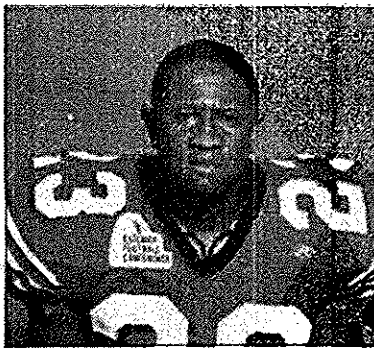


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BLAME IT ON THE RAIN



Photo by Sarah Thompson / The Jambar

AUTUMN DRIZZLE: Monday, the first day of autumn, brought cooler temperatures and constant rain. People all over campus, like Monique Wright-Benjamin, senior, middle childhood education, were trying to stay dry and warm as they hurried to their classes.

Professors vent student concerns

By HENRY GOMEZ
Jambar Assistant Editor

With new contract negotiations for the teachers union scheduled next year, the current chief negotiator for the union said previous disagreements between faculty and administrators have hurt students and will continue to if the new administration doesn't make changes.

"While we have a certain style of government at YSU, and administration and unions, ultimately what we want to know is why this is a concern to students," said Dr. Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, professor, philosophy and religious studies.

Palmer-Fernandez said, in some cases, administrators, such as deans have been given too much power, and cites a case last year where he said Dr. Barbara Brothers, former dean, College of Arts and Sciences, abused that power, inconveniencing both faculty and students.

"Under the former dean, all funds for limited service in the department were cancelled. We could hire only one instructor instead of the usual 12 to 15. We were not able to offer the amount of classes students demand," Palmer-Fernandez said.

To accommodate students

in the department, Palmer-Fernandez said one section of professional ethics had 166 students in spring 2001, requiring both Palmer-Fernandez and Dr. J.C. Smith to share the class workload.

"When you have academic administrators allowed to pursue like this, the students are diminished," Palmer-Fernandez said. "Ask yourself, would you rather be in a class of 166 or 40? I think the vast majority of students would say 40. The former dean prevented students from having that."

In a telephone interview, Brothers — who retired in June — denied accusations made by Palmer-Fernandez.

"You know, that's not accurate information," Brothers said. "I find it very awkward to get involved in this now. If [Palmer-Fernandez] wanted to get involved in this, shouldn't he have brought it up while I was still there? That, indeed, suggests it's not accurate information."

Brothers said she blames the philosophy and religious studies department for the section of 166 students and expressed anger with Palmer-Fernandez's comments.

"Making public accusations about people is not news," Brothers said. "What's

news is how the classes are being offered. Instead of the teachers teaching two separate classes, they made one section.

"There have been a number of things unfair to students ... like the fact that the philosophy department cancelled those classes."

Dr. Thomas Shipka, chair, philosophy and religious studies, stood by Palmer-Fernandez's claims, saying Brothers was responsible for the large section.

"As chair, I can tell you the former dean gutted our part-time budget prior to her departure," Shipka said. "The interim dean [Dr. Ikram Khawaja] and the new administration have restored that funding to where we are in a much better position now."

But Palmer-Fernandez said the professional ethics class situation is just an example of how union-administration relations affect students. Citing broken promises reported in The Jambar earlier this month, Palmer-Fernandez said the lies have affected students through teacher performance in the classroom.

"When we work harder and don't get results, there is a loss of spirit in employees — faculty and staff," Palmer-

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Speaker: Don't mix drinks, education

Cornelison related her own experiences with drinking during college to YSU students.

By MAURO CANTALAMESSA
Jambar Reporter

A former softball standout at Georgia State University, who has battled abuse and

addiction, told YSU students they need to look out for one another.

"If you know someone who needs help, do not hesitate or feel bad in telling that person, 'You know, I think you need to get help,'" said Dr. Carolyn Cornelison, who addressed an audience of YSU students Thursday. "Hopefully they will thank you for it someday."

Cornelison shared personal accounts of her own battle with alcoholism. "By my senior year in college, I was out of control" said Cornelison, who

has since gone on to earn her doctorate in physical education from Florida State University.

"It came to a point where if someone had to make me chose between drinking and playing sports in college, I would have quit the team," said Cornelison.

After her third DUI charge, Cornelison said, she still continued to drink excessively. What started out as an occasional recreation, her senior year in high school was tuning out to be a deadly

addiction. "I finally decided that it was time for me to get help and approached a university counselor about my problem," Cornelison said.

Some time after graduation from Georgia State University, while in graduate school at the University of Southern Mississippi, Cornelison learned her long-time friend and sorority sister, Mary Beth, had died in a car accident.

Mary Beth, according to Cornelison, had lost her life because she had been drinking

and decided to get behind the wheel of a car.

"That destroyed me," said Cornelison.

