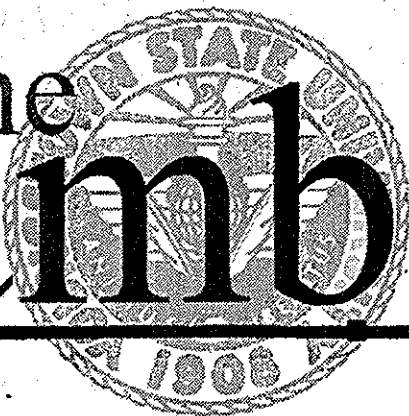


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Budget cut to hit YSU in 2003

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA
Jambar Reporter

YSU is one of eight universities in Ohio that will suffer from a budget cut in 2003. This news was e-mailed to universities Monday after the FY 2003 State Share of Instructions Allocation was revised.

Official notice was received from Governor Robert Taft's office last Monday that the FY 2003 operating budget

appropriations will be cut. If unchanged YSU will receive 6.54 percent or \$2.9 million less than anticipated for 2003.

This is in addition to the \$3 million cut YSU suffered after the governor's budget decision last October.

Terry Ondreyka, vice president, financial affairs, said this budget cut was very much of a surprise. "It was not anticipated at all. We were caught off-

guard because the governor and [Ohio Board of] Regents said there would not be any more cuts in higher education."

Ondreyka said he does not yet know how this budget cut will affect YSU students. "That's what we're still trying to figure out. This is not good news," he said.

Ondreyka said if the university determined to make up the difference by tuition

increase it would cost students roughly \$350 more dollars a year to attend YSU. He said,

"This is by no means a decision that has been made."

YSU President David Sweet has taken steps to appeal this budget cut. In a letter to Taft Sweet wrote, "The potential loss of this \$2.9 million would seriously harm the University, undermine our efforts to negotiate reasonable contracts with the two unions

(YSU-OEA and YSU-ACE), and pose a serious setback to YSU's efforts to stabilize the Mahoning Valley's long-suffering economy."

Some universities, such as Akron and Bowling Green, will benefit from the revision of the FY 2003 SSI. These universities along with five others will see more money thanks to the revision.

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Student attempts robbery

By ANGELA OLIN
Jambar Editor

A student was arrested Monday June 24 for attempting to steal items, including a credit card, out of a professor's office and for also being in possession of another person's credit card.

Joshua West, sophomore, was originally charged by YSU police with robbery, trespass warning and receiving stolen property, according to the police report.

The receiving stolen property charge is for being in possession of another man's credit card, Andrew Ginnis, a Youngstown resident.

However, after attending court on Monday, the charges were reduced from the two felonies to two one-class misdemeanors. Although, forgery may also be added to the charges for West's possible use of Ginnis' checkbook in stores in the Youngstown area, one of which was Sparkle Super Market on Gypsy Lane in Youngstown.

Mike, manager of Sparkle Super Market on Gypsy Lane, who had asked for his last name to be withheld, said the grocery store will file police charges for the check that bounced.

Mike said Ginnis is held responsible until a police report is filed and an investigation by the store is completed. Although, Mike said it is the courts decision in the long run who will pay for the bill.

When asked why a driver's license was not asked of West when he was using Ginnis' check, Mike responded that the store does not have a policy to ask for a driver's license when a person uses a check. He also said that it is uncertain who accepted the check from West.

Jeanette Garr, associate professor of chemical engineering, said she feels lucky that West did not succeed with stealing her own credit cards and possibly doing to her what he has done to Ginnis. "I feel terrible about what happened to him."

"Hopefully he won't be coming back to campus," she said. "He's probably really mad to be caught."

"He's gonna have a mess in his hands... He has a criminal record both on and off campus now."

Garr said she was leaving her office to go to the coffee room when she first saw West outside of her office suite.

"I saw him standing there. We had a very pleasant conversation," she said.

Garr said West was asking questions about some of the different programs her office offers and she was providing information to him. She said she was going to walk him down the hall to show him a few things.

However, when she was walking with him, he told her, "I have to go to the bathroom bad," he said. Garr said she pointed him to the bathroom and proceeded to walk until she heard a door shut from behind her.

The door to her office is heavy so she turned around and headed back to her office.

"I looked in and I saw him under my desk," she said.

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Bliss Hall will receive update

By ASHLEE OWENS
Jambar Reporter

An 18,000 square foot addition to update and expand the art facilities will be added to the east side of Bliss Hall. The state-funded project will cost an estimated \$3.3 million.

Dennis Clouse, director of planning and construction at YSU, said the construction is expected to begin this summer and will take approximately one year to complete. "The building should be ready to be occupied by fall semester of 2003," he said.

The architectural firm MS Consultants of Youngstown designed the plans for the addition. Bids for the construction of the new facility were due July 3. After evaluation of the bids, apparent low bidders for each of the trades will be notified as to selection, Clouse said.

Chairperson Greg Moring of the department of art said that the addition is necessary to meet accreditation standards of the National School of Art and Design. He also said these standards require that certain levels of facilities be met to support the professional arts program.

"Our spatial arts facilities have been at a relatively low level. The last renovation was about five years ago, which left us in a situation where our students could not attain the proper level of training, especially in sculpture," Moring said.

Another factor necessitating the renovation of Bliss Hall is the increase in student

enrollment. "The art department has been growing at approximately 10 percent each year," Moring said.

Clouse affirmed, "The expansion is taking place because the department of art, which this will primarily serve, is growing exponentially. The demand is great for new, advanced painting studios and sculpture labs."

The new plan includes an exterior work court, a fenced area where students will be able to work on larger scale projects outside as well as inside.

"The current sculptural facilities did not allow students to work on a larger scale," Moring said. "Students were always working on a very small scale; there was not enough room and equipment for them to work larger," he continued.

