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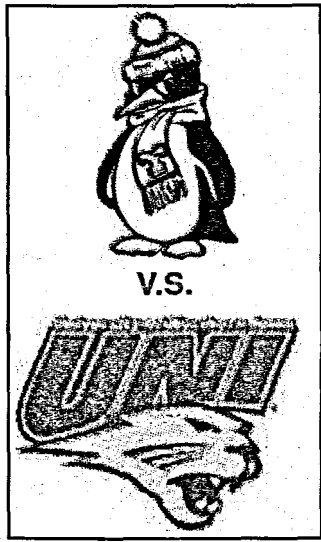
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YSU NEWS

Diversity Committee promotes disabilities

Youngstown State University's Community Diversity Committee presents "How to Be Inclusive: A Disabilities Awareness Program," today at 6 p.m. at Park Vista Retirement Center, 1216 Fifth Ave. in Youngstown. Representatives of YSU Disability Services will discuss ways in which organizations can be both compliant and sensitive to the needs of those with physical disabilities. The event is free and open to the public. For further information and to make reservations, contact Susan Mooror at (330) 941-2718.

CHEVROLET CENTRE

Tyson hits Youngstown

Adrienne Sabo
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Fans and the press anxiously awaited the arrival of former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson at a press conference, Wednesday. In typical celebrity fashion, he was an hour late.

Local boxing legend Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini was there to welcome Tyson and the rest of the boxers to Youngstown.

Tyson kicks off his world tour Friday at the Chevrolet Centre and the fight will be shown on pay-per-view. The first fight begins at 8 p.m. Friday.

While Tyson said he feels a little nervous about getting into the ring he said he expects it to be fun.

"I don't miss being at that [heavyweight] level anymore. It is too high stress," Tyson said.

Tyson said the fight will be fun for the fans.

"It's going to be pretty interesting."

Youngstown was selected as the kickoff for the tour because of the city's history with boxing, according to a press release.

Matt Hufnagel, executive director of the Chevrolet Centre, is excited for the match on Friday.

"We are thrilled to have Mike here and are thrilled to be a part of it," Hufnagel said.

Tyson's world tour will be the first boxing event at the Chevrolet Centre.

Friday night Tyson faces off with Corey Sanders, who holds a knockout win against Oleg Maskaev, World Boxing Council Heavyweight Champion.

Other fights will include Lou Del Valle against Warren-native Zack Page, Ray Narh against Justo Sanchez, Stephan Pryor against Tyron Watson and Juan McPherson against Will Prieto. All matches are subject to change.

Although Tyson retired from professional boxing, he said he will continue to fight in exhibition matches.



Tickets for the fight are still available from the Chevrolet Centre Box Office and range in price from \$25 to \$200.

ISSUE 2

Ohioans wage salary increase

Jenny Boyce
NEWS REPORTER

With the upcoming elections on Nov. 7, Ohioans will have to make an important decision on their ballots: whether or not to vote for Issue 2. If passed, Issue 2 would raise Ohio's minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.85, an amendment that has so far been passed in 24 other states.

"Millions of 'values voters' care about fair wages for the people who do some of the hardest, most important jobs in our society - from childcare teachers we entrust with our children to healthcare aides we entrust with our parents," Bob Edgar, a leading member of the Let Justice Roll Campaign, said.

If approved, Issue 2 will take effect in January and will automatically adjust for inflation every year following, according to the Ohio Fair Minimum Wage Amendment.

In their third gubernatorial debate at the University of Cincinnati, Republican J. Kenneth Blackwell and Democrat Ted Strickland agreed that Ohio's economy needs improvement, but had differing views toward Issue 2 as a means to do so.

According to the debate, Strickland supports Issue 2, while Blackwell is against the proposed amendment. While Blackwell said that he supports the increase of minimum wage, he opposes Issue 2 for its "intrusive nature" of some of the amendment provisions.

On the campus of Youngstown State University, students share their own opinions on Issue 2 and the effect it will have on them.

"I think [minimum wage] should be higher," junior Nicole Hinchcliffe said. "It's raised in other states, and I think it'll help our economy out a lot."

According to Policy Matters Ohio, three-quarters of those who will be affected by Issue 2 are 20 years of age or older. A total of 297,000 workers in Ohio who currently earn less than \$6.85 an hour will also be directly affected.

"Minimum wage workers haven't seen an increase in their paychecks in over 10 years, while the cost of living has risen dramatically," State Senator CJ Prentiss, Co-Chair of Ohioans for a Fair Minimum Wage, said. Other young voters seem to hold some caution toward the acceptance of Issue 2 in the upcoming elections.

"Won't employers just hire less people if they have to increase the pay?" sophomore Ashley Davis asked, concerned with the possible loss of jobs that might occur with the passing of Issue 2.

"If it's going to eventually take money out of our pockets, or negatively affect our city in some way, I hope it's dropped," she said.

"[Issue 2] could lower the poverty level in Youngstown," senior Alicia Ashton said, seeing an upside and downside to the amendment.

"But hopefully it won't cause taxes to rise or job positions to be cut."

Homecoming draws near



Photo courtesy of Laura Neely.

YSU student Tim Jones celebrates Homecoming Week with an airbrushed tattoo. See a list of more Homecoming festivities on page 4.

Rwandan survivor speaks in Kilcawley Center

Emery Boyle-Scott
NEWS EDITOR

Justine Mbabazi came to Youngstown State University to share her experiences with the community Wednesday. Mbabazi and her children survived the 1994 Rwandan genocide by hiding in a cave.

Mbabazi gave her lecture about the role women played in the survival of and rebuilding after the 1994 genocide. During the genocide, an estimated 500,000 - 800,000 Tutsi and moderate Hutu ethnic groups were killed. Recent estimates have placed the death toll over one million.