Cornelison said "Last year alone, 21 deaths of college students across the country were due to alcohol poisoning."

Cornelison said these 21 deaths were only those reported, indicating that the number could possibly be higher.

Furthermore, she said these reports do not include alcohol-related accidents such as driving under the influence of alcohol.

Signs remind YSU students to travel safely on campus

By JESSICA TREMAYNE
Jambar Reporter

Skateboards, rollerblades and bicycles will be missing from the campus core this year.

Signs stating that these objects are prohibited are now alerting students across the core of campus.

Marilynn Butler, secretary to University President Sweet, said these signs were put up due to a need to improve campus safety.

Last year a YSU student was killed in an accident while he was skateboarding between Beeghly and Kilcawley centers.

Amanda Yovick, senior, education, said, "Precautions were necessary to prevent something like this from happening again. No one was prepared to hear that someone had died on campus from something as harmless as

using a skateboard."

Len Perry, director, Environmental Health and Occupational Safety, said, "YSU had been against the use of this equipment for years."

The signs were placed throughout the campus core earlier this summer, but the YSU Board of Trustees has not yet approved them. A policy meeting is scheduled for Friday, where the issue of prohibiting skateboarding, rollerblading and biking on campus is expected to be raised.

The issue was previously addressed to the board March 2. It is being decided upon but is expected to be incorporated into YSU's Code of Student Conduct for the beginning of the next academic year.

Butler said an excerpt involving the use of wheeled

instruments will also be included in the students' Rights and Responsibility pamphlet that will be distributed to all YSU students later this year.

"This policy is an old ruling," said Perry. "For about three years YSU has discouraged any type of wheeled instruments to be used on the central core of campus. These policies need to be brought to the board of trustees to make it official."

Although articles and correspondence have been sent to the board for three years, the policy is not yet in the YSU Student Pamphlet for Safety.

These acts are prohibited only in the central core of campus.

"It presents a lot of liability," said Perry, "not only to the

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Photo by Jose Gonzalez / The Jambar

SIGN LANGUAGE: Signs like this one have been placed in various locations on campus, reminding students of the skateboarding, rollerblading and bike riding ban.

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Fernandez said. "Let's say you have an employee demoralized by the conditions and relations between the administration. That employee is not as likely to be energetic, as forthcoming."

Thomas Maraffa, chair, geography, and director of faculty relations, said he's not sure the labor situation concerns students and that workload is often what teachers make of it.

"I don't see any direct effect on students," Maraffa said. "As for workload, I personally feel I am overworked because my workload — to a large extent — is a product of my own choices."

Students themselves expressed confusion in the stance of professors such as Palmer-Fernandez, saying they are missing the point — them.

"I think teachers, as a whole, are underpaid ... but I don't think that should have any bearing on a teacher's classroom performance," said Josh Wolk, junior, education. "They are obligated by their profession to be the best they can be."

Todd Creed, sophomore, criminal justice, said he understands the point of view of some of his professors.

"If you don't get paid

enough, you may not give it all," Creed said.

Palmer-Fernandez said the current problems, which include workload and pay, were created by former University President Leslie Cochran. Several professors have blamed Cochran for lying about wage increases.

Palmer-Fernandez expressed concern over decisions made by Cochran that he said have not be addressed under current University President David Sweet.

"The Cochran administration created a very poor institutional culture at YSU. One way in which it was created was by allowing top administrators, such as deans, to do with budgets what they pleased."

"Labor, as a result, suffered," Palmer-Fernandez said. "With the section of 166 students, the present administration did nothing about it."

Palmer-Fernandez said he is not sure if he will remain chief negotiator for the upcoming talks, as a new team will be assembled soon. He did say students will be an important factor in the talks.

"All the work we do reflects on class performance. We're overworked, underpaid ... we won't be as effective,

high spirited or enthusiastic," Palmer-Fernandez said. "We won't have as much time for students."

Maraffa said the teachers and administrators already are successful in serving students.

"We are working to serve students better. You have to remember these [union] issues just represent a small portion of how faculty and administration react with each other. There are other interactions ... other examples of us working together to improve things," Maraffa said, saying the faculty is dedicated to and conscientious of its students.

But Palmer-Fernandez said it doesn't matter how strong both sides are in some aspects, teachers in negotiations will look for a fair workload policy and fair faculty compensation.

"We raised the bar; let's have the salaries meet that bar," Palmer-Fernandez said. "I once told Sweet, 'you can have an army very well-equipped, but with no morale, and it won't be as effective as an army not well-equipped, but with great spirit.'"

"It's all about the spirit. Build up morale, not with words, but with actions. That's what's going to make a good faculty even better."

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people on the wheels but pedestrians as well."

In the past, campus police have attempted to stop students' rollerblading or skateboarding. When they told students of the danger involved and of the school's policy, many students said they were unaware of school regulations.