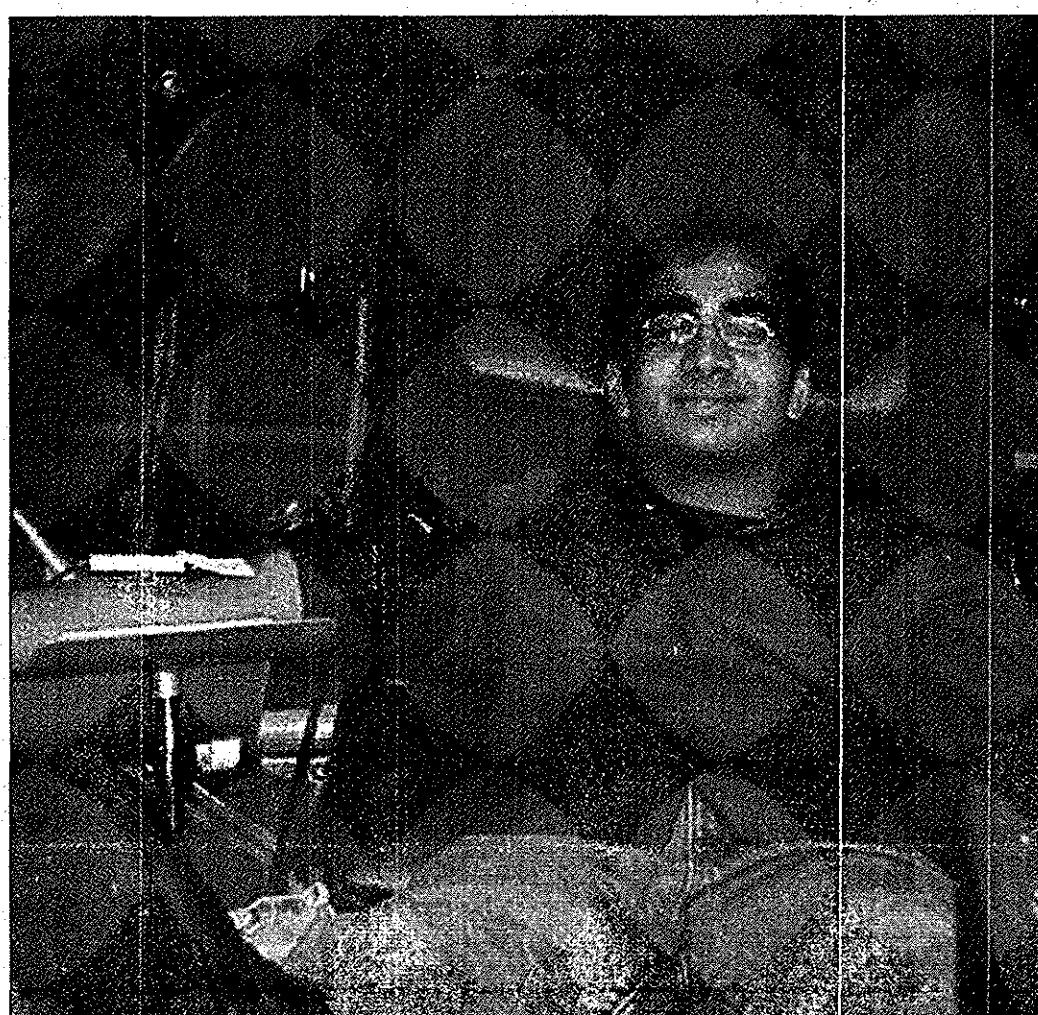
Moring added that there also was not enough room in existing facilities for advanced students to work separately. When students reach a senior level, they need to have a space to work that is separate from lower-level students, he stated.

"As opposed to intro-level students, who can move their projects on and off of shelves to work on, advanced students need a space in which they can work on something that they don't have to keep pulling apart and moving," Moring explained.

Senior art education major Kristine Bogensperger recalled the environment in a sculpture class she once took and said there was a definite "need for more space and storage" in

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BLOOD WORK



Kristen Serroka/The Jambar

GIVING BLOOD: Freshmen John Koshy, and Lindsay Wardle give blood in the Chestnut Room at Kilcawley Center on Wednesday. The Blood Drive continues today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Full Story on Page 2.



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Reception held for assistant director

CISP director Susan Hertz Khawaja retired after over 20 years of service.

By KRISTEN SERROKA
Jambar Reporter

A reception was held Friday, June 28 for Susan Hertz Khawaja who retired from the position of assistant director for the Center for International Studies and Programs, which she has held since 1978.

Khawaja was accompanied by colleagues, friends and international students who attended the reception while enjoying friendly conversation and a light lunch in the lobby of the center.

Khawaja said she has many plans for retirement, which include the usual rest and relaxation along with working for the international volunteer movement, working with refugees, as well as an application for the Peace Corps.

Khawaja said she will miss "the chance to view the world's future through the eyes of international students." She said that feeling could not be replaced.

Ozgur Baykal, graduate student from Turkey, said Khawaja is very experienced in her job and he will miss her because she always understands situations and can give answers.

Ehsan Mehri, freshman from Iran, said Khawaja was the first

person he met at YSU and will miss her and stay in contact with her since "she will always be a part" of YSU.

Khawaja, who was supposed to retire last July, said her duties as assistant director included helping to orient students and faculty who come to YSU from overseas for studies and research to the campus and American education system. In addition, she is responsible for the legal compliance with U.S. immigration regulations.

Some YSU international students who attended the reception said they enjoyed working with Khawaja and are worried about who will take her position once she is gone.

Enyinda Onunwor, graduate student from Nigeria, said the hardest thing will be trying to find someone with as much experience as Khawaja. He said himself, along with other students, are concerned about their future because they have grown accustomed to Khawaja.

Dr. Sylvia Jimenez Hyre, director of the center, said Khawaja has had a difficult job to do, but has reached a milestone by retiring and hopes that she enjoys her retirement.

Hyre said the students of the center are very concerned with Khawaja leaving because immigration procedures have become more complicated since September 11.

Hyre said the position will be advertised, but has not yet been filled temporarily. She said she will have to approach the provost because the transition period will be extremely important.

"She will always be a part of YSU"

— EHSAN MEHRI
Freshman, on the retirement of CISP assistant director, Susan Hertz Khawaja

Recycle Mania in full swing

By JOLENE POWELL
Jambar Editor

Recycle Mania is on. The competition began June 1 and will continue through August 16.

Dan Kuzma, junior and employee for the YSU recycling program, worked with the program's director, Jim Petuch, to create the campus wide race to collect the most recyclable materials per building.

Kuzma said the competition is one way to boost recycling on campus.

All buildings on campus are included in the Recycle Mania. Kuzma said the buildings are divided into big and small divisions based on size and the amount of the potential recyclable material that is put out.

Petuch and Kuzma are keeping track of how many bags of recyclable material that is collected from each building several times per week.

Kuzma said some of the big buildings include Maag Library, Cushwa Hall and Bliss Hall. Some of the small buildings include Tod Hall, the Phelps building and Smith

Hall. Kuzma said, "As of the end of June, the big building leaders are Jones Hall with 50 bags, Williamson Hall with 50 bags and DeBartolo Hall with 40 bags. The small building leaders are the stadium dock with 12 bags, the Phelps building with 11 bags and Fedor Hall with seven bags."

The winner of each category will be recognized and awarded a certificate said Kuzma.

"We should recycle to save money and help the environment," said Kuzma. "There needs to be more education and awareness." Kuzma also said people can reuse or recycle things such as computers and the recycling program can tell people where and how to do this.

Petuch said, "Since recycling during the summer is traditionally low, we wanted to bring it up. Recycle Mania was one of Dan's ideas." He added that other universities also participate in Recycle Mania.

"Recycling saves landfill space. Also, according to First Energy, the amount of recyclable material from the YSU campus collected from January to

May was enough to power 35.5 non-electric heated houses for a year," said Petuch. He said this shows how recycling saves money and energy.

Petuch said YSU's recycling program has been recycling material from offices since 1990 and has had the collection bins in the hallways for three years.

Although Michelle Luzar, senior, said she hasn't heard about Recycle Mania she said she does use the hallway recycling bins for newspapers and cans.

There are still some students not using the hallway bins to recycle. Corrine Sanderson, junior, said, "I don't use (the hallway recycling bins) because the garbage can is closer." But Sanderson did say she would try to recycle more of the empty cans of pop she drinks in class.

Petuch pointed out that monitoring bags of garbage would help the recycling program know how much more material can be recycled.

The final outcome of the Recycle Mania competition will be announced after its completion on August 16.

Blood Drive in Kilcawley

By KRISTEN SERROKA
Jambar Reporter

The Student Government summer blood drive courtesy of the American Red Cross continues today in the Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room.

Student Government Cabinet Member Christa Natoli, secretary of intergovernmental affairs, has been in charge of all preparations and arrangements.

Natoli said there is a blood emergency this summer because there are many people traveling and also the Red Cross has less than a day's supply worth of blood on hand.

Natoli expressed her concern for the need for blood. She said that every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion and 95 percent of the population will need a blood transfusion sometime in

their life. She added that unfortunately only 5 percent of the population actually donate blood.