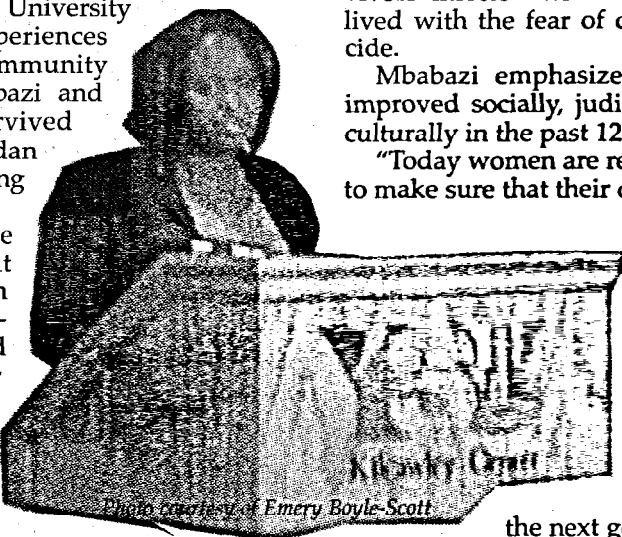


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"Women suffered a double-killing in the 1994 genocide," Mbabazi said.

She was talking about women's loss of children, family, life and the millions of survivors infected with HIV/AIDS who have lived with the fear of death since the genocide.

Mbabazi emphasized that Rwanda has improved socially, judicially, politically and culturally in the past 12 years.

"Today women are really working hard ... to make sure that their daughters and granddaughters don't go through what they went through," she said.

The most important consideration for the future, Mbabazi said, is how women can maintain their positions and prepare the next generation.

Mbabazi will be visiting until Tuesday as a scholar-in-residence and a guest of the Judaic and Holocaust Studies Program.

YSU ranks 12th in civic survey

Ashley Tate
GEN. ASSIGN. REPORTER

Youngstown State University students know their American history. YSU ranks 12th in the nation in a new study that measures how much colleges are adding to their undergraduates' understanding of American history and government.

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute commissioned a study called the American Civic Literacy survey in which 50 colleges and universities across the

United States were surveyed, including YSU, Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Georgetown and Duke.

The number one school was Rhodes College, with an 11.6 percent freshman-to-senior improvement. Colorado State University was second, with a 10.9 percent increase.

YSU outperformed prestigious colleges such as Yale, Princeton and Harvard, in which Yale's learning percentage, characterized as "negative learning," was -1.5 percent. That means

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YSU

Student strives for excellence despite restraints

Andrea Burton
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

The Center for Student Progress is in a constant state of busyness. The receptionist telephones Karlene's cubicle to notify her of an awaiting student. She walks into the waiting area with a big smile and school colors painted on her face. It's game day. Karlene's spirit is unmatched by any other's on campus.

Her cubicle has several homey touches; the most notable are the yellow star-shaped sticky notes on the wall, behind her desk. On them are messages varying in content, but having one thing in common, they are all the goals of Karlene's students. One can tell that this workspace is the dream and goal zone.

Karlene Rantamaki is a second year freshman working toward her bachelor's degree in special education. She is a first year Peer Adviser in the Center for Student Progress. There is a consensus among coworkers that Karlene is one of the most kind-hearted people you'll ever meet.

Amber Roden, 21, team leader of her fellow Peer Advisers and also a special education major, has worked closely with Karlene

for over a year. They first met Karlene's freshman year when Roden was her Peer Adviser.

"I can't put her into words," she said. Roden stared into space, contemplating, when suddenly it dawned upon her.

"She carries a light with her," she said in triumph. "This is not just a job for her; it goes along with her lifestyle. It's a perk that she gets paid for," she concluded.

Communications major freshman Jessica Speece, 20, said Karlene is "genuinely really kind, not fake [but] a real person."

"She always puts people before herself, always asking if I need help," Speece said.

Karlene credits her interest in education to "a craving to make a difference in this world." She is a strong advocate on the potential of all students.

"Every student has a talent, every student has a limitation, and every student can succeed if they truly want to."

YSU's Community Diversity Committee is hosting a disabilities awareness program at Parka Vista Retirement Center at 6 p.m. Karlene said she didn't even know about it.

"Some people with disabilities don't want it to be known. I, myself, am in this group. I call my disability a limitation," she said. "On one hand, everyone has a disability in some way, does that celebrate everyone?" she asked.

Her ultimate goal is to become a singer and an educator. Karlene sings as a therapeutic remedy to the stressful student environment that she faces, not only academically but also, because of her physical disabilities.

"Singing gives me the confidence to keep moving forward," she said, "keeping me in step with the music, especially on the rough days."

Karlene and her twin sister were born in Lansing, Miss. two months prematurely. Karlene credits her twin as her best friend.

"She is the back-

bone of my support," Karlene said, "in ways of helping me overcome obstacles, making sure that I could understand my education, and being an inspiration to keep going."

During delivery, Karlene was deprived of oxygen, leaving her with Cerebral Palsy. She didn't start walking until she was 2 1/2, and only with the assistance of a walker and full leg braces. Karlene also went through several years of physical, occupational and speech therapy.

According to the Concise Medical Dictionary, cerebral palsy is a disorder of movement and/or posture as a result of non-progressive but permanent damage to the developing brain. This damage may occur before, during or immediately after delivery. It is often associated with other problems, such as learning difficulties, hearing difficulties, poor speech, poor balance and epilepsy.

"I strive to make a small difference in everyone's life that I come in contact with. I like to do this with genuineness, kindness and a loving heart," Karlene said. "I reach for the stars and change them, because I do not want to be the same person I am today."

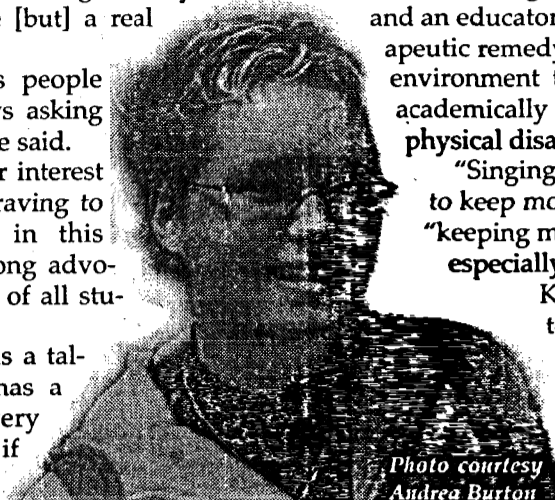


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YSU hosts Law Day

LaTeese Riddle
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Representatives from various law schools took part in Youngstown State

University's annual Law Day 2006 on Wednesday. The event, sponsored by the Political Science Department, featured law schools such as the University of Akron, Duquesne Law School, Cleveland State University, the University of Toledo, Ohio State Moritz College of Law and Case Western Reserve University.

