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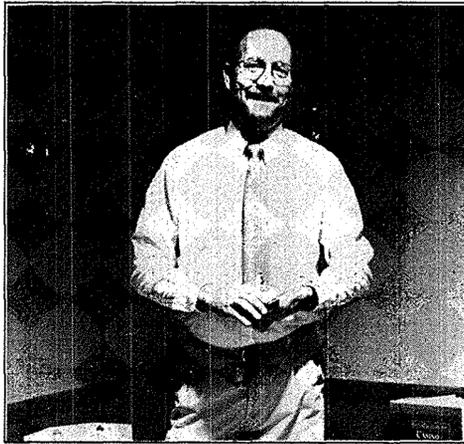
Course was not all fun and games

LYNN NICKELS
Assistant News Editor

In response to the interest in gambling raised by Issue One in November, YSU offered a one-time course in gaming last quarter. But the course was more work than play.

Thirty-six students signed up for Professional Aspects of the Gaming Industry which covered casino layout, detecting cheating and casino surveillance techniques. Students also learned the rules of casino games like roulette, slots, craps, black jack, baccarat, poker and keno, spending approximately 15 minutes per class period actually playing the games.

The course was not as easy as it sounded, said Bob Campbell, coordinator of the hospitality management program. Students were required to do a research paper, take two exams and go on at least



Lori Balmenti, *The Jamban*
Bob Campbell taught a course in casino operations last quarter in response to the Issue One discussions.

one trip. Students applied their classwork to the real world during two field trips — one to a riverboat casino in Tunica, Mississippi and another to casinos in Atlantic City.

New Jersey — where they observed, as well as were responsible for individual presentations.

"It's hard to teach a course if you can't see it. You have to get the real experience. It would be hard to teach oceanography here in Youngstown. There's nowhere legal in this area to go [for gambling]," said Campbell.

Campbell said he was hoping to position YSU's program as the number one gaming program in the state if Issue One passed. The hospitality management field is the fastest growing industry in the country and the world, with gaming being the fastest growing segment within the industry, according to Campbell.

Campbell, however, said he never thought Issue One would really pass, nor did any of his students. He said no one was encouraged in class to vote either way, however, the majority of the stu-

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H&HS granted master's degree

BETH ANNE TURNER
Assistant News Editor

YSU has been authorized to award a master's of health and human services degree. It is scheduled to be implemented this fall, after being approved by the Ohio Board of Regents at its December meeting.

The graduate degree program will have two distinct tracks— health promotion and health and human services administration.

Study areas for the new degree program will include management information systems, applied statistics, organizational behavior and staffing, grant development, current issues type courses, gerontology, strategic analysis and program planning.

"The degree developed to respond to changes in the health and human services industry," said Alice Burger, assistant to the dean of health and human services, and associate professor, department of health professionals.

The curriculum for the new graduate degree is designed to meet the expressed needs of health and human services employers and employees, and to provide allied professionals a "bridge for career enhancement," said Dr. John Yemma, dean of the college.

The department of health and human services selected 1,100 graduate students and current seniors to participate in a survey to determine whether there was enough interest in the program.

The poll was designed to gauge student response to the program and designate a convenient class schedule. Seventy-three percent of the respondents

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Prof pulls professional experience into classroom

LORI BALMENTI
Contributing Writer

A new assistant art professor has more to offer students than the basics of sculpture and design.

Commissioned by the city of Baltimore, artist Greg Moring earned his living as a sculptor for more than twenty years. His designs can be seen throughout the city, including works in the Baltimore Transit System. A development ordinance in the city, which allocated 1 percent of municipal buildings total construction or renovation costs to artwork, provided the funding.

Working in metals fabrication, Moring's work combines large scale recognizable shapes with fluid and curvilinear organic forms.

Inspired by the works of abstract expressionist sculptor, David Smith, and surrealist painter Joan Miro, Moring's designs combine the playfulness of childlike art with sophistication and style. Although generally these works are massive,

"I jumped into art without any conscious decision-making, without any understanding of what the rest of my life was going to be like."

Greg Moring

they possess a gentle gracefulness. In an impressive and somewhat puzzling principle, his sculptures entice onlookers to engage in interaction with his work.

Some of his works possess majestic dignity, while others, like a well-trained dancer, seem one with their environment — embracing movement with ease and agility.

Moring said creating works of art wasn't always his dream. He



Lori Balmenti, *The Jamban*
The artist and his work: Greg Moring poses with one of his sculptures at his Youngstown studio.

started college as a pre-med major but became discouraged in an advanced chemistry class. The classroom's windows happened to overlook the art building and sculpture studio.

In one decisive moment, he walked out in the middle of class and went to speak with an advisor about changing majors. When the

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WEATHER	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TODAY	28	31	26	23
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State's new college funding plan draws board praise

YSU Media Services - Ohio's new higher education funding formula received a strong endorsement from members of the YSU Board of Trustees.

During their Friday, Dec. 13 meeting, the Board signed a Resolution of Commendation for the Higher Education Funding Commission, citing its "dedication and commitment to shape a new future for higher education in the state."

The Trustees pledged their support of the commission's new funding process, which evaluates criteria related to enrollment, performance and tuition in determining the funding needs of each institution.

Under the plan, the Ohio Board of Regents will be required

to evaluate a number of performance standards, including accountability, economic development and student access in their annual funding considerations.

Previously, enrollment was the major deciding factor in determining the funding levels for Ohio's 38 higher-education institutions.

The plan also assesses issues related to affordability and stresses a commitment to increase the state's funding share to 65 percent (up from its current 50 percent share).

YSU President Les Cochran calls the plan "revolutionary for Ohio's colleges and universities," citing its potential to "reshape higher education in the state."

Noting that the funding incentives recognize mission-specific performance, Cochran said the new formula will be especially beneficial to YSU, which has already developed performance standards in line with those cited as exemplary by the Commission.

"Our mission, as stated in our Vision 2000 document, stresses access and diversity, economic development, the integration of teaching and research and service to the community among other goals developed to provide a high quality learning experience while contributing to regional and statewide needs," he said.

"These are the very goals that the Regents will be looking to financially subsidize"

In other business...