The process is clean and painless; it takes 6 to 10 minutes, but requires about an hour for rest and eating afterward she said.

Tom Pugh, senior, said as a VIP donor he gives a certain number of pints of blood every 56 days. He said he has given blood 30 to 40 times and thinks donating is a small contribution that can help so many people.

Mariam Millmier, freshman, was in line to give blood. She said this is her second time giving blood and thinks it's necessary for people to donate.

She said she is donating because she has a B negative blood type, which is in demand.

Additionally, there will be entertainment provided for

those giving blood to get their minds off of the process. Music and videos will be played throughout the day.

Natoli said SG has spent a great deal of time working on publicity for the blood drive since it takes place in the summer when there are not as many people circulating on campus. She said she contacted radio stations and local politicians to gain publicity.

Kevin Hastings who works for the American Red Cross said they are expecting at least 22 donations for this blood drive, but there is a critical need for blood in the summer because of accidents due to traveling and kids out of school.

Students that wish to donate blood may do so until 3 p.m. Thursday in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center. They must be at least 105 pounds and have had no tattoos in the last year.

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"I heard him pulling my things out of my purse."

"I said to myself, 'Oh my God, he's in my office.' So I said to him 'What the hell are you doing?' I was so shocked," she said. "I saw my credit card in his hand."

Garr said she was so shocked because she had just had a conversation with him and he was so polite and now he was in her office stealing her things.

"We had a pushing contest and then he ran and I began to yell and scream," she said.

"What saved us from him getting away is that this building is so confusing."

Garr said some faculty members were very helpful in helping her to catch West.

However, she said one faculty member in particular did not offer his help to her.

"One weasel didn't even help. He saw me get pushed down and all he did was go back in his office and lock the door," she said. "Isn't that terrible? He didn't even call 911."

She said when West was caught, they checked his pockets and that is when Ginnis' credit card was found on him. She also said all of her items were found.

"YSU police did a fantastic job. They were there almost immediately," she said. "We have a fantastic police force."

Garr said she is not sure what could be done to help these situations from reoccurring in the future.

"When your cornered in a office like mine, there's not much you can do but yell and scream," she said. "It would be nice if we had a little panic button, but yelling and screaming worked for me this time."

"I'm not sure what the answer is," she said. "I feel like a sucker... but, I'm lucky he didn't have a weapon."

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Ondreyka said determining which universities receive budget cuts or expansions is a complex mathematical process. He said it's not based on the number of students enrolled alone, but also on what rank the student has or the level of a course they are taking.

Sweet told Taft in his letter, "This resulting scenario of 'winners and losers' undermines your stated commitments to cause no further harm to public higher education."

Another way YSU is responding to the cut that will take 3 percent of their total budget is by inquiring about The Exceptional Circumstances clause, section 94.01 of The Ohio Code.

Sweet asked Ondreyka to look into this vague clause to find out what types of circumstances are considered exceptions and whether or not any exceptions have ever been made.

The clause states that adjustments for exceptional

circumstances may not be made without approval from the chancellor.

Sweet said he would also write Chancellor Roderick G.W. Chu. in hopes that YSU can demonstrate the "exceptional circumstances" needed to avoid this unforeseen and harsh cut.

The Ohio Board of Regents met in Toledo Wednesday to discuss these budget cuts. No one was available for comment regarding Wednesday's discussions.

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Police Report

18-year-old arrested on campus Foot fetish case continues

By ANGELA OLIN
Jambar Reporter

The YSU police department arrested a Youngstown resident for being in possession of crack-cocaine and driving erratically on Fifth Avenue near YSU campus.

Che Olds, 18, was arrested by YSU police on June 25 for drug trafficking, failure to comply with a police officer's signal and for not having a driver's license.

Olds was released from Mahoning County Jail and has been issued a trial date for a preliminary hearing on July 10 at 11 a.m. at the Youngstown Municipal Court house, Lt. Mark Adovasio said.

YSU officer John Spencer stated in the police report that he spotted Olds vehicle driving erratically on Fifth Avenue near the stadium at 1:40 a.m. on June 25. He stated the vehicle stopped halfway through the intersection on Fifth Avenue and Spring Street.

The report states that Spencer observed the passen-

gers in the car acting very nervous and when the light turned green, the vehicle sped off through the light at a high rate of speed.

When the vehicle approached Fifth Avenue and Arlington Street, because of its high rate of speed, it went through the red stop light.

At this time, the report states that Spencer turned on his lights to stop the car. Olds, the driver, began to exit the car when Spencer called for back up police officers and ordered Olds to stay in his vehicle.

However, Olds and another male exited the vehicle and began to argue with Spencer. Spencer states in the report that he again asked them to stay in the vehicle, but the two males began to run from the vehicle.

Spencer stayed with the vehicle until other officers arrived. There were two females in the car that told Spencer they did not know who the two males were and that they were just giving the two females a ride to Taco Bell. The two females were told they

could leave.

While Spencer was checking the vehicle, he states in the report that he saw five light blue plastic baggies in an open compartment of the console area that had a white substance inside of them, later identified as crack-cocaine.

The vehicle was towed and the baggies were taken and marked as evidence by the YSU Police department.

Earlier, when Olds ran from the vehicle, he took the keys to the car with him. Later, a St. Elizabeth's Police Department Officer, Phil Chance, stopped the two males on Covington Avenue.

When Chance brought the two males to the Taco Bell on Fifth Avenue where Spencer was waiting, Olds was identified as the driver and was found with the keys to the vehicle.

The other male, a juvenile, was issued a curfew violation by the Youngstown Police Department and was taken to his home. Olds was immediately taken to the Mahoning County Justice Center.

By HEATHER SHAW
Jambar Reporter

Complaints were filed again after an unknown suspect asked a female student if he could kiss her feet in Maag Library.

On June 26 the unknown suspect had approached Camille Wagner, junior, while she was seated on the 5th floor of Maag Library.

Wagner stated in a police report that a white male wearing a beige color T-shirt and beige colored short pants approached her and knelted down next to her. The unknown suspect then asked her if he could ask her a weird

question.

The suspect then said he was doing a study for a psychology class on deviancy and that he would pay her if Wagner would allow him to kiss her feet.

Wagner stated in the police report that she had said no and the unknown suspect got up and left heading toward the elevator lobby area.

She stated in the report that she immediately reported the incident to the 5th floor Multi-Media Center employee Jennifer Miner who contacted the police.

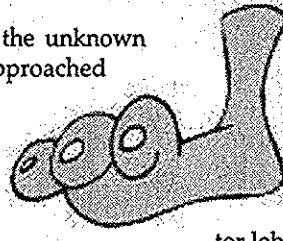
Prior to this incident the unknown suspect approached YSU English Professor Bonnie

Shaker in the same location, the 5th floor of Maag Library.

According to a prior police report the suspect had approached Shaker and said he was doing a sociology project. He then asked if he could kiss her feet if he paid her. Shaker replied no and filed a police report.

The suspect was described by both Miner and Wagner as having thick dark colored eyebrows, muscular legs, thick short hair, beige short pants, a beige T-shirt and white socks and shoes.

While the suspect still remains unknown, a videotape that displays activity in the Maag Library front desk area on the first floor was taken by YSU Police Officer Ray Lemke to be used as possible evidence.



Brainchild raises money for YSU's Rich Center for Autism

By ANGELA OLIN
Jambar Editor

Brainchild, a popular band in the tri-county area in the 70s, got together one more time for a benefit concert, titled "The Heavier Than Ever Tour," to raise money for YSU's Rich Center for Autism.

