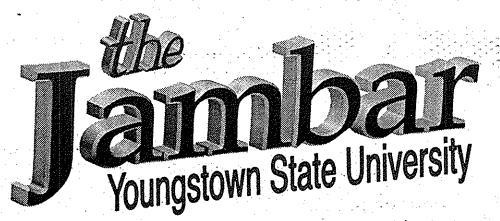


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Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio

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### Students chosen for board of trustees

■The students said they are excited to work toward making Youngstown a better community.

KATIE BALESTRA Copy Editor

Two YSU students were appointed to the Youngstown Board of Trustees June 16 by Gov. Bob Taft.

Mollie McGovern, junior, telecommunications and geography, was appointed to the board for two years.

Kristin Serroka, junior, ter said. accounting, was appointed for one

Taft expressed his appreciation in letters to both McGovern and Serroka.

"I am deeply grateful for your willingness to contribute to state government and to this administra- expressing the concerns of YSU tion's goals of improved education, safer neighborhoods and higher paying jobs," the letter said.

It went on to say, "Your leadership skills, commitment to your around you are evidence of your community, including YSU. public, and I welcome you to

He said after shuffling ple," she said. through the applications of many other qualified individuals, McGovern and Serroka were choboards and commissions to serve opinions. on Youngstown's board.

"I rest assured that your abilities and skills will enable you to serve as an effective member of the university community," his let-

be part of a committee geared to making Youngstown a better place

"I think it benefits the committee to have students at the meetings, and I hope to offer an opinion students," she said.

"I am also excited to have the opportunity to work with administration," she added.

McGovern said she is also community and dedication to looking forward to being involved trustees. improving the lives of those in an organization that affects the

part of a committee aimed at rush councilor for fall recruiment, Sen. Robert F. Hagan also cally. I would like to not only see Republicans, Women's League of expressed his congratulations in more businesses come to Voters, Centurians and Alpha letters to McGovern and Serroka. Youngstown but also more peo- Lambda Delta.

According to McGovern, as members of the board, she and Serroka do not have voting privisen by the governor's director of leges but are there to offer student

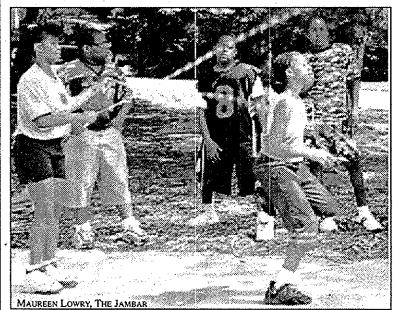
> In addition to being a member of the board of trustees, McGovern is also on the University Scholars Board of Trustees and the United Way Publications Committee.

She is also the senior producer Serroka said she is excited to of Time Talk, a public affairs television talk show, the radio board operator and Ohio news report producer at WYSU-FM, an intern at WFMJ-TV 21, a Model United Nations participant, the press secretary for the Global Education Program, a member of the Centurians and a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta.

Serroka is also involved in many other activites at YSU in addition to being a member of the

She is the vice president of Student Government, a member of improving Youngstown economi- a member of the College

# Playing Games



SUMMER FUN: Summer day camp students enjoy a game of jump rope Monday in front of the F-5 parking lot off Elm Street. The students will be on campus for six weeks this summer as part of the program.

### Contract negotiations resolve possible faculty union strike

■Two members of the APAS union said they were content with the new contract.

KATIE BALESTRA Copy Editor

Negotiations came to an end Thursday after reaching impasse the week before when the Association . of. the Administrative/Professional Staff reached an agreement with the uni-

stipulations of their new contract. Members of the APAS include librarians, assistant athletic trainers, coordinators and academic advisers, among others.

versity negotiating team on the

coordinator, Writing Center, and team, the new contract offers sev- said. eral new benefits.

percent raise each year for three into the meeting hoping to receive years, vacation days for part-time compensation for education and staff, a \$500 degree benefit for those who have a degree beyond university also agreed to review the structure of the pay schedule.

