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Todd Blackwell lifts weights in Stambaugh Stadium weight room with his strength and conditioning coach, Todd Burkey. Page 8

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Deans: Classes will not be cut

By VALERIE BANNER
Jambaw Editor

Administrators and deans across campus have been working to trim costs in every department since learning of the \$3 million loss affecting YSU.

Although each dean said it's still too early to tell exactly how and when the colleges will be affected by the cuts, they did say eliminating classes is the last thing they want to do.

The university is still in the review process, meaning no concrete decisions have been made. Each dean has been instructed to look at areas that can be cut and to look for ways to raise more money.

Dr. David Sweet, university president, said he and Terry Ondreyka, vice president for financial affairs, are studying

four areas: The overall operating budget, reserve money, auxiliary money and tuition.

He said he expects the review process, which looks at where to allocate money, where to move money to and from and where cuts can be made, to take until the end of November. "It would be easy to do a 6 percent cut across the board, but we don't want to erode the quality of student interest," he said.

Dr. Betty Jo Licata, dean, Williamson College of Business Administration, said telephone, postage and student wages are the only areas of the operating budget that can be cut. She said Sweet and the rest of the administration is committed to insuring that the students feel the impact as little as possible.

"We may feel it, but the students shouldn't," she said.

Judy Gaines, executive director, Student Life, said she has not heard that student jobs are in jeopardy. She said student wages are included in the operating budget, which is where the cuts are coming from, and each department may choose to make some budget reductions by eliminating student employment.

However, she said, "No one has directly or indirectly indicated to me that there has been any impact on student employment."

Even the athletic department is feeling the pinch. Ron Strollo, athletic director, said he will first try to raise more money through tailgating lot and ticket sales and promotions, so cuts will not have to be made.

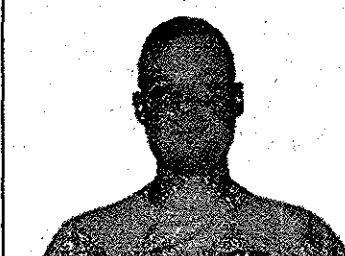
"We can't let it affect stu-

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MONEY TALKS

Brian Reinhard, senior, exercise science
Fitness Center employee

"I don't think they should come from student jobs. Cuts maybe should be taken from athletics since they get funds from other places."



Cate O'Malley, sophomore, history
Student Tutorial Services employee

"Athletics because I know a lot of people who need a job on campus in order to pay for tuition ... it seems to me too much goes to athletics when education should be the focus."



Megan Cooper, junior, nursing
YSU Coffee Shop employee

"I think there are too many jobs in parking and the president gets paid too much. Where the ones struggling and their going to cut our jobs."



Tia Stanford, junior, graphic design
YSU Bookstore employee

"With ticket sales and apparel sales, it seems that sports should have the most money. So I think cuts would be best from there."



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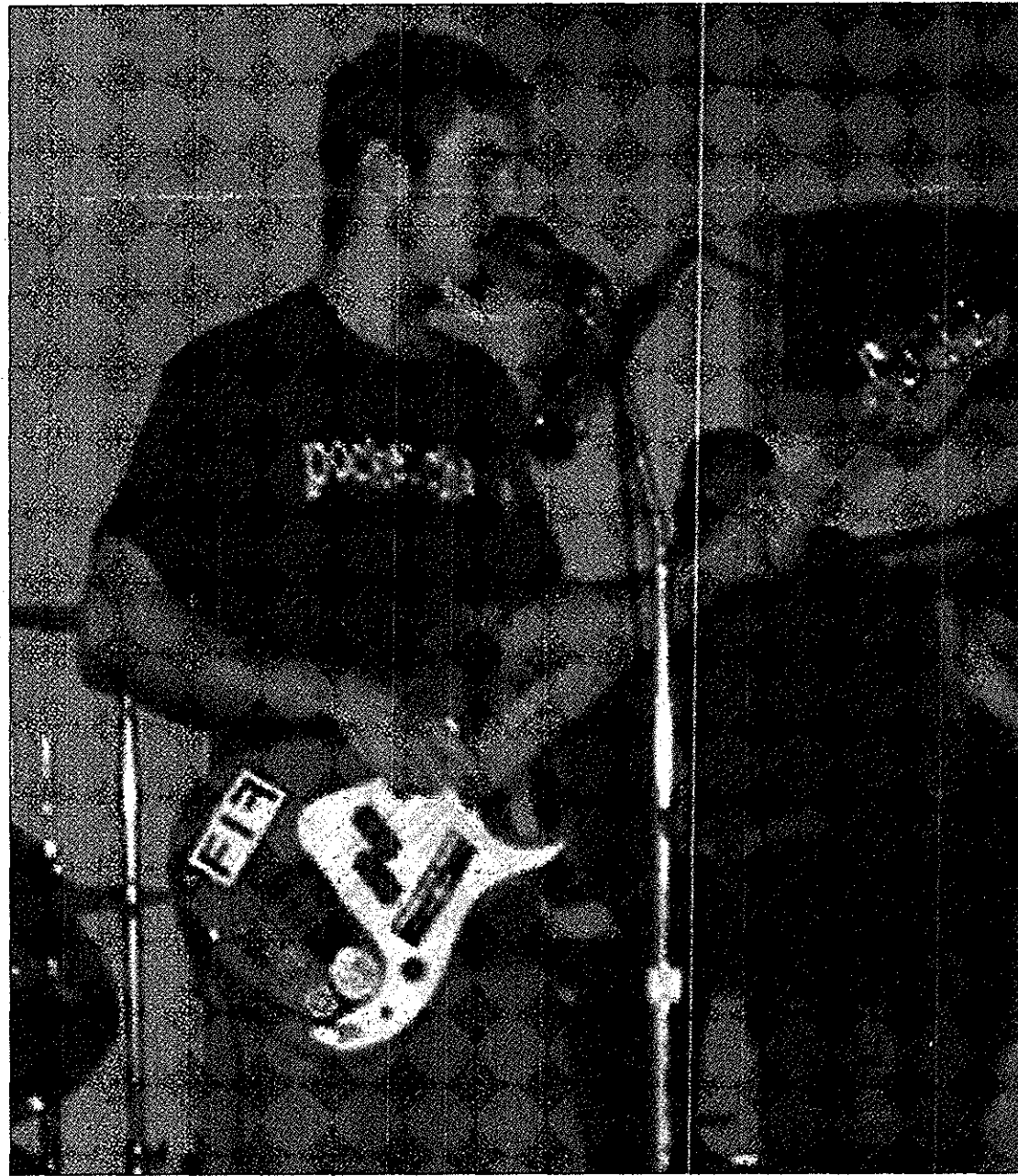
Weather

Cloudy today. High around 50. Low around 10. Partly cloudy Wednesday. High in the mid-60s. Low around 20.

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Sarah Thompson / The Jambaw

ALTERNATIVE ENTERTAINMENT: YSU student Jason Szari, lead guitarist, performs with his band Focus on Monday in Peaberry's. YSU student Matt Bushing was on bass guitar and Erik Bennett also played guitar. Luke Szari performed on drums.

Organization looking for leadership

Campus group would provide support, benefits to students older than 25.

By MARIJANE PARRY
AND CATHERINE HILSTON
Jambaw Reporters

Among the many student organizations active at YSU this year, one providing support for nontraditional students is not yet up and running.