The event was held Saturday, June 29 at the Yankee Lake Ballroom in Brookfield.

The exact amount of money or people that attended the event is still unknown at this time, however, Geri Kosar, board member for the Rich Center of Autism, said she guesses there were 350-400 people that attended.

The band also met with 47 children, ages three through 13, who are served at the facility during the center's summer program on Thursday, June 27.

Band members of Brainchild include Bill Bodine, Odie Crook, Ronnie Lee Cunningham, David Freeland, John Grazier, Dan Marshall, Larry Paxton and Joe Pizzulo.

Each member has appeared individually on hundreds of popular albums with musicians such as Alabama, Janet Jackson, Sergio Mandez, Willie Nelson and Barbara Streisand.

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Bliss Hall.

"There was one sculpture room with three classes going on at the same time, such as an introductory and an advanced sculpture course. There just wasn't enough room for storage of sculpture," she said.

Moring cited as another reason for updating and expanding the art facilities the ability to offer continuing education workshops and courses in bronze casting, woodworking and glassblowing.

"My vision always has been to not only offer these classes to matriculating students as part of their education here, but also to be able to offer some participation for the community in learning these skills," he said.

Further, Moring said he believes it's incumbent upon YSU to provide facilities to students rivaling those that exist at other area institutions, such

as at Kent State University and the University of Akron.

Moring confirmed that the renovation of Bliss Hall will bring YSU's department of art "to an equal level with those of both Akron and Kent."

He said the proposed addition to Bliss Hall is eliciting an "overwhelmingly positive" reaction from faculty and students.

"Although students' tuition is not funding this project, students at YSU should expect these types of projects to be done," he said.

Bogensperger said, "I think it will be an excellent addition to the art department and a good way to attract incoming students," she said.

Moring added that such projects, which accommodate and promote growth, are vital to maintaining the level of educational quality that YSU students deserve.

YSU will convert phone prefix to 941

YSU previously announced that the University will convert its phone prefix from 742 to 941. The conversion is scheduled to begin Friday, August 9, 2002 at 4 p.m. and will be completed by start of business Monday, August 12.

According to Support Services, the university is in the process of establishing a call forwarding strategy to assist departments that are involved with student enrollment activities at the beginning of Fall Semester.

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An Open Letter to the University Community: Our Commitment to Teaching and Learning

July 11, 2002

THE JAMBAR EDITORIAL OF THURSDAY, JUNE 27, "Professors need compensation" makes several points that need clarification and merit a response. First, the editorial states that since 1993 the salary of faculty "has only increased by 12.3 percent." Your editorial neither identifies a source nor a basis for this statement, but according to salary studies published annually for Ohio's public universities, the average YSU faculty member earned \$47,237 in 1993 and \$59,375 in 2002. In other words, average faculty salary has increased by 25.7 percent during that period, keeping pace with the rate of increase at Ohio's public universities during the same period.

Second, the editorial charges that YSU administration is compromising the quality of education by allowing the administrative staff to expand while faculty numbers are shrinking. This statement is untrue on several counts.

We have put a high priority on regrowing the YSU faculty despite declining state support for higher education. Twenty-eight new faculty were hired for the 2000-2001 academic year, 45 for 2001-2002; and 58 faculty positions are approved to be filled for the upcoming year. In other words, rather than shrinking, faculty numbers are actually expanding. These new faculty are relieving the burden faced in many departments and invigorating classrooms throughout campus.

Since 1993 the average class size at YSU has remained relatively constant. As our enrollment continues to increase, we will expand the faculty ranks to ensure that class sizes remain among the lowest in the state, and students have access to the classes necessary to complete their programs in a timely manner.

The high priority that we place on the quality of education received by YSU students is further demonstrated by the increased resources allocated to part-time instructors, the \$1 million spent last year on much needed and long delayed classroom renovation, and our continued financial support of classroom instructional technology and media.

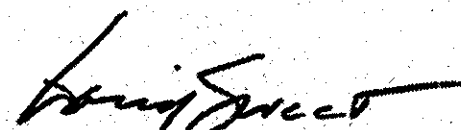
Finally, the editorial charges that administrators are somehow detrimental to educational quality. Nothing could be further from the truth. YSU administrators are dedicated and hard-working employees whose efforts ensure that faculty have the time and resources required to provide the excellent classroom instruction deserved by our students.

In partnership with the academic departments, YSU administrators are responsible for countless necessary functions that may go unnoticed by faculty and students, including the campus technology system; student services and housing; student advisement and registration; program accreditations; and compliance with state and federal regulations.

YSU administrators market YSU to prospective new students so that our enrollment continues to grow, work with state politicians to ensure necessary state support, and manage partnerships with other universities and local businesses and agencies.

The implication of the editorial is that YSU consists of competing factions, faculty versus administrators, and fails to recognize what a great university really is—a collaboration of faculty, staff and administrators whose common goal is the highest quality education possible for our students.

The recently announced \$3 million additional cutback in state support for YSU reinforces the necessity of continuing to work together. To do otherwise is a great disservice to both our students and the community.



David C. Sweet
President
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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think

Court's decision is justice for all

Congress and President Bush are up in arms as a result of the decision by the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco that the words "under God" contained in the Pledge of Allegiance are unconstitutional.

Of course this decision to shatter a long-standing tradition is shocking, but the reasons for the surprise are what needs to be examined.

In a Newsweek article last week words like "combined evil of two federal judges" set the tone to portray the decision as one made by the Devil. Maybe it is the surprise of the decision that made America's leaders angry because it most certainly was not the shining through of their churchgoing moral goodness.

Since September 11 American's are bombarded by the words "In God we trust" or "God bless America." But what about those Americans who don't believe in God? Does that make them un-American or evil? No, they are simply part of the minority of Americans that don't believe in God, either not at all or not in the way that the majority does.

And, isn't this a time when our nation needs to further unite instead of making decisions that will further divide us?

Just because a traditional custom, like including "under God" in the pledge, is beneficial to the majority does not mean that it should be included in the same pledge that the minority believers also recite.

This means, the pledge should also respect the beliefs of non-believers. Of course, students are not required by the law to stand up and say the pledge, but since the students believe in all the other words in the pledge why should they appear unpatriotic by sitting?

If "under God" was changed then all students could stand and pledge their patriotism to the U.S. The issue is not that if Americans disagree with "under God" they are unpatriotic citizens, it is a matter of bringing religion into the public realm.

The pledge is about valuing American unity, freedom and security, not about supporting praise for God. If eliminating "under God" will bring the pledge closer to its true meaning, then so be it.

As for Congress, whose meetings are opened by a prayer from a Presbyterian preacher and the president, they should leave their "holier than thou" attitude out of the court decision evaluation. The Supreme Court should base its decision without religious bias and with fairness given to the atheist's position.

As for all other Americans, take a moment and evaluate this court decision from an atheist's point of view. This is a point of view that most Americans are unfamiliar with but should at least attempt to do so in order to understand how a non-religious minority feels in a nation that claims to have separation between church and state while publicly embracing God.

What You Think

How do you feel about the recent ruling of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Supreme Court?



Monique Wright Benjamin
senior education

"It's strange because the country was founded on religious freedom."



