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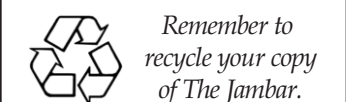
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STUDENTS AVOID VOTING

Freshmen weigh their new right as youth vote declines

Elizabeth Boon
Reporter

Youngstown State University freshman Jamie Jeffries is not registered to vote.

Although she just turned 18, she's been too busy to find out how she can sign up to cast her vote in the upcoming November 6 election.

"I have no idea where or how to do it," she said. "I don't even know where the voting places are."

Though she hasn't voted in the past, Jeffries described the importance of participating in the democratic process.

"People don't realize how much

would change if we voted," she said. Jeffries isn't the only YSU student who hasn't marked a ballot recently.

Junior Ashley Ruzz said that she is registered but hasn't voted in any local elections.

Ruzz said everyone should vote unless they have a legitimate excuse, like forgetting.

While Jeffries and Ruzz have positive outlooks on voting, not all students feel the same way.

Jessica McCarthy, a 19-year-old freshman who has never voted, said her outlook on voting came from her experience in high school government class.

"It's not actually you who are

electing the officials," she said.

Freshman Tom Daugherty disagrees. He said he doesn't have very strong political opinions but feels very strongly about voting. He said that he has been registered to vote since he was 18.

"It's our generation that has to make up for the mistakes that past generations have made," he said.

Daugherty said that every citizen has the right to decide whether they want to vote, but he stressed that it was a choice that affects many.

"They should take more initiative to form an opinion on issues. Voting affects everyone," he said.

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WORLD

Student groups hope to bring U.N. awareness to campus

Ashley Tate
News Reporter

In celebration of United Nations Day Wednesday, a student forum will be held in Peaberry's Cafe. Junior Craig Callow, president of Model U.N., said the forum hopes to promote U.N. awareness and involvement.

"It is basically discussing the relevance and role of the United Nations to the modern day world as seen through the eyes of our four organizations," said Callow.

The United Nations Association of the United States of America-Youngstown State University Chapter, also known as Model U.N., will host the forum, with student participants from three other organizations.

The three other organizations include the College Democrats, the College Republicans and Amnesty International.

Along with the Model U.N., these organizations will debate global and economic problems including the war in Iraq, America's job market, securing U.S. borders and finding alternative sources of fuel.

Senior Alex Mangie, president of the College Republicans, said in terms of global issues, he is concerned about "security and stability in the Middle East. That includes terrorism generally, Iran's nuclear program, and Russia and China's influence in the region."

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SERIES

Interview with a YSU trustee

Meshel talks community college and Smoky Hollow

Sarah Sole
News Editor

The Jambar sat down with YSU Trustee Harry Meshel as part of a new series that discusses campus issues with the trustees.

Q: What is the biggest issue YSU faces?

A: YSU needs to maintain economic balance, to provide the highest quality education at the lowest reasonable cost. This may mean being a little more frugal with expenditures. We could also lobby for additional state funds, in order to provide tuition at the lowest possible cost.

Q: What are some positives and negatives of implementing a community college at YSU?

A: A community college can stand alone, but it can also serve as an adjunct of YSU, while offering low cost schooling. As skills change, more entrance level education is needed for computer science, the Internet, and telecommunication.

"We're in a community where we do need multi-talented people."

At the same time, we need to worry about providing courses that are different from YSU's programs.

Q: How will being a member of the University System of Ohio impact YSU?

A: "It's not definite yet."

As a university, we still want to

obtain a community college. We also value our participation with the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine.



"We don't favor moving NEOUCOM anyplace."

At the same time, we can expand upon some of the medical programs that are currently available there. Cleveland State University should also be involved. In the future, NEOUCOM could grant Ph.D.s in physical therapy and nursing. It could even expand to dental and veterinary schools.

Q: How could the university expand its residential population?

A: Some students from the Youngstown area find it cheaper to live at home. The university could look at possibly providing lower cost housing. However, costs are always too high for some students.

"There's no simple answer."

Q: Regarding textbook prices, do you think the university wants to make money, or help the students save money?

A: YSU and other universities should pressure publishing houses to choose fair book prices. They could integrate a system to acquire more used books for students. Additionally, faculty

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ACADEMICS

Business students to manage YSU-funded investment

Adrienne Sabo
Editor In Chief

A new program at Youngstown State University will allow business students to manage a \$250,000 portfolio of stocks, bonds and other funds.

The Youngstown State University Foundation, who funded the student investment, helped to develop it with the Williamson College of Business Administration.

Betty Jo Licata, dean of the WCBA, said she is grateful to the YSU Foundation for allowing business students to manage a fund.

The investment fund provides students with hands-on experience in all areas of managing, building and maximizing a portfolio. Students must vote on any decision about the investment.

Students managing the portfolio will be enrolled in a course called Practicum in Portfolio Management, taught by Peter Chen, assistant accounting and finance professor. The course is for undergraduate and MBA students who have completed courses in investment analysis and business finance. Chen and an advisory council, made up of mem-

bers of the YSU Foundation and the local business community, will provide oversight.

