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## KSU President to speak at summer commencement



DR. MICHAEL SCHWARTZ

YSU — Dr. Michael Schwartz, president of Kent State University, will be the commencement speaker during YSU's summer graduation ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Commencement will be at 10 a.m. in Beeghly Center. About 425 students are expected to receive their degrees. Schwartz's address is entitled "Your Education and My Future."

Last March Schwartz announced his resignation from the presidency of Kent, effective Dec. 31. He will stay with the university as a professor of sociology.

Schwartz and Kent State were at the center of national attention earlier this year, when the university observed the 20th anniversary of the Vietnam War protest that ended with the deaths of four students and the wounding of nine others.

On May 4, 1990, Kent dedicated a

memorial to the victims.

Before the dedication, Schwartz wrote an open letter to the people of Ohio, which ran as a full-page advertisement in the major newspapers.

In the letter he invited all interested persons to attend the dedication. He also reiterated the purpose of the May 4 Memorial: to prompt individuals to inquire, learn and reflect upon the conflicting forces at work in the nation that led to the shooting.

"It is time for us to come to terms with the tragic events of 20 years ago — time to put those events in historical perspective," he wrote. "And while we will always remember, we must move on, knowing that we have grieved, learned and continue to learn."

Born in Chicago in 1937, Schwartz

worked his way up through academia as a professor and administrator before becoming KSU president in 1982.

He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's in industrial relations, and a doctorate in sociology, all from the University of Illinois.

He taught at Wayne State University, Indiana University and Florida Atlantic University, where he was named Distinguished Teacher for 1970-71 and served as dean of the College of Social Science from 1972 to 1976.

In 1976 Schwartz joined the Kent administration as vice president for graduate studies and research. He served as interim president from July to September 1977 and as vice president for academic and student affairs from 1977 to 1982.

## BITNET computer system draws Brazilian visitor

By KELLY LANTERMAN  
News Editor

Sally Kenney and Jody Patrick, advisors, CAST, are presently logged on to BITNET, which is an international computer system.

According to Patrick, YSU's computer is linked to Ohio State University and branches out internationally from there.

Kenney said, "We are net-

worked to the same computer that all the other computers are connected to."

Patrick offered the analogy of a phone system. "Instead of area codes, we're YSUB. And then you have a number that is kind of like your phone number. Once you have those two things, you can direct dial anyone, anywhere. The farthest we've gotten is Turkey," he said.

As a result of the BITNET system, Marcello Lopes, a native

of Brazil, is now visiting Youngstown. He is staying with Kenney and her family.

"About one year ago, I began talking to Sally and Jody and when I said I was going to tour America, Sally said I could stay with her," Lopes said.

Lopes is 22 years old and is studying at two universities in Brazil. He is majoring in engineering and computer science.

In addition to going to school,

he is also a computer programmer at a nuclear power plant.

He said the biggest difference between Brazil and America is the inflation.

"Right now in Brazil inflation is about 13.12 percent a day, but people are used to it. People raise their prices because they're used to raising them. There's really no need to," he said.