Representatives from the various schools were there to answer students' questions and distribute catalogues, applications and financial aid information for each school.

The main focus of the fair

was to give interested students the opportunity to gather information about law school programs and to become acquainted with the various representatives who will review their applications.

According to Paul Sracic of YSU's Pre-Law Center, the university has hosted the event for over ten years, and there has never been a dull turnout.

"Every year we keep in contact with regional schools here in Ohio and western Pennsylvania. It is a very [highly] attended event, and it has been a great experience thus far," he added.

The event is held around this time every year, since it's when students are usually thinking about applying for

law school.

"It's never too early to start, preparing for admission" Loren W. Frenndt, a University of Toledo Representative, said.

On Law Day, law school representatives promoted their schools.

"The representatives were nice, and they gave me a sense of what they were looking for when applying for various schools," said Antaun Rose, a senior pre-law major.

Brian Sylvester, senior in Pre-Law said it was his third year attending the event.

"It's just a great experience more should attend," Sylvester said.

Students from any major can apply for law school.

YSU

Actor gets replaced

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

"Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)" debuts Friday at the Oakland Center for the Arts. Regarding a Southern family gathered around its dying patriarch, the show is a comedy, but its casting malfunctions haven't ended up being as amusing to Managing Director Fran Comstock.

"We had someone drop out of the cast last minute, but thankfully we've recast and are opening this Friday," she said.

Denise Scully, originally cast as Lurlene, has stepped into the role as Mama, and Anna Frabutt has taken the role of Lurlene to accommodate the switch.

"These are both veteran actresses," Comstock said, "so even though it's been complicated, everything should go very smoothly."

Chris Fidoran, who is directing the play, simply sighed.

"It's all up in the air ... But it's theater, and you work

three things at once. It's community theater, too, so there are some things you can change, and some things you just can't."

Regardless, Fidoran said he is excited.

"Yeah! It's going to be great!"

Comstock explained the production as a comedy.

"It's such a dysfunctional family. Daddy's not a huge part, but the fact that he's dying is what the play centers around. The family is trying to work out their eccentricities ... It's very fast-paced."

Opening night, there will be a free-food-and-wine reception, where the audience can meet the actors. On closing night, gallery artist and photographer Billy Danielson will be having a reception before the show.

Student tickets are \$5.

"All students, not just YSU students," Comstock clarified.

Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The final weekend run of Oct. 27 and 28, performances are at 8 p.m. as well.

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OUR SIDE

Students search for rapport with instructors

We've all had one, two or even three per semester: classes that could turn scalding hot coffee lukewarm. Without being particularly harsh we're trying to drive home a point. Some classes, while offered with the best of intentions, are falling short of expectations.

Students in every building, every day, except days off and Sundays, roll their eyes and wonder what they're doing in class. Sure, frequently the blank stare comes from any number of things, maybe just a lack of sleep. But, there is something beyond the stereotypical college student sleep-habits and apathy.

There are a few classes that have a crucial something missing: That little spark between instructor and student, the "a-ha!" moment, real subject engagement. In most cases the something missing is difficult to pin down.

Maybe it's an individual thing. Many times, however, it's systemic and all students feel it. Anyone can hear it, so long as they eavesdrop on students as they shoulder their bookbags and bottleneck out of the classroom as quick as can be.

The dialogue is virtually the same every time. "That class sucks!" one might say. "I don't know why I go," a fellow classmate probably nods in return. A third student steps in between the other two and might ask, "What did we do last week? I didn't come."

Student dissatisfaction is difficult to quantify. Here at Youngstown State University, near the end of the semester, every semester, there are instructor evaluations. Instructor evaluations ask students to describe their instructor's teaching process. Eventually evaluations are given to the instructors who were evaluated. As the Jambar studied in April, many students simply fill in the bubble representing "Strongly Agree" and move on - limiting the effectiveness of evaluations.

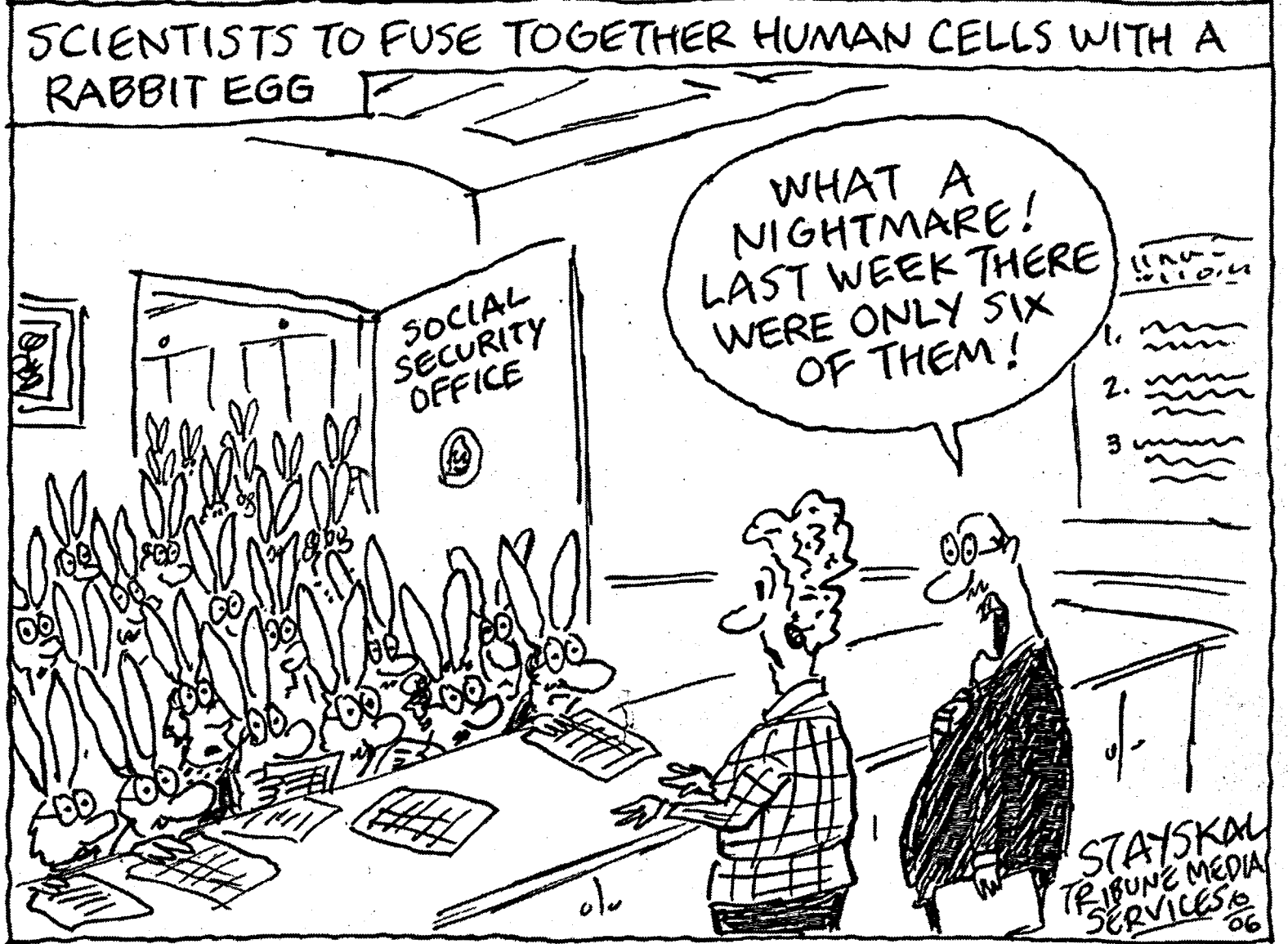
Most often, less-than-satisfying classes have something missing: The important instructor-student connection, or an engaging topic, or experienced instructors, or attentive students, or any number of variables. It is important to note that not all classes are like this. Most classes are rewarding. Most of the time students walk away at the end of semester with more than just a grade.

