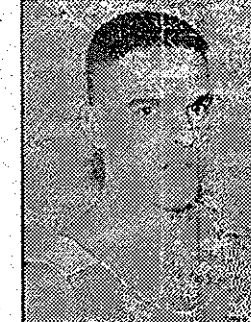




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Ten sacrifice for one SG's budget falls short

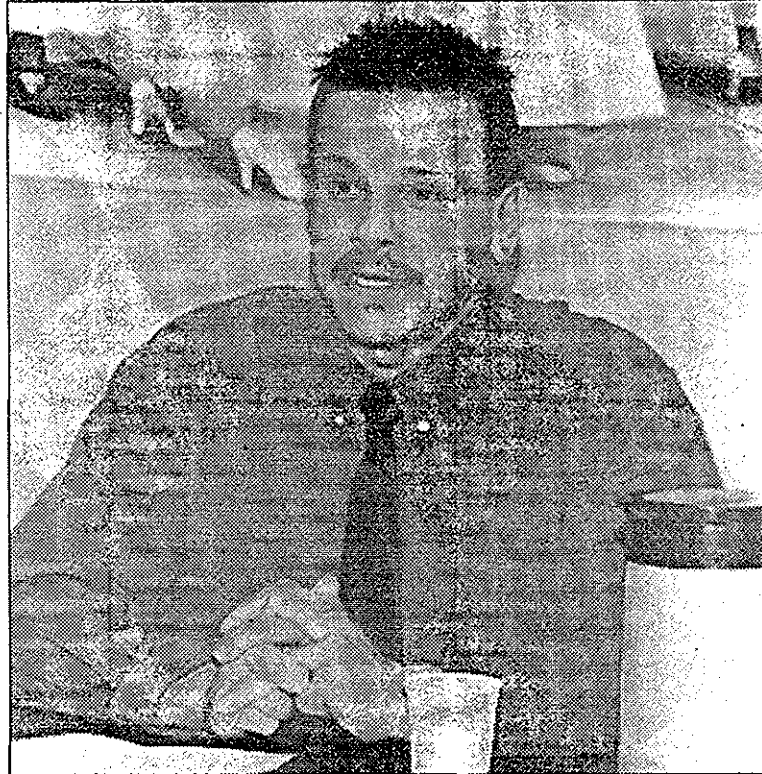


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LOOKING FOR A DONOR: Ralph Meta speaks about his need for a liver transplant.

BY VALERIE BANNER
Jambar Editor
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and SARAH CASALE
Jambar Reporter

They say a crisis can bring out the best in people. In YSU student Ralph Meta's case, those people are 10 complete strangers willing to risk their lives to help him. The crisis? Meta has what is known as end-stage liver disease, and he has been searching for a compatible donor.

In the weeks since The Indicator ran a story on Meta's

condition, 10 people have come forward offering to donate part of their livers if they are compatible with his rare type A-negative blood.

"Everything started by Ralph just walking into [Disability Services], and [Students for Quality of Life] decided to help," said Rita Chiodo, adviser, Students for Quality of Life, and coordinator of Disability Services.

Meta, freshman, social work, a 43-year-old nontraditional student, had been missing a lot of classes because of his condition and decided to contact Disability Services to

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SG President Gregory defended his \$3,100 appropriation to the Lacrosse Club.

BY CAROL WILSON
Jambar Assistant Editor

Student Government President Joe Gregory, senior, marketing, announced at a SG meeting Monday that money appropriated to different student organizations throughout this school year has been over-extended by \$1,000. In essence, the way it was presented to SG members: The fund for appropriating money is now in the red.

This announcement paved the way for concerned SG members who, when it came time to discuss new business, opened the floor with questions directed at Gregory, looking for explanations from him for the deficit.

"What's happened this year seems to be a change in the philosophy behind awarding money by the SG body as a whole, and I can't necessarily disagree with it," Gregory said. "Student organizations come to us and ask us for money. When they ask us for money, they have to meet certain requirements. They have to be a registered student organization, and they have to do some type of community service."

"If student organizations meet these requirements and it's a good activity, something that's going to benefit students, then I feel we shouldn't deny them, and it seems the financial appropriations committee feels the same way."

Of the \$35,000 SG had in its budget to start the 2000-2001 academic year, most of the money went on a first come, first serve basis. The trend this year for appropriating money, according to Gregory, is that just about everyone who asked for money from SG received it, which is why the appropriations fund has reached its limit. The SG fund reached the zero mark at the end of February.

"We just didn't feel it was right to sit on the money to wait and see if other groups were going to ask for help. We've already appropriated for activities to happen until the end of the school year; these organizations just had the foresight to ask for their money ahead of time," Gregory said.

"So it's not that events in the month of April can't be funded; it's just that they needed to have asked ahead of time."

The money is essentially spoken for at this point," said Gregory.

According to Gregory, rumors he has misused his position as SG president to help fund the YSU Lacrosse Club, an organization with which he is directly affiliated, are nonsense.

"Yes, the lacrosse team has been appropriated \$3,100 by SG, and, yes, I am a member of the

club; I won't dispute that, but I hold no office on the Lacrosse Club," said Gregory.

Justifying the significant amount of \$3,100, Gregory added, "Similar to the Hockey Club, which we awarded \$2,100, the lacrosse team is another YSU club sport. One of the major differences is the Lacrosse Club doesn't charge for students to come to games. The Hockey Club does, so we weren't able to appropriate any money to their actual game time."

"They needed to have asked ahead of time."

— JOE GREGORY
SG president

into big money. So remember this is a club and has no school funding available to it; it's funded solely by the students themselves and, in this case, help from SG," Gregory said. "None of the money appropriated is going to me. As a matter of fact, SG bought helmets for everyone, and helmets are \$81

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Artists comment on tattoo ban in Cleveland

Local artists worry the ban may affect the Youngstown area.