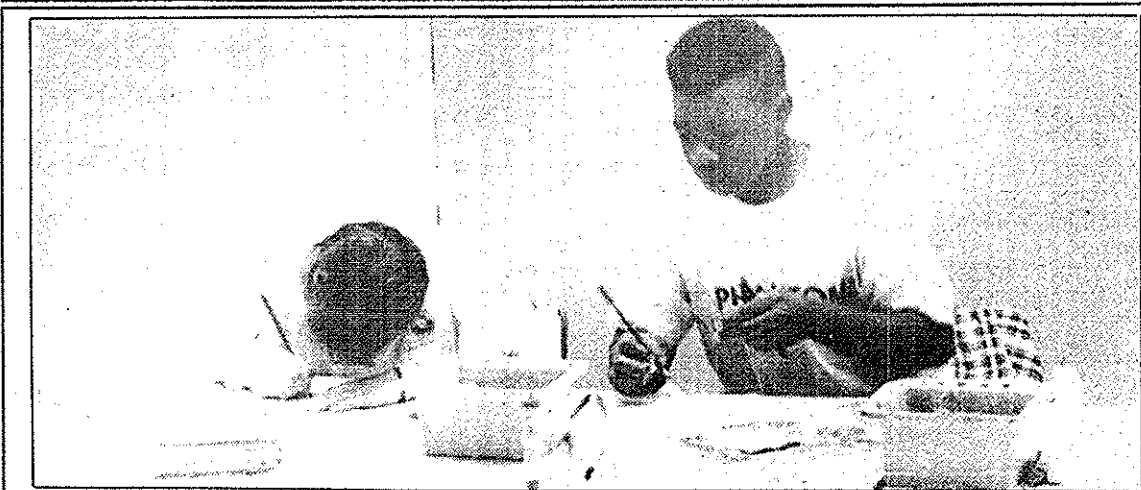
"Another difference is the size of the bikinis the girls wear. They're a lot bigger here.

They're really small in Rio," Lopes stated.

Besides being able to communicate worldwide with students such as Marcello, BITNET has many other useful purposes.

Kenney and Patrick are able to correspond with anyone on campus who has a university mainframe account.

The ability to communicate with other campuses around the



### A summer challenge:

Ted Fecko, left, and Derrick Jones, experiment with their creative possibilities at the Butler Summer Arts Camp, which runs through Aug. 11.

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## Arby's cools off students with ice cream window

By JAMI LALLO  
Staff Reporter

Arby's new ice cream window is open for business and is doing well, said Vicki Vitullo, manager.

Vitullo said reactions to Arby's newest addition has been good so far and said that when fall quarter comes it will be like "a madhouse."

Since Dairy Queen closed there has been no place on campus to buy ice cream and a new ice cream outlet was needed, she

said.

Soft-serve ice cream is being sold in wafer cones, shakes, mixed shakes and sundaes. Ice cream flavors are chocolate and vanilla, and shakes can also be made in strawberry and mocha. Mixed shakes can be made with Heath Bar, Butterfinger, Reeses, Oreo, Snickers or M&M's, and sundaes can be topped with chocolate, strawberry, hot fudge or pineapple.

Not much advertising has been done besides the large sign. See Ice cream, page 4

## Parenting skills needed to combat child abuse

By TONI YUHASZ  
Staff Reporter

*Editor's Note: This is part two of a two-part series discussing the problems of child abuse.*

Everyone knows how to be a parent and how to discipline a child, right? Wrong, says Dr. Marite Rodriguez-Haynes, psychology, Clarion University of Pennsylvania and limited-service faculty at YSU.

Our society perpetuates a false assumption that people "just know" how to be parents, she says. As a result, few people are ever taught effective parenting skills. She continues, "We assume that if a parent can be a biological parent then that parent can also be a psychological parent. We have classes and tests and licenses for driving, but parenting seems to be (considered) automatic."

Many abusive episodes occur because parents are ignorant of alternate forms, as well as accepted, methods of discipline. Most parents learn how to discipline from their own parents or other care-givers. Children accept what takes place in the home environment as "the norm." Unless someone tells them that what they have experienced is not normal pro-

cedure, they will adopt these procedures as part of their learned experience and use them in their adulthood.

Besides assuming that people intuitively know how to be parents, society also assumes that all abuse is intentional.

This simply is not so, Rodriguez-Haynes says. She explains, "Most parents, when they are being abusive, are doing it in the name of discipline."

Using an example of a parent who placed a child's hand on a hot stove to teach the child not to play with fire, she says, "The parent is disciplining the child, obviously using the wrong method, but it's not (with the intention) 'I'm going to hurt you, Child — it's (with the intention) I'm doing this for you to learn.'" The parent does not realize that this form of discipline is abuse.

Intentional abuse is found in the more severe cases where the child has been seriously traumatized. The very extreme incidents in which the child suffers multiple fractures, coma, or death are intentional. The parent who does these things to the child, Rodriguez-Haynes points out, "has some other type of motivation and a large proportion of those parents have psychological problems."