• President Leslie Cochran reported on the Metropolitan College Project. Later, the Board authorized the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund contingency reserve to fund centers at Austintown Plaza, Eastwood Mall and Southern Park Mall. Cochran also marked the progress of construction on the new College of Education building. Plans call for the building to be completed before Fall 1998.

• The board authorized the granting of an honorary degree to Dr. Earnest Perry, a 1959 YSU graduate. Perry served on the University Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1993.

• The Board approved the combining of the University's equal-opportunity and affirmative action policies. The new policy states, "YSU is committed to a campus environment that values all individuals and groups, and to non-discrimination and equal opportunity for all persons without regard to sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin, sexual orientation, handicap/disability, or identification as a disabled and/or Vietnam Era veteran. The University is also committed to the principles of affirmative action and acts in accordance with state and federal laws."

• The Board approved a \$160,000 budget for the maintenance and operation of a Pete and Penny's store in the mall.

Essay Contest - Cash Prizes

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Current YSU majors and minors in philosophy or religious studies are invited to compete for cash prizes in an annual essay contest sponsored by the department of philosophy & religious studies and underwritten by The Philosophy Circle-the support group of the department speaker series. Submissions are invited on any topic in philosophy or religious studies. Submissions may be papers originally written for a YSU course. Papers will be judged on the basis of:

- *knowledge of the subject
- *clear and persuasive writing
- *accurate and fair analysis of theories, doctrines, claims and arguments; and
- *success in shaping a coherent, justified stance.

Interested students should pick up a copy of the "Guidelines for the Essay Contest" for further information in the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies on the fourth floor of DeBartolo Hall.

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dents did support it. With the defeat of Issue One and legalized riverboat gambling in the valley, Campbell said Youngstown may have lost more than it gained.

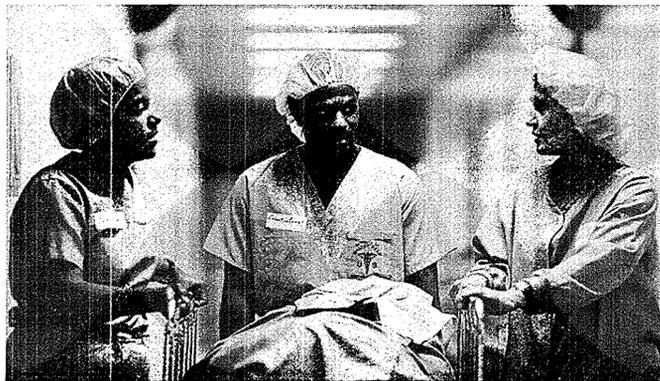
"I was disappointed for our students and Youngstown. We are excited to get 400 jobs with a new prison, but just think of the loss of the 2000 jobs the gaming industry would have brought," said Campbell.

He predicts that every state that touches Ohio either has, or will have, legalized gambling in the next five years. People will go to other states to spend their gambling dollars instead of keeping those dollars in Ohio.

As for the students, those who don't want to leave this area will have to if they want to pursue a career in the gaming industry.

"I'm very disappointed. I thought it would be a good opportunity for students and for downtown. There really isn't a whole lot of business in Youngstown. The new jobs and facilities that would have been erected in downtown Youngstown, and the area being cleaned up, would have been good," said Jeremy Lapikas, who graduates from the program in the spring.

Lapikas said he also had hoped to get a job on the ground floor of a new hotel that was to be built with the casino in Youngstown, if the issue passed.



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advisor asked him what he wanted to do, Moring replied, "My dad is a contractor ... I like making things ... I'll do sculpture."

Today he admits, "It was one quick decision. I jumped into art without any conscious decision-making, without any understanding of what the rest of my life was going to be like."

After completing his undergraduate work at New Paltz State in New York, he earned his master's of fine arts from the Rinehart School of Sculpture at Maryland's Institute of Fine Art.

In 1988 he began teaching sculpture and design at Towson State University in Baltimore.

Moring said his greatest challenge in relocating to Youngstown was "finding the time to create and establish myself as an artist in the area, as well as exhibiting, not to mention moving my equipment and setting up my studio."



"My dad is a contractor ... I like making things ... I'll do sculpture."

Greg Moring

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Editorial

Vigor infusing campus with renewed energy

In less than a year, the Metropolitan College project has grown from a concept on paper to an actual operating site at the Eastwood Mall. According to plans, sites at the Austintown Plaza and Southern Park Mall will offer credit courses in Spring quarter and all sites should be fully operational by September.

Backed by a \$100,000 budget, the Metro sites are intended to reach out to potential students in the community who "are underprepared, need special assistance, or desire conveniently-located access to higher education." By promoting evening and weekend classes, offering registration and academic counseling and offering courses at off-campus sites, the project hopes to draw in students who otherwise might not consider college.

The efforts of the president and the Metro Team in speedily planning and implementing the project are one example of a vigor that is infusing other areas of the campus.

Around the same time that the president's Administrative Advisory Council was reviewing the Metropolitan College, Anthony Siracuse, associate director of grounds, was issuing a memo that detailed the deplorable state of the University's motor pool.

While the Board of Trustees was endorsing the Metropolitan College Concept and appointing a Metro Team to implement it, Executive Director of Administrative Services Philip Hirsch was preparing a budget to determine how much money was required to repair or replace the motor pool's sagging fleet.

The Board of Trustees recently approved a \$100,000 budget for the Metropolitan College Project. Through some budget wizardry of his own, Executive Vice President Dr. G.L. Mears was able to find the funds needed to refurbish the fleet. Siracuse is happily awaiting the arrival of two brand new vans in February.

The University administration is showing real creativity and energy in seeking new students. Hopefully, that same energy and creativity will continue to maintain the services those new students may come to rely on.

Letter to the Editor

Editor,

In response to "A democracy is no place for affirmative action" [Jeremy Williams, Dec. 6, 1996], my goodness! Well, we certainly know who doesn't have cable TV. But even before cable's Learning Channel, I realized that such a statement was vulgar and charged with harbored racism.