Both instructors and students can work to alleviate the problem of unfulfilling classes. Students and instructors can feel it when something is missing, even if neither knows exactly how to fix it.

If we students expect anything from our instructor, it is reasonable that an instructor expects in return. Students should engage themselves in class. We should ask questions, provide feedback and be honest. As we progress through our degree, we often "get into the swing" of it by learning how we learn and beginning to understand what we find useful. Such insight is not the be-all, end-all, but a different perspective is always useful.

Instructors must learn how to communicate to students the expertise and knowledge they've gained during their own academic training or out in the field. Not all of us will catch on, and some of us will still roll our eyes and sigh in an exaggerated fashion. But, more of us will sit in the hard-backed, one-armed desk and have an "a-ha!" moment of our very own.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Issue informs

In the Oct. 16 issue of the "American Standard," (a more conservative-leaning publication), was printed a very interesting and enlightening article on page 10 and 11 by Charles Krauthammer entitled "Sex Scandals and Double Standards." He talks about how in 1983 a democrat did almost the same thing that former Florida republican representative Mark Foley did in 2006, and how democrats have little room to talk since the same backlash did not exist when news broke in 1983 when a democrat was involved in a similar scandal. The similarities are staggering, yet Krauthammer, although a talented political writer, does not touch upon a key issue to this debate because he is only looking at partisan politics. The response from the American people of distaste, disgust and a call for the true facts is not only warranted, it is the responsible thing to do.

Mark Foley has been tried and convicted by the media, and his actions were, if

true, not only disgusting, but criminal. With many horrific events, it served to highlight an issue that is lost in the political shuffle. Sexual assault, molestation, harassment, rape and intimidation are crimes not just of the body, but also of the psyche and mind, which can damage a person's self-image and self-understanding, and confuse a person to dangerous points. It can strike those of both genders, and no matter whom it occurs to is wrong. No words can describe the pity I feel toward pedophiles, child molesters and rapists, who are obviously mentally unbalanced, and in need of serious and immediate help! The level of their crime is not only disturbing but also truly frightening!

On Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Gallery in Kilcawley, Phi Kappa Tau, Student Diversity Council and the Youngstown State Men Against Rape (Y.S.M.A.R.) are hosting an event titled "Stand Against Rape." It features Ellen Taylor, director of the Rape, Information and Counseling Center. This is in my mind a wonderful opportunity for all on campus to realize

that rape affects everyone and is a crime not just against one person but society. In regards to the article in the "American Standard," no matter your political party, ideology, gender or sexual orientation, I would hope we all agree that these actions cannot in any way be condoned and must be prevented in the future. This should not be a partisan issue about republicans or democrats and used as a political tool but in truth should be a motivator to concentrate on the problem. It is time to realize that whether in 1983 or 2006, it is still wrong, and even if mistakes in how it was handled in the past were done, and not addressed properly, let us not let that happen again, and get the solution right this time. Outrage to Foley's actions is respectable and noble; blaming it on politics is not. Solve the problem, and realize it spans beyond the partisan divide!

-Joe Ilesue
President of the Youngstown State Men Against Rape
Executive President of the Student Diversity Council

COMMENTARY

Nerds Ruin Everything

Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

Dateline: last Friday morning. I hear from my source of highly vital information - The Blogosphere - that Nintendo's new console, the Wii, would be available for pre-order that very day. I wanted to leave my house that instant, but then I decided to act rationally - after all, there would be a pre-order waiting for me at my local EB, right? I had a few cups of coffee, played around on the Internet, stole a few identities ... Until I remembered one unmistakable fact: this world is full of terrible, terrible nerds. In a desperate panic, I put on as much pants as I could and rushed down to Boardman's own 224, the Sunset Strip of large, tan housewives. And what did the clerk tell me when I asked to reserve the Wii, just an hour after the store had opened?

"Would you be interested in signing up for our discount card?"

As a former game store clerk, I knew what to do: shake this man until he was out of fabulous offers that I would be a damned dirty fool to pass up. A fool! When this didn't work, I stuck N64 controllers in my sleeves to form crude and mal-

functioning claws; this combined with my natural bear-like posture scared the man to his senses. I also ate a live salmon on a pile of discarded Dreamcasts, because you have to do these things right or don't do them at all.

And what did I learn? The Wii pre-orders were all taken by people who lined up outside of the store before it opened. Did I say people? I meant nerds.

Please note that I will not be making any jokes about the name "Wii" in this article. If you crave such humorless things, please see every webcomic the day after Nintendo named this product. Thanks in advance.