"Signs stating, no rollerblading, no skateboarding and no bikes, were placed around campus for the protection of students and pedestrians," said Perry.

Although the board has yet to approve the signs and no wheel rule, the university erected the signs due to concern for safety.

"YSU's campus is elevated, adding to the danger and potential threat to safety," said Perry. "There are many cracks and sewer grates on campus that could create a dangerous obstacle for rollerbladers, skateboarders and bicyclists." "Students attempt to do tricks or go beyond the average use of this type of gear, posing fur-

ther threat to safety," he added.

Students and faculty at larger campuses, such as The Ohio State University, often rely on rollerblading or biking to get from class to class quickly. YSU is not discouraging using rollerblades, bicycles or skateboards altogether, only in the heart of campus.

"When this equipment is used, great care and precaution is to be taken into consideration," said Perry. "We as a campus need to provide a secure environment in all aspects."

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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think

YSU campus was wrongly ignored by the Red Cross

The events of Sept. 11 left The Jambar staff stunned and shocked beyond words.

We watched the news reports and like the rest of the world, we were horrified by the sight of aircraft crashing into the twin towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The pictures of women and men racing from the collapsing buildings, blood streaming from open wounds on their faces, sickened us.

Somewhere between our disbelief and our passionate discussions of the events, we felt the need to pitch in and do something to both help the victims and show our love of America.

For some that meant flying an American flag, for others that meant sending money or supplies for relief efforts.

However, many of us were willing to give the very blood from our veins to help the victims. We just didn't have the opportunity to do that on this campus.

Many places around the area, including churches and hospitals, immediately sprang into action after the attacks. The American Red Cross set up blood drives at institutions such as the University of Akron, days after the attacks.

YSU was not one of those sites. When Joe Long, Student Government president spoke with Red Cross officials about an emergency blood drive, he said he got the impression from the spokesperson that YSU doesn't produce enough blood.

Not only did the Red Cross assume YSU students wouldn't open their hearts to the victims of the attacks, but it also took away the right of the students to assist in the only way some of us could afford to do.

Now they have scheduled a campus blood drive for Oct. 30 and 31. That drive, however, is an annual event — not the emergency one it could have and should have been.

When an emergency situation arises, such as the one that occurred Sept. 11, it spurs people into action. Although there will be people willing to donate blood on those days, it won't be the spontaneous action that the attacks would have spawned.

Such a catastrophic event makes people feel helpless and giving blood is a wonderful way to be helpful. That immediate reaction will be gone by Oct. 30.

YSU students feel the pain of the nation. We are just as patriotic, proud and willing to help out as the Kent State University Trumbull branch and University of Akron campuses.

With over 12,000 students and hundreds more faculty and staff members, we are amazed that the Red Cross didn't think enough of YSU to fit us into its drive schedule.

For the students who live in the dorms, campus blood drives provide the perfect time, place and opportunity to donate.

For some of us, it's a way we can feel good about doing something to help the victims.

In a time of national crisis, Americans pull together. YSU is no different. We are a diverse community with people who care and want to help.

Most of us don't have the money to donate to the victims. It's hard enough just to find money to pay for textbooks and supplies.

But for those on this campus who don't have the monetary means to help and just want the opportunity to give the gift of love, we hope your spirit hasn't been altered.

Though the Red Cross didn't come knocking at our campus door, looking for donations when the attacks first occurred, don't let that be an excuse not to help out.

We encourage everyone to turn out and donate. Let them know how you feel about the attacks. Speak your minds.

Maybe after it hears the voices from our campus, the Red Cross won't be so hasty in assuming YSU won't be willing to answer the call of the nation.

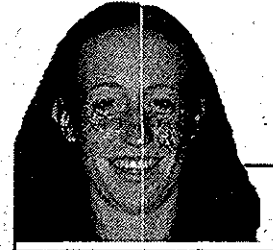
What You Think

In light of the events of last week, will you be flying anytime soon?



RON NAVARRA, ComDoc employee

"I'd feel safe flying in the United States, but I'd be kinda scared going overseas."



APRIL NEWMAN, junior, biology

"Yes, because they are increasing security. I know people who flew last week, and they said they felt safe, so I think I'd feel safe."



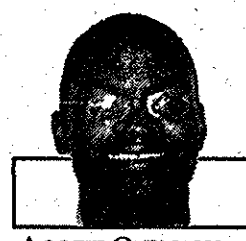
ROLAND EVANS, freshman, business administration

"No. I will never be flying in an airplane because I'm scared of heights."



DR. SHAKIR HUSAIN, professor, civil/environmental and chemical engineering

"I don't have to fly now, but if I had to, I'd fly tomorrow. [The events of last week] really didn't scare me."