And since everyone is laughing at the young man who wrote the article, I've decided to come to his defense and tell you all that he did not realize, when pontificating about what the framers of the constitution had in mind when they set this stolen nation on a course for greatness (?), that the notion of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness did not apply even to all whites — and it never implied or applied to any Blacks! It didn't even apply to the disenfranchised Indian who had obviously misunderstood the deal that the white settlers were making when they said, "We're just going to pitch our tents here along the Potomac. This land is big enough for all of us to live in peace and harmony." And it wasn't the Indians fault that the white fathers had misspelled harmony as "Reservations."

And further defending my misinformed writer, Democracy has forever meant only one thing: Freedom of expression. Because from it flows the multifarious. Jeremy is an example.

I am a Black MAN who has acted on behalf of "all students" as I saw their affirmative actions, sorry, Democracy being denied. How so you say? Well, young republican Jeremy could not, prior to the Nov. 19 editorial, "An open invitation to YSU Community," state his Proposition 209 without my intervention: the long and short of *The Jambar's* policy change is that I have argued vehemently with the "Teachers of Democracy" (I think) that *The Jambar* belongs to all students and not just its staff who gets to write about everything under the sun while previously holding most students hostage to a 300-word campus-related issue. Good grief!

So Jeremy, know that you would have never gotten your view published if I hadn't cried that I wanted to read all views since higher education's ultimate goal is to ensure that democracy lives on — however unjust. And if *Jambar* publishes this, it will also mean finally, that I'm getting some affirmative action as well. What are my qualifications? — what are yours? Simply this, Jeremy, that everyone get a FAIR chance to participate — and not that they can do it, but that they get the chance to learn. Though I will draw the line at brain surgery. So stop worrying that some woman, handicapped person or undocumented alien — Wait, you're not concerned about that. It's Blacks on your agenda. Golly, Jeremy, at your age it's shameful that you can be so filled with — Wait, Jeremy, go back and even watch Sesame Street. It was all about Democracy, too! And you'll never see an all-white puppet on the show.

Ted Williams, A&S

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A Staff View

Writer vows to pen his way into a practical new year

Well, we find ourselves here again, like it or not. That time when we falsely promise ourselves to lose a few pounds, begin to watch what we eat or maybe even become a vegetarian. Or if you're really ambitious, you might be one of those who pledges to spend some time "getting more in touch with yourself." As for me, all of that sounds like work. And you know us Americans — we won't have too much of the "W" word within one given year. So what's the alternative?

As I thought about what might make a reasonable New Year's resolution, I came up with an idea that has all but become historic: letter-writing. I know, I risk being technologically incorrect, what with the fax, the pager (an exceptionally intimate way to communicate), and of course, who can forget e-mail.

And while I will agree that each of these has its place in our modern age of expediency, none can replace the sincerity of an old-fashioned, handwritten letter.

I know what many will say in response to this novel idea. They would use the newest argument on the books: "I don't have time to write a letter." My response would be, if you weren't so busy checking your E-mail or reloading the fax machine, you could find 30



CLIFF RICHEAL
ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR

minutes out of your day to write a letter — to a friend, a loved one, or someone you have lost touch with.

To me, the significance of writing and sending a letter is simple. Writing a letter requires not only a little time but

more importantly, it requires thought.

In this fast paced world, investing a little time and thought are becoming prehistoric ideas as we learn how to "communicate"

in more efficient manners. As for me, I resolve to preserve the satisfaction I get from penning a few words to an old friend or someone to whom I've not spoken to in a while. And what the heck, trading intimacy for efficiency seems like a practical and accessible way to begin the new year.

So here's the deal. If you're looking for an alternative to dieting or getting in touch with yourself as a way to kick off the new year, try something practical instead. Promise yourself you'll send out at least two personal letters or memos this year. Look at it this way: if you fail, you've gained no weight from the experience and you won't have to spend endless hours memorizing vegetarian lingo such as ovo-lacto-vegan or macrobiotic. Face it, that sounds like work.

Executive MBA students graduate; MBA program turns 25

TRACIE KNIGHT
Copy Editor

YSU's Williamson College of Business graduated its third EMBA class in December and observed the 25-year anniversary of its MBA program.

The Executive MBA program is designed to allow middle- and upper-level managers to obtain their degrees without interrupting their employment. It is a two-year program of Saturday sessions focusing on general management functions. Tuition is all-cost inclusive and an international trip is required in the second year of the program. The 1996 class traveled to Hungary and Germany.

Dr. Virginia Banks Bright,

Henry Cartwright, Colin Eichmann, Robert Geidner, James Phillips, Andrew White, Pamela Hallett, Albert Leroy, Denise Nembhard, John Rossi, Mary Jo Sikora and Robert Wilfong graduated with the degree.

A new EMBA class will begin this quarter. Candidates are being interviewed for acceptance into the program and will begin a mandatory introductory residency this week.

The Williamson College of Business Administration's MBA program celebrated its silver anniversary in 1996. Since its inception in 1971, the WCBA has graduated 1,400 students with a Master's of Business Administration with concentration areas in accounting, finance, marketing and manage-

ment. Tim Thomas, senior management information systems, has chosen to continue his education by pursuing his MBA at YSU. He will begin spring 1997. With a long-term goal of a career in MIS, Thomas said a degree from YSU will help him achieve this objective.

"It [YSU] has an excellent business program and the distinguished faculty make it very appealing to continue my education here," he said.

Mr. Anthony Kos, management professor, completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees at YSU. He earned his MBA in '83 and felt there were many benefits

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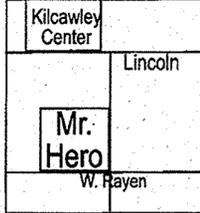
EMBA Graduates: Front row left to right, Denise Nembhard, Mary Jo Sikora, Pamela Hallett, Virginia Banks Bright and Robert Geidner. In back row, left to right are, James Phillips, Colin Eichmann, Alet LeRoy, Robert Wilfong, Andrew White, Henry Cartwright and John Rossi.

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indicated interest in a weekend schedule.

"These potential students strongly favored a weekend schedule that consists of Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and afternoons," said Burger. "This came across loud and clear."

Burger hopes this flexible class schedule will target the MHHS audience. "The market for graduate students in this profession is strongest in the working field," said Burger. "I feel we have really hit the market for this degree."

Forty percent of the survey participants who expressed interest in the degree were between the ages of 25 to 36. Thirty-two percent were over the age of 37, while the remaining 28 percent ranged from 18 to 24 years of age.