Society also assumes that in an

abusive situation neither parent nor child love each other. Again, this is not true. Although there may be problems at certain times, Rodriguez-Haynes emphasizes that the parent and child also share times when their relationship is loving and has "positive interaction." Most abusive parents are not monsters. If they were, the problem of child abuse would be less difficult to solve.

"If we could say (this parent) is a monster or (this parent) is crazy, then we could just send them to jail or put them in a mental institution," Rodriguez-Haynes muses, "but it isn't that easy."

Most abusive and neglective parents are "normal parents" who have a serious problem. Some of them may not admit they have a problem, others may think it is no one's business but their own and still others may not know what to do about it. Regardless of the parent's attitude toward the abuse, Rodriguez-Haynes stresses that for the child's sake efforts must be made to stop it.

The way to stop abuse, she says, is through education. Parents need to learn how to discipline and where to draw the line between discipline and abuse.

Rodriguez-Haynes strongly urges the use of reasoning over physical punishment as an effective form of discipline. She readily acknowledges that other experts will disagree with her but supports her recommendation by saying that the problem with physical punishment is knowing where to stop it.

If hitting a child is alright, is hitting the child with a belt or an electrical cord alright, too? Realizing that a parent will occasionally spank a child as an immediate response or out of fear, Rodriguez-Haynes says this does not necessarily make that parent abusive but it can, she cautions, set the precedent for future confrontations.

In choosing to reason with a child, the parent must remember to reason at the

child's level of development and to respond in a consistent manner to repeated behaviors. This means that if a parent says "no" to a child's request or behavior, the child must be able to understand what the word "no" means and the parent must say "no" to that request or behavior when it occurs the next time. If there is a reason to change the "no" to a "yes," the parent needs to explain the reason in terms the child can understand.

Education can alter abusive behaviors. Education can also keep abusive behaviors from developing. If society truly wants to do something about child abuse, Rodriguez-Haynes says it should be teaching parenting to its children. Beginning at the middle school or high school

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## Agencies need to fight abuse with specialists

By TONI YUHASZ  
Staff Reporter

When a child is severely injured or dies as a result of abuse or neglect, criticism is leveled at the social service agency, and more directly, at the social worker that was supposed to protect the child.

People wonder how repeated acts of abuse were ignored and why the child was left in a dangerously abusive environment. The question most often asked is, "What happened?"

Dr. Marite Rodriguez-Haynes, psychology, says the problem is two-fold: Most social workers are not specifically trained in the area of child abuse and they are grossly overworked.

The system, according to Rodriguez-Haynes, is such that just about anyone with a college degree can get a job in a social service agency. She said a lot of people serving as social workers do not have educational backgrounds in social work, psychology or child development. Mistakes are made, Rodriguez-Haynes said, because the social workers simply do not have the training necessary to do their jobs.

Compounding the problem is the fact that social service agencies are notoriously understaffed. Too many cases for too few workers can lead to disaster.

To combat the problem, Rodriguez-Haynes says, social service employees need to be better educated and more people need to be hired to carry the work load.

## Agreement approved with professional staff

YSU — YSU's Board of Trustees today approved a two-year agreement with its Association of Professional Administrative Staff.

The agreement, effective July 1 through June 30, 1992, calls for a one percent retroactive salary increase for 1989-90. For 1990-91, full-time employees will receive a 3.2 percent salary increase plus \$1,000. For 1991-92, they will receive a two percent salary increase plus \$1,000. The average increase for 1990-91 will be seven percent. The average increase for 1991-92 will be 5.6

percent.

President Neil D. Humphrey said, "I'm particularly pleased that an agreement was reached before talks reached the fact-finding stage, which involves third-party arbitration."

The agreement also calls for:

- No change in health benefits.
- Exemption of full and part-time coaches previously included in the bargaining unit.
- Creation of a child care study committee.
- Improvements in health and safety issues for employees.