Zander said one of the main 3 percent raise; however, union salaries of the third quarter quartile tent with the agreement. benefit.

Zander explained that there is a pay chart the university goes by to ensure employees are paid what they should be by a certain number

of years, according to the position. She said the first quartile, five years of employment, and the second quartile, 10 years of employment, are acknowledged, but the third quartile, 15 years of employment, is not. She said 19 individuals would be affected in the administrative and professional staff if they decided to recognize the quar-

However, Zander said she is content with the agreements.

"Even though I am aware that we did not achieve everything According to Sherri Zander, some of the members hoped we would, the contract we achieved is member of the union negotiating a good package for the union," she

Sallie Kenney, president, She said it now includes a 3 APAS, said union members went experience.

"The university now recogwhat is required for their position nizes people with degrees, and the and one emergency leave day. The university APAS committee will address the pay structure," she

Phil Hirsch, executive direcreasons for the settlement was the tor, Administrative Services, and chief spokesperson for the univermembers were hoping to receive sity, said both sides seemed con-

> "I think it's a very good, balanced agreement," he said.

Union

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## Faculty union polls university

The Executive Committee of the faculty union at YSU recently polled the university faculty on topics including office spaces, classroom conditions and administration/faculty relationships. The results of the poll were released Monday. A sample of the questions and answers are listed below. Look for reactions to the poll

Question	%Agree	%Disagree
Faculty can express views to college		
administration without fear of reprisal	34.8	65.2
College administration cooperates with		
faculty to solve problems	34.5	65.5
Long-term vision for college has been		
clearly articulated	28.0	72.0
YSU administration takes faculty		
grievances seriously	28.5	71.5
YSU administration effectively managed		
accusation of plagiarism	18.2	81.8
Faculty can express views to YSU		
administration without fear of reprisal	24.9	75.1
A long-term vision of <b>YSU</b> has been		
clearly articulated	28.6	71.4



IN COSTUME: Costume designer Rick Schilling shows off some of his costumes in Bliss Hall Wednesday. He is setting up a display for the Summer Festival of the Arts, which will be on campus Saturday and Sunday.

### New fiscal year budget affected by second cut

Departments are struggling to compensate. although most agree there was more time to prepare than with the first budget cuts.

new YSU budget. At \$112.87 million, this year's budget is 2.2 percent more than FY 2000.

Despite the increase, the other also took place Saturday, which left departments with 12 percent less money than they had one year ago. Although the money was supposed to come out of the operating budget, many departments are reconfiguring their entire budget in order to compensate.

According to Dr. G.L. Mears, executive vice president, the budget includes the effects of the cuts, and there would have been more if the cuts hadn't taken place.

Although offices and departments across campus are making due with a smaller budget, there is concensus that receiving the cut at the beginning of the fiscal year was by far better than the mid-year cut experienced in January.

Thomas Atwood, director of

Fiscal year 2001 is officially Maag Library said, "It helped so underway, and with it comes the much that [the cut] took place at the beginning of the year. We knew what was coming and had

time to prepare." YSU Police Chief John half of a campus-wide budget cut Gocala said, "Any kind of budget cut hits, but I'm still going to provide the same amount of service. One of the things that keep this campus safe is the visibility of the

> The cuts were implemented in order to increase the amount of money in the university's reserve fund and to ensure it is above the state-mandated minimum.

> es make up about 20 percent of YSU's budget, so the actual cuts are only 6 percent of that 20 percent, not 6 percent of the total budget.

percent of the budget is reserved for faculty and staff salaries, with the rest being operating expenses

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He added that about 75 to 80.

police."

Mears said operating expens-

and miscellaneous.

Group works to revitalize city's image **■Committees in Youngstown have looked to Akron and Cleveland for** techniques to improve the city.

Maureen Lowry News Editor

Have you ever visited the Butler Museum of American Art, seen a performance of the Youngstown Symphony, or considered moving into an apartment near campus?