BY SOMOUD NISER
Jambar Reporter

A tattoo ban in effect in Cleveland has angered many local artists in Youngstown.

The ban, which has been in effect since 1976, prohibits both the act of tattooing and allowing oneself to be tattooed.

Spider, a local tattoo artist at Hooks Treasures tattoo parlor on Mahoning Avenue, said, "The Constitution gives us the freedom of expression, and no one city or state should be permitted to take that away unless the artist is not adhering to the rules and regulations."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio Foundation is chal-

lenging a law that bans tattoo parlors in Cleveland.

Daniel Margolis, ACLU of Ohio volunteer attorney, said in an ACLU press release, "The art of tattooing stretches back into the depths of prehistory and is widely recognized today as a legitimate art form."

The lawsuit filed in Cleveland is on behalf of Tony DeRigo, who owns and operates Chronic Tattoo in Elyria, Oh. DeRigo is hoping to expand his business throughout the city of Cleveland if the ban is lifted.

Many tattoo artists in the Youngstown area have heard about DeRigo's problem with the city of Cleveland and said the ban is an infringement of his rights.

Debbie Lenz, owner of Artistic

Demographics on Market Street in Boardman, is also a good friend of DeRigo.

"Tony has been fighting for this for a long time," said Lenz. "I think he deserves the permission to open in Cleveland."

Christine Link, executive director, ACLU of Ohio, said, "The city of Cleveland has not clearly expressed its thoughts on the matter. We do not know if the reasoning behind the ban is merely for health risks."

According to both Lenz and Spider, there are very strict procedures the state of Ohio requires in order to grant anyone a license to tattoo.

"I believe as long as the tattoo

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Department offers hands-on experience for students

BY ROBERT DEFRAK
Jambar Reporter

There is a maze of hallways and rooms in the basement of Cushwa Hall, a place where serpentine wires hang tangled from the walls and rows of screens stare like unblinking eyes, lit with images caught from real life and frozen in time — or else born entirely in someone's imagination. The place is YSU's Media and Academic Computing Department, where students learn the modern-day magic seen onscreen.

The Media and Academic Computing Department is stocked with equipment designed to record, analyze and enhance for the purpose of teaching YSU students how to use, maintain and transport the equipment. Their

archives are packed with videos of public events, visiting VIPs and class presentations. If anything noteworthy happens at YSU, chances are they cover it.

As they have recorded so much of YSU, it only seems fitting that some attention be turned their way.

There are many attractions to the department and what it has to offer these students: Mike Graham, department director, views the hands-on experience students learn as being especially valuable.

"These kids leave us with employable skills," he said. "It's very rewarding to teach them skills in this constantly-moving field."

The department specializes in five areas: video, photography, graphic designs such as Web sites

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NEWS BRIEFS

Computer labs are available to YSU students at the Metro College at Southwoods Commons in Boardman. The labs are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Metro College at the Eastwood Mall in Niles also has computer labs available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday. The lab is open 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday. A current YSU ID is required to use the labs.

CORRECTION

The YSU Bookstore will arrange for the sale and rental of academic regalia for faculty and staff only. Students should have made arrangements when they applied for graduation. This information was incorrectly printed in Thursday's Jambar.

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see if he could get some help. That help came in a much different form than he had expected.

Instead of getting help with his classes, Meta found a group of allies willing to help him in his search for a donor.

According to the American Liver Foundation Web site, "the only requirements [for liver donors] are that the donor and recipient need to be approximately the same size and of compatible blood types." Unfortunately for Meta, his blood type is one of the rarest in existence.

Meta is on a donor waiting list at Cleveland University Hospital, a wait that typically lasts three to four years. He said his doctor told him because of his blood type, the wait will be longer, and he may not last that long.

Liver transplantation is a risky surgery, with the survival rate ranging between 60 and 75 percent, and they are best performed on patients who are in good health.

Complications after surgery include bleeding, infections and a possibility that the patient may not have any liver function for a brief period following the surgery.

Because Meta's health is good now, he said it is important for him to undergo surgery as soon as possible to avoid many of the risks.

"I always keep hope," said Meta. "Whatever happens is God's will. He seems to be working my

life through other people."

Tim Leancu, sophomore, social work, said he noticed that Meta's positive outlook on life has not been diminished by his condition. "I was in class with him before, and he had a great attitude then and has an even better outlook on life now."

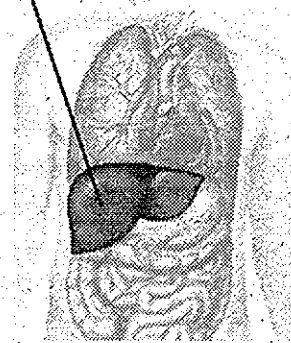
Meta's surgery will probably take place near the end of May, provided one of the 10 people who came forward is a compatible donor. If all goes well, he will spend a few days in the intensive care unit and about four weeks in the hospital, according to the American Liver Foundation Web site. He will also be required to take anti-rejection drugs to avoid the donated liver being rejected by his body.

"I'll have to take one anti-rejection drug every day for the rest of my life, but that's seven fewer pills than I'm taking now," said Meta.

Although this surgery is an expensive one, Meta will be able to afford it with a little bit of help.

Bernice Block, co-chair, Students for Quality of Life, said, "The American Liver Foundation will set up an account for Ralph and his family and the donor. Students for Quality of Life will advertise locally so people in the community will be able to donate money. This [will] cover whatever Medicaid won't."

The liver



Transplant Facts

- * Liver transplants are complex procedures that have not had high long-term success rates.
- * Current success rates range between 60 and 75 percent, with more than half of recent transplant recipients surviving more than five years.
- * Transplant donors do not have to donate their entire liver. Doctors can remove only half, leaving each patient with half a liver, which will regenerate to full size in a few months.
- * If you would like to donate your liver or if you are interested in learning more, check out the American Liver Foundation Web site at <http://www.gastro.com>.