I was admittedly wrong in underestimating nerds. After all, nerds are most often found in line, be it for a new Star Wars film, pre-registering for a Renaissance Faire, or waiting to be executed by me in a possible alternate future where I decide who lives and who dies. So why wouldn't they be lining up for the Wii, especially when information about the pre-orders was leaked to the Internet? All people on the Internet aren't nerds, but all nerds are on the Internet; I'd draw you a Venn diagram if space permitted such a thing. And while I sat at home, enjoying the fruits of my labor (elec-

tricity and cat ownership), those nerds sat - probably playing Yu-Gi-Oh or discussing Battlestar Galactica on the cold concrete - waiting to snatch up those precious Wiis.

Admittedly, I am a nerd. I blog, 90 percent of my iPod consists of video game soundtracks, I have been to anime conventions and I own DVD after DVD of what scientists call "nerd crap." But, despite all this, I have a girlfriend! My secret? I keep my nerdiness confined, where it can harm no one. You see, in areas where nerdiness is apparent - large groups of people dressed up as Naruto characters, personal music/DVD collections, the Internet - very few bystanders are harmed. But when nerds affect normal people and closeted nerds like me, our nation suffers. Oh, and for the record, I don't live in my parent's basement. I live on the ground floor.

That's a little something we like to call class.

But aren't video games the realm of nerds? Was I trespassing into their realm of Moogles, enchanted staves, and effeminate, whisper-thin male RPG heroes? No. This is my world as well; my private world. But this world no longer belongs to the nerd. With the release of such games as "Halo" and "John Madden's Fifty Dollar

Annual Roster Upgrade," video games have been overtaken by a majority of casual gamers who don't even use the Internet to complain about things. Can you imagine that? How else would anyone know about the flawed battle system of the "Xenosaga" series? I am glad to have the Internet here to tell me such things.

I obviously have sympathy for the nerd. Six years ago, with the launch of the PS2, I was one of them. Actually, I was much nerdier in reserving that system eight months ahead of time; I was rewarded with 18 months of games that made going blind from a Virtual Boy look more fun. The Wii looks to be much better in this regard, and believe me, I WILL own one on release day. While violence is always an option, everyone is always reminding me that most violence is illegal, especially violence with punching. Instead, I will show up on release day, packing the one thing a nerd fears most.

A girl.
See you Nov. 19!

Bob Mackey wants to write the script for House Party 5: Mario Party. You can read his blog at <http://www.bobservo.com>.

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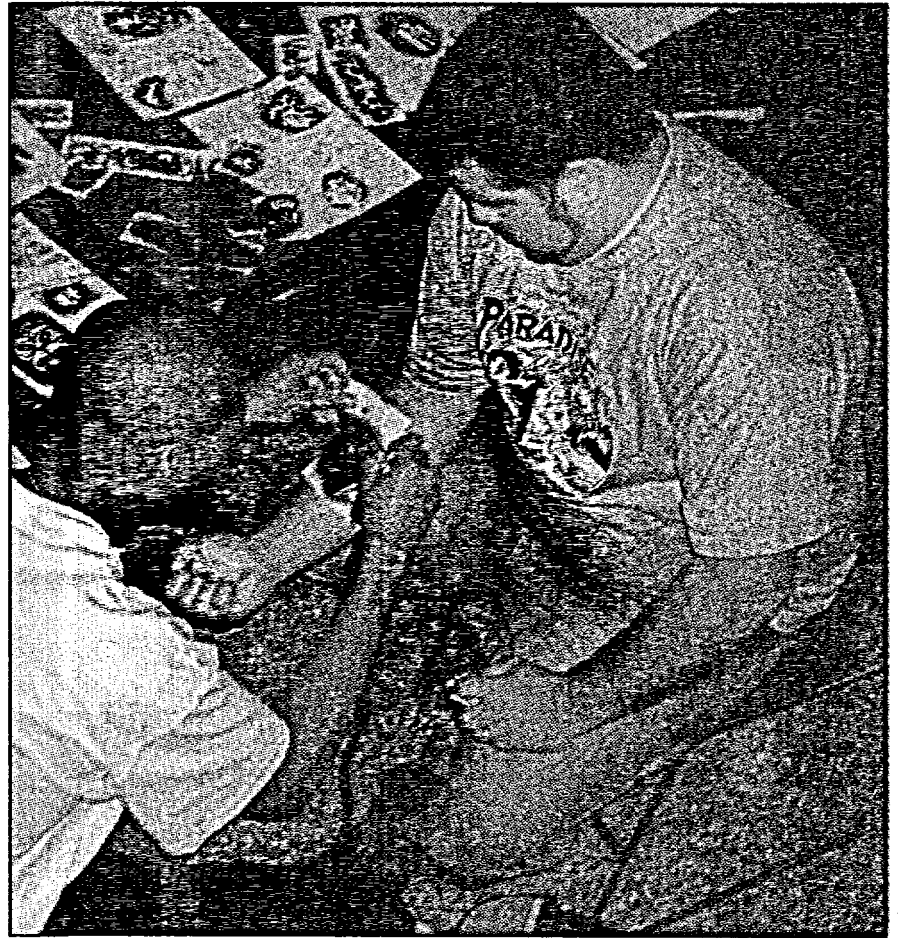
Homecoming Week



The Jambar/ Laura Neely

ABOVE: Students participated in a KFC Snacker eating contest Wednesday in Kilcawley Center.

RIGHT: Many students were treated to free airbrushed tattoos. All of the week's events lead up to Saturday's Homecoming football game against the University of Northern Illinois.



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HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS

Seven Floors of Hell:
Berea Fairgrounds
164 Eastland Ave.
Berea, Ohio 44017
Tickets for 3 houses:
\$20, for all 7 is \$22.
Open: Thursday-Sunday
Times: Thursday & Sunday: 7pm-10 pm
Friday & Saturday: 7 p.m. to midnight
Oct. 30 & Oct. 31: 7-10 p.m.

Haunted Schoolhouse and Laboratory:
1300 Triplett Blvd.
Akron, Ohio 44301
Tickets: \$11 per person/ per house
Open: Until Oct. 31
Times: Friday & Saturday: 7 p.m. to midnight
Thursday & Sunday: 7-10 p.m.
Oct. 30 & 31: 7-10 p.m.

