cheek] produces conclusive results. There is a 1 in 500 trillion chance that the sample belongs to someone else. With only 7 billion people on this earth the chances of that happening are

highly unlikely,” he said.
Wardle went on to say that the sample is most likely a definite match.

“It’s nice to see results in this unresolved case. It is commendable that the police preserved the evidence,” Wardle said.

YSU remembers Gina Tenney

University President David Sweet was unaware of the circumstances surrounding Tenney’s death until Cynthia Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs, briefed him over the weekend of Oct. 5.

“This illustrates the importance of forensic science and its contributions to law enforcement,” Sweet said of the case’s evidence.

“This is an occasion for all who new and loved her to have some sort of closure. I think it only appropriate for the university to continue to honor her memory on the upcoming 22nd anniversary of her death,” Sweet said.

On January 14, 1986, YSU held a memorial service for the former YSU student and Ashtabula native.

In December of 1987, two years after her murder, the university held a dedication ceremony for a Gina Tenney memorial sculpture, made by a YSU senior.

The sculpture and a metal plaque honoring Gina’s memory hang on the outside wall of Bliss Hall near the Ford Auditorium entrance. The plaque inscription reads: “May her memory inspire us to achieve our fullest potential and glorify God through His gift of the fine arts.”

There is also an endowed scholarship in her memory at YSU.

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“We don’t really have any designated areas,” Spatholt said.

Spatholt said he believes only one or two ashtrays exist on campus grounds. Trash cans pose a safety hazard since cigarette butts can catch ignites.

Spatholt said he is unsure of where the cigarette waste receptacles will go. Ideally, he would like to

see two in campus core, he said. The campus core has a large amount of daily traffic, and the wind aids in preventing smoke inhalation, he said.

Nobody has the power to enforce the smoking restrictions, Spatholt said, adding that it is difficult to catch people smoking.

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Some students didn’t know about Homecoming Week, let alone the long list of events that are planned.

Senior Crissie McCree was one of them, but after taking a look at the flier, she said she would like to attend the blood drive Tuesday.

“I think the blood drive is ... a chance to help out because I don’t get to blood drives anywhere else, so having it on campus is convenient.”

McCree and another student, senior Casey SeEVERS, said they never come to Kilcawley since they are usually in the Beeghly College of Education building.

McCree said she doesn’t really care for Homecoming Week, but is excited that one of her friends is nominated for queen. She won’t be going to the football game Saturday.

“I don’t really go to sports events. I hope we win, and I hope she [her friend] wins, but if I didn’t have to work I’d probably be doing homework.”

SeEVERS won’t be going to the game or any of the events for the week but finds the today’s Corn Hole Tournament interesting.

“I like watching competitive games, watching people get flustered and mad.”

SeEVERS might stop by Kilcawley Center around the time of the Buffalo Wild Wing eating contest Tuesday to watch the participants try to eat 25 wings.

Homecoming Week gives students something to do during their breaks, said SeEVERS, who didn’t see any fliers in the education building advertising Homecoming Week.

“They must have forgot about us.”

Anderson said there is a Homecoming Committee that meets to discuss the type of events that students would like to attend, and that includes the big parade Saturday.

“We have about eight or nine floats so far. It’s pretty cool because the king and queen candidates for court will be dressed up in different costumes from a different era from 1908 until now [for the Centennial Celebration]. That’s something we’ve never done before.”

The 100th Year Anniversary Centennial Celebration will also kick off at Homecoming during halftime and will continue with events throughout the rest of the year, Anderson said.

“The university is really excited about it and wants us to be excited too. They’ve been planning this ever since last year.”

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While shirt folding might not make it onto freshman Sarah Smith’s resume, she said other skills she uses at Hollister are valuable experience, such as her ability to interact with customers.

As a new freshman, Smith said balancing work, extracurricular activities and school can be overwhelming. She plans to reduce her work schedule and eventually get a job on campus, since college requires serious commitment.

“This is actually the real deal,” she said.

Currently working for Housing, Sophomore Kaitlin Byers said her people skills can be applicable to her resume.

