

Strike is possible outcome of contract negotiations

■ The ongoing battle between YSU and its Association of Classified Employees is currently at a standstill.

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News Editor

A strike is a possible outcome in the contract battle between YSU and its Association of Classified Employees (ACE).

According to Brian Brennan, Maag Library media technical assistant and union president of the YSU-ACE negotiation team, the union is not near a strike yet, but it is a possibility.

"We're hoping a strike can be averted and so is YSU," he said.

According to Nancy Tiedeman, secretary at the Beeghly College of Education and member of the YSU-ACE negotiation team, a strike is always a possibility.

"We're willing to go to the table and hammer it out but YSU is reluctant to go," she said.

Philip Hirsch, executive director of administrative services and chief negotiator for YSU, has heard nothing of a possible strike.

According to Brennan, YSU and the union have been in negotiations since February and have yet to come to an agreement.

"We've hit a snag. We're miles apart on economic issues but we have settled on other issues," he said.

"Some of the economic issues are paid vacations and overtime. Another big issue is Article 14 of the 1996-1999 YSU-ACE

Agreement concerning vacancies, transfers, and promotions, according to Tiedeman.

"We are requesting that our members get preference in job openings and promotions. They

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Brian Brennan

union president of the YSU-ACE negotiation team

[YSU] keep telling us that they don't have the money so we want the language," she said.

Although the classified workers' contracts are up September 15, both sides have gone to their neutrality.

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Dracula is not the only one who is craving your blood

■ Next week's blood drive will be the only one held on YSU's campus this summer.

SABRINA SCHROEDER
Managing Editor

Calling all donors! Your blood is needed now! The American Red Cross will be on campus Tuesday and Wednesday and is asking for the help of everyone on campus with the ability to donate.

The blood drive, sponsored by Student Government, will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

This is the only time at YSU for donors this summer; the next drive will not take place until sometime in October.

Barb Starr, Red Cross public relations representative, said, "There is a lot riding on these two days at YSU. We are coming to a very critical point right now and this drive will have significant impact on whether a blood emergency is called."

There is a very critical blood shortage right now. Based on the upcoming bookings for blood drives, the Red Cross is facing a

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Barb Starr

American Red Cross public relations representative

deficit in the supply, according to Starr.

Mandy Weaver, Student Government secretary of community affairs, said, "We wanted to move the event back to Kilcawley Center in hopes that we will have more luck with donations than the drive held in May at the Beeghly College of Education."

Those who work the blood drives for the Red Cross realize that there are not many students or faculty on campus over the summer, but hope that those who are around will take the time to donate.

Starr said, "Hopefully this blood drive will do better than the

last one held at YSU. What many people do not realize, is that high school and college students make up 20 percent of blood donors. We would really appreciate those who are on campus for the summer taking the time to come give blood."

Blood drives during the academic year lead to prizes to those groups who have the most people donate.

"There will not be prizes for the summer blood drive. Because there aren't as many people on campus in the summer, we don't give out the prizes that we do during the rest of the year. But, we will be having prizes once again in the fall," Weaver said.

SOUND OFF

CAMPUS REACTIONS TO THE TRAGEDY OF JFK JR., CAROLYN AND LAUREN



Dr. Leslie Cochran, YSU President

"Part of all our lives, especially those in their 50's and 60's, are affected. We remember where we were when his father was assassinated. It is one more tragic event in the family. Why them? It doesn't matter how much good you do in life, you deal with consequences."

How can you not feel for them? He lived his life in a way in which he believed. Sometimes, society puts you on a pedestal you don't want to be on. It's time to let them be people. I can't imagine anybody, people in their 20's, fully appreciating the impact."



Joe Saker, senior, history, grounds department

"His death upset me. I like the Kennedy's, not just politically. I like them because they are Catholic, even though I'm not. He was an affluent rich boy, but presented himself as someone as human as I am. He affected me in my heart and I'm not readily affected that way."



Mike Tresnicky, sophomore, pre-med

"They're [the media] is making a big deal out of something. This happens to other people, too, who don't get the attention like he did. His death has not affected me."



Bob Johnston, sophomore, nursing

"I grew up watching JFK die. I remember John-John saluting his father. This has brought memories back of where I was when his father died. It was 7th period study hall, 9th grade."



Jason White, graduate student, biology

"I feel differently than most. This tragedy was due to his own faulty judgement. Had he thought more rationally, things might have been ok. The American public has over-reacted to his mistake. I've known greater tragedies that have gone overlooked."



Adam Fernandez, junior, electrical engineering technology

"This hasn't affected my life. The media attention has been overwhelming. I feel sad for that family considering what happened to his family. There is too much attention on Kennedy."