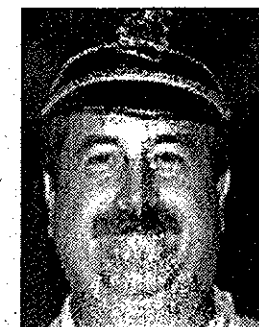
Cheryl Thompson
freshman, undecided

"If someone believes in God, they should have the right to say it. I never thought it was a big deal until now."



Gary Hurdley
junior hospitality management

"The constitution was originally without the under God part and it was added later by Congress."



Frank Napolitano
YSU police officer

"We are a Christian nation and the under God should not be voided from the Pledge."



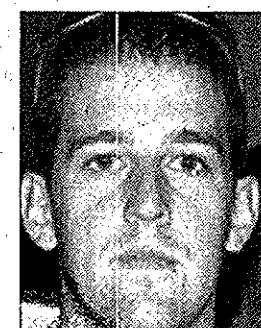
Christina Cernik,
freshman, BS/MD

"I don't think it's unconstitutional at all. I think the U.S was established on certain principles and that was one of them."



Dave Lewis,
senior, art and technology

"I am torn because I agree with separation of church and state, but if people want to say [Under God] they should be allowed."



Lee Price,
YSU visitor

"Everybody should be allowed to form their own feelings on religion and politics and allow the two to combine if they want."



Stephanie Borovitzky,
recent YSU graduate

"[Under God] should be left in the Pledge because God can be a representative of many religions."

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Pledge of Allegiance not unconstitutional

By KRISTEN SERROKA
Jambar Reporter

On September 11 and every day afterward, the words "God bless America" were heard everywhere and used even by the president in his addresses to the nation. It seems at times of tumult, our country wants and needs that as a form of faith and hope so that we can get through rough times. We never question God in times of war because that is when we need a presence to guide us as a nation.

June 26 changed everything. The 9th Circuit court declared that the words "one nation 'under God'" of the Pledge of Allegiance are unconstitutional. A single father who defended himself in the liberal Californian court said he was protecting his daughter from the government "telling her what to believe in," as he told the Associated Press.

Encapsulating the intellectual mediocrity of responses directed at the issue, President Bush criticized the ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional, claiming that the decision was "out of step with the traditions and history of America." And? One of the most fundamental principles of logical argumentation is that the continuance of a practice or belief solely for the sake of tradition is a fallacious line of reasoning; adhering to something from the past does not somehow establish that it is worthy of preservation. Accordingly, keeping in mind our nation's enlightened orientations regarding religion and liberty, modifying the

teaching the youth of America when we government think otherwise and were surprised and shocked at the decision of the 9th Circuit.

President Dwight Eisenhower added the words to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954. As a leader of World War II, he saw our country's struggle to protect freedom not only for the United States but also for our allies across the globe.

It seems that every generation since that of World War II loses a little bit more of the true meaning of what our country is built upon and what makes us such a special nation. Respect for what we have seems to dwindle as our generations begin to be more separated from those of the time of World War II and what has been termed the "greatest generation."

Where are our country's standards and values going if we are saying the Pledge is unconstitutional? What are we

teaching the youth of America when we question such words?

The government respects the separation of Church and state but does not recognize a separation between state and God. President Bush and both houses of Congress have noted that this has been a major mistake on the part of the court. Many of the members of Congress, both republicans and democrats, have said that they are hopeful that the decision will be overturned.

What will it take for our country to be truly unified in its morals and values? Were two world wars, a long and bloody battle in Vietnam, which our parents protested or fought in, a war in Iraq and the biggest terrorist attack of our time not enough?

Is it necessary for something "bigger" to happen for all of the country, conservative and liberal, to take notice?

"God" should be omitted from pledge

By ANTHONY COLANERI
Jambar Reporter

Pledge of Allegiance is a sound decision, (the same goes for God Bless America, America the Beautiful, The Star Spangled Banner, the In God We Trust phrase on our currency, etc.). Beyond the mere rationality of doing so, there are both sophisticated and obvious reasons to eliminate such use of religiously-specific language.

Over a quarter of a century of psychological research demonstrates that the pronoun *he* rarely means *he* or *she* to people who hear or read it; *he* means *he*, and is simply not the generic indicator that some would like to believe. Similarly, the conviction held by many of the present-prejudiced-pledge-people, namely that "God" does not denote any specific faith's image of God, but rather a general notion of the Divine, is almost assuredly flawed and unquestionably unfair to millions of

Americans. Stepping-back from these intricacies of language we encounter the obvious fact that the word *God* is defined in terms of some variety of a powerful, conscious *Being*. Several mainstream faiths in America do not place faith in such a *Being*. Personally, like many whose faith in God is absolute, I try to empathetically temper manifestations of my religious convictions.

Two closing comments: First, I apologize for the confrontational tone of this piece, but the overwhelmingly negative public reaction to this issue is quite discouraging, and secondly, if anyone feels ambitious and wants to prove that God exists (effectively outwitting thousands of years of brilliant philosophers), I genuinely wish you much luck. Pending this miracle, America?

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Letters to the Editor

Student upset with administrative acts

Dear Editor:
On Thursday, June 20, 2002, I was disgusted in the learning of the actions of the administration, specifically in the appointment of John Habat to the administrative vice presidency.
Now I may be wrong, but I am under the impression that our being a state university implies that the protocols abandoned by Dr. David Sweet, as well as the majority of the trustees board, are regulated by state legislation at the least. If this were the case, then prudence would require that a charge of collusion be brought up against Sweet, Habat, Maraffa, and the trustees board, with the exception of Dr. Hai-Shuih Wang, who was the only one in opposition of the appointment.
Dr. Sweet is not a king, and if indeed he were, his kingdom would not be YSU. His blatant misuse of power is incorrigible, and comparable to Jim Traffican's own abuse of power, with the difference being that Sweet did not attempt to hide his actions. As

far as I am concerned, this should incur even more harsh penalties than the law would allow.
I am not alone in the belief that Habat's appointment should be withdrawn, but the resignation of Dr. Sweet is also in order. Furthermore, Maraffa's acceptance of the new position, when combined with the retention of the previous one is about as unethical as I have ever seen.
Through this, it is apparent that Sweet was aware that Habat's appointment would cause him some trouble. Why else would he want the director of faculty relations so close? The entire university has been taken advantage of, and anyone in support of the appointment should be held accountable. We need a new administration that will not lie to us.

Robert D. Rhoads III
Freshman

Man can do without medical chat ads

Editor:
Nowhere can one escape the clutter of medical chat. We find in last week's Jambar a prematurely wizened child shilling for the American Academy of Dermatology; Student Government and the Red Cross announcing a blood drive; Planned Parenthood hyping emergency contraception, even as Student Health Services promotes mammography.
Let Hippocrates himself seize the doctor-patient turf and pitch to a skeptical, contemporary lay audience:
"C'mon, step on up. We've got your Dr. H's sunscreen, that's right. Pro-o-o-tec-tive oil. Ten dollars, only ten dollars! Keep your body, you-u-u-r-r choice! No job, no cash, no credit -- no-o-o-o problem!" Dr. H slaps the podium with a rubber hose; a few women eye him warily.
"I came up with that oath of mine," says Dr. H, relaxing his shoulders, "because doctoring is fairly privileged. Intimate contact, you know. We had a saying in my days: once you sniffed a patient's urine, he'd follow you anywhere. Some abused that."
Revvng himself up again, Dr. H declares, "Mammograms! Magical light that goes right through you like candling an egg!