An English major, Byers tries to keep her career goals in perspective.

“Your job’s not always going to be easy – even your dream job,” Byers said.

Byers had her own experience with a challenging job when she tutored third graders as a high school freshman.

“They were insane,” she said. The job lasted for six months.

Byers said she realized the job wasn’t for her when she had one day to teach about 10 boys to read a poem in front of the group. When the time came to perform, all but two boys refused to read.

“This is gonna lead me to an early death,” Byers said she remem-

Resume tip
Resumes don’t have to follow chronological order, said Bernie Cummins, director of career and counseling services.
By dividing resume entries into categories like “professional experience” and “other employment,” students can put more stress on career-related experience.

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Employees that take on additional tasks can also highlight this on their resumes, because additional tasks illustrate dependability, Cummins said.

Jonathan Corder, a freshman knows the leadership skills he acquired while working as leading stock boy for Walgreens will have a place on his resume.

College jobs show that students have made an effort to gain experience, Corder said.

Cummins said people often stay with a job because it is familiar and easy.

“You have to be looking forward,” he said.

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Witchcraft and Wizardry

Fans of Harry Potter hope to bring a little Hogwarts to YSU with new club

Elizabeth Boon
Reporter

Youngstown State University junior Jay Newman sleeps next to Harry Potter every night.

Displaying his admiration for the fantasy character through merchandise and memorabilia in his bedroom, the pillowcases on his bed, posters on his wall and action figures on his dresser are all Harry Potter.

"I don't know how the hell it happened," said Newman about his love for the book and movie series.

"I got the first book as a present and thought 'what the hell?' It's like a



kid's book. I was bored out of my mind."

When Newman wears one of his Potter T-shirts — he has six or seven, he said — people know he's a fan of the world of wizards and witches. Such devotion to the series may become more visible at YSU if Newman's friends can reach out to other fans with a new student group.

"People give me sh- about it at work," said Newman, who works at Hot Topic. "I just brush people's negativity off."

Newman, an English major, not only credits the books for helping him through a hard time, but also for sparking his interest in leisure reading.

To show his devotion to the series, Newman dressed up in Harry Potter garb for the release of the seventh book. He said that he wore a sweater and scarf and carried a wand.

Newman said that almost all the

people he hangs out with like Harry Potter. With the books and movies as a common interest, conversation often turns to the world-phenomenon character and his magical world.

"We've sat up until 6 a.m. and discussed the movie," Newman said.

As tentative vice president of a new student organization called the Youngstown School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, Newman can now meet people with equal passion for the series.

Youngstown School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

Newman described the club as a way to get Potter fans together at YSU for character discussions, fan fiction competitions, and maybe

even a league to play Quidditch.

Newman said that playing Quidditch — Harry Potter's magical version of high school football — is an exciting prospect, though a real world version of the game could pose problems for the group.

"We obviously can't ride around on broomsticks. I wish we could. That would be fun," Newman said.

Dan Denehy, sophomore and president of the group, said that while YSU has plenty of Potter fans, it lacks a medium for them to discuss their love of the series.

While interest in group has been strong, about 95 percent of students who contacted the group were female, said Denehy.

"I wonder if male fans are afraid to admit it," he said, calling it a shame.

Interest has been mostly positive, but Denehy said that he received a message from someone who accused the group of practicing witchcraft.

"I just want to get it out there right now. We're not practicing witchcraft," he said. "We're spreading the knowledge of Harry Potter."

Denehy said that members are also looking forward to a Yule Ball formal, which will be held in the winter.

With all of the activities planned, Newman said that he hopes to find other students who are just as passionate about Harry Potter as he is.

Although he questioned the series at first, Newman said he got into the books when he was 18 years old.

"I was just out of high school and in terrible shape," said Newman. "Harry Potter helped me out."

Newman used the books and films as a way to combat loneliness.

"Unlike people, Harry Potter can never desert you. When I get lonely, I just read it and it helps," he said.

CHARMED LIFE — Junior Jay Newman gave the Potter series a chance, and now he's obsessed.