Dr. Heather Lorimer, biology/genetics

"JFK's death has had no impact on me. I heard about it on the news. He was just another human being."



Jennifer Adair, senior, biochemistry

"This has slightly affected my life. I'm taking flight lessons to get my private

pilot's license. Now my husband is unsure because of the technology on the plane that wasn't used."

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EDITORIAL

Carolyn and Lauren were there too

The nation is grieving the loss of a great man with yesterday's discovery of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s body. But the search is not over for the two women who shared his Piper Saratoga II HP plane on its fateful journey to Martha's Vineyard last weekend.

But how well do we actually know these fine young women? The answer is, not very well at all. It is no one's fault in particular, but with the name of Kennedy, the world has been preoccupied with reliving the entire Kennedy saga of yearly tragedies and the type of family JFK Jr. came from. Maybe keeping things private for the Bessette women is a family decision. However their stories are just as compelling and need to be told as well.

Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and her sister Lauren G. Bessette, presumed dead, were successful women who grew up in affluent Greenwich, Conn. Carolyn majored in education at Boston University, and after working at a Calvin Klein boutique, became a publicist for the company and a personal buyer for many wealthy, well-known people.

Her sister Lauren was a New York investment banker for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. She also was a twin to her sister Lisa Ann, who is currently a doctoral student of European history in Munich.

Newspaper and magazine stands have been covered with the JFK tragedy. And that is the problem: it is not simply a JFK tragedy. Two women are thought to be dead, but because their name doesn't have national recognition, they are continuously being referred to as the wife and sister-in-law. This is not to belittle the pain the Kennedy family is feeling. It is more an issue of respect for all parties involved, regardless of whether the family is famous or relatively unknown.

Death never comes easy to anyone. It seems the difficulties of coping with a tragedy are magnified when the person's life has continuously been in the spotlight since birth.

But what becomes of those people who aren't as well known to the nation or the world? As evidenced in *The Jambar's* Sound Off, Carolyn and Lauren have been forgotten. A life is a life any way you look at it. It is a precious commodity most of us take for granted until it's too late. Life needs to be respected and it needs to be feared because we don't know when our time will come. What we, as a society, must realize is, that if you happen to die with a well-known individual, you will forever be etched in the history of our minds and of the world. If the media have any compassion for your family, perhaps they will refer to you as a person, not as an appendage to someone else's life.

Financial aid fiasco

SHAUN WEBB
Contributing Writer

"We have decided to renew your department scholarship of \$1,500 this year."

I received my letter of renewal with a sigh of relief. I am ready to graduate after fall quarter, managed to get through with only two years of student loans. Trying to renew my loans for fall quarter has been a frustration this year because I was selected for verification; a process which has turned into a slow and painful fiasco. Since my tuition for fall is near \$1,500, I thought that I could apply the entire scholarship and skip the whole loan stress.

I assumed everything could be arranged by going to the Financial Aid office and signing some form. I walked up to the counter and was greeted with a smile.

I explained that I am graduating in the fall and want to

arrange to receive my scholarship in its entirety. The woman explained that I would only be eligible for \$500 of my scholarship. I can not receive money for quarters that I will not be attending. There is no way to receive the whole thing at one time.

I am sure my face went red because my blood began to boil. This nice, smiley lady was telling me I would only receive one third of the money I was awarded. The letter didn't state I was receiving a renewal for up to and including \$1,500. If it did, I would have known there could be a catch. I would have been prepared.

I just hope that financial aid will be able to get my loan process completed in time. I have already lost \$1,000 to the system, I refuse to lose another \$25 for a late fee.

A STAFF VIEW

SABRINA SCHROEDER
Managing Editor



Book buyback is bothersome for staffer

With the end of each quarter comes the dreaded sound of, "Sorry, this book is not being bought back. There is a new edition coming out soon."

Why does it seem that every time a class is taken as a general requirement or an elective, rather than a required course, this always happens? I would not mind if a book needed for a required class was not being bought back - those books really should be kept as reference material anyway. But what the hell are students going to do with books that they only need for ten weeks - five over the summer - when they are not being bought back?

I have a collection of books at home from classes taken over the past three years. Wouldn't you know that these are all from classes taken because I needed an elective or general requirement?

What are students supposed to do with these books? The least that could be done for students is to have the books taken off of our hands when we are told, "Sorry," and let the publish-

er deal with getting rid of them. I was thinking about having a bonfire after I graduate next year just so all of those books can be out of my life.