Let me check my price sheet, er, uh... — his brow furrows — "folks, ahem, this is an insurance deal." Disappointed, the crowd murmurs.
"Okay, ladies, column of twos, insured to my left, uninsured to my right!"
One woman shouts, "Wait, I've got cash, how much is it!"
Another cries out, "I've got something wrong, I need a mammogram!"
Dripping unction like Mr. Whipple, Dr. Hippocrates replies, "You know the rules, ladies. Back when I was a pup, I'd accept silver, sometimes an amphora of wine, or oil. I'll admit, some folks were so impressed by me, they sacrificed to an oracle. Kind of tickled me."
Fact is, no one can explain American health care's brutishly grotesque financing, and even the AMA's Dr. Donald Palmisano and the acutely observant Dr. Atul Gawande, both of whom ought to know better, ignored in recent statements the macro-cology of a patientry alienated from physicians.
Another woman yells, "Can't I pay for my mammogram by giving blood?!"
Dr. Hippocrates wearily answers, "No, you'll be paid nothing for your blood, honey, donating it from the goodness of your heart."
Jack Labusch
Support Services

Professor views memorial differently

Editor:
A memorial flagpole in dedication to 9/11 victims and their families is being erected near Kilcavley Center and the fountain. The sign there says it will serve "as a lasting reminder of the need for global understanding and tolerance." A short distance to the south lies the Peace Pole which has the words "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in four languages.
Global understanding and tolerance are wonderful goals for humankind. But let us be honest — they are not happening and have not happened. What basis do we have to think they can happen in the future? Furthermore, how do we find understanding, and just what should the focus of tolerance be?
This writer's view of history leads him to believe that humans are showing their nature when violence and hate occur.

How can my very being, our very natures, be changed?
Until we recognize our inability to change ourselves, there will be little chance for global understanding and tolerance. As long as we continue to put ourselves in the place of God, there will be no hope. Our memorials need to read, "Here is the time and place that humans began again to seek truth from God and forgiveness from God."
Until we seek our creator's understanding and his forgiveness, our lives and our world will be places of vanity. May God allow us to sense and admit the vanity and failure of our lives and grant us to humbly seek him and the wisdom of his understanding.
Dr. Phil Munro
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Student questions photograph of band

Editor:
Thank you for your effort in putting out a good paper. Usually your articles are very informative and your news judgments are sound. Part of today's edition did not follow this example. (The June 20) edition of the Jambar contained a photograph that I found to be very offensive. The photo to which I refer appears on the back page of the publication. It features the lead singer of a rock band pouring beer down the throat of his almost bare-breasted guitarist. This particular photo left me with a few questions:
WHAT? What does this music group have to do with YSU in the first place? Are these musicians members of our illustrious alumni? Have we scheduled them to perform on campus? What is the connection? I find it hard to believe that there were not any other forms of entertainment on campus that could have chosen for your article.
WHY? Why was this particular photo newsworthy? There were plenty of other photos used in the article. What made this one worthy of the largest print? Did you think this was what your readers really wanted to see? Well, I for one did not want to see it. Many other people have told me that they did not appreciate it either. I personally found the song titles and the name of the

band to be adequately offensive without the addition of the photo. The titles alone show the poor moral judgement of the band. The photo shows the poor moral judgement of the editorial staff of the Jambar.
WHY NOW? If needed you found that this photo was newsworthy and that your readers could not live without seeing it, why did you choose to print it during this particular time? Were you aware that new incoming freshmen and their parents were on campus this week for their first real college experience? Was this a "Welcome to YSU" gift from you to them? Were you also aware that hundreds of school-age children were on campus this week participating in various sports camps? Did you happen to think that any one of these children could pick up a paper and view your pornography?
If you did not think of these things you should have. Your job as the editor is to determine what your readers may find newsworthy and report it clearly and professionally. As a reader this is not what I would like to see in the future. Please keep this in mind when making future news judgements.
Jimmy Davis
Middle Childhood Education

Student says photo bad press for YSU

Editor:
This letter is in response to the article and accompanying pictures about the band Nashville Pussy that was published on Thursday, June 20, 2002. The article contained information about the group that was sexually oriented in nature. One particular picture of the guitarist could be considered borderline pornography.
I am in no way insulting the band and they may be a talented group of musicians. However, this type of journalism does not belong on a college campus. While the editor may be seeking attention by publishing sensational or controversial subjects, the inappropriate nature of the article and photos should not be published in an academic environment. Furthermore, the university

is hosting several camps during the summer for children and adolescents. It may be argued that these children and teenagers can easily see this sort of material everyday, but it is not in the best interests of the university to expose them to sexually explicit materials.
There are also incoming freshmen visiting campus for orientation and registration. Their parents may be with them on campus. A wide range of thoughts could be running through their minds if they saw the article and pictures. This university should not be associated with such blatantly advertised sexuality.
Nancy L. Tipple
Graduate Student

Student feels photo belongs elsewhere

Editor:
I've been around the block a few too many times to be shocked, but can you explain to your public why you would publish a photo of a man feigning the oral rape of a bare-breasted woman with a beer bottle in a college newspaper? I believe there are many who would be interested in reading your answer. There are plenty of places where this type of photo

would be quite appropriate (ex. Playboy, Penthouse, Easy Rider), but a college paper? Is this what we want to show as "college life," or was there some "good" reason for this photo to make the Jambar? I'm eagerly anticipating your response.
Debbie
Sophomore

Sports Commentary

Random drug testing good idea

By DAVE DEVEREUX
Jambar Reporter

Marijuana, heroin, uppers, downers, steroids, these are still drugs. Right? And illegal substances are still illegal. Aren't they?
You might not think so after hearing the wealth of parents and administrators stamping their seal of disapproval on random drug testing in public schools.

Recently, Supreme Court Justices ruled 5-4 giving school leaders freedom to test students who participate in after-school activities, meaning athletes, cheerleaders, chess team members, band members — more than half the estimated 14 million American high school students.

As usual, this type of ruling sparked debates we've all heard time and time again. For instance, it's the parents' responsibility or it's unconstitutional or it's unnecessary.

When you consider the 180 school days plus the after school activities that requires a student to stay at school from morning to evening, the "parents have the responsibility" theory suddenly becomes mathematically impossible.

I frankly don't see much shame in letting teachers or coaches' help protect children from deadly substances.

Some people accused the courts ruling of violating the fourth amendment, which protects the rights of the people from unreasonable searches and seizures. School, however, is a public place with the well being of other students and families on the line.

The issue here is eliminating drug use in school not civil liberties; the only students that should be worrying are the ones who have something to hide.

Other foes still follow the crazy myth that athletes and

those involved in extra-curricular activities are too busy to take drugs and therefore the recent ruling is counterproductive.

However, from 96-01 drug use among students in junior high rose 34 percent, according to the National Household Survey of Drug Abuse. There were an estimated 21,000 cases involving overdosing, disease, violence, and death.

The Pride Survey, the nation's largest independent study designed by federal law, reports 35.3 percent of the 75,804 surveyed students used drugs within the past year.

Regardless of which surveys or statistics you read about drug use, the numbers are too high.

I love sports and I follow high school sports as much anybody. I can't stand to see the integrity of the game tarnished by those who turn to alternative substances to enhance their performance. But I hope I speak for everybody when I say this issue extends far beyond the athletic arena.

It appears, at least some of the Supreme Court justices finally agree and are recognizing the parental blind spot that exists during most of the academic year. However, they're not doing anybody a favor by stopping short of granting school leaders the right to test everyone.

Random drug testing should be done on athletes, those who participate in other after-school activities, as well as other students, teachers, janitors, faculty members, board members, superintendents and anyone else.