Open enrollment for the program will begin in the fall, however the program will be structured around a two year schedule. Students may enter in the fall, winter, or spring quarters and still complete the degree in two years.

The college of Health and Human Services also hopes to have a master's of science of nursing degree available to students by next year.

The MSN must be approved unanimously by the Ohio Board of Regents.

"Realistically, we hope to implement the MSN in the fall of '98 if we get the final approval," said Burger.

If approved, the MSN program could revolve around the same type of weekend schedule as the MHHS if students show interest.

"We only have one more step to go to get the MSN approved," said Burger. "There are always questions raised, it is part of the process. YSU can address any concerns raised relating to this degree."

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Goddog barks out a new sound

NICOLE TANNER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

In a time when all music is starting to sound the same, it's hard for a band to find a unique sound, but Goddog does it very well.

Their recently recorded seven-song cassette, titled *Diskenekd*, returns to rock 'n' roll's roots with an acoustic sound that has become a fad in the music world. However, Goddog has interesting melodies and lyrics that break some of the clichés of modern rock.

The band consists of vocalist/guitarist Paul Scott, drummer Albert Roman and bassist Scott Staner, who is from Boardman. These three work together to create the perfect musical product.

Songs such as "Walkin' On Clouds" and "Old Friends" sound like classic rock while "Cavegirl" and "My Grandma Was a Big



Goddog: The members of the band, (from left to right) drummer Albert Roman, bassist Scott Staner and vocalist/guitarist Paul Scott will perform at the Pub Wednesday.

Foot" mix humor into the normally serious music form. Goddog will perform in the

Kilcawley Pub Wednesday from 9 to 11 p.m. and *Diskenekd* is on sale now in the Kilcawley Bookstore.

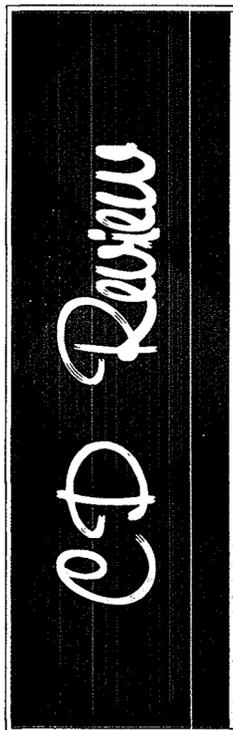


University Theater announces auditions for upcoming show

Auditions for YSU Theater's production of "Lysistrata" by Aristophanes will be held January 13 and 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in Ford Theater of Bliss Hall.

The production will be held February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1 at 8 p.m. and March 2 at 3 p.m.

Students wishing to audition should be prepared to read from the script. Auditions are open to all interested people. No previous experience is necessary and casting priority will be given to current YSU students.



NICOLE TANNER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

BUSH RAZORBLADE SUITCASE



Bush frontman Gavin Rossdale doesn't have much to worry about these days. He has achieved rockstar status and is regarded as one of music's hottest successes - although this isn't his preference.

Rossdale has expressed on many occasions his wish for people to pay more attention to his talents than to his cheeky British good-looks. This might cause some people to regard Rossdale with an air of sarcasm, frequently used in reference to celebrities who complain.

The latest release by Bush, *Razorblade Suitcase*, contains numerous songs that vocalize, in their own subtle way, Rossdale's plea for true admiration of his talent. For example, on the first single off this release, "Swallowed," Rossdale sadly sings the

lyrics, "just want to be myself." And in "Greedy Fly" he wails, "I signed my life away. There's a greedy fly in here and I fly away."

The band's sophomore effort shows tremendous musical growth in comparison to their debut release *Sixteen Stone*. The lyrics express a maturity in the band. In addition, the music is filled with raw emotion not found on the first album. Mostly this comes out in the band's harsh vocals and screaming guitars.

The best song on the album is "Straight No Chaser," in which the dissonance between stringed instruments perfectly completes the mood of the lyrics. Other key songs include "History," "Bonedrive" and the hard-edged "Cold Conta-

gious," a song Rossdale mockingly sings in a quiet low voice.

Despite the higher musical quality on *Razorblade Suitcase*, it might not be as successful as *Sixteen Stone*. Even the most popular bands are not im-

mune from what has come to be known as the "Sophomore Slump" where the second release turns up disappointing sales. Newer bands such as Hootie and the Blowfish, Better Than Ezra and The Gin Blossoms have suffered this fate.

If bandwagon Bush fans find any disappointment in *Razorblade Suitcase*, it may be found in the lack of predictable melodies found on *Sixteen Stone* ("Machine Head" and "Little Things"). Many of the songs take interesting turns that might displease the moderate listener. However, die-hard Bush fans definitely won't be disappointed.



Excellent

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'Jesus Christ Superstar' visits Cleveland

NICOLE TANNER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

as a two-record rock opera that sold more than two million copies, making the show even more spectacular.

"Jesus Christ Superstar," the original rock musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, is on its final coast-to-coast journey across North America and will stop in Cleveland later this month.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" is based on the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth and came to the stage in a very unorthodox manner. It was originally released

After the success of the album, Webber and Rice created the stage production, which opened in 1971 with advance ticket sales totaling more than \$1 million.

The current production, directed and choreographed by Tony Christopher, returns to its rock opera roots while combining contemporary theater technology,

Ted Neeley, who also starred in the motion picture, recreates his performance in the title role. He was nominated for Golden Globe Awards for Best Actor and Best Newcomer for the motion picture. Neeley has also performed in "Hair" and

"Tommy."