Boardman Haunted Hayride:
Boardman Park
Rt. 224 Boardman, Ohio
Tickets: \$5
Open: Until Oct. 29
Times: Weekends 7-10 p.m.

Trumbull Country Ghost Walk:
First Presbyterian Church
256 Mahoning Ave.
Warren, Ohio
Tickets: \$6
Open: Oct. 20 & 21
Times: 6:30-9 p.m.
New tour leaves every 10 minutes.

Fear Forest:
6780 Tod Ave. SW
Warren, Ohio
(behind the Dairy Queen)
Tickets: \$8
Open: Until Oct. 30
Times: Thursday & Sunday: 7:30-10 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 7:30-11 p.m.

Ghoul Mansion:
66 N. Main St. Sharon, Pa.
Tickets: \$8
Open: Until Oct. 31
Times: Thursday & Sunday (also Oct. 30 & 31): 7-10 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 7p.m. to midnight

Mansfield Haunted Prison:
100 Reformatory Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44905
Tickets: \$14
Open: Until Oct. 29
Times: Thurs: 7-11 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 7 p.m. to midnight
Sun: 7-10 p.m.

HalloWeekends at Cedar Point:
One Cedar Point Dr.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
Limited ride availability and
Camp Spooky closed on Fridays
Tickets: \$24.95
Open: Until Oct. 29
Times: Friday: 6 p.m. to midnight
Saturday: noon to midnight
Sunday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Dark Wind Woods Haunted Trail:
14091 Orrville St. NW
North Lawrence, Ohio 44666
Tickets: \$10
Open: Until Oct. 28
No times given.

Canfield Scaregrounds:
Fairground Blvd.
Canfield, Ohio 44406
Tickets: \$10/haunted house \$8.50/hayride
Combo: \$17
Open: Until Oct. 31
Times: Thursday & Sunday: 7-10 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 7 p.m. to midnight

Upcoming Events

Thursday

Ladies Night at the Wedge,
Swing night at Cedars

Friday

Nyabinghi for
live music acts

Saturday

The Rage @ the Cellar,
doors open @ 9 p.m.,
\$5 cover charge.

Little Ambition
@ Irish Bob's.

Monday

Swing night @ the Wedge

Homecoming Events

Thursday

Hot-FM 101
6 a.m.-10 a.m.
Kilcawley Center

Music Video Bingo
10:15-11:45 a.m.
Peaberry's Café

Alpha Xi Delta's "Here comes
the great pumpkin" decorating
contest

10a.m.-2p.m.
Kilcawley Center

95.9 Kiss-FM
11 a.m.-1p.m.
Campus core

BW3 Best Wing-Ding Eating
Contest
Noon @ Peaberry Café

Newman Center Homecoming
Cook-out
4 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Friday

WBBG-FM 106.1
7:30-9 a.m.
Kilcawley Center

Flower Sale,
9 a.m.-2 p.m., Kilcawley Center;

Ultimate T-shirts
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kilcawley Center

Bw3 Party at BW3 downtown
9 p.m.-2:30 a.m.

Saturday

Homecoming Parade @ 2 p.m.

PROFILE

Instructor weaves passion for nursing

Laura Neely
GEN. ASSIGN. REPORTER



WEAVER

Her plans were to go to Vegas and become a nurse. Life doesn't always go as planned. That's what Amy Weaver learned when she came to Youngstown because her husband got a job at Delphi. Because of this move Weaver became a lab coordinator of the nursing department at Youngstown State University in 2003. She maintained the lab and was also a graduate assistant to nursing instructor Mary Shafer. Weaver didn't teach nursing, but she decided to practice the skills on her own. She had experience in staff, development and education and in return decided to teach nursing. "I really liked the educational aspect of nursing," said Weaver, who has recently become a new full-time faculty member. "She cares a lot about the students and she really had turned the lab around for students and faculty; she made it more user-friendly and organized," Shafer said. Nursing has interested Weaver since she spent a

week in the hospital when she was 16 years old. After a terrible car accident, she needed skin grafts on her eye. During her hospital stay, she noticed how well the nurses took care of her. Because of this experience, she decided to make nursing her goal in life. Nursing is not Weaver's only love, though - the love of animals is another passion. She owns one cat and four dogs, one of which she rescued at YSU. About a year ago, there was a golden blond dog walking around campus that no one could seem to catch. Weaver the one who did, and she took the dog home with her. For the last two years, she has volunteered for angels for animals. "I make apple pies to help raise money for the organization. I would one day like to start a rescue shelter out of my house," Weaver said. Other hobbies include rubber-stamping and scrapbooking, which she has been involved with for 10 years. "I have to have a creative outlet," Weaver said. Weaver received her bachelor's degree in nursing at West Virginia State. In May 2006, she received

her master's in nursing at YSU, and decided to stay and teach here. "The quality of nurses was good and educated here so I decided to stay." Weaver comes across a lot of students and faculty by being in charge of the nursing lab and being an instructor. "I think Mrs. Weaver is a very nice individual. She is great at teaching and she has always been funny," senior Rachel Brown said. Weaver has been teaching Tech Prep for nursing for the Youngstown city schools for the last three years. During the summer, she worked in the long-term care department at St. Joseph Health Center in Warren. She also teaches YSU courses like Fundamentals of Nursing and Health Assessment. "I feel I know Amy well already because she worked in the nursing lab. She is enthusiastic and has a lot of energy that translates into her work. She has a natural teaching ability and she is an excellent addition to the faculty," Chairperson of the Nursing Department Patricia Hoyson said.

RANKS, continued from page 1

seniors knew less than freshman about American history, government, foreign affairs and the economy. Of the 50 colleges that participated in the survey, a majority of the 16 schools where seniors scored lower than freshman are considered among the most prestigious colleges in the United States. "I'm not surprised YSU is highly ranked because I feel that I've received an excellent education. The history department has great faculty and they prepare their students for education as well as civic duties," graduate student Shannon Skiles, who majored in history, said. American history major Nick Marsh agrees with Skiles. "It makes sense because YSU's history and English departments are two of the highest ranked departments in the school and that combination would fend itself to civic literacy," Marsh said. "I was surprised by the results. It proves that a prestigious university such as Yale or Stanford doesn't nec-

essarily offer a better education," graduate student Rachel Moses said. "I think it's really neat that YSU outranked those supposed 'prestigious colleges.' A lot of people get the wrong idea about YSU because it's in Youngstown and it's a commuter college. I hope we'll improve what people think of this college," graduate student Michael Brenner said. One student even transferred back to YSU from Cleveland State because she likes the history department so much. "The department of history and their professors have trained me and the rest of us so well that I am coming back to YSU to finish my master's degree in history and to complete the certificate in GIS through the geography department. I feel that YSU's program will better suit my needs," April Caruso said. Paul Sracic, coordinator of general education, said, "It's not just one department; several people are doing a good job."