YSU Foundation President Reid Schmutz said the foundation wanted to give students practical experience.

"The YSU Foundation has been long devoted to the students," he said.

Chen said the investment fund is a "unique opportunity to learn real investment" and that the program would attract future students to YSU.

Nick Raich, a WCBA graduate, said his first response when hearing of the investment fund was jealousy. He called the investment fund a "phenomenal experience" for students and said he wishes he would've had that experience.

Raich, who works for National City Private Client Group, said



"There is no better way to learn than by making decisions that have a real impact."

Betty Jo Licata, Dean of the WCBA

there is a big difference between managing real money and a simulated portfolio, Raich said.

The investment program and the course will begin this spring semester. Licata said in the future the program will be broadened to students at all levels in the business college.



"We think this program will attract future students."

Peter Chen, assistant accounting and finance professor

Photos by Adrienne Sabo

TO THE POINT

Award-winning professor to speak on Mesoamerican anthropology

Arthur Demarest, an award-winning professor of anthropology at Vanderbilt University will visit Youngstown State University at 6:30 p.m. today for a speech in DeBartolo Hall. He will speak on his experience as the director of the Vanderbilt Institute of Mesoamerican Anthropology, and as the general editor of the VIMA Monographs in Archeology. The VIMA focuses on the Maya, Olmec, Aztec and Inca civilizations. Demarest has directed close to three decades of archeological investigations in Central America.

University to offer flu shots

The Youngstown State University Student Health Clinic and the Youngstown Community Health Center will sponsor a Flu Clinic at the Student Health Clinic Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. The clinic is for anyone age 18 or older, and the \$15 fee must be paid by cash or check.

YSU Recycling Center collects cans

Youngstown State University will sponsor an aluminum can collection at the YSU Recycling Center at the corner of Harrison and Adams streets between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday.

Poets, authors to give reading at Oakland Center

The Oakland Center for the Arts will present award-winning poets and authors Sean Dougherty, John Menaghan and Nin Andrews as part of the Youngstown State University Poetry Center's Reading Series at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Dana presents percussionist composer

Youngstown State University and the Dana School of Music will be holding a special concert, "New Music for Percussion and Saxophone," at 8 p.m. Thursday at the DeYor Center for the Performing Arts. The concert will feature John Hollenbeck's "Ziggurat." The internationally respected percussionist and composer will attend the Youngstown premier of his work. He will also hold a clinic open to the public between 2 and 4 p.m. in room 2222 of Bliss Hall.

POLICE BRIEFS

Professor loses keys

A Youngstown State University police officer was dispatched to Room 437 of DeBartolo Hall in reference to lost keys. The owner, a professor, stated that she had last seen her keys on Oct. 10. She discovered them missing on Oct. 11. She was advised to contact Key Control for new keys.

Officer finds homeless man on campus

An officer reported to the lawn adjacent to the M7 lot on Fifth and Lincoln avenues, where he observed a man lying in the grass. The subject said that he had arrived in the city three days ago on his way to Chillicothe. He said he was homeless and did not want to go to the Rescue Mission. No warrants were found and he was issued a written warning and sent away.

Student gets robbed at Rec

A student reported to Youngstown State University police that his wallet had been stolen from Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center on Oct. 12. He said he left his wallet on a shelf while he played volleyball and discovered it was missing when he returned. He said that he did not report the incident sooner because he was "too lazy to walk down there." The credit card inside the wallet had already been canceled.

BUSINESS

\$500,000 donation for YSU's Centennial Capital Campaign goes toward business school

Adrienne Sabo
Editor in Chief

The John and Loretta Hynes and the John D. Finnegan Foundations donated \$500,000 to the Youngstown State University's Centennial Capital Campaign Friday.

"The decision to make this gift was a simple one," said Frank Hierro, regional president of Huntington Bank.

He called the donation a well-placed investment and commitment. The donated money will be used to help build the new Williamson College of Business Administration.

YSU President David Sweet said the donation reflects a strong commitment from the foundation.

In honor of the gift, the university will name the professional sales and business communication facility in the new college after the Hynes-Finnegan foundation.

Betty Jo Licata, dean of the WCBA, said the sales and communication facility is a "tremendous addition to students' education."

She said she looks forward to sharing the new college with the

— Tony Lariccia —

"YSU is a jewel that's unbelievable to this area."

YSU graduate and campaign chairman

community.

Tony Lariccia, YSU graduate and campaign chairman, said, "YSU is a jewel that's unbelievable to this area."