The Nontraditional Students Organization is struggling this year with lack of membership, said Denise Walters Dobson, assistant director of enrollment services, who is also an NTSO adviser.

YSU has approximately 12,000 students, and about 30 percent are classified as nontraditional because they are older than 25.

She said the organization still has a core group of members, but is currently without a president.

Dobson, who has 18 years with the NTSO, said she believes it is an important organization with much to offer nontraditional students.

"The adult population [at YSU] is important," Dobson said.

She said when the NTSO was running, it was a voice for those students.

Nontraditional students at YSU said they find it challenging to juggle school and family life. Along with their classes, many nontraditional students said they work, raise children and manage a household.

Dobson said she thinks the NTSO helped bring about some of the programs that the university now offers, such as

daycare and a math course specifically designed for students who haven't used math in some time.

Dobson said the NTSO helped to "provide more of a feeling of ownership of the university community to the nontraditional student."

The organization offered many informational programs that were geared specifically to nontraditional students, whether they were just entering college or getting ready to graduate, Dobson said.

Dobson and Jonelle Beatrice, director of the Center for Student Progress, both discussed how the NTSO used to coordinate with the CSP's Adult Learner Services for orientation sessions. These sessions, Dobson said, were informational and helped ease the transition of attending college.

Dobson also said the organization helped with resume writing and wardrobe building for the workplace. The group held seminars with speakers from different professions.

Dobson said the NTSO served as a social organization and provided campus community involvement. It offered activities that included the families of the students and tried to help the students involve their families in their education.

In addition to the informational programs and the social activities offered by the NTSO, it was also "a circle of giving because of its philanthropic aspects," said Dobson.

She said if the organization can operate again, it plans to continue programs such as awarding scholarships to nontraditional students and The Giving Tree, which helped area needy families.

Dobson said she would

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Panelists discuss profiling

By SARAH THOMPSON
Jambaw Reporter

Driving back after dropping off her son after dark, Cynthia Carter, freshman, social work, came to a stop at a red light when a police car pulled up next to her. While she was waiting, the cop began to stare at her intensely.

"For the first time I was scared. This cop could do anything he wanted to if I were to react to him," she said. "I could tell he was trying to get a reaction from me; all my years of service and intelligence experience didn't mean anything to

him."

Carter said, "Being in military intelligence, we are taught how to read people and what their body language means. I can hear not only what their words are saying but also what their body language is saying."

Carter was one of the panelists who discussed racial profiling at an open forum Monday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. They covered topics such as what a person's rights are in a traffic stop and how the Sept. 11 tragedy has brought about a new kind of racial profiling.

Eboni Bogan, senior, speech communication, was the event coordinator and is a new member orientator for the Pan African Student Union.

"Everybody has been talking about Sept. 11 and its related incidents, but are they knowledgeable on these issues?" asked Bogan.

"Our goal is to increase people's knowledge with sound information as well as their understanding of racial profiling," he said. "Basically, what it is and how it affects us all."

Dr. Allen Pierce, professor,
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Author to give tips for MCAT entrance exam

Student Government will be sponsoring a speaker to talk to students interested in going to medical school.

Jon Orsay will be at YSU on Nov. 7 to talk to students planning on taking the MCAT, the entrance exam for medical school.

Orsay is the author of ExamKrackers, an informational guideline teaching students how to prepare for the exam.

Orsay, who is a graduate of Columbia University, where he majored in ancient history, was an instructor at many uni-

versities, including Washington University in Missouri.

Orsay, who is from Newark, N.J., also worked for a very prominent company, where he was the only editor of their best-selling MCAT book.

He will sell his ExamKrackers books during the workshop. The books will teach the students what to expect, how not to get nervous and good techniques for studying.

Orsay will speak from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center.

Third forum is announced

The next forum on Global Terrorism and the U.S. Response will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday in room 2068, Kilcawley Center.

This is a new time for the forum.

The topic, "The Coming Anarchy" is here: Robert

Kaplan on Terrorism and Global Politics, will be led by Dr. Clyde Morris, professor, economics and Dr. Keith Lepak, professor, political science.

This is the third in a continuing series, and it is free and open to the public.

Blood drive comes to YSU

The American Red Cross and Student Government will sponsor blood drives from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in Kilcawley Center.

Donors should bring names of any medications that they are currently taking and also their personal identification.

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dents and how they go about their daily lives because they are the customer," he said.

Dr. Joseph Edwards, interim dean, Beeghly College of Education, said they are looking to save money by cutting publications and supportive travel, beyond what is required by the union contracts.

Dr. John Yemma, dean, College of Health and Human Services, said his department is looking to reduce travel money and will hold money that would be used to purchase equipment.

"I'm not going to do anything that would hurt students

and education," he said.

Dr. Ikram Khawaja, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said he prefers to think of it as "redirecting" money, not cutting funds. He said he is in the process of looking at the most logical way to redirect funds but would not elaborate until a clearer plan has been formed.

He said classes will not be eliminated.

"We can't cut classes; that's why students are here," he said.

Dr. George McCloud, dean, College of Fine and Performing Arts, also said classes will not be affected.

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criminal justice, said that since Sept. 11, racial profiling has changed.

"The population has targeted people not only from the Middle East but from certain religious backgrounds as well as possible terrorist," said Pierce.

Dawud Abdullah, Muslim Imam of the Youngstown Islamic Center, said,

"Assuming that someone is likely to commit a crime simply because of their race or background is racial profiling. It is not based on suspicious behavior or unlawful actions; it is simply because of appearance."

Bogan said the panelists

were picked in order to help create a good mix, to bring in their experience and knowledge and lend different interpretations on the issues.

John W. Tate Jr., chaplain at The Ohio State University, said he thinks his experience with prisoners help "bring a perspective from people who feel they have been a victim of racial profiling."

He has 13 years of experience in three different branches of the military, lived a total of five years over seas and visited about 15 different countries.

He said this has shown him that "people are less conscious of color over seas. I'm not say-

ing that you are not going to experience prejudices over seas due to being an American, but it's different."

Others included Lt. Robin Lees, training officer with the Youngstown Police Department, and Attorney Ron Miller, CEO of Youngstown Area Urban league and co-founder of the Harambee youth.

"Racial profiling is outside race..." said Lees. "We have to expand it to include all biases."

Miller said, "I think that I bring some practical data and experience based on knowledge we gather from complaints we have received at the urban

league on on-going investigations of racial profiling."

"We receive quite a few complaints of police harassment misconduct and discourtesy," said Miller. "These activities of law enforcement agencies are sometimes official policies but more often discretionary systems to target certain groups for a higher degree of scrutiny."

There is good and bad everywhere, but the enemy is not always the bad guy, said Carter. "Just being on the street, you can be murdered, sexually assaulted, beaten, and you have no protection because of your color."

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like to see the NTSO offer a gathering place for students, such as the one that existed for nontraditional students in Dana Hall.

She said it was always filled with students, and she thinks they would use the place again to meet, study or just hang out.

Nontraditional student Kara Busefink, senior, English, and Amy Jo Giovannone, senior, professional writing and editing, said they would be interested in a gathering place

for nontraditional students, along with activities that included their families.

Giovannone said she would also like to see the organization offer sports activities.

She had tried to participate in intramural sports at the university but was unsuccessful.

"When I signed up to be placed on a team, I never got a response."

Heidi Swift, a graduate student with a bachelor's in fine

arts, said she is doing her student teaching this semester.

She has a husband and four children and said it is extremely hard to find enough hours in a day for everything she needs to do.