I do not understand why books are sold at the same price if it is known that they will not be used again, and students are not going to be given money for them at the end of the quarter.

I had an instructor tell our class on the first day that the books were not going to be bought back at the end of the course because of new editions, so people obviously know that they will not be used again.

Why should students, many of whom pay for school on their own, have to spend so much money every quarter on books that they are going to have to keep and get absolutely no money for?

Maybe the booksellers should consider dropping the price of textbooks when it is the last quarter that the book is going to be used. Perhaps then it won't seem so bad to have to keep a book that will be shoved into the back of a closet or bookcase.

Literature leaves little time for leisurely reading

JO-LYNN A. HUNTER
Contributing Writer

Students have been complaining about the amount of required work in classes ever since I can remember. Sure, we like to complain that teachers expect too much of us, but are many of these complaints valid?

I don't know much about requirements in math and science classes, however, I know English.

For each literature class, professors assign seven to thirteen novels per quarter. That's not too much to expect from a student. Roughly, one a week. No problem, that is, if you are only taking one literature class.

Students majoring in English who are full-time students may not be able to handle 21 to 39 books in a 10-week period. Consider also, that many of us work full-time jobs, some work two, and free time is precious. Semesters won't help either. The combined workload is still too much.

Once a student reaches a concentrated area, African Literature for example, all of the readings center on one central theme anyway. Professors still insist that the students will benefit from a variety of perspectives on the theme.

Sure variety is the spice of life, but sleep keeps us alive. There is very little sleep available once one's time is budgeted between school, work, and at home, reading.

Of course, we have the weekends. Assuming that businesses are all closed and this time is free, what about house work? I do not mean dusting and washing floors. Anyone who has ever had five loads of laundry, ironing and general straightening up to do, knows that this really isn't quick work.

I love to read. That is assuming I like the author, the story, and I can understand what it is that's written. I wouldn't choose an author whose word choice is so unfamiliar to me that I sit with the *Olde English Dictionary* beside me. This is what's expected of us though.

All I'm asking, is that professors have some consideration when putting together their syllabuses.

Think back to the first time you read the book and ask yourself ... could this be a bit too much to handle along with the requirements of other classes?

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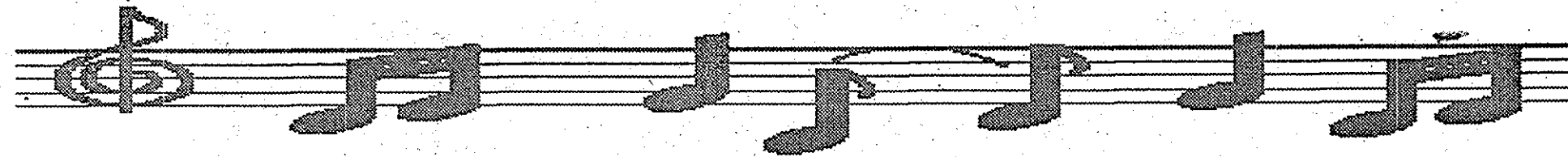
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EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE: The Dana Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Wade C. Raridon, at the Piazza di Michaelangelo during their European Tour June 23 through July 5. Those who took the trip were: front row - Mrs. Rosemary Raridon, Renee Tinker, Kathleen Virostek, Heather Krygowski, Zenaida Santiago, Katie Paugh, Darren Jacobs, Beth Malys, David Ross, Lesely Gent, Charmaine Siagian; second row - Dr. Wade Raridon, Amanda Barbour, Kathleen Sanfrey, Jennifer Tulodzieski, Sean Teets, Joel Stigliano, Lisa Dampf, Michael Match, Christina Hancher, Keri Ott, Tifton Graves; back row - Kevin Miller, Rob Wagner, Jason Fair, Carrie Roddewig, Craig Raymaley and Matt White.

Singers soar on cloud of success

■ Dana Chorale brings YSU to the world through music and goodwill during their European Tour June 25 to July 5.

EILEEN CATANZARO
Copy Editor

Thunderous applause, shouts of bravo and standing ovations concluded the singers' performances. Every time. Every where they went. By every audience in Italy and Austria.

The 28-member Dana Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Wade Raridon, performed impromptu concerts, planned concerts and Masses as they toured Italy and Austria, June 23 to July 5, singing in some of the oldest churches and cathedrals in Europe.

Raridon, professor at Dana School of Music, brainstormed the entire trip, helping students raise funds for the trip through concerts.

He retired after the chorale's homecoming concert last Monday.

"I have been on three previous tours. This was the best," said Raridon.

Raridon's enthusiasm, passion and love of music became palpable

as he recounted the triumphs of the chorale's successful tour.