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STUDENT LIFE

Freshman devotes 15 hours a day to gaming

Megan Villers
Jambar Contributor

Between classes, studying and work, most college students would find little time to devote to video games, unless you are freshman Phil Jordan.

Jordan is a self-described "Extreme Gamer." His love for video games started when he got his first video game system, a Nintendo, at age seven. The Austintown native now owns nearly every system on the market including Xbox, Xbox 360, Wii, PlayStation, PlayStation 2, Game Cube, PlayStation Portable and Nintendo DS.

But Jordan has not forgotten about his "old school" games for the Nintendo and Sega systems. He bought an emulator so that he can play all the classics on his computer in his dorm room. Over the past few years, Jordan, or Gamer Kong as he is better known by his friends in Kilcawley House, has spent an estimated \$5,000 on his video game habit and owns over 90 games for his entourage of systems.

He doesn't hesitate when asked which game he likes the best.

"Kingdom Hearts is definitely my favorite," Jordan said. He has beaten the game six times and owns two copies just so he can have one in mint condition. "I really cherish that game," he said with a smile.

"I prefer to play games with a detailed story line. People think that Kingdom Hearts is kiddish because of the Disney characters in it, but it's really a work of art," Jordan explained.

He compared Kingdom Hearts to the widely popular anime battle games in the Final Fantasy series. Jordan also said the fight scenes are faster and better in Kingdom Hearts.

"It's a real button masher game," Jordan said.



PLAYING TO WIN — A self-described "extreme gamer," freshman Phil Jordan has honed his taste in video games for 10 years. Dinner and even sleep often come second to gaming, although Jordan is a full-time student. Photo by Megan Villers.

"Find the game most entertaining to you, close the door, unplug the phone and play to your heart's content."

— Phil Jordan, freshman

Zelda for the Wii is another game Jordan enjoys playing.

"I'll usually play a game for a few days straight until I beat it," Jordan said.

Instead of selling a game when he is done with it, Jordan puts it back in to his collection. He buys all his games new.

Even with his full schedule of classes

as a computer science major, Jordan still manages to squeeze in 12 to 15 hours of video games a day, as confirmed by his Kilcawley floor mates. This means sacrificing much sleep and sometimes dinner. Jordan said he goes to bed around 3 a.m. every morning and always keeps Ramen Noodles handy in his room to snack on.

But you don't have to be this extreme to enjoy video games.

Gamer Kong's best advice: "Find the game most entertaining to you, close the door, unplug the phone and play to your heart's content."

University study looks at video game habits of college students

Megan Villers
Jambar Contributor

In stride with partying and studying, video games continue to be an important part of American college students' lives.

To prove this point, Steve Jones, a communications professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, conducted a study called "Let the games begin: Gaming technology and entertainment among college students."

The survey was given to college students at four-year and two-year public and private colleges and universities in order to learn about the impact of video games on the students' lives.

The study revealed that 70 percent of college students play video games at least "once in a while."

The study also found that males view video games as a form of male bonding, with 51 percent of men who said that gaming improved their friendships with men.

Youngstown State University freshman Justin Jenista spends several hours during the week playing Madden with his friends in Kilcawley House. He and his friends have even pulled all-nighter Madden competitions.

Fellow freshman and Kilcawley resident Laurice Mans called Madden the "ultimate gaming experience."

According to the study, 41 percent of college gamers play after 9 p.m. with only 8 percent reporting that they play before noon. But the study showed that the average college gamers are not the stereotypical loners locked away in dark, pizza box-filled dorm rooms.

Rather than separating video games from the rest of their lives, college students stole time between classes to play or as a brief distraction from writing papers.

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OUR SIDE

Think when you drink

Alcohol abuse is a problem with our generation.

If celebrating a 21st birthday is a right of passage for most young adults, then getting hammered has become a requirement for those attending.

That's because in college, having a party is synonymous with having a drink. It's stereotypical, and despite exceptions, it's largely true.

We all play into the hype surrounding alcohol, either by embracing the freedom to drink or by staunchly refusing to imbibe.

Excessive drinking can take a serious toll on a persons life.