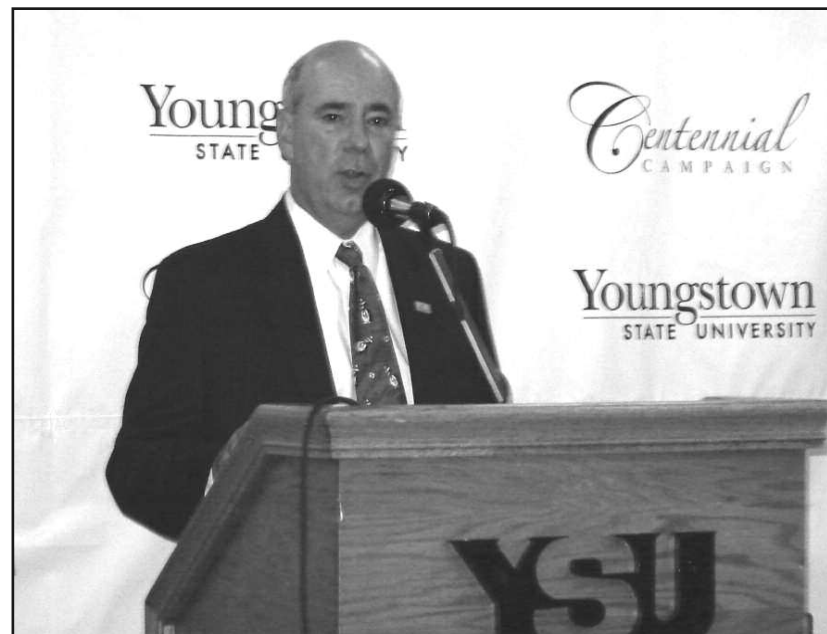
The \$43 million campaign began one year ago and now totals \$34.2 million with this most recent contribution.

John D. Finnegan and John Hynes of Hynes Industries formed the Hynes-Finnegan Foundations in 1957. This is the foundation's fourth gift to YSU.

The foundation donated \$100,000 in 1996 for the establishment of nursing scholarships, \$10,000 for Operations Improvement Task Force and \$250,000 for construction of the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.



ABOVE — Robin Bradley, secretary in the marketing department, David Sabine, senior vice president of Huntington Bank, Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration and Frank Hierro, regional president of Huntington Bank pose during Friday's press conference to announce the donation from the Hynes-Finnegan Foundations.



RIGHT — Frank Hierro speaks during a press conference to announce a \$500,000 donation to YSU's Centennial Capital Campaign from the Hynes-Finnegan Foundations.

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250 More Winners!

In addition, over 250 students won prizes spinning the Penguin Prize Wheel on Red & White Day! This Homecoming event was sponsored by Coca-Cola Bottling and Kilcawley Center. Special thanks to the YSU Homecoming Committee, YSU Athletics, Peaberry's Café, Jazzman Café, Pete's Place, Wise Foods, the Candy Counter and the YSU Bookstore!

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Sophomore Sarah Lewis, a member of the Model U.N., said she will not be debating but will instead watch the forum. One of her concerns is the genocide in Darfur, Lewis said, adding that she is curious about what other countries and organizations are doing to help.

Lewis said the forum will present issues in a way that isn't too tedious, or too bogged down with jargon, aspects students may associate with the news.

"Economically, China's stake in Sudan's oil makes the situation even more concerning," she said.

Debating on behalf of the College Democrats will be sophomore Joni Koneval, who said she is also concerned about the genocide in Darfur. Other concerns include energy issues and global-

ization's possible effect on international security.

Sophomore Mark Hoelzel will be debating on behalf of Amnesty International, a human rights organization.

Hoelzel said his student group will strive to show how the U.N. can be more effective at "ensuring and protecting the most essential and basic rights that all persons are entitled to."

Amnesty International has tried to raise awareness of the political situation in Myanmar with its orange duct tape campaign, Hoelzel said.

The Amnesty International students' goal for this year is to call attention to oppression around the world, "from the horrific acts of genocide in Darfur to the struggle for women's rights that is still tak-

"Like it or not, we are the next generation. Apathy is no longer an acceptable excuse."

Alex Mangie, president of the College Republicans

ing place in many countries," Hoelzel said.

Besides the forum, Callow said that Model U.N. participates in two or more off-campus activities educating local middle schools about the U.N. They also run a similar high school conference.

Koneval said students should attend the event to participate in the world around them and get invested in important issues.

"The Peaberry's atmosphere doesn't hurt either," Lewis said.

Mangie said that since there are so many political science majors and few students involved in politically-based activities, students that come to the debate will take away different opinions on the role of the U.N. in international affairs and politics.

Though Mangie describes YSU as generally apathetic, she does not condone the campus's attitude.

"Like it or not, we are the next generation. Apathy is no longer an acceptable excuse," she said.

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According to the exit poll from the 2006 election, only 12 percent of voters were under 30 years old.

Paul Sracic, chair of the political science department, described lack of voter participation in the younger generation as a longtime phenomenon. While low voter turnout is a national problem, Sracic said it's worse in young people.

Numbers show that twice as many people in the 60 and over age group vote than in the under-

30 age group, Sracic said.

Sracic said that people who are older may vote more because they own property and pay income taxes, as opposed to students who might not have a permanent address yet.

"Older people might be a little less distracted," he said.