She said she often goes without sleep in order to be prepared for school, and it would be difficult for her to find the time to participate in any nontraditional student organizations or activities.

One thing Swift said she could definitely take advan-

tage of is the YSU day care services.

Tammy Baker, sophomore, middle childhood education, said she definitely sleeps less now that she attends college.


She studies between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. She said she sometimes takes a few hours off from work to do homework and see her husband and three children.

Baker said she would like to learn about any organizations at YSU that are geared toward the nontraditional student.

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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think Hard to be safe with anthrax answers limited

On Monday, Oct. 16, a white powdery substance was found on a doorknob leading into the boiler room in Lyden House.

The date today is Oct. 30. Two weeks after the scare, YSU has still not received any information on testing done on the substance.

Although we are pretty certain the substance is not anthrax, we believe YSU students, faculty and staff should have some kind of answer by now.

According to Neil Altman, city health commissioner, the substance was sent to Columbus, and they are still waiting for a response and have not heard anything regarding that particular incident.

We understand that there have been many incidents all over the country related to anthrax, and testing is backed up, but what if the powder found turns out to really be anthrax?

The day of the scare, Diana Fagan, assistant professor, biological sciences, said if the substance is anthrax, it was discovered soon enough that anyone exposed to it could be treated with antibiotics.

Can this statement still be true 14 days later? We think YSU should be concerned that they still have no idea what the powder really is. Students could have been infected, and they still have no idea. This is a scary thought not only for us, but for the entire city of Youngstown.

When anthrax scares involve national officials and public figures, it takes no time at all to discover the content of the substance. When anthrax scares involve a college campus, it takes over two weeks.

And what if the powder turns out to be a prank? YSU Police Chief John Gocala said they would take measures to catch the prankster(s) and punish them to the full extent.

We think it is going to make it harder to catch the person or people involved more than two weeks after the incident occurred.

This is not a joke, and people's lives could be in danger. It's time to step up the process and let us know if we should be worried or if we should be investigating a prank.

WE WANT TO GET IT RIGHT.

If you see an error in the paper contact us at (330) 742-3095, so we can correct the mistake.

Correction and Clarification

Dr. Qi Jiang is an associate professor of sociology. Her Thursday's issue of The Jambar article in front page was given incorrectly in a Thursday's issue of The Jambar.

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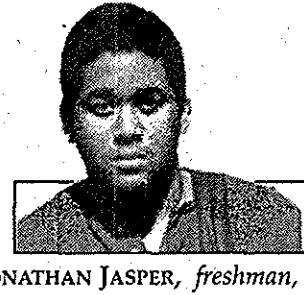
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What You Think What is the appropriate punishment for cheating on a test?



KELLY BROWN-SPATHORX, junior, psychology

"They ought to get a 0 on the test — maybe an incomplete and have to repeat the course in order to pass."



JONATHAN JASPER, freshman, undecided

"Expulsion, because there is no reason to cheat if you study as you're suppose to."



KATIE BLAZINE, freshman, sociology

"I think you should fail the test and be isolated from the rest of the class and have to wear a Dunce cap."



JAMILYN MAIORANO, freshman, early childhood education

"They should have to take the test over without anyone else in the room."



MICHELLE NELMS, freshman, nursing

"It's serious. First-time offense should be given a warning. If caught a second time they should be expelled. You can't get ahead by cheating. Its just like perjury and should have similar punishment."



BRANDON LIDDY, freshman, theater

"I believe that they fail the test. Usually they fail the class, but I think they should have to retake the test."

YSU's computer meltdown



By **SUSAN KELLY**
Jambar Assistant Editor

Why is it that one central computer lab, loaded with all the software from every college, and open every Saturday and Sunday doesn't exist at YSU?

Commuter campuses are full of students working at least one job and juggling time and money. Since most students do have time to study on the weekend, why aren't more computer labs open then?

I really want to know why computer labs in the College of Arts and Sciences, full of writing-intensive programs, are closed every weekend, except by appointment.

By appointment means you've got to ask your instructor to make a special trip to open the lab and stick around while you work.

It leaves you feeling responsible for tying up their day, unless of course they send

the already over-worked graduate assistants to do it.

Buying the software programs to load on home computers would solve the problem, but most students can't afford it. Programs such as QuarkXPress cost more than \$300, and SPSS is even more expensive.

The \$60 computer lab fee (or has that amount increased?) may be applied to the purchase of these programs, but if the labs are not open on the weekends, how does that accommodate most of the students?

It's also difficult to get access to certain computers when the labs are used for classes.

The English department added software to the computer labs on the second floor during the summer, but the hours for these labs are rather limited, and of course, no weekends.

Most of the stress I've had at YSU has had to do with the computer lab in one way or another. Either it's not open, it's open but there's a class there, or when it's open at night, I'm working. Then there's the lack of software, and the IBM/PC issue.

Which brings me right

back to the idea of one central computer lab, loaded with all the software from every college, open every Saturday and Sunday. Get the picture?

Maag has the best lab hours, although if you need SPSS, Quark or Corel Draw, you're out of luck.

Some of the computer labs in Bliss Hall have the same programs as those required by students in A&S, but their labs are closed to those not in Fine & Performing Arts programs, so that nixes that access.

I don't think F & P A students are denied access to A & S computers.

Hats off to the Beeghly College of Education, supplying students with both a Mac and a PC lab, side by side.

As far as I could tell in preparing this piece, Beeghly is the only lab on campus to have both systems. It's good during the week, but their labs are also closed on the weekend.

One day I had an English project to do that required a Mac, so I went to the English lab, since the Mac lab at The Jambar office was closed.

I wonder if the College of Education could charge a users fee?

The College of Business has the best sense of the real world in its Monday through Thursday lab hours.

They're open until 10 p.m., which really helps students who only go to school at night or need to work on special projects. Doesn't help those outside the software circle, though, and their labs are closed on the weekends, too.

I'm graduating in December, but if there's one thing I'd like to see for YSU students in the future, it would be one central computer lab, loaded with all the software from every college, open every Saturday and Sunday.

Why can't each college contribute to such a lab and still keep individual labs open? Maybe the central lab could be open on the weekends, and the colleges could continue with their usual schedules Monday through Friday.

At least students could have somewhere to work on projects.

Board of Trustees, lend me your ears. Computer command station, get ready for action. Budget department, sharpen your pencils, and students, please say "Amen!"

Letter to the Editor

Alum says education college is efficient

Editor:

Recently I received a copy of The Jambar. I must admit that it has been more than 25 years since I have had the opportunity to read this publication (Class of 1974). I am quite impressed with the format and quality of reporting.

As a principal of an elementary school, I wish to respond to a letter written by Anthony Catanzarite. In one sense I agree with his concern regarding the classes taken by

students in the school of education and his reference to our "real world." I differ greatly with his reference to the classes that prepare all educators for the teaching of reading.

As opportunities arise for real teaching experiences, I think he may discover that there are great ranges of cognitive abilities and performance levels in a classroom for students with special needs. In our small-town community school of 770 students, we have three classrooms for our special education children.

One of those teachers works with our autistic and severe needs children. She daily integrates guided reading methods into her direct instruction. Some of our non-language students and oppositional/defiant students benefit greatly from literacy centers that are modified to meet their special needs.