AGOZIE OYEMALU, graduate student, chemistry

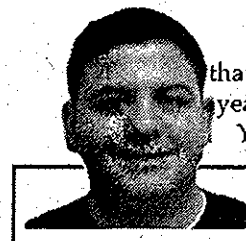
"No, because I don't have anywhere to fly to, but I have no fear of flying. If I had to fly, even with everything that happened last week, I'd still fly."



ERICKA THOMPSON, sophomore, pre-med

"No, but if the opportunity comes for me to fly, I would gladly do it. I really don't see a reason to be afraid because of one event."

Schools only raising complaints



By HENRY GOMEZ, Jambar Assistant Editor

It's that time of year. You'll want to keep a low profile at work and hold on to your wallet.

That's right. It's fund-raising season in public schools across the country.

Already I have heard the sob stories of a father I work with pleading for someone to subscribe to a magazine, just so his son could get a "mouse-telephone". My first issue of Sports Illustrated should be arriving in a few weeks.

A day later, I was lobbied by a friend here at The Jambar to help her nephew become a top-seller again this year in his school's fund-raiser. So, what the heck, I bought some chocolate.

And earlier this week, my boss tempted me, peddling sub sandwiches for his son.

Apparently word got around the office about my generosity when it comes to fund-raisers. But the subs sounded tasty, so of course I put my name down.

It's not that I don't know how to say no. I just remember

what it was like for me in grade school.

Fund-raisers were the absolute worst! But the principals...made...it...all...sound...so appealing. Sell three magazine subscriptions and get your very own WEEPLE!

"What's a Weeple?" you ask. Um, I'm still not sure. I managed to get one or two in my less-than-stellar days as a public school salesman. They were little fuzzy things with beady eyes, and trust me, you were NOT cool unless you had one.

Ah, yes, the cool factor. School fund-raisers certainly played up to it.

Shame on them, preying on the insecurities of a potentially uncool 12-year-old. And it didn't end with the Weeples.

Anything from "cool" sweatshirts with school colors to "cool" limousine rides to lunch were used to motivate kids to sell, sell, sell.

I'll never forget the Pizza Hut passports. If you sold six, you got to miss school to attend a very special pizza party in the gym.

There's no worse feeling in

the world than being stuck on five passports up until the eve of the pizza party, fearing you'll be forced to miss the social event of the sixth grade.

Luckily, an aunt or co-worker of one of my parents would bail me out at the last minute.

I guess I just don't understand why young students

bor was going to build a new swing set. And I thought selling those pizza passports would really make my school a better place. But in the long run, nothing ever changed.

Students are just that — students. It's sad they are forced to be salespeople and hit strangers up for money just so the schools can make a little.

Afraid of being outcast for having the fewest Weeples or missing pizza parties, students will do just about anything. And school officials know that.

I was never the top seller in my school, or even home-room. I never got to ride in the limo.

I'm sure I even became uncool in the eyes of some for never winning one of the "bigger" prizes.

So keep those subs coming. Chances are if your kid is selling it, I'm buying it. I'm not bitter or anything. Sure, it would have been nice to have the Gameboy or Sega Genesis.

But I made it to the pizza parties, and I had my Weeples.

It's just too bad that schools don't think as simplistically as the students they teach.

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Letter to the Editor Reader: Sanctity and safety were violated

Editor:

I read the letter to the editor in Thursday's issue of The Jambar, "No more people should die," and I must say that I am really disappointed in some Americans these days.

My question is this: Did our founding fathers say, "Well, we want freedom, but no one should have to die for it?"

Sure, there are other ways to solve problems than with violence, but contrary to popular belief, violence will solve anything! Just take a look throughout history.

War is defined as the continuation of political means by

the use of force.

We want to end terrorism, and some countries refuse to let us do that, so it seems to me that our only option here is to force them to comply.

I am in the Marine Corps Reserves, and no, I don't sit around praying for war.

This is not some ideological battle like Korea, or Vietnam. We were attacked, and our sanctity and safety have been threatened. The people of America need to realize that.

Dave Tascoe, junior, criminal justice

Arts & Entertainment

Young rapper releases 'fab' new album

By LARISSA THEODORE
Jambor Reporter

Newer rappers will inevitably be compared with older ones.

Fabulous is no exception. He's already being compared to the likes of retired Bad Boy star, Mase.

But as Fabulous told MTV in an interview, he doesn't mind "as long as people can distinguish" between the two he'll keep doing his thang.

Keeping in sync with Fab's new hot debut single, "Can't Deny It," it's undeniable that the 21-year-old rapper is on his way to the top.

His debut album, *Ghetto Fabulous* hit stores Sept. 11 and includes many of hip hop's biggest names: Ja Rule, Jagged Edge, Nate Dogg and Lil' Mo to name a few.