"Votes do count," Sracic said, commenting that youthful cynicism about the value of a single vote keeps students away from the polls.

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should agree on a policy to use textbooks longer instead of rapidly updating to new editions. Students and faculty could augment books with other printed matter.

Q: What would you like to see develop in Smoky Hollow?

A: "I'd like to see some low cost housing for students."

The housing should have strict maintenance regulations. A Save A Lot or Dollar General could also be built there. The regional economy might make it difficult for the Smoky Hollow project to be successful, however. Student housing should be the only kind of housing available in that neighborhood.

Q: Have the trustees ever discussed

campus environmental issues?

A: "We should be doing it."

While some effort is being made to be environmentally sound, the university can always add to it, possibly by recycling more. Students should lead this project. Additionally, the trustees conduct a building by building tour.

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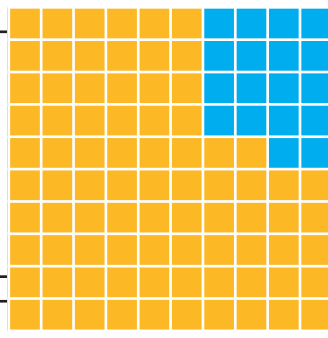
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Homecoming 2007

LEFT — Tiffany Lyden and Hanna Kassis are crowned 2007 YSU Homecoming Queen and King. **MIDDLE LEFT** — 2006 YSU Homecoming Queen Sarah Cavalier and 2007 YSU Homecoming Queen Tiffany Lyden share a moment of royalty together. **MIDDLE RIGHT** — Music fills the stadium as the majorettes dance to the tune of the Marching Pride. **BOTTOM LEFT** — Dr. Sweet presents the Centennial Clock which was started at halftime. **BOTTOM RIGHT** — Members of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity lead the crowd with school spirit at the Homecoming game.



Photos by Chelsea Pflugh and Andrew Berry.

Elizabeth Boon

Reporter

Youngstown State University groundskeeper Ray Cruickshank is known to many students by one name.

ZZ Top.

With a beard measuring 13 and a half inches from tip to lower lip, Cruickshank said that the attention he receives — and a comparison to the American rock band with chest-length beards — doesn't bother him.

Cruickshank, whose grounds keeping duties include mowing YSU's lawns and removing snow from campus, said that he has always been a fan of beards.

"When I was a kid, I always thought 'this is cool stuff,'" he said. He had long hair as a teen, but eventually he really let it grow.

Cruickshank said that adults and children alike often question him about his facial fuzz, which he said has been growing for over 11 years.

Cruickshank's daughter Tara, a senior at YSU, refers to her dad as "the man with the beard" in casual conversation.

"He's always had a beard," she said. "I've never seen his chin."

Cruickshank said he's a free spirit, and the way he dresses and keeps his beard reflects that. His daughter agrees.

"He's a big health food nut and a vegetarian," she said. "He eats soy and all organic foods."

Her father ignores petty things, like what other people think of his beard.

"He doesn't conform," she said. "He's always been like that."

Her father's positive attitude carries over to his work at the university, where he's been employed for 27 years. After working at

behind the beard

Groundskeeper maintains campus and reputation for lengthy beard.

Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Cruickshank enrolled at YSU and applied for a job on campus.

It just fell into place, he said, even though it was hard to find work at the time.

"I was really happy. I like this job and I like being outdoors doing physical work," he said.

When mowing the grass,

Students' reactions to the beard

"They say 'hey dude, you can braid that.'"

Ray Cruickshank, YSU groundskeeper



Photo by Richard Louis Boccia.

works to improve.

"A lot of people appreciate campus," he said, smiling when he mentioned the positive comments he receives.

Cutting the lawn can prove to be an interesting experience for both Cruickshank and YSU students. He said that students often yell to him or else stop and talk. They even ask to take pictures.

Cruickshank answers questions about how long it's taken to grow his beard. He gets many suggestions for how he should wear it, including, "Hey dude, you can braid that."

Tara Cruickshank said that she's always wanted to braid her father's beard, but he won't try it.

"It's just not me," he said.

While he isn't into trying new looks, her father is concerned about the grooming of his lengthy beard, she said.

"He shampoos it on a regular basis. He brushes it and always makes sure it's groomed when he leaves the house," she said.

While students get a kick out of his hairy look, Tara Cruickshank said that her mother isn't as fond of it.

"She threatened to cut it off when he was asleep. That didn't go over very well," she said.

No matter what others think of Cruickshank's look, expect to see it for quite awhile.

"Right now I'm very fond of it," he said.

Cruickshank also said he's just fine with students' reactions to his look.

"As long as students are enjoying themselves and if you can get a laugh out of folks, that's good stuff," he said.

Cruickshank said he doesn't worry about cutting in straight lines. He often loops around in circles.

"It probably looks like crop circles, but it won't be sloppy," he said. "I like the idea that students can sit on the grass and enjoy it," he said.

Cruickshank likes seeing that students enjoy the campus that he

OUR SIDE

Vote or sigh, we need to be informed

YSU senior Alex Mangie got it right when he described Youngstown State University as apathetic.