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artist is legitimate and follows all the rules and regulations set forth by the state of Ohio, then [he or she] should be allowed to own and operate a business anywhere in the state," said Lenz.

Spider, who has been a tattoo artist for more than 30 years, said, "The board of health must approve of the facility, and if they do not, they have the right to close you down."

According to the press release, Jillian Davis, ACLU of Ohio staff attorney, said, "This is a case about free expression. The ban reflects an outmoded bias whose time is past."

According to Lenz, the art of tattooing has been around for centuries.

"Tattoo artists are no longer underground, secret opera-

tions," said Lenz. "We are evolving and tattoos have become legitimate forms of artistic expression."

According to Lenz, she is the only tattoo artist permitted in the township of Boardman.

"I would welcome more tattoo shops in the area," said Lenz. "It's healthy competition like any other business, and there are many people out there who are an attribute to the art."

Many other states have attempted to ban tattoo businesses but have been unsuccessful and are declared unconstitutional.

Although the ban has only affected the city of Cleveland in the state of Ohio, local tattoo artists hope it does not hit the Youngstown area.

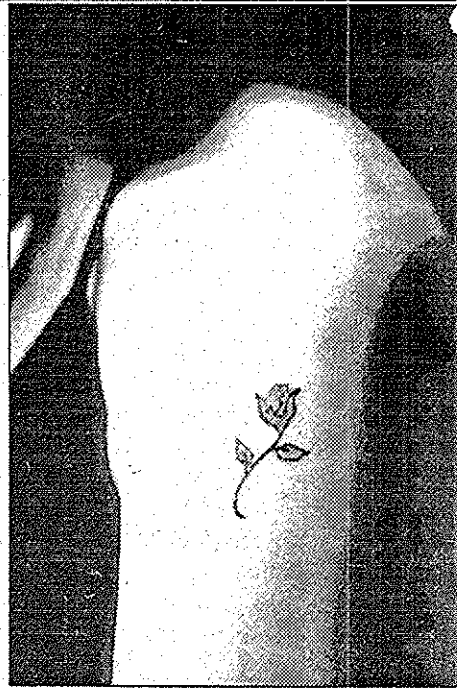


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Editorial

The ultimate gift

What would you give to someone you didn't even know? Time? Money? Toys? Food? Clothing? A pint of blood? You've probably donated at least one of those items at some point in your life. But would you be willing to give up a part of your liver and undergo surgery for a man you never even met?

Ten people in this area are willing to do that.

Ralph Meta, freshman, social work, has been diagnosed with end-stage liver disease and was informed by his doctors that the wait for a liver is two to three years.

Meta, who has rare type A negative blood, will probably be waiting even longer for a liver donation to come through. His best bet, he was told, was to find a relative who could be a donor. Something even more amazing happened instead.

Meta went to Disability Services on campus to see if it could help him since he would be missing so many classes due to doctor appointments. When Rita Chiodo, coordinator, Disability Services, heard of his situation, she arranged for a press conference.

The Jambar, as well as other local media, ran Meta's story several weeks ago. Since then, 10 potential donors have called Disability Services. Each of them has type A-negative blood and is willing to give a part of his or her healthy liver to Meta.

Wow.

Too often newspaper readers complain that the only news is bad news. Well, here's some good news.

Good news for Ralph Meta. Good news for his son and his daughter who will have more time to spend with their father. Good news for his two young grandkids who will get to know their grandfather.

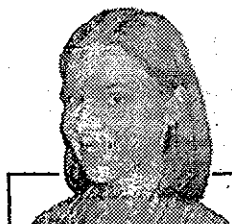
Good news for Disability Services which gets to reap the benefits of helping someone. Good news for the surgeons at Cleveland University Hospital, who, for the first time, will perform a liver transplant from a "Good Samaritan" donor. Good news for the potential donors who get to feel good about what they can do for Meta.

Good news for us because we get to tell you about this uplifting story.

Hopefully, more people will take a cue from these incredibly unselfish 10. Helping others doesn't have to be as major as donating a portion of your liver.

You could donate to the fund the American Liver Foundation set up to off-set the cost of Meta's surgery. This fund will cover costs Medicaid won't.

Donate anything you can and deliver good news to someone else.



By KATIE BALESTRA
Jambar Assistant Editor

Addicted to 'Survivor'

After extensive denial and many sleepless nights, I have come to the conclusion that I am seriously, miserably and utterly addicted. I cannot talk to anyone without it coming up in conversation. I cannot go online without checking out all of its new sites. I can't even work on Thursday nights knowing I am missing out. I am totally addicted to the television show "Survivor."

I used to make fun of people who watched the original series of "Survivor." I told my friends they were sick to watch a bunch of people practically starve to death, have to eat tree bark, and use their last bit of energy to complete physical competitions. Then there was the ruthlessness of it all. The characters on the show tricked one another into thinking they were friends, alliances formed, and people developed sadistic strategies.

I never watched an entire episode of the old "Survivor," but the new one encompasses all of these aspects and more. And I love it all, maggot-eating included.

I never knew I could be so entertained watching people fight physically, mentally and emotionally with one another. I think the show is making me a bad person.

The show is worse than a soap opera. I can honestly say I want to do bodily harm to Jerri, one of the most controversial tribe members. She formed an alliance in her tribe and voted out the Marine! You can't vote out the Marine! There should be a rule against that.

I think I am becoming

obsessed. No, I am obsessed. I have fallen into the trap that so many "real-TV" shows and soap operas use to lure their audiences. I have bitten the bait, taken the candy, chased the carrot — well, you get the point.