There is a local organization that seeks to improve these downtown resources

The Downtown Revitalization Committee is composed of area businesses and individuals who are improving Youngstown's image.

The DRC believes the development of the downtown will enable the surrounding region to flourish. Its Web www.cboss.com/drc, says, "The image of our entire community is driven by the image of our downtown.

A steering committee is in place at the helm of the operation to coordinate and supervise activities of the 10 sub-committees. Some of the sub-committees influence issues such as parking, safety, housing, and visual improvements.

The DRC held a conference at

Guest speakers from Akron and Cleveland shared their secrets of success with a room full of Youngstown area business owners, residents and local government

A number of different strategies concerning the renaissance of downtown Youngstown were pre-

Tom Armeni, an architect in the Cleveland area, has been asked to help influence the apartment projects in that city.

He said, "When an abundant number of residents move into any section of a town, an immediate need is created for businesses to open, for parking, for cultural diversions, and for more patrol by law enforcement officers. In order to achieve all of the individual aspects of renovating a downtown, the most efficient thing to do is create housing, and the rest will take care of itself."

A slide show was presented at the conference, highlighting the housing renovations that were successful in Cleveland.

Different types of buildings, some one-level factories, others former high-rise office structures, YSU last week. It was a meeting of had been restored. These apartthe minds of downtown revitaliz- ments can cost as much as \$2,000 ers from all over the state of Ohio. per month, and most find their ten-

According to the Web site, this type of development may be a bit advanced for our local committee; however, it is not impossible. The Youngstown DRC is getting its feet wet and enlisting the help of volunteers to accomplish smaller tasks these days.

Events such as Streetscape 2000 have taken place to get the ball rolling. This activity allowed contributors to "purchase" an area of the downtown, according to the Web site.

The DRC asks people if they patronize downtown businesses, or whether they involve themselves in downtown organizations or events. The answers to these questions will determine how supportive residents should be of this organization.

Natalie Griffith, part of the revitalization effort in Akron, presented one more question.

She said, "Think of all of the memories you have of your downtown area. Isn't it your responsibility to maintain and build memories for others so that downtown doesn't cease to be special to anyone?"

The DRC plans to borrow ideas from guests at the DRC conference and apply them to Youngstown.

### **SOAR** program gets underway

■Students in the orientation program learn what it's like to be a YSU student.

campus starting today. Recent high is like to be a student here." school graduates and other students just entering YSU are being brought to the university through Orientation, Student Advisement and Registration program going on through July 27.

According to Manning, associate director, Student Life, more than 1,200 future YSU students are registered to go through SOAR this month.

"This program is a chance for students to get to know the university," Manning said.

"In the afternoon they will be registering for fall courses. The rest of the time will be to facilitate them connecting with the university and making them feel welcome," he said.

Manning said the students will learn about campus resources during their orientation.

"The students will have the opportunity to interact with faculty, staff and current YSU students," he added. "Through this

Many new faces will be on they can get a good idea of what it

Manning said there are 12 current YSU students working as ori entation leaders this summer.

"The idea is to welcome the

new students to the YSU community and help them cut through the tension and anxiety of going to college," said Manning. During the academic year, the

orientation leaders will work at First Year Student Services as peer assistants to continue helping the new students.

"The new students will continue to be involved in First Year Student Services their first year to learn more about resources the university has to offer," said

There will also be shorter sessions of SOAR Aug. 8 for students admitted late to the university or for those who registered in March.

Manning added that orientation continues on through Welcome Week, which is Aug. 26 through Sept. 1.

### Union

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Hirsch added that the YSU Board of Trustees has not yet approved the contract, and the next meeting is not scheduled until Sept. 15.

Members of the union team included chief spokesperson Mike Matusick, OEA representative; Terry Fullum, administrative assistant, William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology; Melvin North, program developer, University Outreach/Metro College; Jody Patrick, academic adviser, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, and Sherri Zander, Writing Center coordinator, English department.