Perhaps we claim we're too busy to care about international affairs — or national issues, for that matter — but there's no excuse for our lack of concern.

The world extends beyond the confines of our neighborhoods, across the oceans that divide us from the eastern hemisphere.

RELATED STORY

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In an age where many actions can have global consequences, we are now more than ever truly affected by the world around us.

A president we elect based on tax cuts can lead us into global war. The cars and gas we buy create pollution that crosses borders. What does this mean? It means that the big midterm we have been studying for, the energy drink or coffee we just finished off, all pale in comparison to the big picture.

Homecoming is not the only election we should feel passionately about.

But before we attack global issues, we should start reading our local papers. Maybe today we are unprepared to be Model U.N. members, but we can start small, first focusing on local events that affect our daily lives.

Regional, national and international news permeates more than just newspapers. The Internet, magazines and TV are all sources of self-education.

We've heard the public service announcements. We should be voting. But learning about the issues will motivate us far better than any advertisement.

Disease, hunger and war in Africa are easy to forget about, until you see a picture of a starving child, or read about a mother being raped and killed because of her ethnicity.

Voting is a gift that many of us take for granted. Look at Myanmar, where democratic elections are ignored by the military government. We're lucky that in the United States, our votes count.

Considering our level of media saturation, staying informed merely requires us to open our eyes.

Broad issues such as pollution, politics and war are problems that require informed decisions, and we are the decision makers. We owe it to ourselves, and everyone else.

POLICIES

The Jambar editorials reflect the opinions of The Jambar's editorial staff, which includes the Editor in Chief, News Editor, Managing Editor and Copy Editor.

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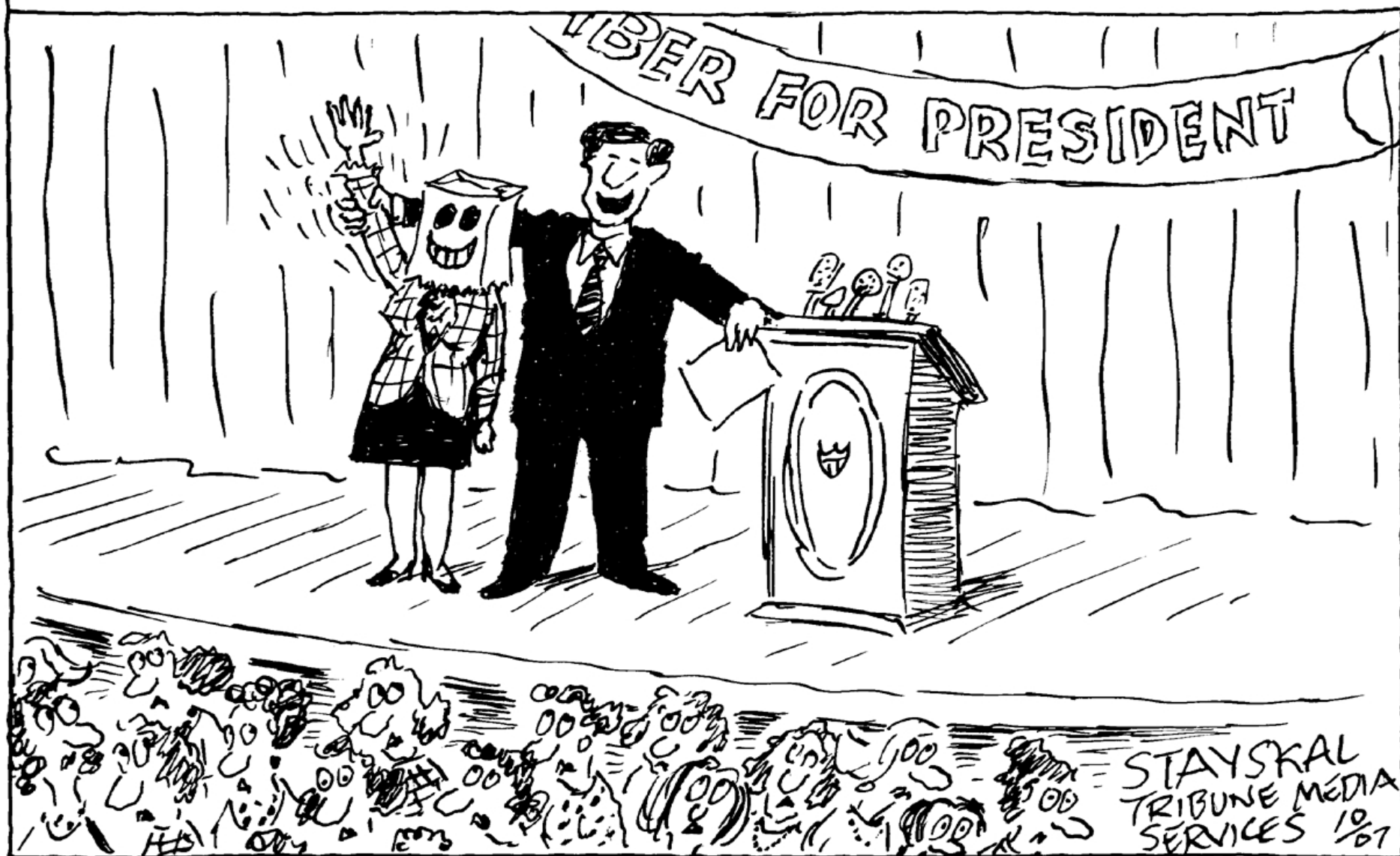
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ONE-THIRD OF WOMEN SAY THEIR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT IS INFLUENCED BY HAPPINESS OF CANDIDATE'S MARRIAGE