All I can say is don't let this happen to you. At 8 p.m. Thursdays, stay as far away from the television as you can. If you see a commercial for the show, cover your ears, close your eyes tightly, scream at the top of your lungs and jump up and down on one leg — this is also effective in curing the hick-ups. No matter what, don't let what happened to me happen to you. Every time I look back on the first time I tried it, I feel regret. It is not only ruining my life but also the lives of my family and friends. Don't let yourself be a victim of network television. Just say NO.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Word of God sets record straight

Dear Editor,

Having a Catholic write how the Christian church views homosexuality — now there is a noble idea, especially from someone who admits she doesn't believe the Bible is the final word, which is exactly what true Christians believe.

Angela Gianoglio made it absolutely clear that she has no concept of Christianity when she wrote about sacrificing virgins, Jephtha's daughter being killed, and even the mention of the word hate. There may be many people who believe in God and hate homosexuals, but that does not make them Christians.

The word hate is very appropriate when dealing with sin.

Christians are expected to hate all sin, and yes, that includes homosexuality.

Gianoglio stated homosexuality is dealt with as "a passing comment" in the Bible, maybe because the whole Bible is considered a passing comment to her.

After a mind drenching 30 seconds of studying, I found 13 passages describing homosexuality as a sin and its punishment. That other sins are more accepted in our culture was the only correct statement Gianoglio made.

Divorce, stealing and all the other sins she mentioned are tolerated more by most people, but does that make them right? Actually, this just shows the decaying values of the world around us.

This should actually instill a

hope for Gianoglio because if she waits long enough, homosexuality will be accepted along with many other malicious sins. Somehow there is a general concept that to be socially accepted is to be seen righteous in the eyes of God. That would explain Gianoglio's pressing for homosexuality to be socially accepted.

What she is forgetting is that the word of God is an unchanging rock. The weather may change around it, but it remains the same.

I am eager to see the shock of the world when it is forced to bow before an almighty God and then hear the words, "Depart from me; I know you not."

Don Davis
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Student defends Biblical passages

Dear Editor,

Leviticus 18:23 clearly states that homosexuality is a sin; however, being a homosexual does not condemn a person to hell. The only thing that condemns a person to hell is not believing in the name of God's one and only son (John 3:18).

Nowhere in the Bible will you find justification for condemning or hating anyone. The greatest commandment in the Bible says "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." The sec-

ond greatest commandment is similar: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

No one is without sin. "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). It is foolish and hypocritical to criticize others for their sin when we ourselves are guilty also. Anyone who says, "I hate gay people because the Bible says it's wrong" is clearly not living the life of a Christian. Hate the sin, not the sinner.

The idea that there is some hierarchy to sin is completely false. One sin is not worse than another. James 2:10 clearly says: "For who-

ever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." The idea of comparing sin as being greater or lesser is foolish. Sin is sin.

Though we all are sinners, if we accept the son of God, we "are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). This promise of salvation is given to ALL PEOPLE no matter if you are black or white, homo- or heterosexual.

Don Mac Donald
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Have something to say?
Write a letter to the editor that has fewer than 350 words. Make sure to include a name and phone number for verification.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bible condemns gays

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Angela Gianoglio's commentary on Feb. 27, titled "It's not even a Commandment." I was upset when I read your commentary because you were totally wrong.

In the beginning when God created man, He made them male and female and told them to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:27). He gave Eve to Adam because it was not good for man to be alone (Genesis 2:18).

The first books of the Bible are about creation and setting up laws for man to live by. I saw no mention of only Ten Commandments (Exodus chapters 20-23). There were many laws and judgments passed down for man to obey. Gianoglio said homosexuality was something the Bible mentioned on the same level as "don't shave your head" or "alcohol is bad."

Well, the Bible called homosexuality an abomination and said

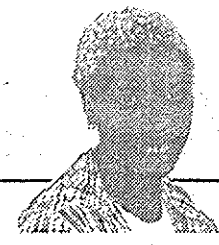
such people should be put to death (Leviticus 20:13, Leviticus 18:22).

The city of Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed because their sin was so grievous unto the Lord for the men desired men rather than women. When the men desired the men of Lot's house, he offered his daughters instead. He considered raping his daughters the lesser of two evils. (Genesis 19:1-11).

The term "sodomy" has its roots here. A similar story is found in Judges 19:22-30. In Romans 1:26 and 27, homosexuality and lesbianism is condemned. In Romans 1:32, it said such are worthy of death. (1 Corinthians 6:8, 9, Timothy 1:10).

While I do not believe they should be put to death, I believe the practice of homosexuality should be killed out and not advocated in movies or by media.

Dianna Taylor
senior, business administration



By LARISSA
THEODORE
Jambar Editor

Silence in South Africa

And even if it came down to paying for a generic version of the drug, the wealthy would be the only people likely to afford it.

South Africa has had it bad, from the battle to overthrow apartheid to its present battle. An invisible enemy is now fighting off South Africans and the rest of the continent. According to Time magazine, one in four South African women ages 20 to 29 are infected with HIV.

The AIDS epidemic has taken over a continent. In Africa, there seems to be no clear end to the desolation AIDS has placed over societies, families and individuals. AIDS continues to kill millions in Africa, and no other place on earth has been as devastated by the virus as South Africa.

There are two distinct problems with the situation in Africa. Silence and ignorance. There the victims of AIDS become outcasts in their communities. For them, the only cure is silence.

Many Africans believe AIDS is the work of witchcraft or that they have done something bad. Promiscuity is also a problem. Free condoms go unused because of far-out myths. Doctors don't even record AIDS on death certificates because as public record, it embarrasses families.

"AIDS is hitting huge populations of Africans — young people, orphans, AIDS victims — it's very scary," Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, professor, philosophy and religious studies, and director of Africana Studies, said.