Fabulous got his start on mixtape guru DJ Clue's Monday night show on N.Y.'s Hot 97.

On this historic day in 1998, thousands of New York's radio listeners were tuned in to Clue's show. To top it off, Noreaga was also in the studio.

Fab's impromptu free style flow impressed Clue so much that Fab landed a premier placement on a few of Clue's mix CDs and a slot on the 50-city Hard Knock Life Tour. For this Brooklyn native, there was no going back.

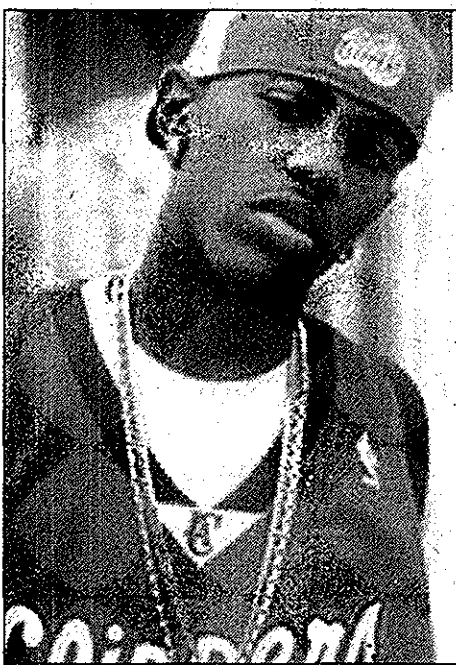
Fab's debut single, "Can't Deny It," features a subdued serenade from Nate Dogg.

"Can't Deny It" is based on the song "Ambitionz As A Ridad" by Tupac Shakur and creates a good vibe for club dancers.

Fab's free style, mixed with beats and bass, will have fans cranking up the entire Elektra/Desert Storm labeled CD.

On the "Take You Home" track Lil' Mo sings the chorus Lisa Lisa made famous 16 years ago with "I Wonder If I Take You Home."

Fab plays off of Junior Mafia's "Players Anthem" on the track "Get Right," where he boasts about getting female attention.



YOUNG RAP STAR: Fabulous recently released his debut album *Ghetto Fabulous*.

On a more serious tone, the track "One Day" mentors listeners on the downside of being arrested. Fab warns young fans not to let videos rule their minds.

Fab's work doesn't stop here. His guest shots lend talent to such artists' albums as Mary J. Blige's *Family Affair* and Jimmy Cozier's *She's All I Got*.

These guest appearances have made him one of the most original mic specialists to emerge from the sea of sound-alike rappers.

Fab's *Ghetto Fabulous* album should soon become a hoodlum hit among both chickenheads and playaz.

Autumn doesn't mean end to concert tours

By KATRINA WEIZER
Jambor Reporter

On Sept. 22 summer officially came to an end. Enter autumn, and exit barbecues, lazy days by the pool and endless hours of sunshine.

Some may cringe with the thought of early evenings, the idea that school is actually in full swing and that winter is right around the corner.

For many rock'n'roll fans, though, there is a bright spot in the exiting of summer: fall tours.

Traditionally, summer has the monopoly as the concert season.

However, this fall is proving to hold its own with a number of popular acts hitting the road.

"I think that this fall is on equal footing with the summer tours," said Adam Campesi, sophomore, graphic design.

Campesi, who is an avid concertgoer, said he plans on seeing several shows this fall. By far, he said he is the most excited to see Tool.

"I have liked them for five or six years," he explained. "I missed them the last time they toured, so this is my big chance," he concluded.

Tool, an alternative rock

band, has been ranked by *ticketmaster.com* as a popular event. Its tour stopped in Ohio last weekend and will hit Pittsburgh on Friday.

Although for many rock fans, Tool may be the icing on this fall's touring cake. Cleveland, Pittsburgh and even Kent State University will see a number of acts stop nearby on their tours of the country.

In Cleveland on Sept. 29 at Nautica Stage is 311, who brings with it a reputation of a great live act.

"They have a great vibe," said Campesi, who saw them last fall and plans on attending the Cleveland show. "They really pull off the album live," he added.

Seeing just how well a band is live is one reason that Brent Baker, junior, chemical engineering, said he attends concerts.

"I like to see whether or not the band can actually live up to the CD," Baker said. Baker, who is a Tool ticket holder, is also gearing up for the Family Values Tour, which will play Cleveland on Oct. 11.

The tour, tentatively featuring such acts as Linkin Park, Staind and Stone Temple Pilots, will offer rock fans an array of different acts that will

vary in intensity.

However, Baker said he believes that Stone Temple Pilots will draw the crowds. The band, which headlined this summer's Rolling Rock Festival in Latrobe, Pa., has been touring for over a year.