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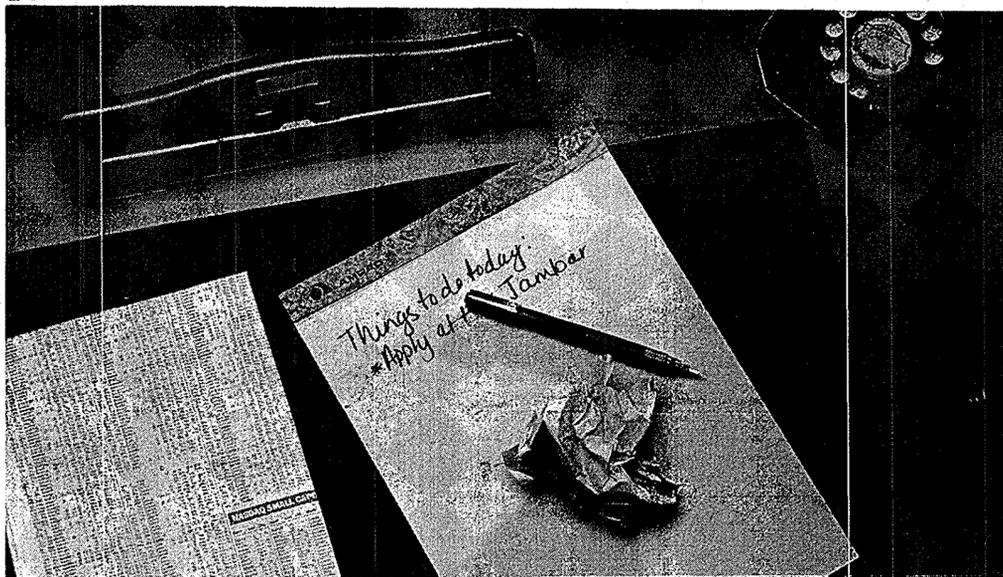
Ted Neeley: The actor recreates his role as Jesus of Nazareth in "Jesus Christ Superstar."

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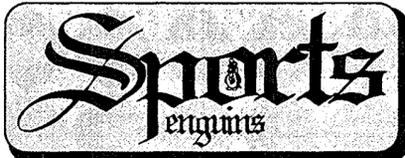
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Scoreboard

Lady Penguins defeat Central Connecticut State University 86-58, bringing their season record to 9-2.

Men hoopsters collect fourth straight victory by downing Central Connecticut University 68-47. The win improves the Penguins' record to 5-5.



"We have lots of work to do, and I am committed to making our visions come true."

Head Football Coach, Jim Tressel, commenting on his new three-year contract extension.

Lady Pens win conference opener

JEREMY HARPER
Sports Editor

The YSU women's basketball team opened up its 1996-97 Mid-Continent Conference schedule at Beeghly Thursday with an impressive 86-58 victory over Central Connecticut State University.

One key to the Lady Penguins' success has been solid defensive play, and Thursday's contest was no exception.

Central Connecticut State connected on only 20-of-56 shots, including a dismal 18 percent shooting performance from three-point territory.

As well as taking away easy baskets, YSU forced the Lady Blue Devils into committing 29 turnovers and came away with 18 steals. Junior Ann Marie Martin led the way with four picks and junior Colleen Cook swiped three.

Head Coach Ed DiGregorio said the defense can still improve, but he was pleased with the results of the team's first conference game of the season.

"It was probably our best defensive effort," DiGregorio said. "We really played good defense."

The Lady Penguins played good offense as well, knocking down 61 percent of their shots

in the first half and 45 percent for the game. Senior Liz Hauger led all scorers with 27 points, while Martin and junior Shannon Beach tallied 17 and 13, respectively.

The game was close with 7:24 left in the first half. YSU led 22-20 before going on a 23-4 run and taking a 21 point lead into half-time. Beach scored nine of her 13 points during the run.

The game never got close in the second half as the Lady Penguins continued to get easy shots at the basket by pounding the ball inside. The strategy worked in the first half and YSU saw no reason to change.

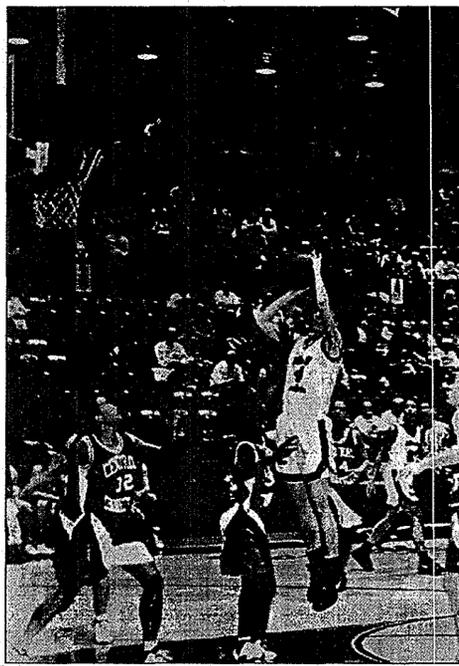
"Our first move is to go inside," DiGregorio said. "If they double down, then we kick it out for three points."

But there was no need to kick the ball out since the Lady Blue Devils could not stop YSU's strong inside game.

Of the 32 shots made by the Lady Penguins, 25 came from within the key. And when shots were missed, YSU won the battle on the boards 44-36. Hauger led the team with nine rebounds and Martin collected seven.

Tamika Knight led the way for the Lady Blue Devils with 16 points and 11 rebounds, while Tara Fitzsimons added 11 points.

As well as a strong inside



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Jill Cupples (24) takes a jumper against Central Connecticut State University.

game and stingy defensive play, another factor contributing to the Lady Penguins' 9-2 start is the chemistry of the starting players.

But that advantage has been missing with starting guard, junior Caroline McCombs, sitting on the bench with a knee injury.

While sophomore Lisa Rotunno has played well in McCombs' absence, the experience and familiarity that comes from a consistent rotation will be an important factor as the season wears on.

"We've been together for two years and without Caroline it was different," Cook said.

McCombs wasn't physically ready to start against the Lady Blue Devils, but she did come off the bench and contribute five points and two steals in 12 minutes of play.

"It [knee] feels a lot better," McCombs said. "I think it's almost healed. We'll see in the next couple of games."

The Lady Penguins will look to win their second straight conference game tomorrow as they travel to Illinois to face the Westerwinds of Western Illinois University. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Inside the Numbers

YSU (86) — Hauger 10-19 5-5 27, Martin 6-10 5-5 17, Beach 5-10 3-3 13, Jones 3-7 0-0 6, Majewski 2-7 0-0 5, McCombs 2-3 0-0 5, Cupples 1-4 2-3 4, Cook 1-3 0-0 2, Bowles 0-2 2-2 2, Rotunno 1-3 0-0 2 Young 0-0 1-2 1.