"There is an importance for the mass media and a heightened awareness and responsibility on the part of politicians to constantly bring up the topic whenever there's an opportunity to do so," Wan-Tatah said.

Children face the toughest challenges of the disease. More than 3.7 million children have died

of the epidemic. AIDS has orphaned 12 million children. Traditionally relatives would take on the responsibility of children when their parents passed on. There are so many orphans now that children are forced to live on the streets. Older children drop out of school to take care of their siblings.

Medication is another challenge. The government has failed to provide drugs to pregnant women in order to prevent their children from bearing the disease. The continent is poor. They just cannot afford it. Some feel it is not cost effective to save these children when their mothers are going to die anyway. "Multidrug-cocktail therapies" are life-extending drugs that are available to help the problem. However, no one has brought these drugs within the reach of regular Africans, despite years of evidence of the effect of AIDS on poor countries.

"Most governments cannot afford treatment to pay for their most vulnerable population to get treatment. Because pharmaceuticals and major corporations control the treatments, it is almost impossible for those countries to afford those cocktail drugs," Wan-Tatah said.

And even if it came down to paying for a generic version of the drug, the wealthy would be the only people likely to afford it.

La'el Hughes, sophomore, journalism, and YSU NAACP president, said, "The fact that the AIDS epidemic is growing at the rate that it is in Africa shows again that we as a nation have thrown to the wayside our need to help third-

world countries. It shows we only help those in need when it comes to us being in need as well."

I think getting ahead in Africa will be tough. The developed world has remained silent. Most westerners probably don't even know about the sick, the orphans or the new number of infections. There is also a lazy effort from developed countries.

Sporadic attention is given only when a conference is taking place. No one focuses on the fact that millions are dying. There is no alternative to helping the problem but to defeat it. This can be accomplished only through awareness and education. These efforts have to take place both within the continent and throughout the rest of the world.

"There needs to be a lot of education and teaching of the vast population, especially those in risky behavior. And the biomedical world has no regard whatsoever, distorting high prices for the treatment and using Africans as guinea pigs without their understanding. Africans suffer more than everyone in the world. Let's not forget AIDS has no boundaries." Wan-Tatah said.

It's up to the western world to lend support and assistance. It is a shame when we can supply guns and ammunition more easily than the drugs needed to save their lives. In Africa, everyone is at risk. Babies, too, are getting infected.

Until education overrides ignorance and changes in sexual behavior occur, this continent will continue to feel the fury of the AIDS epidemic. And so will the rest of the world.



By JACKIE SPENCE
Jambar Assistant Editor

Looks count

On a good day, I actually make myself look presentable. I wake up well before my classes start and do my make-up and my hair. On a bad day, I wake up a couple minutes before I have to leave for school and throw a hat on. I found that on my bad days, I get treated differently. People don't smile at me on my bad days nor do they even look my way.

This behavior sparked my interest.

I found the same behavior can be applied when I am walking around the mall or when I go into any store in general. I went into a store at the mall where you see these cute little high school chicks talking to their friends instead of working.

I went in the first time with just a hat on and some windpants. The girl at the counter looked at me and started to talk to her friends again. She didn't even greet

me. I stood there and looked interested in buying a pair of shoes, but she still didn't say a word to me.

The next day, I went into the same store with the same fluffy girl working. I was dressed in a nice pair of black pants and a pink shirt that said "Foxy" across the chest.

As soon as I walked in the door the girl greeted me and asked if I wanted to try some shoes on. I told her I was in here the other day looking at a particular pair of shoes but she didn't come over and help me. She denied ignoring me, of course. I didn't buy the shoes but left thinking to myself, "The only way to get good customer service is if you dress nice."

The same thing happened to me in Walmart. That surprised me because Walmart is supposed to be the "friendliest place on earth" to shop.

What did I learn from the experiment? I learned that one has to dress classy to get any help on this earth. I also realized people are so superficial and we shouldn't judge others on their appearances.

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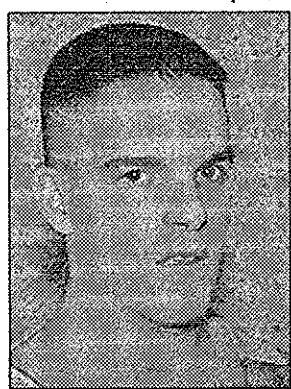
Sports & Recreation

Haese, Patton win Mid-Con league awards for basketball

By BREANNA DEMARCO
Jambar Editor

YSU senior guards Craig Haese and Ryan Patton were both honored by the Mid-Continent Conference league awards Friday.

Haese earned First-Team honors in both the coaches and media poll while Patton was named as an honorable mention selection.



Ryan Patton

John Robic said, "This is a tremendous honor for Craig. His leadership, scoring and all-around play are big reasons why this team has 19 victories. Craig is clearly one of the top shooters in this league and the nation."

Patton leads the Mid-Continent Conference in assists.

He racked up an average of 5.7 per game and has a 10.6 scoring average per game.

Patton also scored a personal career-high 32 points against Western Illinois State University and 12 assists against Southern Utah University.

"I am thrilled Ryan has been recognized by the coaches," said Robic.

"He has distributed the ball all year, picked his spots to score and provided great point-guard play from the first game," Robic added.



Craig Haese

Haese is the Penguins' leading scorer.

He has averaged 14.1 points a game and started in 28 of 29 games this season.

He also set a school record in three-pointers, 89 in all, and is ranked 17th in the nation for three-pointers, hitting 3.1 per game.

With over 1,000 career points, only the 27th player to do so, he entered the Mid-Con tournament with an amassed total of 1,019 points and scored double-digits in all but six games during the regular season.