This was its first album and tour since front man, Scott Weiland, fully recovered from his addiction problem.

Closer to home, KSU will be the host of Incubus on Oct. 21. Incubus, who released its first album in 1997, has recently gained noticeable success with the singles "Stellar" and radio-friendly "Drive."

It will be touring in support of its upcoming album, *Morning View*, which will not be released until Oct. 23.

With so many concerts it may seem that an avid concertgoer will be booked for months.

Baker said there is one factor that at times restricts his concert attendance.

"Financial reasons often get in the way," he explained.

With concert tickets ranging anywhere from \$25-\$50, it may not fit into a student's budget.

Even though it may be tough on his wallet, Baker said he will continue his concert hobby for one reason:

"There is nothing like it."

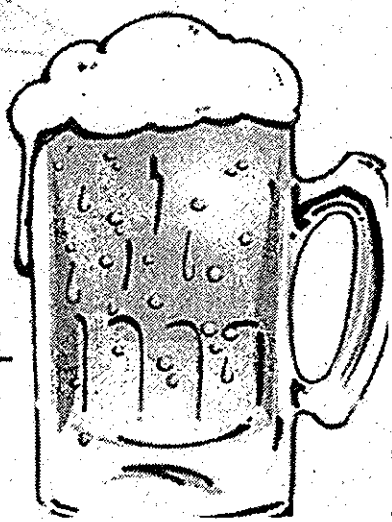
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The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is holding a Bible study from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 2069, Kilcawley Center. All students and faculty are welcome. For more information contact John Angelis at studentYSU@aol.com.

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Wednesday: The YSU Dance Club will be holding a beginners only class from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Room 100, Beechly Center. Contact Phill at (330) 742-6095, winter_raine@angelfire.com or Amanda at Dancer5524@aol.com

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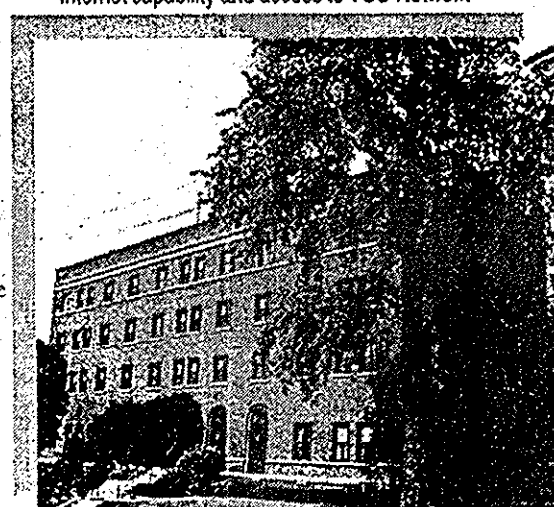


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Sports & Recreation

Sports



By AMANDA SMITH

Pearson tackles the odds

By TIFFANY BOGDA
Jambar Reporter

The date: April 1, 2000. Carlos Pearson arrived at the party and started moving through the crowd when he noticed a guy glaring at him.

He recognized the guy and knew there was some tension between them because of a girl. Pearson had seen him out a few other times but never before paid much real attention to him.

Just as Pearson was about to leave, the guy approached him. Without speaking, Pearson punched the guy in the face, and the fight went into the street.

Within seconds, Pearson had been stabbed in the neck with a pen knife. The cut narrowly missed his jugular vein, and Pearson ended up in a hospital bed with more than just his wounds to worry about.

His 4-year-old son crawled up the hospital bed, looked his dad in the eyes and begged him to stop fighting.

"He asked me, 'Big Carlos, can you not fight anymore?'" Pearson said.

He said his son's eyes told him he needed to stop fighting and do something with his life.

Pearson, known by many as No. 23, considers himself a success story—a man who chose college instead of crime and who maintains that football and a few caring people have saved him from a life that would have been easy to fall into.

Pearson, now a sophomore majoring in computer information systems, grew up in the inner city war-zone of Baltimore, Md., where he said the streets were "drug-infested."

He said sports is what kept him out of trouble and what brought him to the football field at YSU.

Before starting at YSU, Pearson said he attended sev-

eral funerals of close friends.

"It wasn't quite a gang thing," he said, "but more like neighborhood versus neighborhood."

He said violence took many of his close friends away and almost took his mother, too. His mother is a paraplegic.

He said, "She was shot when I was like 5-years-old by an ex-boyfriend."

Pearson said he grew up living with his aunt because his mother's house had to be suited to her taste.

Just before his senior year of high school, Pearson said his brother and mother decided that he needed to be somewhere else.

His brother helped him look into a prep school, and he was enrolled at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

Pearson said his mother and brother knew he could be recruited for football that way. His brother acted as his father, since he didn't really have one.

"My brother is my mentor. I have a dad, but not a father."