CCSU (58) — Knight 7-12 2-4 16, Fitzsimons 2-9 6-6 11, Maciulewski 2-7 4-5 8, Guarneri 2-7 2-2 7, McBroom 3-10 0-0 6, Warner 1-2 2-2 4, Langston 2-5 0-0 4, Ostrosky 1-3 0-0 2.

YSU — 9-2, 1-0 in Mid-Continent
CCSU — 1-9, 0-2 in Mid-Continent

Tressel renews contract with YSU

YSU announced Head Football Coach Jim Tressel accepted a three-year extension to his contract.

As part of the contract, Tressel pledged his commitment to continue his leadership of the Penguins during the 1997-98 season, stating he will not place his name in candidacy for any other coaching position during that time.

YSU President Les Cochran called the agreement "wonderful news for the Valley and for the continuity of YSU's football program."

Praising Tressel for his leadership and loyalty to YSU's athletic program, he added, "New recruits can start their college years with the assurance that Jim Tressel will be their coach."

Tressel has just completed his 11th season as head football coach for YSU and is in his third

full year as the University's executive director of athletics.

In the decade of the 90's, he has led the Penguins to 72 wins (an average of over 10 victories per season), achieving one of the top marks in the Division I category.

From 1991 through 1994, he guided the teams to three I-AA championship titles and a runner-up crown.

In 11 seasons at YSU, his teams were 95-44-2 overall in 141 games, with Tressel just five wins shy of recording his 100th all-time collegiate coaching victory.

In accepting the University's contract extension, Tressel remarked, "There are numerous exciting things happening at YSU — within the total institution and in athletics.

We have lots of work to do, and I am committed to making our visions come true."

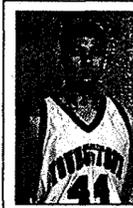
Men hoopsters use second-half run to capture fourth straight victory

JEREMY HARPER
Sports Editor

It was a tale of two halves as the YSU men's basketball team defeated Central Connecticut State 68-47 Thursday at Beeghly Center en route to its fourth consecutive victory.

The first half of the Penguins' Mid-Continent Conference opener was anything but spectacular. Both teams had difficulty scoring.

YSU shot 30 percent from the floor and made only 2-of-10 three-pointers. The Blue Devils (4-6) fared no better, managing to connect on only 32 percent of their first-half shots and missing all seven of their three-point attempts. The Penguins went into the locker room with a 25-18 half-time lead.



"We're all coming together and we're starting to know our roles. The wins do a great deal for our confidence level."

Hank Raber Jr.

"We were getting good shots. We just weren't making them," Assistant Coach Gary Grzesk said of the Penguins' first-half shooting.

YSU continued to get good looks at the basket in the second half, with one significant difference — the shots started to fall.

Junior guard Anthony Hunt opened the half by knocking down a three-pointer, and senior Marcus Culbreth connected on two free-

throws, stretching the Penguins' lead to 30-18.

Central Connecticut State's Victor Payne hit a jumper, closing the lead to 10. Then the Penguin offense — which had been silent all game — exploded.

"In the second half we were more conscious about getting the ball inside and we tried to get some easy shots on transition, which we did," said Grzesk.

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YSU went on a 22-8 run, beginning with a three-pointer by junior Willie Spellman, and built a 52-28 lead with just over seven minutes left in the game. The Blue Devils could never cut into the lead as the Penguins rolled to their fourth straight win.

Hunt and Culbreth led all Penguin scorers with 12 points apiece and senior guard David Henderson added 11. Hunt recorded four of the defense's eight steals, while junior Robert Hooper and freshman Anthony Camuso each collected five rebounds.

Sean Scott was the only Blue Devil to score in double figures with a game-high 15 points and Rick Mickens cleared seven boards.

The victory improves YSU's season record to 5-5. This is the same team that began the season by losing five of its first six games, but the players' attitudes and confidence are certainly different.

"We're all coming together and we're starting to know our roles," said senior guard Hank Raber Jr. "The wins do a great deal for our confidence level."

The Penguins will try to stretch their four-game winning streak to five as they travel to face Western Illinois University tomorrow. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:35 p.m.

Inside the Numbers

YSU (68) — Hunt 3-6 4-4 12, Culbreth 3-6 6-6 12, Henderson 2-5 6-7 11, Spellman 2-6 1-2 7, Raber 2-5 1-1 5, Lewis 2-3 0-0 5, McMurray 2-4 1-1 5, Hooper 1-4 1-3 3, Milliren 1-3 1-1 3, Olsen 0-0 2-2 2, Camuso 1-3 0-0 2, Ethen 0-2 1-2 1.

CCSU (47) — Scott 4-7 7-8 15, Gregory 2-3 1-3 5, Mickens 2-12 0-0 5, Payne 2-4 0-0 4, Wallace 2-2 0-0 4, Edwards 1-9 2-4 4, Petteway 1-3 0-0 3, Osbey 1-3 0-0 3, Yelling 1-1 0-0 2, Dreyer 1-6 0-1 2.

YSU — 5-5, 1-0 in Mid-Continent
CCSU — 4-6, 0-1 in Mid-Continent

1997 Men's Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8	@ Western Illinois University	7:35 p.m.
Jan. 11	Troy State University	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	University of Missouri-K.C.	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	Siena College	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	@ University at Buffalo	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	@ N.E. Illinois University	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	@ Chicago State University	8:05 p.m.
Feb. 1	Western Illinois University	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	Valparaiso University	7:40 p.m.
Feb. 6	@ University of Missouri-K.C.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	@ Troy State University	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	University at Buffalo	7:40 p.m.
Feb. 15	Chicago State University	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	N.E. Illinois University	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	@ C. Conn. State University	7:50 p.m.
Mar. 2-4	Mid-Con Conference Tournament	

Home games in bold.

1997 Women's Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8	@ Western Illinois University	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Troy State University	5:20 p.m.
Jan. 13	University of Missouri-K.C.	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	University at Buffalo	5:20 p.m.
Jan. 25	@ N.E. Illinois University	12:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	@ Chicago State University	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Western Illinois University	5:20 p.m.
Feb. 3	Valparaiso University	5:20 p.m.
Feb. 6	@ University of Missouri-K.C.	5:30 p.m.
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to YSU's MBA program. He said the program sparked an interest in a career in teaching.