Men's basketball Head Coach

Athletic official admits to covering up discrimination

By ROBYN DISNEY
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — When former University of South Florida Assistant Athletics Director Hiram Green went to speak to a class full of students at Gulf Middle School three weeks ago, he spoke to the class about the importance of honesty and integrity.

It was after that speech when he said he realized he wasn't telling the truth.

So on Thursday, in attorney Jonathan Alpert's office, Green said Athletics Director Paul Griffin and other university officials knew of racial discrimination problems in the women's basketball program and did nothing about it.

"After reviewing ... the position the university is still taking regarding racial discrimination and retaliation that I know existed, I felt that I had exhausted every opportunity for the university to correct what has happened and prevent it from happening again," Green said.

"I am coming forward now because the truth needs to be revealed."

Griffin could not be reached for comment.

Green conducted an investigation in March 1999 regarding allegations of racial discrimination in the women's basketball program.

He reported in April 1999 that then-women's basketball Coach Jerry Ann Winters denied the allegations of racial discrimination to be true.

Still, Green wrote to Griffin and said, "There appears to be sufficient information and concerns to warrant a more extensive inquiry and a proper determination of the facts."

Green said after he gave Griffin a memorandum regarding his investigation into racial allegations, Griffin prepared a list of suggestions and told Green to submit it back to him as part of his report.

"I did not know Griffin would use that e-mail as an excuse to do nothing because I did know Griffin knew that there had been and were continuing racial [discrimination] problems on the women's basketball team," Green said.

Griffin's response to Green's report called for Winters to attend a diversity training session — an idea Winters thought good for the entire women's basketball team.

Eventually, Winters was suspended with pay in October 2000, and after her appeal was denied, she was fired Dec. 14.

Green, who is now coordinator for Advancement/Alumni Affairs, also said he had a meeting with Griffin and office of Equal Opportunity Affairs Director Edouard Piou, where they told him to write a letter to the EOA stating that the problem was resolved.

Green said when he asked Griffin what had been done, Griffin replied, "Just write the letter."

"However, I could not write a false letter, particularly because myself, Piou and Griffin knew the racial [discrimination] problem was serious, and nothing had been done to stop it," Green said.

But Green did write a letter to the EOA Sept. 7, 1999, saying, "Mr. Griffin asked me to inform you that we have dealt with the issue, and we continue to moni-

tor the situation on a daily basis in the future."

Attached to the letter, Green gave the EOA all of his documents regarding his investigation.

But still, Green felt uncomfortable with the letter, so he wrote a letter to Griffin explaining his uneasiness with the EOA letter because of his investigation.

After Winters kicked player Dione Smith, who is black, off the team in May 2000, Green said he went to President Judy Genshaft in August to tell her about his investigation.

"I offered to leave a copy of my complete file with President Genshaft," Green said. "She declined, stating, 'I believe you Hiram. I don't want that paper.'"

Genshaft was in meetings and was not available for comment, but Jack Wheat, special assistant to the president, confirmed the Aug. 16 meeting between the two.

"He expressed his concerns with what was going on in the women's basketball program," Wheat said.

"That conversation was a factor in convincing her to have an external review. Aug. 31, she contacted Judge Joseph Hatchett about conducting the external review."

That 161-page report, released in late January, recommended the complaints should have been immediately reported to the EOA, instead of going to Griffin.

The report did say Griffin upheld university guidelines, and Genshaft supported him at a news conference in January.

"[Hatchett] noted that Athletics Director Griffin was acting within the policies of the university," Genshaft said in Griffin's defense. "But Judge Hatchett concluded that a different approach should have been taken."

But Alpert, who also represents Smith, who returned to the team in January, and seven former women's basketball coaches who have filed racial discrimination lawsuits against the university and Winters, is not satisfied.

Alpert amended Smith's lawsuit to include claims of a violation of the Ku Klux Klan Act, which prohibits conspiracy to commit civil rights violations.

Alpert also added Assistant Athletics Director Steve Horton and Piou in the list of defendants.

Alpert said letters sent from Horton to some of his clients, regarding an investigation into the misuse of coaches' phone cards, are a "campaign of retaliation against the black female athletes who had dared complain about USF."

Alpert threatens more legal action, such as amending more lawsuits and filing claims on behalf of Green, if the university does not take the steps to end racial discrimination, he said.

"The university is still ignoring the needs of its African-American athletes," Alpert said.

"I can't believe how long this thing has dragged out. And we are still being stonewalled by the university," he said.

Green said while being loyal to the university is a priority, being truthful is significant.

"One of the things that was important to me as I was going through the process is the fact that integrity is important," Green said.

"I have a family, and I am the person who has to stand up. I can't expect them to live up to the morals and integrity if I don't do it," he added.

RUNNING CIRCLES AROUND THE REST:

Indoor track and field teams place high in Mid-Con Championships

The men and women's indoor track and field teams competed at the Mid-Continent Conference Championships Feb. 25.

The YSU women placed fifth overall while the men finished sixth.

Oral Roberts University and Southern Utah University dominated the top two spots on both the men and women's side of the track while the University of Missouri at Kansas City rounded out the third spot for the women and Western Illinois for the men.

Janae Stephens, junior, and Delores Gaines, freshman, both earned second-team All-Conference honors for the women while Eugene Harris, sophomore, and the men's distance medley relay were awarded second-

team honors for the men.

Stephens placed second in the 400-meter event with a season-best time of 58.26 seconds.

Gaines threw a personal-best measure of 49 feet, 3 3/4 inches in the weight-throw to place second and also placed sixth in the shot put with a throw of 40-2.

Harris sprinted to a second-place finish in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.92 and placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.29.

The distance medley relay of Jeri Hull, senior; Kevin Geiser, junior; Jon Krezeczowski, freshman; and Kurt Michealis, freshman, recorded a time of

10:06.78 to place second out of seven teams.