Without emotion Pearson said, "I know who my dad is, but I don't. He was incarcerated my whole life."

With all of the violence he

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— CARLOS PEARSON
YSU football

was seeing, he said he knew that going to another school was the right choice. It came to the point where he could remember the nights where "you almost didn't know what was going to happen next."

Pearson said it was a strange experience to be at the military academy.

He said he remembers the first time the Seven Gun Salute was performed with rifle shots in the air.

He said he ducked and

ran, and people laughed, but he wasn't embarrassed.

"It was a natural reaction," Pearson said. "I was so affected, I didn't know it."

He knew prospective college coaches were going to come to the annual College Day at Fork Union Academy.

Pearson said he knew this was the time he had to prove to someone what he could do on the football field.

At College Day, there was an inter-squad scrimmage, along with various strength and speed tests.

He impressed a coach from YSU.

Pearson said, "Coach Klacik was the one that recruited me."

He first stepped on the field in 1997 to play football for the Penguins as a strong safety.

But in 1998, just a year later, Pearson was kicked out of school for certain circumstances he didn't discuss. He said he knew it was back to Baltimore and back to the streets.

After the stabbing that changed his life, he said his desire to come back to YSU and play football was stronger than ever.

It was a Monday morning as Pearson walked into Stambaugh Stadium and into former coach Jim Tressel's office to ask for a second chance.

He told Tressel he was tired of the life he was living, and he needed a second chance.

Pearson said Tressel told him to do what he needed to do to get back here and that he was welcome on the team.

He remembered Tressel said, "Eyes are gonna be on you. Are you willing to handle it?"

On Jan. 18, 2001, Pearson was back in the classroom. But soon enough he was going to have to prove himself on the field to his coaches and earn respect from his teammates.

"I was 160 pounds when I left [in 1998] and like 200 pounds when I came back," he said. "Everyone thought it was a joke that I was back."

He wasn't allowed to practice until two weeks after win-

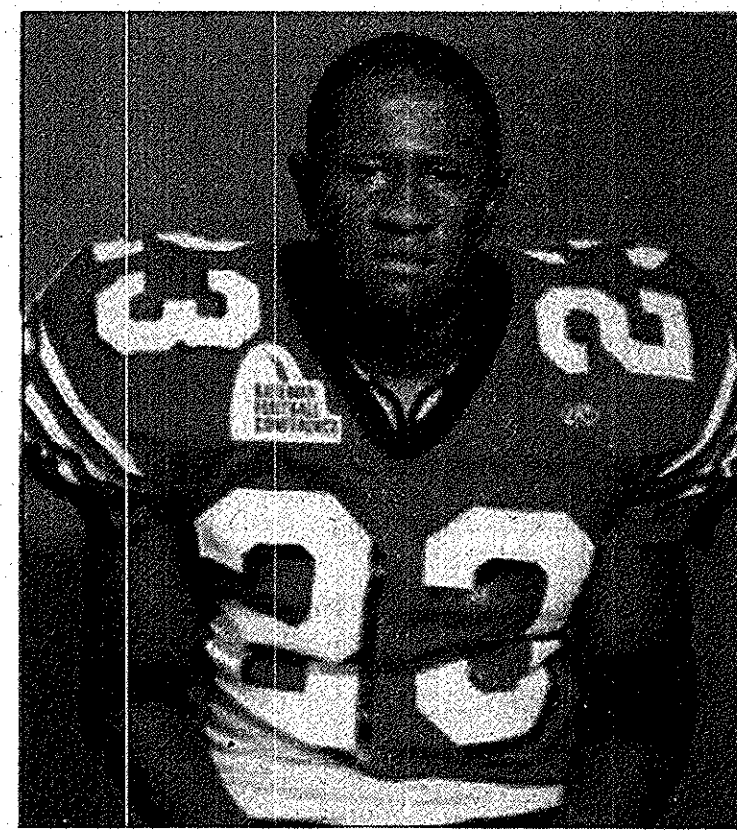


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WORK OF ART: After Saturday's football game a fireworks display was put off. The fireworks represented a patriotic event. American flags were also passed out before the game. These types of activities have been taking place at almost every sporting event at all levels.

ter conditioning. During the first practice, he said he threw up; he was very out of shape. Pearson said Klacick — the coach who had recruited him — was even shocked that he was back.

He knew he was fortunate to be getting a second chance. So quitting wasn't an option. He continually got up for 6 a.m. practices and received comments such as "You're still here?"

He said, "It didn't bother me, cause I understood."

Pearson said he was not going to give up.

He said, "This university saved my life."

He also said he couldn't have done it without his teammates.

"They truly are your family. You spend so much time with them. The people you meet; they are your friends for life."

Tressel said he remembers Pearson and speaks fondly of him.