My memories and experiences from YSU's school of education are quite positive. I recall the opportunity of completing many of these methods courses in the classrooms of

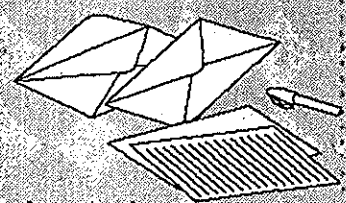
public schools. I assume this is a continued practice.

I encourage Mr. Catanzarite to connect his college course work directly to the classroom. I also invite him and other graduates of the school of education to visit our district in Florida where we have a great need for quality teachers.

Patrick Simon
Principal,
Pleasant Grove Elementary School
Inverness, Fla.

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Students get experience at New York lab

By PATRECKA ADAMS
Jambar Assistant Editor

They were the only YSU students invited to Brookhaven's National Lab's National Synchrotron Light Source in Long Island, N.Y., Sept. 5-10.

They had the opportunity to meet and work with people from all over the world.

They conducted experiments with top physicists from renowned institutions.

And they are all undergraduates.

The three young men were among a select group of researchers who were granted the opportunity to conduct experiments at Brookhaven.

The research project is funded by the United States Air Force.

Dr. Jeff Carroll, professor, physics and astronomy, chose the students to accompany him on the educational experience.

Tom Drummond, senior, education; Jason Burnett, freshman, physics and astronomy; and Joel Lepak, junior, mathematics, were the undergraduates who spent five days engrossed in research, experimentation and discovery.

Carroll said the group accomplished a lot during its

stay. "We were trying to investigate a way to release nuclear energy in a clean way. The facility gave us free time, and we got to use their devices," he said.

Carroll said he thinks the university can benefit from programs like this because he said they help to enhance the university's image.

"We use this as a selling point. YSU is one of the two universities in the U.S. involved in this research. We're trying to get people involved early in this cutting edge research.

"Our students get experience that is both important and exclusive to the physics community," he said.

Carroll also said Brookhaven is "the type of research facility where it's rare that undergraduates get to go."

The experiment allowed the group to work with very small, almost dust-like samples. The object of their experiment was to try to find a way to utilize the energy inside their samples in a way that wouldn't render the waste radioactive.

"We're at a basic stage right now," Carroll said. "But there are a lot of possibilities that can come out of this."

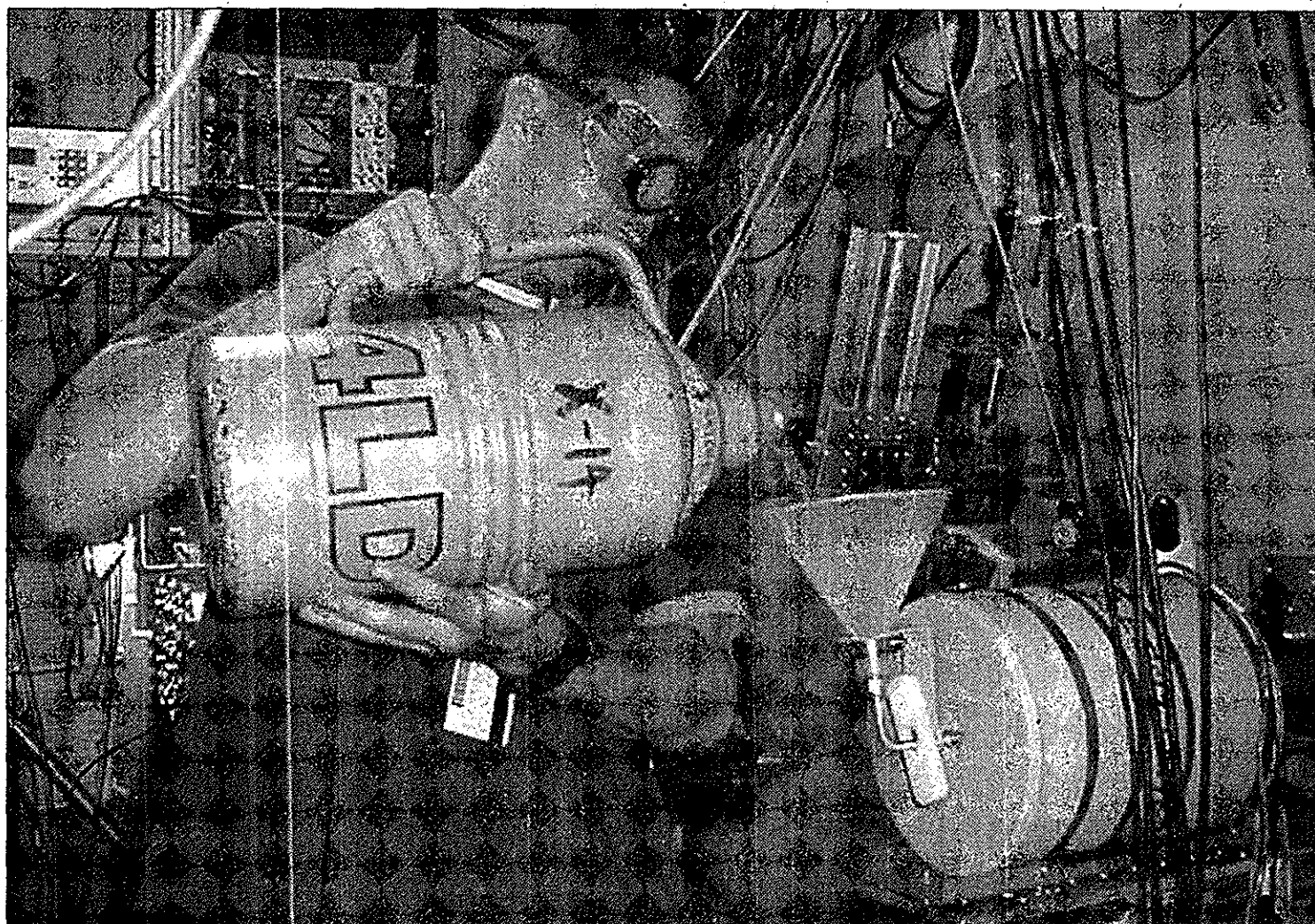


Photo courtesy of the physics department

Tom Drummond, senior, education, pours liquid nitrogen into a funnel at the Brookhaven National Laboratories. Drummond was one of three YSU students selected to participate at the lab's National Synchrotron Light Source last month in Long Island, N.Y.

Carroll also said someday the knowledge gained in experiments such as this one could potentially be used in medical applications to treat cancers.

Carroll said the team will try to go back in mid-November. A team from Alabama has been improving the experiment, and it will be ready for the team from Youngstown by then.

The chance to work with seasoned professionals overwhelmed Drummond, who

said he felt honored and excited to have been a part of the experience.

He recalled what his thoughts were nearly seven weeks ago.

"Here I am, an undergraduate, and I'm working with graduate students and people with doctorate degrees. You learn so much just from being near them," he said.

"Doing physics is entirely different from reading about it. It was an awesome experi-

ence," he added. "There's no substitution for being immersed in it and being around it."

Burnett said he was "amazed that [they were] doing these things." He recounted his first impression of Brookhaven.

"I didn't know what a synchrotron was. It was like, wow! They're all super-intelligent people, but you could go up to them and ask them what they were doing, and they

would show you. They were very down to earth," he recalled.

Both Drummond and Burnett said they developed a new appreciation for America's freedoms after talking with the foreigners.

Both men said they are also looking forward to going back soon and continuing their research.

"Any experience in the field is good experience," said Drummond.