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## EDITORIAL

### Number of gangs continue to increase throughout U.S.

The threat of gang violence has become quite a growing issue and one that has many people in a panic.

It used to be that gangs were far and few between. When violence did occur it happened only between various gangs without public involvement.

Now, there are gangs all throughout the United States, in Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Boston. The place that has most recently been receiving the most attention is New York City's Chinatown.

One of the leaders of the top street gangs in Chinatown was murdered recently, and on the day of his funeral a member of an opposing gang opened fire, injuring almost a dozen mourners.

It used to be that when gangs had a problem with another gang, they fought with their own hands, and it was considered a fair fight. Now these gang members, whether they be 12 years old or 20, male or female, are armed with automatic weapons.

The gangs in Chinatown not only deal in extortion, prostitution, raping and killing, but they also

manage to get \$40 to \$50 a day from area businesses and families that fear for their own lives and safety.

These people are scared to death to walk the streets or be outside at night because of the drive-by shootings that occur so often, taking the lives of the innocent, as well as some gang members.

These people are even afraid to admit that there is a problem in Chinatown, for fear that gang members will find out who they are and where they live and take revenge on them.

The Cable News Network recently interviewed people off the streets in Chinatown, and out of five people that were shown on the show, each one had the same reply—there is no problem.

Gangs serve as a form of identity to some teens and adults. Apparently the gang leaders are very hostile people and have much control over their members, enough to actually have these members kill other people for them.

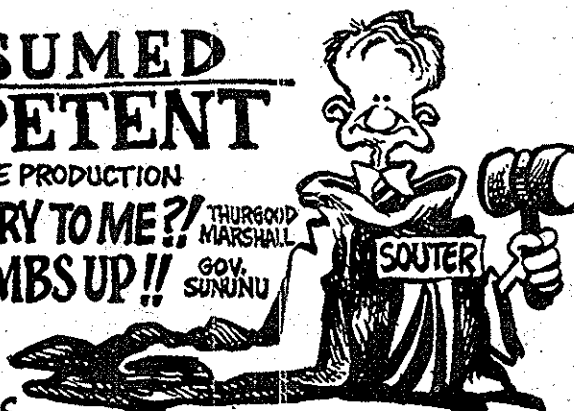
It's time something is done about these gangs before they destroy more neighborhoods and more lives of innocent people.

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IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME?!  
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## COMMENTARY

### Violence strikes too close to home

What's happening to the world we live in? I can remember the days when you didn't have to lock your doors at night or have alarm systems on your cars. Now, it's not even safe to walk our streets after dark — whether you are male or female.

Three times within the last three weeks guys that I know have been beaten up, for no apparent reason.

In each case, the victims were quietly leaving an area establishment when they were attacked.

Some people actually get a kick out of seeing other people suffer. I just can't comprehend this notion.

Picture this. You're walking out of your favorite hangout to where your car is parked. All of a sudden, three unidentified males approach you, hassle you and then proceed to beat you up.

Now I ask you, where is the fairness in that? It's three against one. And worse yet it is unexpected and you are not on your guard.

I used to be stupid enough to walk into these types of establishments alone, but no more. As one friend said, you don't



Dawn Marzano

realize how bad things really are until it happens to someone you know.

I shudder to think what would have happen to me if I were in the same situation. I probably would never overcome the helpless feeling these three guys had, and the fear that it may happen again.

I am writing this commentary to to warn others that no place is a safe place. Be on your guard at all times and trust no one or nothing, except your own instincts.

There are people in society who inflict fear and pain on innocent bystanders and actually enjoy doing it, so beware!

One can only hope that someday they will get back what they have had coming to them for a long time.

### Letters/Opinion submissions

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## Contracts meet minority regulations

YSU — YSU met its state-mandated goals for minority contracts during fiscal year 1990.