Tressel said during an e-mail interview, "Carlos is a good kid that had some strug-

gles early in his college career but has had the courage to grow from it and will end up being a fine citizen.

"He was always caring and compassionate and truly appreciates his opportunity at YSU," said Tressel.

In addition to Tressel, Pearson said his brother has been a powerful figure in his life.

"My brother has only missed one home game since I have been at YSU," Pearson said. "There could be no fans, and my brother would still be there."

Pearson said he hopes to show his children the same sacrifice and commitment. He said he'd drive 1,000 miles to see his son play T-Ball.

Pearson said his children are back in Baltimore.

"It's hard being away, but these two years is better than being away from them the rest of their lives."

Pearson said he realizes he has changed at YSU.

"I came to YSU as a boy but came back as a young man."

YSU football fans are in a league of their own.

More than 19,000 spectators packed Stambaugh Stadium for Saturday's game against Western Illinois University.

About half of those were on hand before the game to take part in the tailgating festivities on campus.

Music blared, ribs barbecued, a YSU alumni brass ensemble played the fight song while faculty members stood around and talked about university politics, and students wondered when, exactly, the dry-campus rule had been suspended.

As the clock struck 6:30 p.m., the tailgating lots emptied, and the masses of alumni, staff, faculty, students and all streamed toward the stadium.

Once in the stands, the entire crowd hushed to observe a moment of silence in honor of those who were lost in the recent tragedies in New York and Washington. The national anthem played, balloons were released, and the Penguins took the field.

The football action served as a backdrop for all the action in the stands. Friends, neighbors and total strangers discussed the merits of the players, the current state of the country, the acrobatics of the cheerleaders on the field and who was going to what church.

One worthy gentleman was able to recite the complete football genealogy of about half the team; he knew which player's father graduated in 1965 from Austintown Fitch, who's grandfather had played for Tennessee State and could remember all of the player's stats from last year.

The crowd was loud, the crowd was silent, the crowd cheered, the crowd booed the referees. For many people, it

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was more than just a football game; it was a return to normalcy after the past few hellish weeks.

Sure, there was some talk about sons, daughters, husbands and wives who were being called for active duty, but for the most part, all the spectators were just happy to have life take the first steps back to normal.

YSU won the football game and by a decisive victory. But for most of the people in Stambaugh Stadium on Saturday, it wasn't so much about winning; it was just about being there.

Interested in writing sports? Contact Mike at 330-742-1811.

Penguins renew old rivalry

The YSU football team will be playing a Division I opponent after all.

The football team will play at Division I Marshall Thundering Herd, Nov. 24.

This game will take the place of the Toledo game, which was postponed last week due to the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh.

Marshall was scheduled to play at TCU on Sept. 15.

The Rockets and Penguins, like Marshall and TCU, did not have a matching date open on their schedules to makeup the game at a later date.

The Penguins will now play a full 11-game schedule.

The NCAA announced Thursday of last week, the Division I-AA playoffs will be pushed back one week from Nov. 24 to Dec. 1.

The National Championship game will be moved back from Dec. 14 to Dec. 21.

As YSU football fans know, the Penguins and the Thundering Herd have had some classic battles throughout the years.

The Penguins and Herd played in the Division I-AA National Championship game in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

YSU was victorious in 1991 and 1993, while Marshall won in 1992.

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Before Career Day 2001:

- Organizations attending Career Day are listed on the Career Services Web site, www.cc.ysu.edu/career-services, with links to their Web sites. If you have not already done so, there is still time to research their Web sites and target those of particular interest to you.
- Identify specific experiences where you have demonstrated your strengths/skills, and be prepared to talk about specific examples that convey these strengths.
- Bring several copies of a well-developed, polished resume with you for distribution. If you don't have a resume ready, then get recruiters' names, and send resumes promptly after Career Day.
- Plan to give yourself enough time to review the Career Day 2001 program that will be distributed at the event and to target the organizations of most interest to you before beginning to visit the organizations' display tables.
- Prepare a two or three-line script for introducing yourself, i.e., tell the representative your name, major, class year and the kind of opportunity you are interested in and why a particular organization interests you.
- Decide what you will wear to Career Day. Plan to dress nicely, and wear a suit if possible.

During Career Day 2001:

- Be assertive! Take the initiative, and engage in meaningful conversations with the representatives.
- Make eye contact immediately when introducing yourself, give a firm handshake, smile and be polite. This will convey enthusiasm and will get you off to a good start.
- Listen carefully to what the representatives have to say, sell yourself and be articulate. Remember, this is not an interview but rather a conversation meant to impress!
- Finally, investigate and explore widely. The representatives from the organizations that will be on campus at Career Day 2001 will be here to provide information about their organizations and career fields. They can be excellent resources for you in your career search and decision making process.

Office of Career Services

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