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Arts & Entertainment

Bobcat's trail leads him to Youngstown

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

Although he can't really be known for any of his career endeavors because there are almost too many to count, Comedian Bobcat Goldthwait's trademark quality is his squeaky tenor voice.

Starting out as a standup comic at age 15, Goldthwait's voice and talent have taken him far beyond the stages of comedy clubs.

Goldthwait will be at the Funny Farm Comedy Club in Youngstown Nov. 2 and 3.

In the 1980s, his appearances on late night talk shows helped boost his career. He soon became infamous for setting Jay Leno's chair on fire. His standup routines in San Francisco and Los Angeles have earned him much recognition.

Soon, Goldthwait dove into the world of film and appeared in "Police Academy" movies 2-4, as the gangster Zed. Other films he appeared in include

"Scrooged" with Bill Murray and "Burglar" with Whoopi Goldberg. Recently, Goldthwait appeared in a short clip in the movie "Blow," where he is best remembered for his line, "I can't feel my face."

Television is also an area that Goldthwait has extensively explored. He has been the voice behind characters on "The Simpsons," "Beavis and Butt-head," "Dr. Katz: Professional Therapist" and the series "Hercules" and "Buzz Lightyear."

Goldthwait's creativity goes beyond that of filling roles. He is the mastermind behind the cult classic film, "Shakes the Clown," which he wrote, directed and starred in. The film is a dark comedy about rival clown groups, but it really is commenting on the competitive, dirty nature that can be part of the comedy world. The film even had a song written about one of its characters by R.E.M. called "Binky the Doormat."

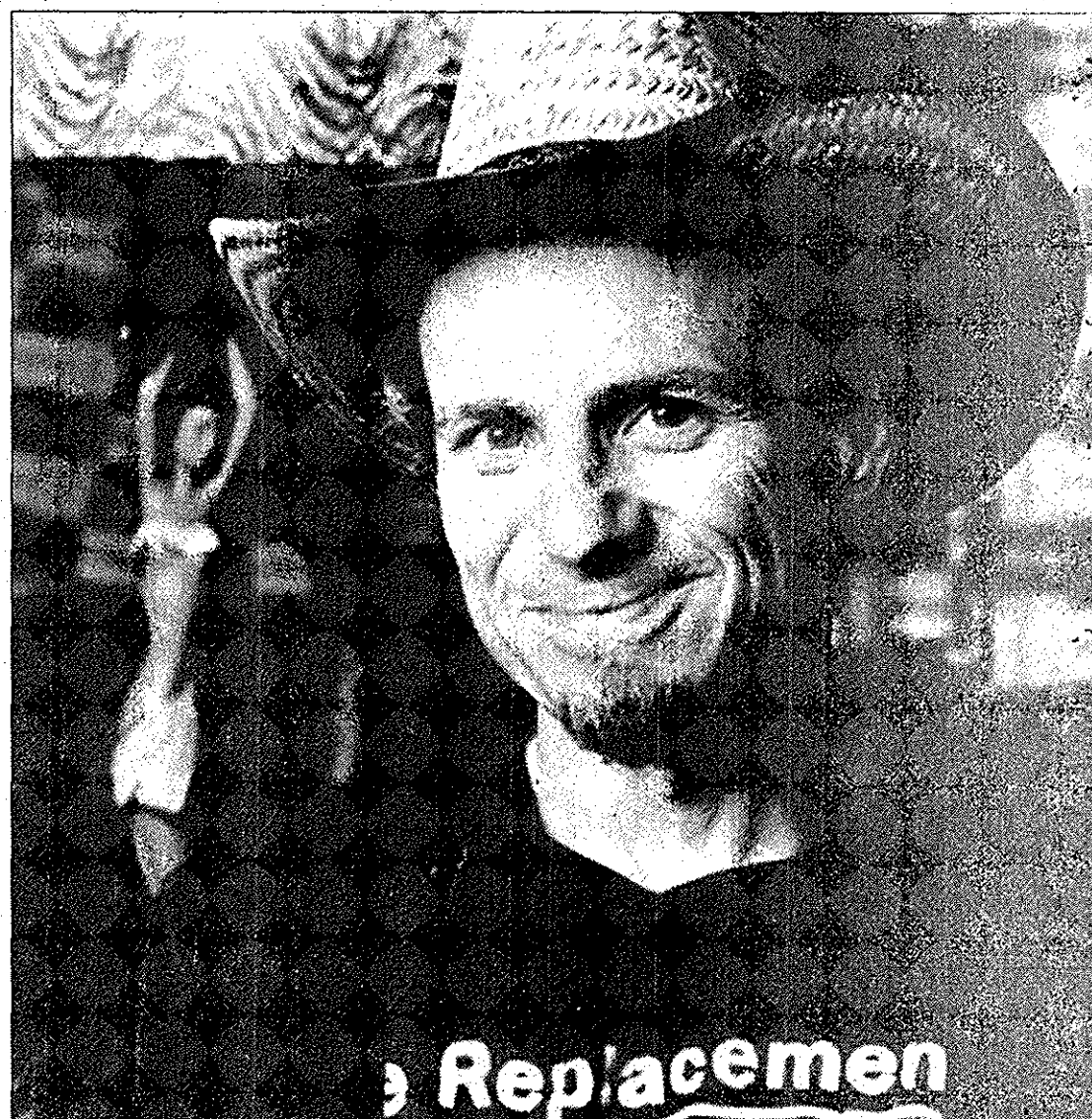
Enjoying the behind-the-

scenes work, Goldthwait has directed segments on "The Man Show" on Comedy Central. He has also been the man behind four music videos. After directing a video for the band The Aquabats, Goldthwait also directed a pilot for Buena Vista Studios that featured the band.

Behind all of these credits and experiences, Goldthwait's center of attention is his family life. He is a down-to-earth father of a 13-year old and is engaged to Nikki Cox. The two met during the filming of the show "Unhappily Ever After," and Goldthwait proposed by painting "Will you marry me?" on a bridge that he drove his fiancé by.

Goldthwait's standup act is goofy and nutty just like the comic.

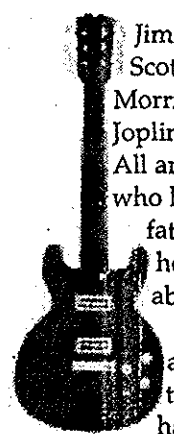
He mixes prepared work with ramblings that just come to mind while on stage, so everything is not planned. Although the comedian claims to have mellowed out, his standup act offers many interesting surprises.



YEEHAW: Funny guy Bobcat Goldthwait will be at the Funny Farm Comedy Club on Nov. 2 and 3. The comic has been in several movies and television shows.

Musicians discuss drug, alcohol influence

By B.J. LISKO
Jambar Reporter



Jimi Hendrix. Bon Scott. Jim Morrison. Janis Joplin. Jerry Garcia. All are musicians who have met their fates due to alcohol and/or drug abuse.

Alcohol and drugs seem to go hand in hand with music. The phrase "sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll" is no joke. Youngstown's scene is no different. Just about everywhere you find music, you'll find alcohol and drugs.

In a survey conducted by e-mail, local musicians were asked to give their stance on drugs and alcohol use in the local scene and how apparent it is in their own musical lives.

"Drug and alcohol use is common in most bands and music scenes," said musician Jesse Plaskett, freshman, marketing. "Drugs and alcohol play a muse for musicians, be it inspiration for musical or lyrical ideas."

A common theme among area musicians is that drugs and alcohol provide a way to create music that otherwise couldn't be fathomed.