Members of the university negotiating team included chief spokesperson Phil Hirsch, executive director, Administrative Services; Thomas Atwood, director, Maag Library; Judith Gaines, executive director, Student Life; Mary Jo Repasky, administrative assistant, human resources; Judy Richards, associate director, intercollegiate athletics, and Diane Scacchetti, assistant director, international admissions and Center recruitment. International Studies and Programs.

## Correction

The Summer Festival of the Arts will be Saturday and Sunday, not July 1 and 2 as reported in the June 29 issue of The Jambar.

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#### Editorial

### **Organizations work** toward a better city

There are several characteristics about Youngstown such as great museums, Mill Creek Park, theater and a central location between Cleveland and Pittsburgh that distinguish it from other cities. But it is also known as Murder Capital USA, a "depressed area" and, to some, a lost cause.

But programs such as the Downtown Revitalization Committee, which is a volunteer-oriented organization, don't think the city is lost at all. The goal of the DRC is to help Youngstown citizens make use of downtown resources.

Crime, poor neighborhoods, run-down houses and a bad reputation on the north side of the city all work to keep students and other people from living near campus.

The DRC is working to promote the idea that an increase in the number of residents, businesses, grocery and department stores, and restaurants in the downtown area would make it possible for a 180 degree turnabout of views on the city.

This has been the idea behind the success of downtown revitalization groups all over the state. In Cleveland, old banks, hotels and factories have been renovated and now contain hundreds of apartments. Akron, Columbus and Cincinatti have all jumped on the revitalization bandwagon. Finally, Youngstown is catching up with the pack.

The DRC includes committees that focus on areas such as the arts, entertainment, downtown parking and safety. The DRC has organized such events as Streetscape 2000, in which people "purchase" a part of the downtown. A mural competition also helped raise interest along with volunteer work at museums and theater events.

The DRC also offers a lot for YSU. In addition to helping make the area more appealing to students, the volunteer-based organization gives ample opportunity for University Scholars, fraternities, sororities and other students to take part in community service projects.

Other such projects have been organized that give people little room to critisize lack of initative among Youngstown res-

YSU sponsors a neighborhood cleanup in which students dedicate a day to clearing branches and trash from the streets and improving the aesthetic elements of the north side. The Alliance for Congregational Transformation Influencing Our Neighborhoods, which is a church-based organization, has also worked over the past few years to improve the city's economic, educational and political facets.

With its position as the focal point of downtown and increasing influence in the community, YSU can't afford to be left out of the race to improve the city.

Youngstown is on its way up, and these organizations are forming the city's ladder to a better future.

### A STAFF VIEW CHRISTINA PALM Managing Editor

## Sacrificing summer

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Summer. It's the time for college students to relax, soak up some sun, see far-away friends and maybe make some extra cash for the next school

Well, maybe that's true the first couple summers of college life, but not for long. I realized that the hard way this summer. I was really looking forward to a little break, some time to loose my pasty white glow.

Instead, I spend **66** [Life] involves all of my time in class, in The Jambar office, or working in the mall.

For those of us having to work our way through school, life goes far beyond classes and going out at night. It involves sacrificing leisure time so we can stay in school so we can get that degree so that someday we won't have

to work so hard or so

much. There are also those of us paying for our own place, paying our own bills, or raising a family. Although I don't have a family of my own, I have moved away from home and have many bills to pay. I'm not complaining though.

Many people have asked why I don't move back home, save up money, and relax a little. I've thought about this and have had numerous conversations with my parents about it. The fact is, I like supporting soon be over with and salary jobs myself.

Besides, home isn't the same anymore, and anyone in the same situation will agree.

So my sacrifice for living on my own and taking summer classe so I can work on The Jambar is my vaca-

Sure, sometimes I ask myself why I run myself ragged or why I didn't take the summer off, but I've learned something in the process.

I've learned how to treasure my time I have off. I am in the process of learning how to bal-

> ance my time between family and friends (although I haven't quite mastered that, and yet my true friends always seem to understand).