Nearly 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 to 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, according to <http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov>.

Almost 400,000 students from the same age group reported having unprotected sex under the influence of alcohol, and more than 100,000 said they were too drunk to remember if they gave consent.

Perhaps some of us don't mind losing part of the day to a hangover, but abusive drinking often impacts other people.

According to collegedrinkingprevention.gov, 2.1 million students between the ages of 18 and 24 drove under the influence of alcohol last year.

In time, we grow to recognize the link between recreational drinking and detrimental drinking.

We can learn our own limits rather than always pushing them with one more drink.

We have been drilled on alcohol statistics; we know the criteria for abuse.

But how many of us, in the moment, surrounded by our friends, actually take this information to heart?

And whatever else it enhances, booze does not improve decision-making.

As adults decisions are ultimately ours to make, but we have the responsibility to make the right ones.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Every morning, as I pull into the M1 Deck, I never have any trouble finding "my" parking spot. It's two spaces over from the empty Gatorade bottle, to the left of the McDonald's bag filled with used napkins and empty Egg McMuffin wrappers and right in front of the crushed Sprite can. In fact, the entire garage is an obstacle course of bottles, cans, wrappers, cups and papers. It's hard enough trying to avoid the cars that are blindly backing out in front of you, but when you have to avoid all that litter ...

I think it is absurd how the campus spends tens of thousands of dollars a year watering the grass, but are unable (or unwilling) to keep the parking lots litter free. If you ask me, it's nothing but laziness. I know the M1 Deck is big, but if a few people did a level or two a day it would help. But this isn't happening. The trash remains, and the litterbugs continue to add to the mess, which is becoming worse and worse every day. One of the first things visitors see when they come to the campus is the parking lots. What a great first impression they must get, maneuvering their way through the dump.

But I suppose the staff isn't all to blame. Why is there garbage to begin with? What is this world coming to if we can't even walk to the nearest trashcan? It's not like they are scarce! There is one in every classroom, throughout the halls and basically everywhere throughout the campus. Are people really that lazy? Perhaps I could understand a gum wrapper or a cigarette butt, but people are discarding their bottles, cans, binders, empty boxes and homework. Come on. We walk all over campus anyway. Why can't we just hold on to our trash until we pass a garbage can? We're bound to walk by one on our way to class.

If we don't something soon, it may be too late. People are so used to using the ground as their personal litterbin. There are wrappers that have been driven over and walked on so many times that they are literally fusing to the concrete. It's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt with flying debris, or a car gets damaged after running over a glass bottle. Something needs to be done. And something needs to be done now!

Justin D. Erra



Dear Editor,

Over the last week, I have read the letters and articles pertaining to the abortion display and most of them have been well thought-out and well articulated, except one. In the Oct. 9 edition, Richard Pirko wrote a letter that was not only highly offensive but also downright ignorant.

As a college republican, I feel the need to enlighten Mr. Pirko. We do not hate gays, sir. The majority of our party may disagree with the homosexual lifestyle, yes. That much is true. However, the last time I checked, hating and disagreeing were not interchangeable terms.

You also suggested that all Republicans love guns. We do not love guns. We simply believe that we should be able to engage in the rights set for us by our forefathers. Guns do not kill people Mr. Pirko. People kill people. Guns are only bad in the wrong hands, and banning law-abiding citizens from the right to bear arms will not take firearms out of the hands of criminals.

And lastly, we come to abortion. Republicans do not want to force women to carry children to term against their will. We want women to start to take responsibility for their actions. The majority of

Republicans will tell you that in cases of rape and incest, a woman should absolutely have the right to decide to terminate.

Unfortunately, nine in 10 abortion cases are not results of incest or rape. To use the murder of a baby as a means of birth control is absolutely wrong. If a man and woman are adult enough to engage in an adult activity such as sex, they are adult enough to take the proper precautions to ensure that a pregnancy does not result, or to accept the consequences of their actions. Those little white pills, three-month shots, and rubbers serve a purpose. Are there a limited number of

extremists in the Republican Party who would fit the assumptions Mr. Pirko made? Absolutely. But are there not also extremists in the Democratic party? The next time Mr. Pirko wants to share his opinions, he may want to make sure that those opinions have some basis in fact. He did nothing but spew ignorance and ignorance breeds hatred. I can only hope Mr. Pirko's ignorance does not breed hatred on YSU's campus. That would do a great disservice to us all.