"Marijuana is definitely a creativeness drug. It really makes the creative side come out in all of us," said local Element '16 drummer, Bill Gaitanis. "Really I just like marijuana and smoke it quite a bit."

Element 16 guitarist Adam May agreed. "I would have to say drugs aid in creating great music at least on some level. You have the amazing ability to see things from a different perspective and put them into song. If you can manage not to kill yourself or lose all your brain cells in the process, drugs can really produce some intense music," he said. "If you feel differently, I suggest you go home and burn every album you own created in the 60s and 70s."

"Alcohol is pretty much our biggest inspiration," said Soiler vocalist Chip Hamm. "Our music is the gospel for alcoholism."

Some musicians said they use drugs and alcohol as a

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—CHIP HAMM
Vocalist for Soiler

way to combat their own nerves.

Not all musicians here though feel that drugs aid in creating music. Many local musicians are straight-edge. Straight-edges keep drugs and alcohol not only out of their music world, but out of their day-to-day lives as well.

"I don't think it's necessary to drink and do drugs to have fun. I'd like to actually know what's going on and appreciate it," said musician Zac Dubasik, sophomore, accounting.

Some musicians tried the straight-edge life, but with time found themselves in the lifestyle they once opposed.

"I realized when we were younger we were against drugs and alcohol because we weren't old enough to get them or were afraid. Everyone was straight-edged, no ques-

tions asked," said local musician B.J. Stephan.

"It wasn't until later that everyone I began meeting were into drugs and that eventually led to the consumption of them on my behalf," Stephan said. "When you mix drugs, alcohol and music, you have a great experience. I'd say every band around here, with the exception of straight-edges, is drug induced. I guess that tells you drugs are good, or we have nothing better to do in Youngstown. Either way, you only live once and might as well have fun."

Other musicians who broke the straight-edge oath, found themselves returning to their original views.

"For a while I got involved with alcohol, but then I realized how much straight edge means to me," said Crowd Deterrent bassist

Bob Drenzo. "Since then I've really turned my life around."

There are other musicians who say bullocks to the whole drug, alcohol, and straight edge ordeal.

"I don't use any drugs or alcohol, but I'm not straight-edge," said Puppet Government guitarist Angel Menendez.

"I'm not into fashions. I think movements are stupid and corrupt and I think for myself. Straight edge is perverted. People try to reinvent the rules and use it for their own purposes. Whatever happened to thinking? If I were going to call myself straight edge, I might as well just submit my mind to some stupid religion because its just the same except with different slogans and lies," Menendez said.

Youngstown is a scene of musicians with different views, personalities and lifestyles when it comes to drugs and alcohol.

With each person in the scene a new world of thinking come to the forefront, as drugs and alcohol continue to influence the music of Youngstown in one way or another.

'13 Ghosts' scares horror buffs from theaters

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

Expensive frills and cheap thrills are at the core of Hollywood's latest release. But for some reason, these two things are just not enough to earn "13 Ghosts" a place among the more memorable fright flicks.

Scary movies go hand-in-hand with gory details and shrieking surprises (duh), but what really makes any movie of this sort stand out is the one plot twist that leaves the audience thinking, "I had no idea." Well, soon after the grueling and pointless opening scene of "13 Ghosts" you do have an idea.

It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out something is a little skewed with the dead Uncle Cryus (F. Murray Abraham) when he leaves his mansion to his nephew, Arthur (Tony Shalhoub), who doesn't seem to have known his uncle all that well.

Arthur's wife recently

died in a fire, and ever since, the family has been struggling to make ends meet, so Uncle Cryus' offer is more than welcome. Arthur and his two kids, Bobby (Alec Roberts) and Kathy (Shannon Elizabeth) and their nanny, Maggy (Rah Digga) do not hesitate to see what their new home is like. Upon the arrival to the mansion, more clues are given about the questionable Uncle Cryus.

The house is an absolute dream, and this really is one of the highlights of the movie. The walls are glass and elegantly written on them are Latin words, later to be discovered as protection spells. The doors open with intricate machinery, and the inside is decorated with all sorts of antiques. At the house, the family is met with an annoying electrician, Rafkin (Matthew Lillard), who can be recognized from the opening scene of the movie as being a ghost hunter and psychic. However, it would have been more interesting if the audi-

ence had never seen Rafkin before.

As Arthur goes to sign the papers for the house, he instructs Bobby, Kathy and Maggy to stay right where they are. Of course they don't listen and decide to explore more of the house. During the time that Arthur is separated from his family, he learns from the disguised ghost buster, Rafkin that this place is also the home of 12 unhappy, tortured souls, which Cryus had held captive in the basement. And what part of the house did little Bobby decide to explore?

The search for Bobby begins, and thanks to the special spectra glasses, Arthur quickly becomes a believer in the ghosts that he can now see. This is the second highlight of the movie. The ghosts are disgustingly horrifying, and it is almost too hard to even look at them. Even though they are visually awesome, they are not all that scary because little history is provided about them.

Eventually, the team searching for Bobby dwindles down to Arthur, Rafkin and Kalina (Embeth Davidtz), a character who appears out of nowhere. She is introduced at the



beginning of the movie, but her role is soon forgotten. Kalina makes her way to the heart of the house, which is a complex gear-filled mechanism. Each time the cogs move, a new ghost is released from its cage, and parts of the walls shift and close up, endangering the crew even more. The house's only mystery is not that it is full of ghosts, but the mansion is really a machine that holds the key to opening the eye of hell. The only thing missing to this key is the 13th ghost.

"13 Ghosts" is a visually superior movie. There are a lot of spooks on the way. But if the plot was more intriguing, and if the audience didn't learn the important keys to the movie way before the climax, "13 Ghosts" would have what it takes to become a classic.

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Nov. 1
8 p.m.
Dana Percussion Ensemble
Kilcawley Chestnut Room

Nov. 4, 5
8 p.m.
Dana Opera Workshop
Bliss Recital Hall

Nov. 6
8 p.m.
Dana Symphony Orchestra
Stambaugh Auditorium

Nov. 7
12:15 p.m.
John Turk Tuba Recital
Butler Institute

Nov. 14
12:15 p.m.
Dana Chamber Winds
Butler Institute

Nov. 14
8 p.m.
Dana Saxophone Recital
Bliss Recital Hall

Nov. 15
8 p.m.
Dana Flute Ensemble
Bliss Recital Hall

Nov. 19
8 p.m.
YSU Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos
Kilcawley Chestnut Room

Nov. 20
8 p.m.
University Chorus
Bliss Recital Hall

Nov. 21
12:15 p.m.
Clarinet Studio Recital
Butler Institute

Theater

Nov. 8-10, 16-17
8 p.m.
"A Fitting Confusion"
Ford Theater, Bliss Hall

Nov. 11 and 18
3 p.m.
"A Fitting Confusion"
Ford Theater, Bliss Hall

Art

Nov. 16
6-8 p.m.
YSU Senior Student Show and Harned and Palay Exhibition
McDonough Museum
Student show will be up until Dec. 7
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BEATING AROUND THE BUSH: Bush's latest album "Golden State" does not live up to the rock 'n' roll core that the band claims.

Rock band Bush anything but golden with latest effort

By KELLY WALSH
Jambor Editor

Although the band boasts that its latest album is truly a rock 'n' roll record, Bush's "Golden State" needs to be whacked.