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We found it a little ironic that the College Republicans decided to hold their anti-abortion assembly on the same day that President Bush vetoed an expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program that would cover nearly 6 million low-income children. The contradiction lies beneath the Republicans' use of the word "genocide" to describe the issue of abortion. While the College Republicans were busy categorizing abortion alongside genocide, our President was also busy cutting off crucial, potentially life-saving funding to these low-income children and their families.

These actions might make one think: Who's really committing genocide? The facts are that less than 2 percent of abortions occur after 21 weeks, according to www.plannedparenthood.org, and less than 1 percent of abortions are in the third trimester, and they are to protect the mother's life (www.now.org).

It was obvious that the

Republicans' portrayals of abortion in the Genocide Awareness Project were of these problematic late-term cases. The reality is that although we feel there should be a regulation on late-term abortions, there are several factors that may cause them to occur. For instance, teens faced with an abusive or absent parent must go through a state court to obtain permission for the abortion. Also, some prenatal tests may take up to 16 weeks to complete.

Although we feel that the College Republicans grossly misrepresented many of the facts surrounding abortion, we will continue to respect their first amendment rights to free speech. Collectively, we felt that they could've taken a more proactive approach to this matter, as some of the opposing demonstrators chose to — opting to pass out contraception to fellow students as they walked by. Perhaps next time they'll consider the facts and focus more on solving the problem instead of expanding it.

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COMMENTARY

The Paradox of Unwanted Student Activism

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When the College Republicans staged the Genocide Awareness Project on Oct. 3 and 4, one might have thought that their actions would get some positive feedback, at least from faculty, if only because a student organization was engaged in an uppity act of dissent. But what we get are reactionary and condescending statements of political correctness that are both myopic and confused. I guess that this particular dissent was especially "unwanted".

Hey, wake up, university! Americans are sharply divided over abortion. In the last fifteen years, many Americans have even come to rethink the manner by which the legal "right" was established in the first place. There may be legitimate reasons for elective abortion, but one must "see" what is: the deliberate killing of a distinctive human life. Ask yourself this question: Could I perform a procedure that resulted in a surgical pan full of blood, other fluids and distinctively identifiable human body parts? If the thought makes you gag, then maybe this act is not "good" for you or any of us.

Seven unelected and unaccountable Supreme Court justices created a "right" to abortion in 1973. The decisions flowing from Roe v.

Wade put an end to popular deliberation over the regulation of abortion in elected state assemblies. Some democracy. Since the 1973 decision, majority legal opinion has come to regard Roe as poorly reasoned. Norma McCorvey ("Jane Roe") has repudiated her earlier stand and now rejects abortion, and the "viability" of the pre-born child has steadily been enlarged owing to medical advances. Yet the objective odds of a pre-born child in America being killed by abortion remain about one in five, according to Guttmacher Institute.

Is "genocide" an illegitimate and unreasonable term in regard to elective abortion in America? Hardly. The History Department has issued a peculiar collective edict via the letters by Dr. Gerardo and Dr. Sinnreich on the "correct" understanding of "genocide." Their letters fail to acknowledge several things. "Genocide" is an invented word — one that refers in retrospect to specific episodes of horrific systematic killing, but one that is applied awkwardly in regard to "present" situations. Invented by Raphael Lemkin during World War II, the word was enshrined in the United Nations' 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. This convention has been controversial owing to the clause referring to the

genocidal destruction of a group "in whole or in part." To contend that abortion and genocide are "absolutely not comparable" simply begs the question, especially given the relativistic moral views held by many academics. I recognize that historians may have a special interest in the understanding of specifically significant historical episodes, but they are often reluctant to consider typologies of phenomena that imply potentially risky or controversial comparative judgments. What's really mystifying, however, is the apparently lockstep departmental judgment about an issue that is broadly and starkly controversial in American society.

Abortion on demand was made possible in America by an overt act of state power: judicial decisions since 1973 have made objectively possible the regular, systematic killing of unborn children "in part." And many Americans exhibit a casual indifference to this reality because it remains out of sight to them. How convenient. The moral and political failing of our age is the inability to see that profound evil may emanate from "democracy" and the popular embracer of a decadent conception of "freedom." May we have more "unwanted" student activism. All hail to those daring students who see to dissent "incorrectly."