I've learned that sometimes I just need to stop, go outside and feel the sun on my face. And I've learned that I'm allowed to take a day off once in a while.

I've realized doing these things

won't hurt me in the long run. So for those of you who

don't have to worry about money so much and aren't taking summer classes so you can sleep and party all summer, I admit I'm a little jealous. Enjoy your time because it probably won't

But for those of you in the same boat I am in, forced to take summer classes and work 40 hours a week on top of that, keep your chin up.

Have faith in knowing that it will where you can take vacations and not have to worry about causing yourself to be short come next pay day - are in the near future.

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#### **4 STUDENT VIEW** HEATHER VAN SICKLE **Contributing Writer**

#### maker proposed that teachers and ings in the United States, especialfaculty in the state's schools ly the one that occurred last year in should be armed as a way of Columbine. reducing school violence. Not one sidering such an outrageous sug- should be armed. gestion.

Mark Paschall included the idea in Columbine is located. Colorado Governor Bill Owens's education program.

cle, Paschall is quoted as saying, crous. "I'm dead serious." It was an interesting choice of words.

Paschall said at least 10 perminute should be spent even concent of every school's faculty

Paschall even said his propos-According to an article in The all came at the request of teachers Vindicator, State Representative in Jefferson County, where

Whether this is true or not, the idea is still without merit. More end violence, not promote it. He wasn't joking. In the arti- than that, it borders on the ludi-

that such a move would make this Attorney General Janet Reno The proposal comes as a reac- country's schools any safer. There issued a guide to help do what

psychologists coming forward to back Paschall's effort.

Paschall's own colleagues dismissed the proposal as ridiculous. One, Rep. Nolber Chavez, even deep end."

If Paschall really wants to help the schools of Colorado and the rest of the country then he should look to solutions that would

In the same week that Paschall made his proposal, Secretary of There are no studies showing Education Richard Riley and

make schools safe. But in "Safeguarding Our Children: An Action Guide," there is no suggestion of arming teachers.

Safety proposal has no merit

In the guide, available at went so far as to call him "off the http://www.ed.gov, a community effort is recommended for keeping

> The guide promotes the formation of teams made up of police, parents, students, educators and mental health professionals working together to create school-wide foundations and promote early ple we want our children to trust. intervention for those kids at most

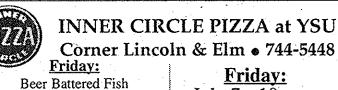
These are just a few of the rec-

Last month, a Colorado law- tion to the wave of school shoot- are no law enforcement officials or Paschall's proposal aims to do: ommendations of the guide. These proposals from the department of education and the department of justice are well studied and well thought out, in stark contrast to Paschall's over-the-top suggestion.

As a society, we should be looking for solutions that work and that don't have the potential to cause more harm than good.

The answer to the problem of school violence is not as simple as "give our teachers guns."

We cannot arm the very peo-We must look deeper, think harder and dismiss those who refuse to do



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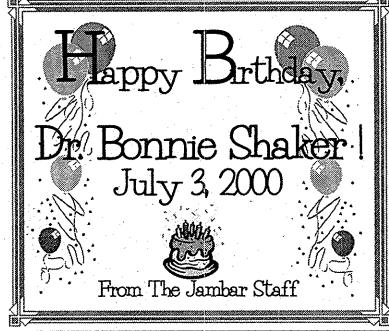
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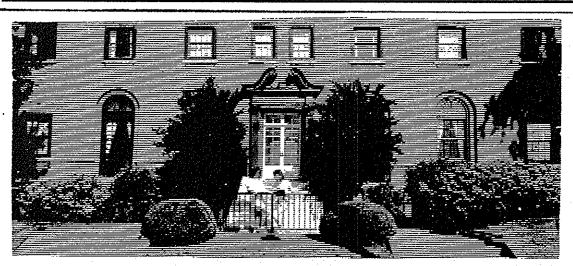
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