The songs on the "Golden State" definitely follow the spirit of the band's previous releases. The uninteresting tracks make the album's songs sort of morph together into one messy mass, with no help from Gavin Rossdale's annoying voice, which sounds like a bad imitation of Eddie Vedder, Robin Goodridge's monotonous drum beats, or Nigel Pulsford's lame guitar riffs.

Of course, on the album are a few extremely radio friendly songs. Inflation is the

token slow, sensitive tune that will probably soon be overplayed on MTV and will be part of the rotation of songs on the radio. And then there is the song "Superman," which will most likely become the latest radio rock ballad. But seriously, is there the need for another band to jump on the Superman-themed song bandwagon?

"Golden State" was written in October and November of last year, soon after the band toured Europe in support of their third album, "The Science of Things." The band put together music for Rossdale's words and claims to have added a new feel to their music, experimenting with styles that they have not before.

Adding to this so-called fresh sound was a new atmosphere in the recording process. The band decided to finish recording the album in LA and work with Atlantic Records rather than in London where all of their previous studio experiences took place. Big whoop. The music does not offer any groundbreakingly different sounds from their past albums.

If there is any sort of rock 'n' roll triumph to have been made with Bush's "Golden State," it is that the band is still around making music. After their fourth album, Bush is sure to become another has-been band that insists on making music even though its fan base has slowly and continues to deteriorate.

Gospel Choir getting ready to spread word

By JEFF ARCHIBALD
Jambor Reporter

The sound of applause from at least 50 members echoed through the hall as newcomers entered the YSU Gospel Choir rehearsal.

Brian Pisor, freshman, pre-business management, said he was overwhelmed at how welcome he felt being there for the first time. After the guests were received, members of the Gospel Choir gave testimonies of how God has graced their lives. After a few brief announcements, rehearsal was underway.

Pisor said that although the excitement was running high, Mark Jackson, junior, music education, had everything under control. With a slight raise of Jackson's hands, everyone was up and out of their seats ready to sing.

Even more visitors were drawn into the rehearsal hall after the choir's voice permeated the hall of the third floor in Bliss.

President Mark Jackson, who is also the Director of Music at the Holy Trinity Church in Akron, heads the YSU Gospel choir.

Jackson, junior, music education, has been a minister of music there since he was 13. The idea came to Jackson to start a gospel choir at YSU when he realized that some students are forced to learn music with which they may not be familiar or comfortable.

"It's an enjoyable experience to learn about gospel music," said Jackson. "It adds something to your character as well. I want to spread the word to all who will accept it."

The gospel choir started in 1998 with six members and every year continues to grow. In 1999 there were 30 members and in 2000 there were 45.

Jackson said the choir has about 56 members now and that they will continue to

come and go. Jackson said that although the vast majority of the members are African-American, the choir is considered ethnically diverse with many denominations represented.

One of their main goals, Jackson said, is to "reach souls for Christ." Melanie Heyman, junior, secondary education/English, said the only qualification for being in the choir is wanting to "spread the word."

Jackson said he believes the majority of the members in the choir are saved but that it's not necessary. There are some auditions involved, but only for the lead parts, said Heyman.

Jackson said that they will even take people who can't sing, but when they are done, they will be overwhelmed by the outcome.

"We have some that are totally tone-deaf. They just need to have an open mind and a will to learn," said Jackson.

Jackson said one of their first great accomplishments was performing at the Ivy League Gospel Fest where he was the choral director.

He said that it opened up many doors for the choir, including the opportunity to work with gospel recording artists such as Donnie McClurkin, Marvin Winans, and Jehovah's Chosen. They've toured in New York City and Philadelphia and plan on traveling to Georgia next.

A new segment of the choir titled "Vision" is planned for this year and will be headed by his brother Jonathan, Mark said.

Jackson said "Vision" has many focuses. He said that they would have community services to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital as well as caroling around the holiday for those in nursing homes.

He also said fundraisers are planned and will be open

to the public. Some events soon to be scheduled are laser tag, bowling, skating, and a 3 on 3 basketball shootout.

Jackson said they also planning a lock-in for the beginning of the year so students can learn about Christ and leadership abilities. He said that they have a bible study, open to the public, 4 p.m. every Friday before rehearsal.

One of their main focuses for "Vision" is that of a luncheon that would also be open to the public titled, "Men of Valor and Women of Virtue," said Jackson. He said that this would be a time for men to learn how to "be a man" and be responsible, and for women to learn to stand on their own two feet and be virtuous.

Jackson said he feels confident that all the goals set for the choir will be reached and that anything not accomplished will be for financial reasons.

He said William Blake is their advisor, and that "if we're ever in need, he's a busy man, but he'll be there for us."

One final goal Mark intends to accomplish before he graduates is to have a gospel curriculum implemented. He said sometimes he gets hindered in his studies because all this is different from his actual degree.

He said he would like to find a way to have the university incorporate things like vocal training, sight-reading, an etymology of gospel music, and the different art forms like rap, mime, and step, into the curriculum.

Jackson also said that if in two years the work were still in progress, he'd stay around to keep it going unless his career takes him in another direction.

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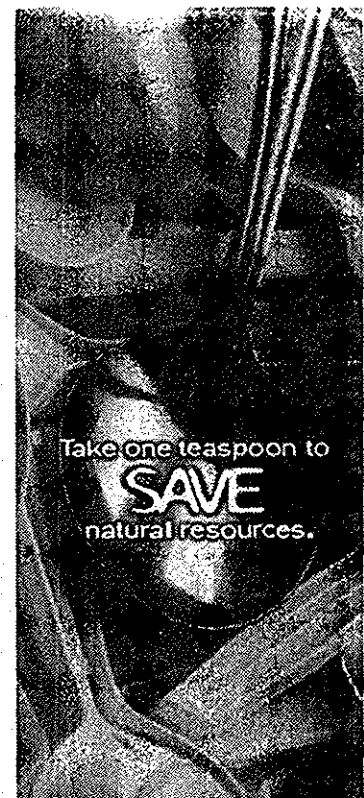
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Sports & Recreation

Sports in review

Teams suffer several losses

Soccer team falls victim to Valparaiso

The YSU soccer team lost 2-0 Sunday to Valparaiso. They are now 1-18 overall and 0-5 in the Horizon League, they close the season on Nov. 3 at Detroit Mercy, at 1 p.m.

Cross Country takes third-place in conference

YSU men's cross country took third-place during their first Horizon League Championships. Emily Schmitzky earned Female Newcomer of the Year award and first-team all-conference honors. Both teams compete Nov. 10 in the Great Lake Regionals in Terre Haute, Ind.

Volleyball drops below .500 mark, loses to Cleveland

YSU dropped 10-11 overall and 1-3 in the Horizon League after dropping a five-game decision to Cleveland State. The next match is against Robert Morris, Wed. at 7 p.m. in Beechly Center.

Divers make a splash at Clarion

YSU divers qualified for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships in both the one-meter and three-meter events. They take on Mt. Union at Baldwin Wallace Nov. 3 at home in the Beechly Natatorium.



WEIGHING IN: Todd Burkey, YSU's new strength and conditioning coach, fits a support belt on one of many who have been lifting weights with him in Stadium's weight room.

Coach comes home

By SUSAN KELLY
Jambar Assistant Editor

When Todd Burkey took the position of strength and conditioning coach at YSU, he was coming back home. He said one of the best things about being here was having people recognize him.

"It made me feel welcome," he said. Add the fact that Burkey knows Ron Strollo, and "things were feeling more comfortable every day," he said.