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YSU

Lack of compromise on nation's interstates sad reminder of partisan gridlock

By B. Jay Cooper
(MCT)

It came to me on traffic-clogged I-95 during the post-summer drive back from Massachusetts to the nation's capital: proper merging, whether on the highways of transportation or the byways of governing, is a thing of the past.

We've all had the same stressful experience: you're tooling along at the relatively high-speed limit of 65 or beyond when a huge tractor-trailer truck lugging heavy-duty equipment rumbles by you on the right at about 85 and cuts in front of you to pass someone who is driving in the so-called "slow lane" - darting in and out of traffic like a veteran of the NASCAR circuit.

And those, my friends, are the tractor-trailers. We haven't even mentioned the SUVs and passenger cars driven by racecar wannabes that play dodge'em and endanger lives on the highway at speeds of up 90 mph.

Your mind temporarily shifts to thoughts of the federal government where Democrats and Republicans no longer seem able to courteously shift ideological lanes in the spirit of compromise for the common good.

And you remember the good old days when such fiercely partisan political infighters as Tip O'Neill and Ronald Reagan would battle it out in the papers

about some issue or other, then meet over a couple drinks and work out a compromise on middle ground that slowly moved the country ahead. No longer! If you wait 15 minutes after reading this and do a blog search you'll find bloggers who will denounce me for being one of those old-fashioned mushy moderates who don't believe in one thing or another.

The hard liners on the left and right - the ones that appear to occupy most of the blogosphere these days - would rather be smugly pure than get anything accomplished. An old boss of mine summed it up succinctly: "they like to look good losing." Well, political moderation may be sadly out-of-fashion but I willingly admit I like compromise and baby steps forward as opposed to stagnation. I like the idea that we can have serious and thoughtful debates about important issues and then come together to solve that problem. Unfortunately today, most politicians just want to win a political point rather than advance solutions that strengthen our nation and make our lives better.

Politicians now battle over who can trot out the best "victims" of a policy and get that prized one-minute of exposure on television. They battle over who can win the second paragraph in a front-page story and be the talking head everyone wants to interview on the Sunday

talk shows. Today we get debates between a White House and a Congress dug-in on the extremes where there is no agreement. The politics of this country has become more and more polarized with each decade since those days when such political opposites as Tip and The Gipper could sit down and genially cut a deal that split their differences in the public interest

The goals of electoral politics have become the norm in Congress. Campaigning - like journalism - has become 24/7 and the only goal is winning at any price. That type of winning, of course, has nothing to do with solving the problems of the country. As a result, we get no progress - only head-on policy collisions.

Back on I-95, I look into my rear-view mirror and see the letters "M-A-C-K" almost emblazoned on my rear window. A big rig is positioned about one foot off my rear bumper and holding steady at 75.

If I so much as sneeze and my foot slips off the gas pedal, the son of a gun will literally roll his 18-wheels right over my car and just keep going.

I'm sure he doesn't realize it, but that same hardball attitude plays out in Washington's halls of power everyday. Politeness and courtesy no longer exist on the highways or on the byways of government. And we - as a democratic society - are immensely poorer for it.



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FOOTBALL

Penguins survive scare against T-Birds

Thunderbirds botch a last second field goal attempt to give Youngstown State its fifth win of the season.

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

The Thunderbirds of Southern Utah University gave the Youngstown State University football team a run for its money Saturday.

After playing catch-up for most of the game, the No. 12 Penguins grabbed a one-point lead late in the fourth quarter when junior Ferlando Williams scored on a third down, 3-yard run for his second touchdown of the contest.

With 5:18 left in the game, the Thunderbirds promptly drove down the field to set up a game-winning field goal attempt.