"I taught Management 511 as a graduate assistant here at YSU. Teaching was a great experience and the faculty were tremendous. That's when I realized teaching was my calling," he said.

Kos is working on his Ph.D. in Strategy to Policy at Kent State. He said YSU's MBA provided a good preparation to Ph.D. work.

"Working with other students on group projects allowed us to interact more closely in a positive environment. This experience prepared me extremely well for my Ph.D. at Kent," he said.

Linda Mohn, MBA/EMBA program coordinator, listed as some of the program's assets, a relevant curriculum, accommodating class schedules, small class sizes, student faculty ratio of 20:1, internships and cooperative education opportunities, affordable costs, available financial aid and a diversified student base.

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Application deadlines for admission are Feb. 15 for spring 1997, May 15 for Summer 1997 and Aug. 15 for fall 1997. Admission into the program is based on undergraduate records, GMAT scores and business or general experience which demonstrate potential for success in the program.

The Graduate Management Admission Test is offered Jan. 18, March 15 and June 21. YSU's University Outreach offers a preparatory course in the spring and fall of each academic year. The next prep course is scheduled for five Saturdays beginning April 5 and the fee is \$150. For more information about the GMAT Preparation Course, call YSU University Outreach at 742-3358.

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Cafaro House wins architectural award

PEGGY MOORE
News Editor

The Cafaro House Honors Residence received the Civic Improvement Award, 1996, for Excellence in Design and Construction from the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"On an annual basis, the Chamber honors major, local, architectural improvements. These are both renovations and new structures," said John N. Moliterno, president, Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber.

A core of local architects submit their projects to the Chamber for consideration, and the Chamber in turn sends these submissions to the Carnegie Mellon University's School of Architecture.

"A review group objectively consider each submission and choose a select few for awards. Cafaro House stood out as a new structure for a number of reasons," said Moliterno.

"The texture and coloring of the materials brings a warmth to a cold-climate campus. The L-shape of the plan works to create a protected outdoor space at the inside



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The Cafaro House Honors Residence received an award for design from an area business association.

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Campus Calendar

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Music at Noon: Melissa Tosh, soprano, Butler Institute of American Art.

Basketball: Mid-Continent Conference games: Women at Western Illinois, 5:30 p.m., men at Western Illinois, 7:35 p.m.

Students for Peace 12 to 2 p.m.-in-Kilcawley, room 2057. Open to everyone. For more information call Claire 788-3345.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Opening night of University Theater/Dana School of Music's "Breaking Legs." First Nighter's Buffet will be held at 6 p.m. at Noodles in Kilcawley Center. Reservations are necessary. For dinner and theater reservations, call the theater box office at x3105 form 10:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Performances continue through Jan. 11.

Friday, Jan. 10

"Visit to a Blue Planet," a four-program lecture series focusing on planet Earth begins when Dr. Warren Young opens the series with a talk titled "Astronomy of the Maya," 8 p.m. at Ward Beecher Planetarium. Free, for reservations and info. call the Planetarium at (330) 742-3616.

McDonough Museum opening reception for fall and winter graduating seniors exhibits, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

YSU NOW, half-hour radio program about YSU people, places and events, 8:05 a.m. on WRRO-AM (1440).

"Serpent of the Sun," a look at the astronomy of the mound-building Indians of the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys; at the Ward Beecher Planetarium at Y.S.U. 8 p.m. Free, for reservations and info. call the Planetarium at (330) 742-3616.

Thursday, Jan. 16

"Through the Eyes of Hubble" at the Ward Beecher Planetarium at Y.S.U.; the history and accomplishments of the Hubbel Space Telescope at 2 p.m. Free, for reservations and info. call the Planetarium at (330) 742-3616.

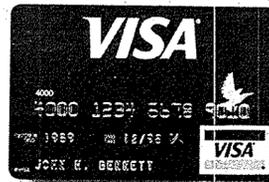
Friday, Jan. 17

Visit to a Blue Planet — Part 2: "The Age of the Earth" by Dr. Ray Beiersdorfer, 8 p.m. Free, for reservations and info. call the Planetarium at (330) 742-3616.

Saturday, Jan. 18

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Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its impetus to become a nation came from the United States. For 149 years, it was a stalwart ally of the United States. Yet for the past years, as a civil war has taken almost 200,000 lives, displaced more than two-thirds of the population and destroyed its infrastructure, the United States has treated this great tragedy as a regional problem.

Liberia has a unique historical and cultural link to the United States. Settled by African Americans, many of them former slaves, in the early decades of the 19th century, Liberia became a republic in 1847. The United States influence on Liberia is reflected in the African nation's constitution, the star and stripes of its red, white and blue flag, the structure of its government, the names of its cities, its schools' curriculum, its official language and the remarkable degree of good will its citizens feel toward America. Through all the major conflicts of the 20th century, Liberians been among the most dependable allies of the United States. In both World Wars, Liberia declared war on the enemies of the United States and offered vital air bases, ports, and natural resources to support the United States military. During the Cold War, Liberia voted with the United States on every significant resolution at the United Nations. It hosted facilities for electronic monitoring and became the largest base for United States intelligence-gathering in Africa.

Yet when Liberia's security was most at risk because of civil conflict the United States government deferred to ECOWAS, an under-funded regional organization composed of some of the world's poorest nations. Half of the \$10 million earmarked by the United States to support a peacekeeping force had not been committed by April 1996. Meanwhile, the cost to the United States of responding to the humanitarian crisis since 1990 has been emergency relief assistance valued at over \$445 million, over \$66 million provided in the past year alone, more than eight times the amount committed to peacekeeping.

In the absence of a viable security plan, the torrent of refugees continues to undermine Liberia's relations with its immediate neighbors. Though the United States has implored those nations to admit Liberian refugees, its own record of Liberian admissions decries the long relationship with that nation.

The approach to achieving peace in Liberia has revolved around the ECOWAS process for six years. This process has, in turn, been dependent on a core group of ECOWAS nations with the will and very limited resources to engage in diplomacy or to commit forces for peacekeeping. Fourteen peace agreements have been largely brokered without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreements and the resources, and leverage, necessary for successful implementation. This failure to produce a concerted approach to all aspects of the peace process, from mediation to negotiation and implementation, produced the tragic results that we have witnessed in Liberia.