Burkey graduated in 1994 from YSU with a degree in exercise science. From there, he took a job at the Cleveland Clinic in the sports health and orthopedic program.

"It made sense, especially because I'm a certified, licensed athletic trainer," Burkey said.

His responsibilities include weight strengthening and conditioning for all 28 athletic teams. Each sport has a scheduled workout time and basically uses the same train-

ing program to keep fit.

Burkey said his basic philosophy is that everyone's anatomy is basically the same, so the focus is on how motivated an athlete is to push him or herself to the maximum potential.

"The first thing I do when an athlete shows up is to ask questions," he said. "Like, 'What do you need? What are your goals? What are your physical needs? and What are your academic needs?'"

He said he assumes education comes first and tries to encourage studying over training if an athlete needs improvement. He also works with the department's nutritionist and encourages a healthy diet.

While employed at the Cleveland Clinic, Burkey became a strength conditioning specialist through the National Strength Conditioning Association and earned his master's in sports science from Ashland University.

Burkey said the Horizon League was an excellent move for YSU.

"It's a great incentive for competition for our sports teams, plus the added exposure will only help us," he said.

Some of the athletes Burkey trains are what he calls stand-out power lifters. What defines a power lifter is the "repetition maximum in whatever lifting style an athlete chooses," he said.

Burkey said he likes the idea of a power lifting team, such as those at Ohio University.

"I don't think it's logistically feasible here because of the Title IX stipulation of equal opportunity. Our football team boasts 80 members. Looking at our other sports participants overall, we needed to add some female sports to balance things," he said.

"Lots of schools have weight lifting clubs. That's something I would be interested in at YSU if students took the incentive to try to start something and approached me," he said.



LIFT OFF: Todd Blackwell, senior, criminal justice, does his normal Monday workout; Blackwell, who plays defensive end for the Penguins, is preparing for this week's game against Southern Illinois. He and many other teammates work out every day.

Soccer club kicks in at YSU

By AIMEE CARROLL
Jambar Reporter

Soccer balls were kicked to defeat Kent State University's club soccer team on Saturday. In fact, YSU scored five goals against the team.

As of Sept. 24, YSU gained another club team. Mark Moccia, junior, mechanical engineering, formed a soccer club team for both men and women.

YSU has a women's varsity soccer team but doesn't have a men's soccer team.

The reason — title IX. Title IX is a law for the NCAA that says the number of women playing sports should be around the same or equal to the number of men playing sports.

Due to the large number of males on the football team, there are nine women's varsity teams and only seven men's varsity teams.

This has affected many universities and colleges, resulting in a dropping number of varsity teams.

According to Bobbe Burke, Miami University of Ohio student activities, MU of Ohio is suing the NCAA for discrimination because it was forced into dropping its men's golf and soccer teams.

Cory Reinard, junior, crim-

inal justice, said, "I think YSU should definitely have a men's soccer team. I know several people who have gone on to different schools just so they could play soccer there."

Moccia, president of the club team and Hubbard junior high school soccer coach, is trying to change all this.

He said, "I love playing soccer and miss it."

The club team's first game was Saturday against KSU. YSU won with a score of 5-4.

Moccia said the club team is trying to get in a league so it can play several other Ohio colleges and universities such as The Ohio State University, Ohio University and The University of Toledo.

There was a soccer club team last year, but Moccia said it didn't work out and fell apart after a couple of games because it wasn't organized, and there wasn't enough communication between members.

The campus recreation and intramural sports handbook said there are seven steps in the operation of club sports. They are travel, budget guidelines, eligibility, equipment, scheduling, publicity and medical and insurance policies.

Moccia said they have established and are working all of the operations.

He said the members car

poled for Saturday's game against Kent, and this is what they will be doing for future games.

Moccia said the initial fee is \$40.

"The \$40 will cover the cost of jerseys and to pay refs. We are currently trying to get sponsors."

He also said most of the games will be held at other schools, but there will be some at YSU. The team is allowed to play in YSU's stadium if there are no other varsity sports taking place.

The team is currently looking for a coach. Club teams don't have to have a coach, but Moccia said it would be an advantage.

Reinard said, "I miss playing soccer, so that is why I'm playing."

"It is interesting to now be playing with people I played against in high school."

Moccia said, "We currently have 16 members, but that number will increase and decrease."

They have also elected officers.

They are Nasser Al-Shareef, vice president; David Wagner, secretary; and George Anagnostou, treasurer.

He said anyone interested can still join by calling (330) 534-5891.

Road to playoff hit bump Saturday

By AIMEE CARROLL
AND DAN PALOSKI
Jambar Reporters

The YSU football team's road toward making the playoffs just got a little rockier with its loss Saturday to Western Kentucky, 24-14.

"I don't think anyone knows about our playoff chances," said Head coach Jon Heacock. "The only thing we can control right now is if we win our games."

Western Kentucky set the tone for the game, scoring on its first two possessions.

The Hilltoppers' (6-2, 3-1) first drive covered 75 yards in 10 plays, culminating with a 1-yard touchdown run on fourth and goal by quarterback Donte Pimpleton for a 7-0 lead.

After a punt by the Penguins, Western Kentucky again took 10 plays to score a touchdown. This time it was DeWayne Gallishaw scoring on an 8-yard run, extending WKU's lead to 14-0 mid-way through the first quarter.

A turnover by the Hilltoppers led to the Penguins' first points. WKU's Joseph Jefferson fumbled a punt that was recovered by the Penguins.

The Penguins (6-2, 4-2) drove the field, scoring on a 3-yard run by quarterback Jeff Ryan to cut their deficit to 14-7. Western Kentucky added

to their lead halfway through the third quarter with a field goal by Peter Martinez, making it 17-7.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, momentum seemed to shift the Penguins' way. LeVar Greene blocked a punt, which was scooped up by Chris DiMauro and ran

"Our football lives depend on this game."

— JON HEACOCK

YSU head football coach describing the upcoming Southern Illinois game.

back 26 yards for a touchdown, bringing YSU within 17-14.

WKU went three and out on its next possession. YSU got the ball back and drove down to the Hilltoppers' 27-yard line before Ryan was intercepted, ending the threat.

Again, the Penguin defense held, forcing WKU to punt again. On the ensuing punt, the ball bounced off the facemask of YSU's Carlos Pearson and was recovered by Western Kentucky at the YSU 24-yard line.

"I think momentum changed on that play," Heacock said. "We needed to win

the turnover and kicking game, none of which we did."

The Hilltoppers capitalized on the turnover, scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run by Curtis Hamilton for the final margin of victory, 24-14.

A minute and a half later, YSU had a chance to get within a touchdown, but place-kicker Jake Stewart's 42-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right.

"The game was close," said Daniel Solomon, freshman, education. "I was hoping YSU could make a comeback, but it just didn't happen."

For the game, Western Kentucky racked up 278 total yards with 265 of those coming on the ground. YSU was held to 168 total yards, 228 yards below its season average.

YSU's leading rusher, P.J. Mays, was held to 53 yards on 17 carries. Ryan completed 11 of 22 passes for only 93 yards. He had two interceptions.

The Penguin defense was led by linebacker Jon Tekac, who had 16 tackles, while defensive back Anthony Barone chipped in with 11.

YSU's next game is Saturday at Southern Illinois. Heacock described the game as a "must win."

"There are no other options at this point. Our football lives depend on this game," Heacock said.