Illegal immigration in desperate need of solutions

McClatchy-Tribune News Service
(MCT)

During a recent speech in California's Central Valley, former Mexican President Vicente Fox told business leaders that immigrant workers from Mexico help strengthen the economy in the United States, and the workers have the spirit and values of the founders of the U.S.

The statements by Fox, and other controversial remarks he made during a book tour around the United States, set off the predictable responses. Those who want to build a wall around the United States to block illegal immigration were outraged. Those who support open borders were supportive.

These extremes in the immigration debate may be the reason Congress can't put together a reform package that can get the votes needed to become law. Immigration reform legislation

too often caters to those on the extremes instead of the middle of the political spectrum, where there's a better chance of a compromise being crafted.

But even when President Bush was supporting a bipartisan compromise earlier this year, it got derailed by politics and fell apart in the Senate.

The reality is that a legislative solution never will be perfect, but Congress and the president must keep trying.

We have said many times what we want to see in an immigration reform package:

- Stronger border security.
- A fair guest-worker program that provides industries a reliable labor pool.
- An opportunity for those already here to earn legal residency if they meet strict requirements.

Without a comprehensive solution, immigration policy is left to sway in the winds of the politics of the moment: the latest enforcement strategy by the

administration or court ruling on immigrant rights. Then we hear the talk show hosts shouting their simplistic solutions: Just enforce the law or build a fence, and railing against "amnesty." Meanwhile, a de facto amnesty occurs: Nothing is done and thousands more immigrants pour across borders, legally and otherwise.

This issue is too complex for bumper-sticker solutions, which is why Congress and the White House must continue to seek a comprehensive solution that addresses all the difficult facets of immigration policy. Once it's found, our leaders must resist the temptation to pick it apart. Everyone will need to compromise, and no one will be perfectly satisfied.

Fox is on a tour to promote his autobiography, "Revolution of Hope." The real revolution we hope to see would be an effective, humane and rational remedy to this long-standing national sore.

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FOOTBALL

Redbirds spoil Penguins' Homecoming

Playoff hopes are barely alive with three tough Gateway conference games left on the schedule.

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

Head coach Jon Heacock said a repeat performance of the Southern Utah game wouldn't be good enough to win, and it wasn't.

The Penguins had many chances to put away the Redbirds but were unable to ride the home field magic for two weeks in a row. The team's playoff hopes took a serious hit when Illinois State upset the Penguins 27-22.

With the loss, the Penguins fall to 5-3 with a 1-2 Gateway record. Barring a crazy finish to the season, the chance for Youngstown State to repeat as conference champion could very well be over.

"It's disappointing," Heacock

said following the game. "But what happened tonight is over. We have three games left, and we have to move on. We can't sit around and be disappointed."

Now with only three conference games remaining, the Penguins will have to win out and finish with an 8-3 record. With even a share of the conference crown all but out of reach, the Penguins no longer control their own destiny.

An NCAA selection committee will most likely determine whether or not the Penguins make the playoffs once regular season play has commenced.

But to earn that 8-3 record, the Penguins will have to win against the top two teams in the Gateway — including a road trip this week to Northern Iowa, the No. 1 ranked team in the nation.

Senior quarterback Tom Zetts believes there is still hope for the team to get in on the postseason action.

"Now there's no choice. We have to get ready for next week and win three in a row," Zetts said. "If we go 3-0 in our next three games, I think with an 8-3 record we [will] get in, but that's just me."

While the Penguins were able to jump out to a quick 10-0 lead, the Redbirds were able to win by keeping the contest close. The offense for the Penguins left a lot of points on the field as senior kicker Brian Palmer hit three field goals for the second consecutive week.

While he has been happy for Palmer's success, Zetts said that sending out the kicker numerous times in a game is unacceptable.

"We did it last week too, and it's unacceptable to stall out there," Zetts said. "We need to score touchdowns."

Senior quarterback Luke Drone of the Redbirds was also a major factor in the final score as he led the offense to convert 11 third downs in the game.

The Penguins' defense did not have the answers against the Illinois



THE RUNDOWN — Junior running back Kevin Smith sticks out his arm to run by a Redbird defender. Smith's two rushing touchdowns and 70 yards rushing were not enough against Illinois State. Photo by Andrew Berry.

State offense. Senior linebacker Jeremiah Wright said that giving up half of the opposing team's third down conversions is not the way to win a ball game.

"People weren't at the spot they needed to be, and it hurt us," Wright said.

The Redbirds controlled third down opportunities, converting 11 of 21 chances, while the Penguins converted 4 of 15.

"Give them credit. We couldn't get them stopped," Heacock said. "We tried blitzing; we tried everything. They were on fire on third down."

Heacock thought his team's undoing was partially due to poor

preparation during the week before the contest. Zetts and Wright both agreed that the amount of time and energy spent on preparation will change following the Penguins' third loss of the season.

"We have to find a way to do that better," Heacock said. "I'm not satisfied with our preparation. It's not going to just happen on a Saturday afternoon unless you get it done the rest of the week."