Fortunately for the Penguins, the hold was bad and Stambaugh

Stadium erupted in cheers as the kick sailed harmlessly low and to the left. The Penguins had hung on for a thrilling 23-22 victory keeping their playoff hopes very much alive.

The team's record improves to 5-2 on the season with the win over the now 0-6 Thunderbirds. All five of the Penguins wins have come in front of the home crowd, a crowd that head coach Jon Heacock is thankful to have in his corner.

"There's some magic out there in this place," Heacock said. "You just have to keep fighting and keep playing, and it helps to be at home."

The Thunderbirds brought their spread offense to Youngstown and proved to be a hard-fighting team despite starting the season with an 0-5 record.

Southern Utah quarterback Wes Marshall led the attack, hitting 11 of his 18 passes for 152 yards and a touchdown. Marshall also added another element to the Thunderbird rushing attack with pristine execution of the option.

Using the spread option offense attack, the Thunderbirds piled up 323 yards of total offense. Despite coming out on top, Heacock felt his team's performance wasn't exactly up to par.

"I thought we would have much better focus," Heacock said. "It just seems like we were a step behind everything tonight."

Even as it struggled with the spread offense, the Penguins defense came away with two keys plays that gave the Penguins the chance to win the game.

The first play came on the opening-drive of the game as the Thunderbirds' bid for a go-ahead score was denied when the Penguins blocked the attempted field goal to keep Southern Utah off the board.

Later in the game, senior safety Dorian Chenault blind-sided Marshall causing a fumble that was recovered by defensive lineman Torrance Nicholson. The fumble recovery set up what would be



RUNNING WILD — Junior wide receiver Da'Michael Horne takes the handoff out of the backfield and runs for a big gain as he gets a block from junior offensive lineman Nhemie Theodore. Photo by Andrew Berry.

Williams' game-deciding touchdown run.

With the Thunderbird offense moving the ball, the Penguin offense had to play from behind for a majority of the contest. Senior quarterback Tom Zetts put together a number of solid drives, but had trouble putting the ball in the end zone early in the game.

When the offense stalled, place kicker Brian Palmer was there to pick up the pieces as he hit three field goals to score the Penguins' first nine points of the game.

But the most important field goal of the game wasn't up to Palmer, who had to watch from the sideline as the game's outcome held in the balance.

"I was just hoping he'd miss it," Palmer said. "He's a very talented kicker, but like coach Heacock said there's magic in this area and we lived it again."

Once the kick hit the ground well short of the posts, Williams and 16,770 hometown fans went berserk.

"All of sudden it just got crazy," Williams said. "I can't even explain it."

Williams said the visit by hometown hero Kelly Pavlik during practice earlier in the week helped the team remain focus when it mattered the most. Williams said that Pavlik explained how to finish with a win even when the odds are against you.

"He came and spoke to us and said 'You just have to finish and keep fighting' and that's what we did tonight," Williams said. "That's what you have to do; it's all in the heart."

While the Penguins were able to come away with the win, Heacock said the Thunderbirds proved they are the tough team like he said they were a week ago. The Penguin coach would have liked to have seen more focus from his own players, but said that Southern Utah was a worthy opponent.

"There was something about every phase that didn't go right, but we survived it," Heacock said. "Give Southern Utah credit, those guys played a heck of a game."

FCS Top 25

Teams YSU will face in blue

1. Northern Iowa
2. North Dakota State
3. Montana
4. Massachusetts
5. Appalachian State
6. McNeese State
7. Wofford
8. James Madison
9. Southern Illinois
10. Hofstra
11. New Hampshire
12. Youngstown State
13. Nicholls State
14. Delaware
15. Delaware State
16. Yale
17. Western Illinois
18. Richmond
19. Cal Poly
20. Montana State
21. Eastern Kentucky
22. Eastern Washington
23. Grambling State
24. Elon
25. Norfolk State

Source: The Sports Network

Penguins 23
Thunderbirds 22

Gateway Football Conference Standings

Northern Iowa
Overall 6-0, GFC 2-0

Western Illinois
Overall 5-2, GFC 2-0

Southern Illinois
Overall 6-1, GFC 2-1

Youngstown State
Overall 5-2, GFC 1-1

Missouri State
Overall 4-3, GFC 1-2

Illinois State
Overall 3-4, GFC 1-2

Indiana State
Overall 0-7, GFC 0-3

NCAA

College athletes are showing improvement in the classroom

Aaron Blatch
Sports Reporter

A recently released report shows that Division 1 student-athletes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association have shown steady improvement in the classroom and that more of them are graduating than in past years.