He said that there weren't questions on the exam just about history, but about court cases, philosophy and economic relations. There were questions about Brown v. Topeka Board of Education and NATO. "Overall," Sracic said, "most colleges aren't doing well; it's not inspiring. Students aren't aware and knowledgeable on American history." When it comes to students performing their civic duties such as voting and volunteer service, he said, "The idea is to be competent citizens and understand the ideas you're voting on. The report showed that we are doing well, but we can do better." The survey confirmed four major key findings: America's colleges and universities fail to increase knowledge about America's history and institutions. Prestige doesn't pay off. Students don't learn what colleges don't teach. Greater civic learning goes hand-in-hand with more active citizenship.

YSU

New elevator uplifts fans

Renee Hardman
REPORTER

This Saturday, at the Youngstown State University Homecoming football game against Northern Iowa, not only will a new king and queen be announced, but a new elevator will also make its first public appearance. The YSU Athletic Department and Facilities and Grounds Department, in accordance with several local contractors, are unveiling a new public elevator that is located at the south end of Stambaugh Stadium, near Beeghly Center. The local contractors include: A.P. O'Horo, Boardman Steel, Diamond Steel, ESC Engineering, Geller Electric, Ohio Valley Sheeting and Painting, Thyssen Krupp Elevator, University Electric and York Mahoning. Since the 1997 renovation of the stadium, the fan base is "much greater than it was when it opened," Associate Athletic Director Rick Love said. This makes the need for a new elevator imperative. The lines of fans that weave around the

stadium waiting to get on the original elevators that lead to the west concourse level will be relieved to find that the new elevator is accommodating due to its new capacity. Love said that the new elevator "will greatly enhance the accessibility of the west concourse level to our fans." The freight-type elevator will hold fans game times, and during the week, it will be able to carry the food and beverages from various companies to the concessions. Love said the elevators "make it easy and accessible for our older fans" and the new elevator is "handicap accessible." The original elevators on the Fifth Avenue side that previously catered to the public will now be strictly for media and private logo holders. Fans are encouraged to use the public ramp entrance at the north and south ends of the stadium, "however the Gate 'D' elevator at Stadium Drive will be a great convenience both entering and exiting our facility," Love said. The gates for the Homecoming game will open at 2:30 p.m. and the kickoff starts at 4 p.m.



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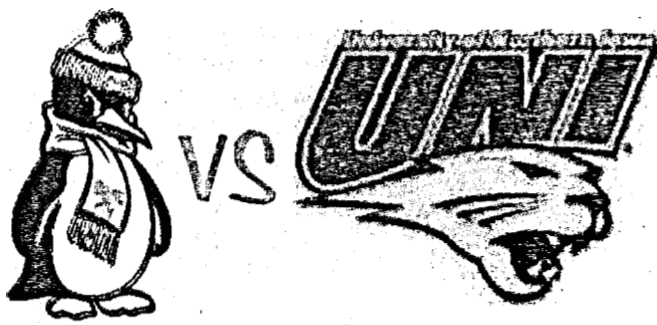
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FOOTBALL



Key match-ups

2 watch

3 keys 2 the game

one

Panther's kicker Brian Wingert, a senior from Cedar Falls, Iowa is 12 of 16 on the season with a long of 56 yards. Playing in a domed stadium has undoubtedly helped his stats, but Wingert has a strong leg regardless of his surroundings. It will be up to the Penguin defense to keep Wingert and company out of field goal range. If the defense can stop UNI from advancing farther than the 40-yard line, it should be able to force a punt. Penguins kicker Brian Palmer may be relied upon to keep the game close if the Panthers are able to put up points from 35 yards out.

two

UNI fields a potent one-two punch at running back that has knocked out opposing defenses all season. Corey Lewis, a 6-foot 187-pound sophomore, is the team's number one back. So far this year he has compiled 499 yards with a 7.7 yard per carry average and also added six touchdowns. The Panthers' other option in the back field is University of Southern California transfer Whitney Lewis. The junior has rumbled for 346 yards and three touchdowns on the year. The Penguin linebackers will be given the weighty task of keeping the "Lewis Combo" from taking over the game.

three

After having already forced opponents into fumbling 11 times this year, the boys from Cedar Falls, Iowa will look to create turnovers in all facets of the game. While the Penguins have been very sure-handed this year, having only lost seven fumbles, they will have to play as if the ball may be stripped away at any moment. If YSU can keep fumbles and interceptions to a minimum, the offense should be able to dominate the game.



Goffer #2



Jackson, #3



Perry #1



Perez #21



Dokes #3



Parsons #10



Cooper #9



Waters #18

VS.

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

With three seniors and one junior each, both of these groups bring a great deal of experience to the field. Although they will never share the turf together, the battle between the Youngstown State University and the University

Northern Iowa secondary units will be the showdown of the game. Senior cornerback Dre Dokes, who leads the Panthers with three interceptions, was a preseason All-American honorable mention and a second-team All-Gateway pick last season. Even though Dokes might not be the largest member of the UNI secondary - 5 foot 9, 162 pounds - so far this season

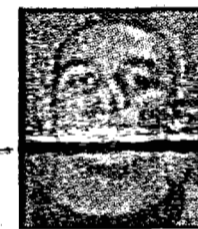
he has come up the biggest with 20 tackles and three pass breakups. The Penguins' answer to Dokes is Gateway Conference standout Jason Perry. Similarly sized, Perry also has grabbed three interceptions. Watch for these two groups to greatly limit the opposing receiver's catches, forcing the offense to take to the ground.