Ohio law requires state agencies to attempt to set aside 15 percent of their contracts for goods and services and five percent of their construction contracts for minority vendors.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, YSU issued in excess of \$8 million in contracts for goods and services. Of those, \$1.3 million, or 15 percent, went to minority vendors.

Of the construction contracts, minority vendors got five percent of more than \$9 million in contracts.

James S. Mineo, director of purchasing, said YSU has steadily increased the number of contracts set aside for minority vendors since Ohio House Bill 584 went into effect in 1980.

During fiscal year 1989, YSU had set aside 16.5 percent of its contracts for goods and services and five percent of its contracts for construction for minority vendors.

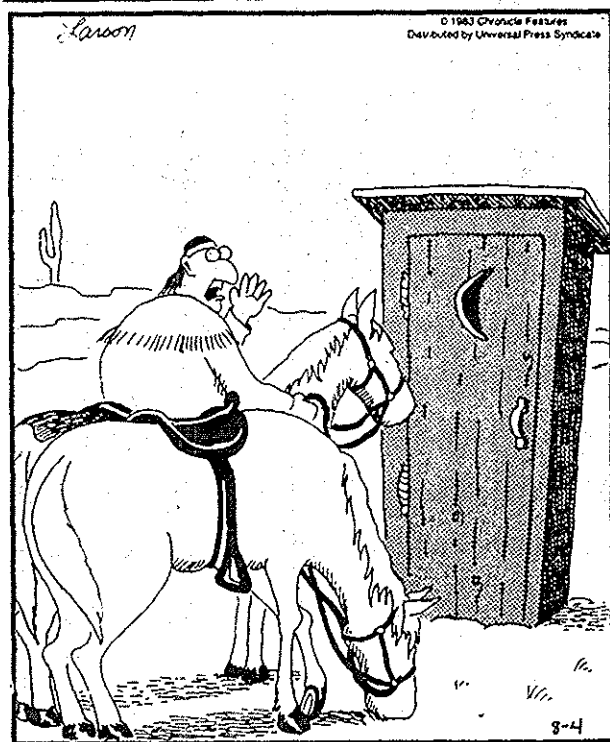
Five years before the bill was passed, YSU issued only about one percent of its contracts to minority-owned businesses.

To qualify for the set-aside program, minority business owners must register with the Equal Employment Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

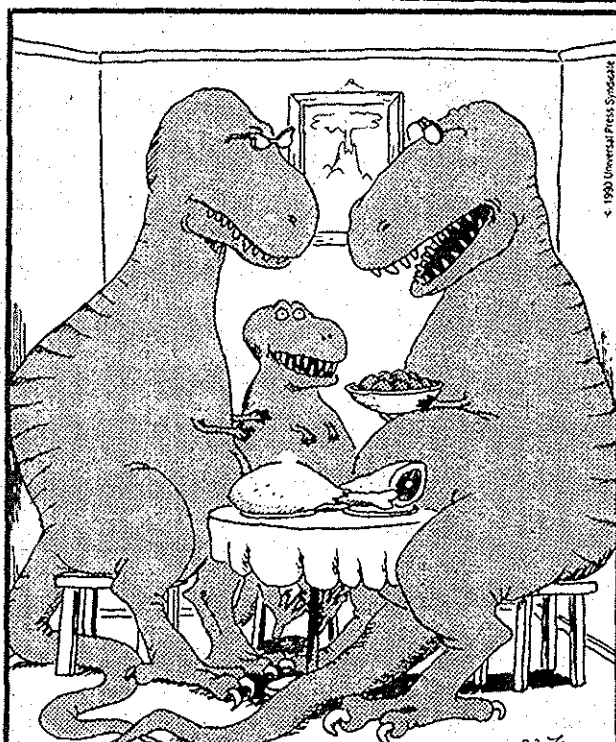
Minorities are defined by Ohio House Bill 584 as blacks, Hispanics, Orientals and American Indians.