In the women's 60-meter dash, Jen Rizer, senior, earned fifth place with a time of 7.99. Andrea Bardy, freshman, placed eighth in the 5,000-meter run with a season-best time of 18:37.

The women's 4x400-meter relay of Rizer, Leslie Johnson, freshman, Marcy Reinbolt, junior, and Stephens finished fifth with a time of 4:08.71.

In the field, Laura Schatz, freshman, placed fourth with a measure of 5-3 3/4 in the high jump.

Beth Hochstetler, sophomore, earned two seventh-place finishes for the women with a throw of 38-10 1/4 in the shot put and

a throw of 45-7 in the weight throw.

Michealis placed third for men in the mile run with a time of 4:18.

In the 3,000-meter run, Tim Tatarka, junior, placed seventh with a time of 8:50 while Tony Orcena, sophomore, placed ninth.

Orcena also placed sixth in the 5,000-meter run, 15:15, while Tatarka ran a time of 15:18 to place eighth.

In the pole vault, Edwin Jackson, sophomore, measured a launch of 21-6 to place seventh overall.

Mike Cameron, sophomore, finished fourth in the triple jump, 45-3 3/4, while Jackson measured an eighth-place leap of 42-9.

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each, but I bought my own."

Gregory added that there are many members of SG that are involved in organizations in addition to SG.

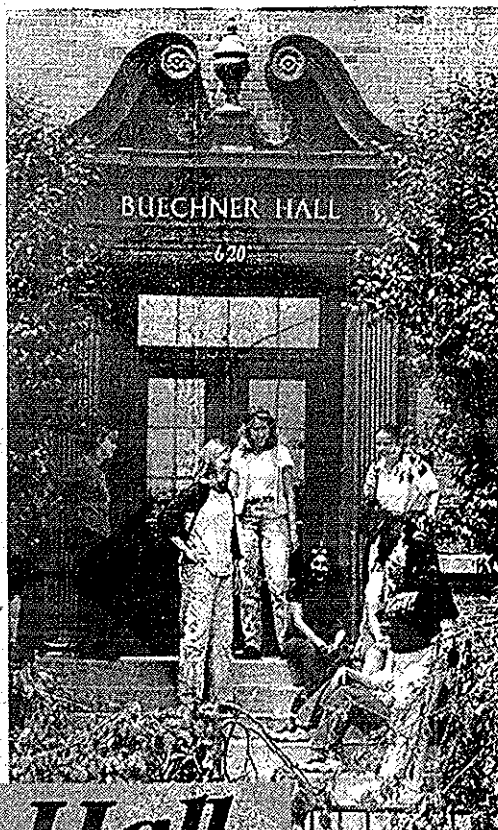
"We have members in the engineering society that were appropriated money. There were [also] fraternities and sororities that were given money," he said. "There were other academic organizations that were given money, and without a doubt SG members are a part of these organizations."

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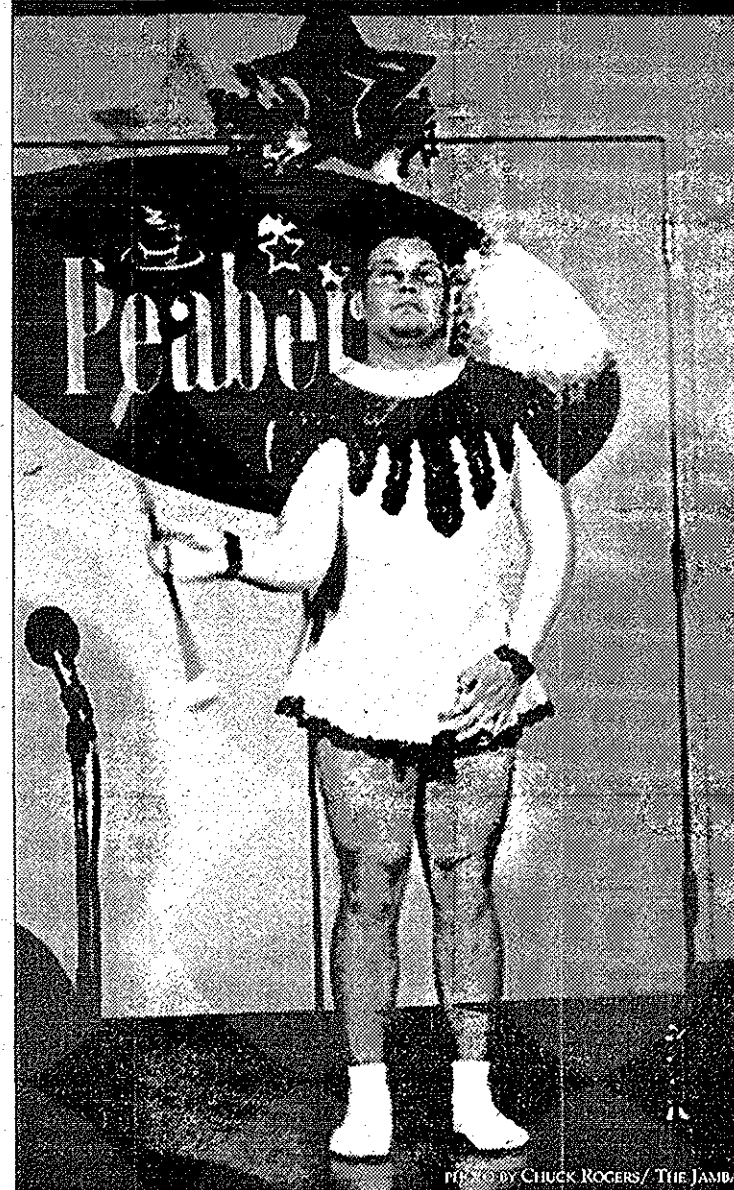
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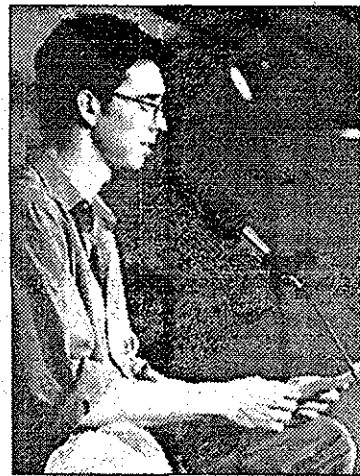
LEGS: Derek "Sprinkle" Sprankle struts his stuff during the sportswear segment of the XI MAN contest held by Alpha Xi Delta sorority at Peaberry's Saturday night. Proceeds from the contest benefit Choose Children and Hope House children's charities.