King #89



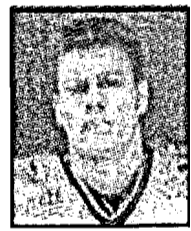
Irizarry #81



Carter #39



Kirk #51



Bush #87



Schratz #56

VS.

The Penguin wide outs have received most of quarterback Tom Zetts' attention so far this season. With just one of the top three spots on the Penguins' statistical receiving chart going to a tight end, it seems as though the group has been all but forgotten. Tight ends Louis Irizarry, Max

King and Derrick Bush have combined for only 232 of the team's 1,074 receiving yards this season. With his wide outs blanketed by the UNI secondary, Zetts will have to key in on the mismatches between his tight ends and the Panther linebacker core. The Penguins must exploit

their advantages, the most glaring of which is an average size differential of 6 foot 3, 251 pounds for YSU to only 6 foot 1, 225 pounds for UNI. If the Youngstown quarterback can locate a one-on-one match-up between these groups, it should be an easy pitch and catch.

YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF



Women's golf season comes to a close

The Youngstown State University women's golf team ended the fall season with a ninth-place finish at the IPFW Fall Classic on Monday at Deer Track Golf Club. The second round of action, which was scheduled for Tuesday, was cancelled because of inclement weather.

The Penguins had a 331 in Monday's first round putting them in ninth place out of nine teams.

Leading the way for the Penguins were juniors Brittany Jones and Adrianna DiLonardo. Both golfers tied for 17th after carding an 80 on Monday. Freshman Brittany Stillwagon placed 34th with an 85 and senior Bonnie Sherman was 39th with an 86.

Three Penguins are recognized nationally

In addition to winning Jambar Player of the Game and Gateway Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors, senior running back Marcus Mason was named the NCAA Div. I-AA Offensive Player of the Week by The Sports Network.

Mason amassed 266 yards and scored three touchdowns, including one from 75 yards and another from 95.

Cornerback Codera Jackson has made it through the first series of cuts for members of the Buchanan Award watch list. The list will undergo a series of cuts before a winner is named in January.

Ryan Jewell, a senior center, was named as one of 148 semifinalists for the Draddy Trophy, an award that recognizes a football player for his combined academic success, playing performance and community involvement.

Hall of Fame inductees to be honored at halftime

Penguins will pay tribute to former volleyball, swimming, football and basketball athletes.

Andrew Berry
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Five former athletes and two major financial contributors will be recognized as new inductees into the Youngstown State University Athletics Hall of Fame at halftime of Saturday's homecoming game against the University of Northern Iowa.

Among the seven-member class are two former Vindicator and YSU Athletes of the Year: Sandy Stieber and Tim Jackson.

Stieber, a four-year letter winner, was a dominant force on the volleyball court from 1988 to 1991, racking up 798 kills, 950 digs and 64 serve aces in her four years at YSU. She was also awarded Athlete of the Year as a senior in 1992.

When Jackson is inducted into the Penguin Hall of Fame it will include the top 10 all-time scoring leaders in men's basketball.

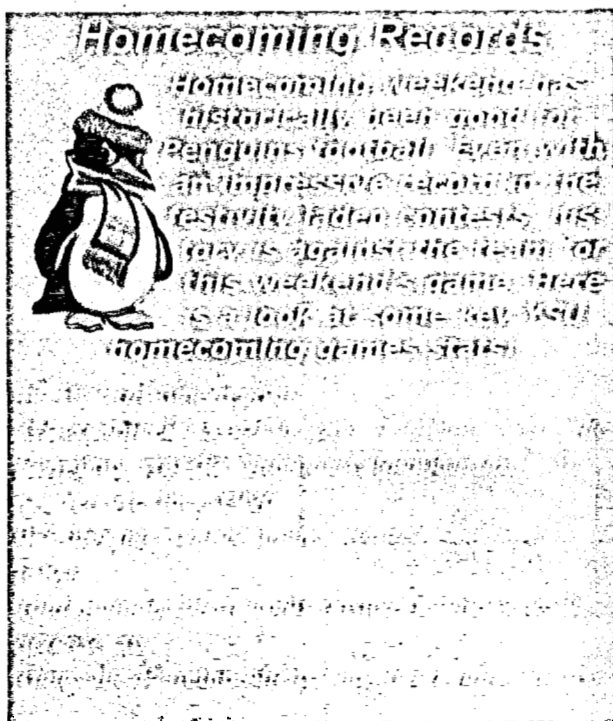
Jackson tallied 1,531 points, securing him ninth on the all-time scoring list.

Jackson also shot 74 percent from the free-throw line. Named Athlete of the Year in 1990, Jackson started in a school record 112 games in his four-year career.

Also in the 2006 induction class are three former Div. II All-Americans athletes.

Jeff Gergel's fierce play as linebacker for the YSU football team earned him All-American honors in 1980 when he recorded 119 tackles. Gergel was the last Penguin football player to earn Div. II All-American honors.

Terry Dittmer, a teammate of Gergel's in 1978, was the team captain for the Penguins 1979 football squad that advanced to the NCAA Div. II



Championship game. Dittmer was selected first-team All-M i d - Continental Conference as a junior and senior.

The final All-American being inducted is accomplished swimmer Becky MacFadyen. During the three years in w h i c h MacFadyen was named an All-American - 1983-85 - the

YSU swim team finished in the top 15 at the Div. II championships.

Sam Jankovich is the final athlete of the 2006 Hall of Fame class.

A member of the men's basketball team, Jankovich contributed 22 points in a 68-57

upset over then 9th-ranked La Salle University.

At the time, La Salle was anchored by a pair of four-time All-Americans who eventually appeared in the NBA. The victory stands as YSU's only win against a ranked Div. I program.

Penguin supporters Marilyn and Robert O'Leary - long time contributors to university athletics - will round out the 2006 inductees. The O'Learys are credited with providing YSU a yearly scholarship along with their many contributions to the men's and women's basketball programs.

This year's induction will bring the total number of members to 208. The 2006 inductees will join the likes of 2003 inductee Jeff Wilkins, kicker for the St. Louis Rams of the National Football League, and current ESPN football analyst and 1986 induction class member Ron Jaworski.

The induction ceremony will be held Saturday during a brunch at 11 a.m. in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center. Afterward, a plaque commemorating the group's induction will be placed on the Hall of Fame wall located in the Beeghly Center.