The report, released by the NCAA, used the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) to show that male student-athletes who began college in 2000 graduated 3.9 percent more often than those who began in 1995 and female student-athletes beginning college in 2000 graduated 2.4 percent more often than their 1995 counterparts.

With the increase, male student-athletes are now graduating 71.5 percent of the time and female student-athletes are graduating 87.3 percent of the time.

According to the report, NCAA President Myles Brand praised the student-athletes for the improvement and said that the increased GSR has resulted in 850 additional student-athletes graduating in 2000 than in 1995.

Youngstown State Athletic Director Ron Strollo said that the recent improvement in graduation rates is a result of the Academic Progress Rate (APR), a calculation used to assess college sports team's academic performance.

The APR awards two points to student-athletes who meet academ-

ic-eligibility standards and who remain with the institution. A team's APR is the total points earned by the team at a given time divided by the total points possible.

The APR is similar to the more recent GSR, but does not account for transfer students. The APR is effective because a team failing to meet the minimum score of 925 will be penalized by the NCAA with loss of scholarships.

According to the NCAA report, Brand hopes for continued improvement and has set an overall goal of an 80 percent Graduation

Success Rate.

Youngstown State Associate Athletic Director Elaine Jacobs said that the 80 percent goal is not a realistic one because of schools differing in admission standards.

"All universities have different admissions," Jacobs said. "They will affect what types of students will enroll in different colleges and will ultimately affect graduation rates."

Strollo does not rule out the possibility that someday NCAA stu-

dent-athletes can reach Brand's mark.

"You would hope that that [80% graduation rate] is realistic," Strollo said. "I think you need to set goals high and find a way to achieve them."

The news of increased graduation rates came at the same time that the NCAA announced a partnership with the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A). This report said that the N4A will assist collegiate athletic departments in enhancing the academic performance of student-athletes.

Jacobs said that while the final responsibility to graduate lies with the student-athletes themselves, coaches and athletic staffs can often encourage and motivate these students to seek success in the classroom.

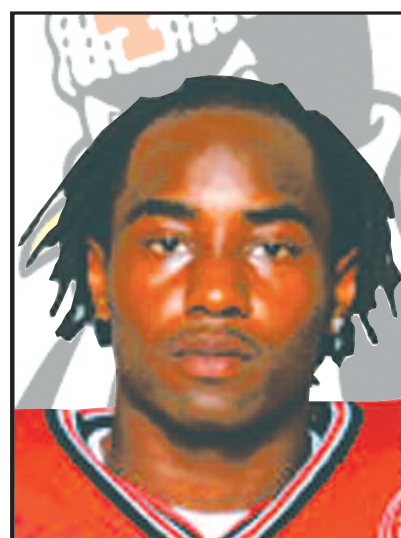
"I think you need to set goals high and find a way to achieve them."

Ron Strollo, YSU athletic director



EYE ON THE BALL — The YSU marching band looks on junior Ferlando Williams concentrates on catching the pass from quarterback Tom Zetts. Photo by Andrew Berry.

Player of the Game



Ferlando Williams
QB/MR, No. 1

Southern Utah put up its best effort but junior Ferlando Williams had another solid game for the Penguins on Saturday at Stambaugh Stadium.

The Penguin offense took a while get rolling, and once Williams got the ball in his hands the tide began to turn in favor of Youngstown State.

Williams accounted for 51 of the Penguins 160 total rushing yards with two touchdowns on the night. He also caught three passes for 11 yards.

The second of Williams' two rushing touchdowns came in the fourth quarter with 5:18 left to play. The score lifted the Penguins to a 23-22 and proved to be the deciding score of the contest.