Beginning their tour in Italy, the chorale sang in the churches and cathedrals of Milan, Florence and Venice, performing American spirituals, secular and sacred music, as well as classical music and operas in Italian.

"The tour guide told me not to perform any Italian operas in Italy. But we did and were greatly moved by the tears and cheers of the Italian people," said Raridon.

The chorale performed "Va Pensiero" from Verdi's opera, "Nabucco," a much beloved piece in Italy.

"As the choir sang, so did the audience," said Raridon. "I have never experienced such an explosion of applause as we got when we finished this piece."

Mike Match, junior, voice performance, claimed the audiences in Europe were "nothing like I have ever seen in this country. The Italians are so full of passion. They really appreciated our music.

**"Fly thought, on wings of gold:
go settle upon the slopes and the hills,
where, soft and mild, the sweet airs
of our native land smell fragrant!"**

From the opera,
"Nabucco" by Verdi

"When we announced we were singing this piece, we heard gasps, oohs and ahs from the audience. They sang with us, then exploded into applause when we finished," said Match.

The most emotional part of the tour, according to Raridon, was the performance at the Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence.

"The Mass was at noon and the seats were filled with an estimated 500 people in attendance. People cheered.

"Afterward, a professor from the University of Detroit said 'his life would never be the same as a

result of the chorale,'" said Raridon.

The accolades continued throughout the rest of the tour in Austria. The chorale performed a joint concert with an Austrian choir in Salzburg.

"The Mass was interrupted with applause for the chorale. This was a first time experience. The Austrians are a conservative audience," said Raridon.

The students who were on the tour have not been left untouched by the experience.

"We did difficult music. We wanted to sing, wanted to sing

more, and wanted to sing better," said Match. "This was a hundred times better than I expected. I am honored to have been a part of it."

"Everything I learned in music history class came to life," said Renee Tinker, senior, music education, of the Dana Chorale's European tour. "When I teach a class, I can teach about Italy and Austria with more passion. I've seen it.

"We won't ever be able to sing with a group of this caliber again. By the end of the tour, our emotions were much stronger, our voices were blending. As a group, we came together, closer as a chorale," Tinker said.

Raridon stated the students grew as a result of this tour.

"They have grown in self-confidence and satisfaction. They have exposure to the arts, culture, architecture and cities. They have worked hard for something bordering on perfection. I couldn't be prouder, or more grateful, for a group of students.

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tral corners until sometime in August.

"We are willing to negotiate. But we can't wait until the last minute to be prepared for the worst," said Tiedeman.

In another attempt to end negotiations, each side had written proposals on the unresolved issues

but an agreement was unable to be reached.

"We were so far apart as of July 1 that YSU backed off," said Brennan. "We are at an impasse where we are not agreeing on anything."

Hirsch says it's a matter of semantics on where they stand with the negotiations.

"He's (Brennan) calling it an impasse. I'd say we're just taking a breathing period," said Hirsch,

Brennan believes that "breathing period" is fueling the fire.

"They [YSU] may be cooling down, but the longer we're away from the table, the angrier our people are getting," he said.

Tom Mick, a federal mediator, will be brought in for the August negotiations meeting to help resolve the issues, according to Hirsch.

"It was part of the ground rules that if there was no final

agreement by June 1, we previously agreed that a federal mediator would be called in," he said.

The YSU-ACE negotiation team met Monday for a general information meeting.

According to Brennan, the meeting was well attended as one-third of the members were there.

Tiedeman added that they are trying to do the best they can. The union needs its members to back them to gain some understanding.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

July 22

WYSU, 88.5 FM, will be broadcasting "Commentary Cafe," with Bill Binning and Bob Fitzer at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Local Development" with guest host Rufus Hudson.

July 27

WYSU, 88.5 FM, will be broadcasting "Focus," with host Dale Harrison, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Workers Writing." (Working Class Studies Part II of IV) Federation of Worker and Writers and Community Publishers, Guest Host Sherry Linkon.

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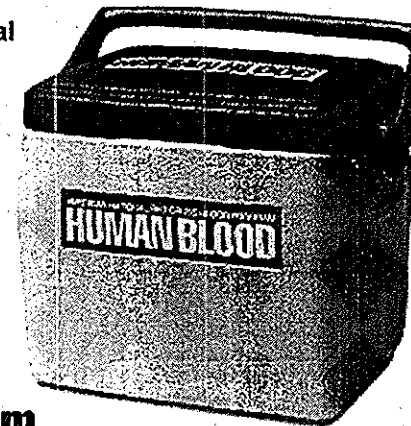
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