After the Penguins defeated Missouri State to open Gateway conference play, Zetts mentioned he didn't see enough passion from his teammates.

Now with the season on the line, Zetts is still looking for the passion

he wanted to see in his team three weeks ago. He said that winning on Saturday comes down to spending time watching film and prioritizing preparation.

Zetts said that Heacock is already taking steps to change the preparation habits of the Penguins during the week.

"We're the only ones that can fix it, and we're going to have to fix it," Heacock said.

With the loss, the Penguins dropped to No. 20 in the Sports Network poll released Monday afternoon. Gateway counterpart Northern Iowa maintained its No. 1 status while Western Illinois slipped to No. 24.

FCS
Top 25

Teams YSU will face in blue

1. Northern Iowa
2. North Dakota State
3. Montana
4. Massachusetts
5. McNeese State
6. James Madison
7. Southern Illinois
8. New Hampshire
9. Delaware
10. Appalachian State
11. Wofford
12. Delaware State
13. Yale
14. Richmond
15. Hofstra
16. Elon
17. Eastern Kentucky
18. Nicholls State
19. Montana State
20. Youngstown State
21. Grambling State
22. Georgia Southern
23. Norfolk State
24. Western Illinois
25. The Citadel

Information from the Sports Network.

PENGUINS 22
REDBIRDS 27Stat leaders versus
Illinois State

Tom Zetts
14 of 30, 155 yards, Int.

Kevin Smith
19 carries, 70 tards
2 rushing touchdowns

Ferlando Williams
8 carries, 59 yards
5 receptions, 71 yards

De'Angelo Wilson
190 all-purpose yards

James Terry
8 tackles, 2 sacks

Ben Nowicki
6 punts, 220 yards
2 inside the 20

PENGUIN SPORTS
IN BRIEFSoccer team drops
decision to Loyola

The Youngstown State soccer team lost to Horizon league opponent Loyola on Sunday afternoon at Stambaugh Stadium.

The Ramblers' offense proved to be too much to handle as Loyola defeated YSU with the final of 3-0.

The Penguins will play in the final home game of the season on Friday at 6:30 p.m. against Butler University. Senior players Tessa Brookman, Britta Snowberger, Joy Hollencamp and Christi Williams will be honored following the match.

Men's tennis
concludes season

The Youngstown State men's tennis team wrapped up the fall season on Friday afternoon at the IIA Midwest Regionals.

Scott Kathary and Ryan Trapp played in quarterfinal rounds for doubles and singles.

Then men's tennis team will resume play at the start of the spring season in January.

Volleyball squad
falters on the road

The Youngstown State volleyball team was defeated by Milwaukee, 26-30, 30-22, 18-30, 26-30 on Saturday afternoon.

YSU falls to 10-13 overall and 4-8 in the Horizon League, while Milwaukee improves to 21-2 overall and 11-1 in the Horizon League.

Senior Jessica Fraley posted her 14th double-double with 14 kills and 11 digs.



JUST FOR KICKS — Holder Todd Rowan gets out of the way as junior kicker Brian Palmer boots one home. Palmer hit two of his three field goals from more than 40 yards out. Photo by Andrew Berry.

Player of the Game

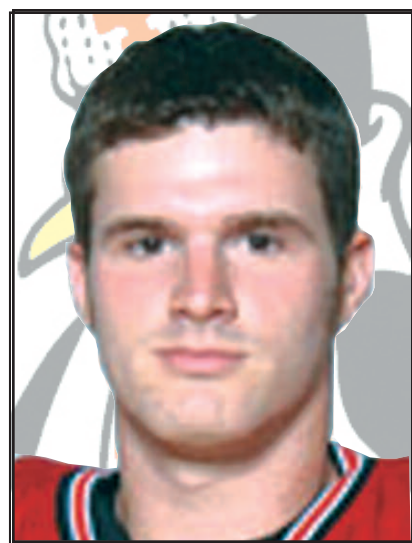
Brian Palmer
Placekicker, No. 88

Junior Brian Palmer's three field goals against Illinois State marked the second week in a row Palmer successfully converted three field goals attempts.

Against the Redbirds, Palmer accounted for field goals from 37, 40 and 41 yards out. Two of the three kicks came in the first quarter. The third kick was crucial as it kept the Penguins in the game at 20-16 with 9:48 to play in the third quarter.

Palmer has been hot for the Penguins this season and is nine out of 10 on field goal attempts this season with three kicks coming from beyond 40 yards.

Palmer has made his last six field goal attempts and is 28 out of 37 for his career.



Ghost sighting

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT — Junior kicker Brian Palmer is greeted by WBC middleweight champion Kelly Pavlik on the sideline before the Penguins' game against Illinois State. Pavlik's appearance was a part of the Homecoming festivities on Saturday. The boxer spent his time before the game hanging out with members of the dance team and watching the players warm up on the field before taking center field for the coin toss. Photo by Andrew Berry.