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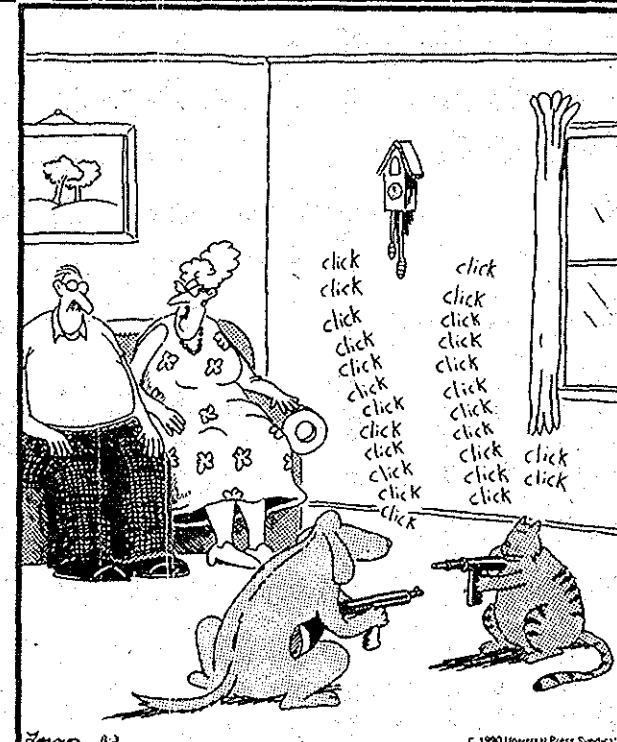
by GARY LARSON



"Kemosabe! . . . The music's starting!  
The music's starting!"



"Hey! I'm trying to pass the potatoes! . . . Remember,  
my forearms are just as useless as yours!"



"Introducing automatic weapons to a couple of dumb  
animals was irresponsible to begin with, Frank —  
but, my God! To think you almost left the bullets in!"

Abuse

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Level, programs need to be activated that teach children that parenting is a serious responsibility. "Right now," she says, "we're saying (to students) if you can have sexual intercourse, you can be a parent."

Parenting classes tell the student, "Just as we don't expect you to drive without studying, we don't expect you to be a

parent without studying." They teach specific skills and also "the attitude that parenting is important and that knowing about parenting is important."

Finally, Rodriguez-Haynes says, it is important that people learn to recognize the abused child and how to handle abusive situations as an outsider.

Abusive families tend to function as isolated units. The children have few friends and

always seem to be in a hurry to go home. Abused children often show signs of depression and anxiety. They are sometimes wary around adults and are usually "too" well-behaved. Family conversations tend to be negative and the child hesitates to offer suggestions or ideas.

When a person recognizes an abusive incident, Rodriguez-Haynes suggests that the person try to defuse the situation. A

non-threatening comment such as "What a beautiful child," can help draw the parent's attention away from the problem causing the abuse. The parent may or may not appreciate the interference but has been given a chance to focus on something else.

If a person has evidence of repeated or severe abuse, contact should be made with a social service agency. Again, the

parent may or may not appreciate the effort, but it is imperative to remove the child from the abusive environment and stop the abuse immediately.

In the very worst cases, the child's life could be at stake.

Rodriguez-Haynes concludes by saying, "Child abuse is everyone's problem. It can't be neglected."

BITNET

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world is simplified through the use of what is called a "listing," Patrick said. A person is able to receive information on a wide

variety of topics ranging from journalism to health and safety.

As for Kenney, who researches genealogy, her job is simplified through the use of BITNET.

"If there's a name I'm researching, maybe with ancestors in Europe, there's someone out

there who will know something and they'll respond," Kenney said.

"The hardest part about doing genealogy research is coming to a dead end and not knowing who to contact and where," she said.

"What was very interesting,

was when the wall was coming down in Germany, we were able to talk to students over there and get first-hand information and find out their feelings about what was happening," Kenney stated.

Ice cream

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grand opening sign hung in Kilcawley.

Vitullo said Arby's is looking into serving frozen yogurt. If anyone has any suggestions for them, they would like to know. "Just tell us what you want," Vitullo said.

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