On August 17 the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) concluded meetings that provide a new timetable for the peace process. Starting August 20, the warring factions are to observe a cease-fire, dismantle checkpoints and withdraw from zones of combat. The peacekeeping force, expanding from 8500 to 18000 troops, is to deploy throughout Liberia in November. Demobilization is to be completed by January 31. Elections are to be held on May 31 with a turnover to an elected government on June 15. The revised plan calls for sanctions against members of the warring factions that obstruct the peace process. Sanctions include restrictions on travel, freeze on economic activities, exclusion from electoral process, and war crime charges.

Now the United States has another opportunity to assert its international leadership at a critical juncture to ensure that the success of the new peace process. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States must heighten its diplomatic efforts to help coordinate the process of peace and gather the funding that is necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should take the necessary steps to ensure that its commitment of \$30 million to support the ECOMOG peacekeeping force is obligated before the end of the fiscal year 1996. While the United States pledge of \$30 million is a step in the right direction it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOMOG to the 18,000 troops necessary for deployment by November. It is vital that the United States provide additional funds to make up this shortfall or take the lead to obtain significant pledges from other donor countries.

A top priority of the United States should be the implementation of a serious program for demobilizing Liberia's combatants. Regrettably, no additional funding has been pledged by the United States to improve what was an inadequately funded and designed demobilization plan. In fact, some of the funds allocated in early 1996 for reintegration of Liberia's 60,000 combatants have been diverted elsewhere. The United States should take the lead in designing a comprehensive demobilization program. This program will not involve United States troops, but should include the resources for every stage of demobilization from encampment to training and counseling of combatants. A contribution of \$20 million (non-food related) from the United States will provide the resources necessary to initiate a well-conceived demobilization program and encourage future contributions from other international donors.

President Clinton and the United States Congress must make Liberia a priority on our foreign relations agenda in Africa. United State leadership is critical if the key elements are to be achieved on schedule under the new peace plan. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States through its Special Envoy, must heighten its diplomatic efforts to coordinate the implementation of the peace process and gather the additional resources necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization.

The United States should strengthen the response of the international community to the needs of the peace process. The foundation for a new international approach to the peace process already exists with the International Contact Group for Liberia, the group of donor countries that have pledged support to the peace process. The concept behind the ICGL should be expanded to a tightly coordinated partnership that includes the United States, ECOWAS, and the United Nations. This high level of cooperation will ensure that scarce resources are effectively utilized.

The outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in April-May of 1996 was the latest in a series of clashes in Liberia's intractable war. During the past nearly seven years, the war has produced shocking humanitarian conditions for Liberian civilians. The most recent fighting exacerbated even further these conditions. Humanitarian assistance organizations have been unable to deliver food and other emergency services because of the fighting in Monrovia. Their resources looted by gangs of combatants and the safety of their relief workers threatened, these organizations closed or dramatically reduced their operations in Liberia.

As a result of the civil war in Liberia, an estimated 800,000 Liberians are internally displaced; another 800,000 are refugees in neighboring countries that are among the poorest in the world. Approximately 50 % of the population in Monrovia, upwards of 350,000 persons, were forced to flee their homes due to the April-May fighting and another 3,000 died. During June-July some 3,300 new cases of cholera were reported in Monrovia and a July survey found malnutrition rates for children in displaced shelters have increased up to 25%.

Now that the dust of the Civil War in Liberia is settling down, an era of a NEW LIBERIA is at hand. Whether anyone likes it or not, a leadership is bound to emerge, supposedly to shoulder the national responsibilities of politics and administration and to ensure the continued survival of the Liberian people and culture.

That such leadership will be genuine and committed is a matter that you as Liberians and friends of Liberia can decide, or at least influence. But choosing national leadership is a serious and difficult business. In Liberia, bombed-out homes and shops are painful reminders of what happens when leaders are chosen unwisely. We cannot allow this to happen again. This is why the Liberian Social Justice Foundation is campaigning for PEACE, SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN LIBERIA.

The Liberian Social Justice Foundation has carefully examined the administrative and operational policies of both the past and present administration in Liberia, and in our candid opinion, much more needs to be done to help Liberia go in the direction she needs to go. We as Liberians must try to have a positive influence on the selection of the national programs and the corresponding leadership which will inevitably affect our lives and the lives of our people for many years to come.

My fellow Liberians and Friends of Liberia, the Liberian Social Justice Foundation has embarked on a mission to ensure that PEACE, UNITY, SECURITY, FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE prevail in Liberia. This is an awesome responsibility that can only occur if we cooperate as a team. History will judge us not by what we say, but by what we do. With God and the determined mind, there is nothing we cannot achieve for our Liberian Society. It is in this light that I urge you to support and contribute to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation's programs.

Liberia, the African nation established in the 1800s by freed American slaves, has been torn by civil war since 1989. What does the Liberian Civil War mean to Americans in terms of health care, humanitarian relief, stability throughout Africa and the continuation of missionary work? If you share in the dream of peace in Liberia, a country founded upon American ideals, you are invited to become more informed by writing to the LIBERIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION, POST OFFICE BOX 31438, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45231. (513) 931-1872.

I am writing to introduce you to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc., a broad-based social nonprofit organization. The mission of the LSJFI is two-fold: we are dedicated to restoring a just and stable society in Liberia, and to improving the quality of life for all Liberians, both at home and abroad.

On behalf of our members, I appeal to you for financial assistance in support of LSJF activities. An application for membership is included which contains a breakdown of membership fees. Please know that any amount you can contribute will be helpful to us. Your support of the Foundation, and your awareness of its concerns is deeply appreciated. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to write us or call. Thank you for your time, your contribution, and your generosity. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc.

Best regards,

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Executive Director/Chairman

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Faces of hunger in Liberia

Liberian children await arrival of a food convoy in Tubmanburg, 50 miles north of Monrovia. The city was cut off for months by fighting. People surrounded the trucks Wednesday; when bags of wheat were opened, they grabbed handfuls and ate it uncooked. *World/A8*