Greeks' 'male contest' benefits children's charities

By JACKIE SPENCE
Jambar Assistant Editor

Students and the Greek system were feeling the disco fever 6 p.m. Saturday in Peaberry's Cafe. YSU chapter of Alpha Xi Delta sponsored a Choose Children Philanthropy Service called Xi Man to support the Hope House and Choose Children Charities. The theme for the male contest was '70s disco.

According to Dana Reuter, junior, education, and Alpha Xi Delta member, there were six contestants: Derrick Sprankle, freshman, undecided, nominated by Zeta Tau Alpha sorority; Josh Harstine, freshman, education, nominated by Theta Chi fraternity; Joe Glista, freshman, engineering, nominated by Sigma Chi fraternity; Matt Farragher, junior, education, nominated by Delta Zeta sorority; Lance Casale, freshman, education, nominated by Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity; and Josh Cartwright, junior, education, nominated by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.



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Reuter said the contestants raised money before the contest and would get a certain amount of points for however much money they raised.

Lenaia Burbank, sophomore, education, and philanthropy chair for Alpha Xi Delta, said there were three parts to the contest — talent, sportswear, and formal wear — which also gave the contestants points toward their score.

Burbank said the contestants picked two sisters from Alpha Xi Delta to act as a coach in teaching about the sorority's history, colors and philosophies.

The winner of the Xi Man contest was Cartwright, who raised more than \$300 of the more than \$900 raised at the contest.

Carole Bopp McCracken, director of Hope House Visitation Center Inc. in Youngstown, said she is thrilled to receive donations.

"This is a charitable organization, and much help is needed to aid and supervise a safe environment for children's visitation with their parents," she said.

The Choose Children foundation also receives money to help children.

Mindy Horstmann, sophomore, social work, and vice president of programs for Alpha Xi Delta, said the national Alpha Xi Delta chapter chose Choose Children as their official philanthropy in 1992.

"The local chapter and the national chapter choose what children's charity the money gets split up into. One of our main focuses is to help children in need," she said.

Brandy from WHOT 101.1 was the special guest emcee who announced contestants.

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and posters, utilization for distribution services, and academic computing, or maintaining the equipment.


Students connected to media and academic computing have found more than a few opportunities to use professionally what they've learned here. Jeremy Feathurstone, senior, telecommunications, and a New York enthusiast with producing and directing aspirations of his own, said he has found work at Crew for You, a national production company.

"It's great work," he said.

According to Graham, the wide range of fields open to these students include graphic and Website designers, photographers, producers, camera operators and system administrators. They have even had experience as database programmers when programming the department's media catalogue, a database listing all the videos in the extensive archives. In many cases, students have the opportunity to work with accomplished professionals on various sets.

Graham is also proud of the caliber of equipment available for students to use. While he admitted that "cutting edge" is a vague term, and there is always something a little better over the horizon, he said his department is stocked with quality equipment.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

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YSU Intersivity Christian Fellowship will be meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Bresnahan Suites, Kilcawley Center. All students are welcome! For information, contact Demaine Kitchen at (330) 744-1558.

"Focus" on WYSU 88.5 FM: "Inside the Ice Castle: The Life of a Penguin," with YSU quarterback Jeff Ryan and cornerback LeVar Greene. 7 p.m. Host Dale Harrison.

WEDNESDAY

SIFE will be having a meeting at 4 p.m. in Room 315, Williamson Hall. The discussion will be about non-profit organizations receiving college credit for teaching children about business. For information, call Christa Natoli at (330) 544-5738.

YSU Dance Club will be having ballroom dance lessons from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Room 100, Beechly Center. Anyone who wants to learn swing, Latin or ballroom dancing is welcome. The first lesson is free! Any questions, call Jen at (330) 742-6213 or Phil at (330) 742-6095.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Organization will be showing the first hour of the film "Breaking the Code" at 2 p.m. in Bresnahan I and II, Kilcawley Center. All inquiries call Jeff Boggs at (330) 782-6919, or e-mail jeffbysu@aol.com.

THURSDAY

Student Social Work Association will be having a discussion at 3:30 p.m. in Room 3029, Cushwa Hall. The topic will be Field Day and Social Work Month.

History Club will be having a meeting at noon in Room 2069, Kilcawley Center. Dr. Rick Shale, English, will offer his annual predictions on the upcoming Academy Awards. The public is invited. Please feel free to bring a lunch. For more information, contact Lowell J. Satre at (330) 742-1608.

"Commentary Cafe" with Bill Binning and Bob Fitzer at 7 p.m. on WYSU, 88.5 FM. The topic will be Ohio Government, with guest, State Representative John Boccheri

SATURDAY

Martial Arts Club: YSU Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend a free Judo Clinic from noon to 3 p.m. at J.K.A Karate, located at 550 Market Street. The host will be Dave Lowshelter, the USA Judo Champion. Pre-registration is required due to limited class size. Call (330) 788-9729 to reserve your space.

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