And for those who say random drug testing is counterproductive or unnecessary, they should get off whatever it is they're on. I don't find anything more necessary than making sure your children are alive and well.



Pro baseball may be headed in a bad direction

By DAVE DEVEREUX
Jambar Reporter

The days and months following this year's all-star break may very well be Major League Baseball's most pivotal time period.

The league's collective bargaining agreement ended prior to this season and at the midway point, several off-the-field issues haunt the game like a dark cloud.

If you've been following, at all, you've known for some time that the question surrounding the 2002 World Series isn't so much "Who will win?" but rather "Will there even be one?"

In an attempt to create better league parity, Commissioner Bud Selig and the owners are seeking an increase in revenue sharing from 20 to 50 percent, as well as a new luxury-tax.

The players union hasn't acknowledged the proposed luxury tax and has moved only to 22.5 on the revenue sharing issue.

According to union leader, Donald Fehr, the owners will declare an impasse in negotiations after the World Series, giving them the right to impose new work rules. This

has prompted the union to begin preparing for a walk out in September, placing the season and post-season in imminent danger.

Reaching a new working agreement isn't a simple matter of good vs. evil or right vs. wrong.

Selig and the owners find themselves in an unpleasant predicament.

By giving the players what they want, the season and the World Series may be saved, however, the current economic disparity won't change.

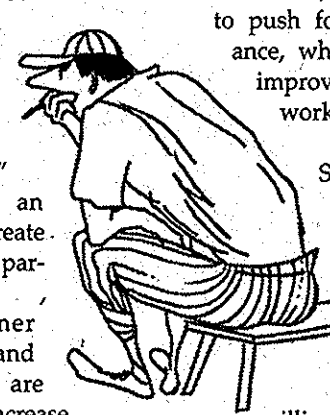
If they stand firm against the union, they're continuing to push for competitive balance, which will ultimately improve the overall framework.

However even if Selig and the owners have positive intentions, by striking for the ninth time in history, they're risking losing millions of fans.

Usually this is the time of year where as a fan, you start checking the box scores and trade rumors more frequently.

You study the standings just a few seconds longer.

Gearing up for the pennant race seems awfully pointless if we find out in September there aren't any pennants, but rather, particles from a demolished pastime.



Sports & Entertainment

Sports

Schnitkey raises the bar for YSU track

The YSU sophomore has already set numerous school records and recently represented the Penguins at the USA Track and Field Junior National Championships

By DAVE DEVEREUX
Jambar Reporter

Regarded as one of the most decorated recruits in the track program's history, it didn't take long for Emily Schnitkey to shine bright and show why she is one of the premier student-athletes at Youngstown State University.

After setting several school records and earning horizon league newcomer of the year, Schnitkey capped off her freshman campaign by representing YSU on June 21 at the USA Track and Field Junior National Championships at Stanford University.

Schnitkey competed in the women's 5,000-meter run, which featured 21 of the nations top long distance runners under 20-years old. The top two finishers in the event earned a trip to compete for Team USA in the Junior World Championships.

Although Schnitkey finished in 16th place in this event, she says the overall experience was "awesome" and it will help her down the road.

"I didn't run as well as I would've liked but just running out there was such an honor," she said.

"My biggest goal for my career is to make it to nationals. This experience will be good for me if I ever get that chance."

During her first season at YSU,

Schnitkey competed in both indoor and outdoor track and turned in record breaking times in several events, including the 1,500-meter run in four minutes, 39 seconds, the mile-run in 5:03, the 5,000-meter run in 17:21, the steeplechase in 11:27, and the 6,000-meter run in cross country with a time of 22:30. All while managing to accumulate a 4.0 grade point average.

Schnitkey, who was an eight-time letter winner and former All-Ohio performer from Napoleon, Ohio, said the transition

"My biggest goal for my career is to make it to nationals. This experience will be good for me if I ever get that chance."



— EMILY SCHNITKEY
Sophomore

to college has been an easy one—through lots of hard work.

"I have always had to work hard for my grades," she said. "I know that I need to study a lot to get the grades I want so I guess I have just developed a habit of learning how to balance my time."

"The professors here at Youngstown have been incredible. They have all worked with me whenever I had to miss class for a meet and they helped without even thinking about it or complaining."

She said she considered signing with two other schools out of high school, Bowling Green State and Akron, but opted for YSU after visiting the campus and meeting Head Coach Brian Gorby.

"I really felt that I would fit in good

with the program. Everyone on the team seemed really nice and welcoming and they seemed to have good team unity."

"A lot of Coach Gorby's coaching styles reminded me of high school so I felt like that would make the transition a bit easier."

Gorby said Schnitkey possesses an unlimited potential and a unique ability to succeed.

"Emily's great work ethic and standard of excellence may be better than anybody we've ever worked with," Gorby said. "She's done nothing but phenomenal things for the program."

Schnitkey said she began running track in 7th grade and never questioned quitting.

"Before the race, I always get nervous, no matter how hard I try not to," she said. "The feeling of finishing a race is something nothing can compare to."

"Crossing the finish line and knowing you gave it your all and knowing all the hard work has paid off is so awesome."

Schnitkey also explains that not every race is a good one and she said she credits God for being the key factor to her success.

"I would be lost without God. He has given me a talent in something I love and has been with me through all the ups and downs," she said.

"Sometimes when I have a bad race I get frustrated and wonder why he wasn't with me, but later I realize that the bad race turned out to help me later in a more important race. I'm so happy to have God on my side."

Schnitkey said she recommends track and cross-country to all younger kids.

"It doesn't matter how fast you are," she said. "I've made so many good friends from running. There is such a huge range of talent of runners, but yet everyone still seems to enjoy it."

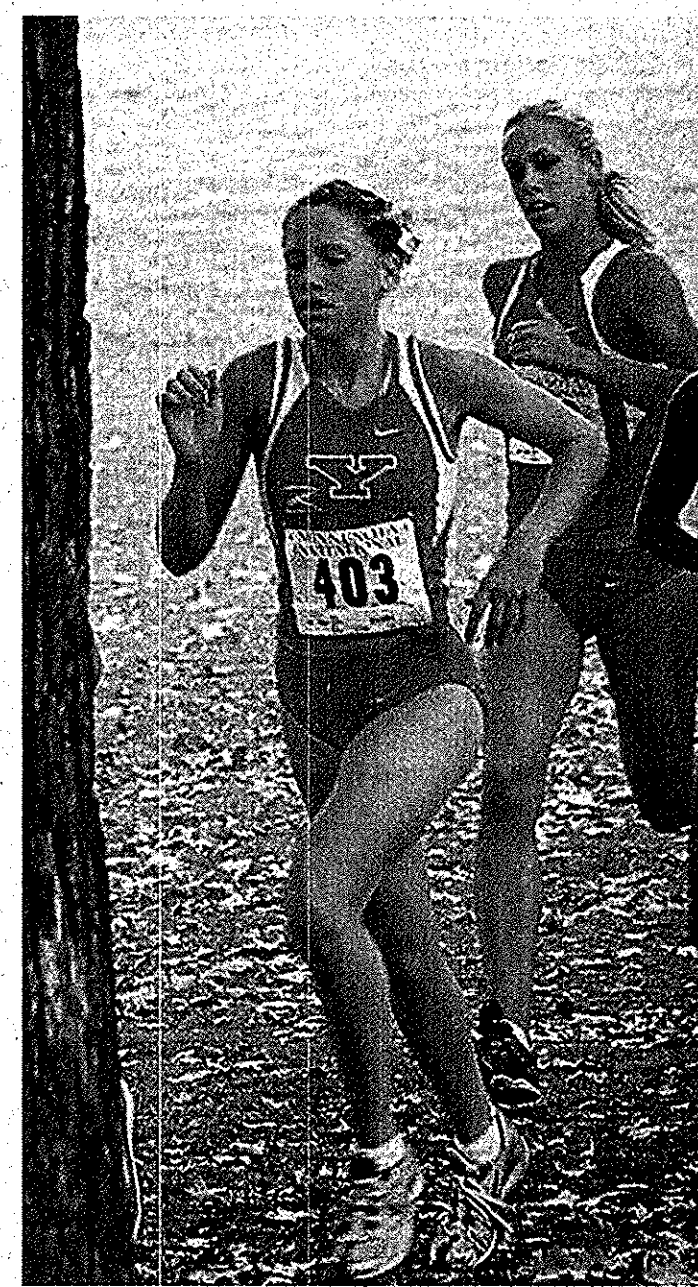


Photo courtesy of Sports Information

RUN FOR IT: Sophomore Emily Schnitkey has already broken numerous YSU Track and Field records. Coach Brian Gorby praised her saying "She's done nothing but phenomenal things for the program."

Beeghly Center construction keeps facilities closed

By JOLENE POWELL
Jambar Reporter

Students who use the workout facilities in Beeghly Center have to take advantage of the university's outdoor facilities and those in Sambaugh Stadium until renovations to Beeghly Center are complete in fall of this year.

The fitness center in Beeghly Center "can't safely be open because of the construction," said Lonnie Gentry, recreational facilities manager.

Jack Rigney, director of campus recreation and intramural sports, said the closing of Beeghly Center causes a problem with space availability for students, faculty and staff to exercise. Rigney also said that the sports camps on campus contribute to the "space crunch."

Gentry said, "Normally (the fitness center's) summer hours are shorter because of less usage. People like to get outside."

Outside, students can use the ten tennis courts, the track,

the basketball courts or simply walk around campus for exercise Rigney said.

"The perimeter of campus is one mile. Start on Fifth Avenue. Go down Fifth to Lincoln Avenue. Go across Lincoln Avenue to Wick Avenue. Go up Wick Avenue to the parking lot of Weller and Wick Houses. Go through the parking lots and go along the walkway that goes from the track to the football field. Continue to Fifth Avenue and your starting position."

Rigney said although

indoor space is limited this summer, the benefit of the Beeghly renovations will outweigh the inconvenience.

"The renovations will create three gyms with movable walls within the main gym, so it can be divided between classes, open gym and team practices," said Rigney.

There will also be upgrades in the lobbies, the circulation system, the locker rooms and the classrooms, added Rigney. "The building has been overlooked since 1972."

Hamid Nawaz, senior, agrees with the outdated quality of the Beeghly facilities. "It's the poorest setup I've seen. I'll go back after the renovations because it's convenient."

Rigney said his department has plans for 14 fitness classes per week in the fall. "Classes include yoga, cardio-kick boxing, step-aerobics, tai chi and others."

The schedule for the classes will be varied to appeal to more students said Rigney. "We set up a schedule based on

the past track record of response by students.

Daphne Lubin, senior, said, "The classes are a very good thing."

Lubin said she dances for exercise but she hasn't taken any of the classes offered yet.

Indoor racquetball courts, gyms and the weight room in Sambaugh Stadium are open on a limited basis said Rigney.

All university exercise facilities and classes are available to students, faculty and staff at no additional charge.

Entertainment

Summer Festival of the Arts this weekend

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YSU, the Arts Council of Youngstown and Mahoning County are sponsoring this year's Summer Festival of the Arts this weekend. The fourth annual Summer Festival will be held Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14 on the campus of YSU.

This year marks the first time Wick Avenue will be closed for the festival.

The street will be closed to through-traffic Saturday from 7 a.m. until the festival closes at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, the street will close again at 10:30 a.m. and re-open at 7 p.m. when the festival ends.

Lori Factor, festival coordinator, said it is best to block off Wick Avenue for safety reasons such as children crossing the street. "There is a wide array of children's events scheduled. We try to make it a family event," said Factor.

Children can enjoy storytellers, such as Denise Kellerman, who is well known in the area for her performances. Naima Johnston will also be telling the "History of the Negro Spiritual" to children at the festival.

Children can also enjoy caricature drawings, face painting, clowns, sidewalk-chalk drawings and much more.

There will also be the Children's Hands-On Arts Tent where children can create and take home art that is age-appropriate.

In addition, there are many scheduled events for adults to enjoy at this festival that Factor calls a "celebration of performing, visual and theatrical arts." The Artists' Marketplace will be open both days of the festival. Here festival-goers can purchase handcrafted jewelry, toys, music, sketches and clothing from local, regional and national artists.

Many musical and dance events are scheduled for this weekend's festival, including Heartstone, an Irish

Pub Band, Rare Blend, a Jazz Fusion group, and Hillbilly IDOL, who Factor describes as a "rockabilly-type of group who has their own take on country."

Other bands from the regional area who will be performing include County Mayo and Get Out and Push. The Latin band, Conjunto Riquena, will also be performing at this weekend's festival.

A variety of scheduled ethnic events include a Welsh poetry reading, along with both gypsy and flamenco dancing. This is the second year the Festival of Nations will be a part of the festival, offering displays of different cultures through performances and food.

Serbian, Lebanese, Romanian and other ethnic foods will be available in the Maag-Butler area of the festival. There will also be a food court near DeBartolo Hall where vendors will sell fries, hot dogs, lemon shakes and other festival-like foods.

There is free admission to the festival, along with free parking until 6 p.m. on Saturday and all day Sunday. Festival-goers should park in the Wick Avenue Parking Deck or the M-24 tailgate parking lot on Fifth Avenue.

Participants will be asked to pay \$3 for parking after 6 p.m. on Saturday to gain admittance to Forte on the Fifty at Sambaugh Stadium. Pam Palumbo, associate director, university development said the Valley's best firework show will be put on by BJ Allan and Phantom Fireworks during Forte on the Fifty.

The gates will open at 6:30 for this event that includes performances by the Dana Allstar Band at



Photo courtesy of hillbillyidol.com

ROCK 'N' ROLL: Hillbilly IDOL will be performing at this year's Summer Festival of the Arts at 1 p.m. on Saturday. They are one of many performers appearing at this year's festival.

7:30, followed by the ArchAngels inner-city dance group at 8:15 and The Fabulous Flashbacks' reunion at 8:30. Forte on the Fifty will end with a display of fireworks at 9:45.

Admission to Forte on the Fifty is \$5. Children age 12 and under will be admitted for free when accompanied by an adult.

In case of rain, Forte on the Fifty will be re-scheduled for Sunday, July 14 at the same times.

For more information on the Summer Festival of the Arts, including a complete listing of events, log on to <http://www.ysu.edu/sfa/>.

Weekend Calendar

Nyabinghi, Friday
Midget Whores, Bible of the Devil, Saturday
Ivet, The Beatings

Section 8 Skate Park, Sunday - Alli with an I
From a Second Story Window

The Cellar, Friday
Kitchen Knife Conspiracy, Saturday
Alias X - Doc Brown, December Son

Cedars, Friday - Little Green Men, Centrifuge
Saturday - Jen Chapin, Dakota Floyd

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