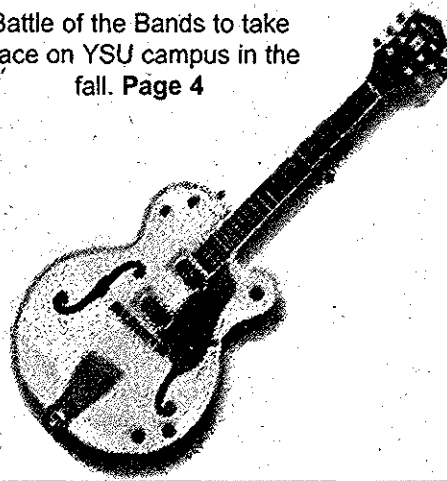


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## Reading program to start this fall

By JOLENE POWELL  
Jambar Editor

This fall YSU will kick off a reading across the curriculum program for all incoming freshmen.

Youngstown native Mel Watkins' book "Dancing with Strangers" will be the first book featured in this annual program.

Freshmen will receive the book while participating in the SOAR program. Those who don't attend SOAR will be sent a letter about where to pick up their copies, said Dr. William Jenkins, subcommittee chair.

Jenkins said Dr. Tony Atwater, university provost, launched the idea for the program.

Watkins' book will be used in various general education courses required for freshmen. Some of the classes include introduction composition courses, history, sociology, health and various other courses.

"The book will allow students to engage in discussion," said Jenkins.

Jenkins said each year the book chosen will address a topic that can be analyzed, from the viewpoint of each of the general education courses.

This year's book is about Watkins' life as a black man in Youngstown in the 1950s. "Race relations is this year's topic. A future topic may be ethics in technological advancements. We want topics that have intellectually appealing subject matters to cut across the curriculum," said Jenkins.

Mel Watkins will visit YSU on Oct. 9, to talk to students about the book. Jenkins also mentioned trying to get Watkins to visit some of the classes where the book will be used.

In addition to discussing the book in class, freshmen can participate in an essay contest with cash prizes.

Jenkins said the subcommittee developing the program wants to arrange faculty forums about the book to be aired on WYSU.

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Jambar reporter talks about his anticipation for the upcoming football season. Page 4

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High in the lower 80s. Low in the lower 60s. Scattered Thunderstorms Friday. High in the mid-80s. Low near 60.

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# Sweet: University will open

By LA'EL HUGHES  
Jambar Reporter

Classes will start in August. Despite ongoing contract negotiations, University President Dr. David Sweet left no doubt Wednesday about the upcoming fall semester.

"We look forward to a constructive and positive resolution of union negotiations. Every effort will be made to accomplish this goal, and YSU will be opened as scheduled on Monday, Aug. 26."

However Dr. John Russo, president and chief negotiations for YSU's

chapter of the Ohio Education Association, said, "There is a distinct possibility for a strike — especially with the recent negotiations."

Russo said a major obstacle preventing more successful negotiation sessions is that YSU administration has hired lawyers to advise the official negotiating team.

"It's like we are talking to sales managers," he said. "The university is being run by litigators instead of academics, the people who know what's really going on."

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## Students react to talks

By LA'EL HUGHES  
Jambar Reporter

While students have no formal voice in campus labor negotiations, they said it is their education that is at stake.

As negotiations continue between the administration and YSU's faculty and staff, students have begun to voice their opinions on the possibility of a strike.

Some YSU students continue to give

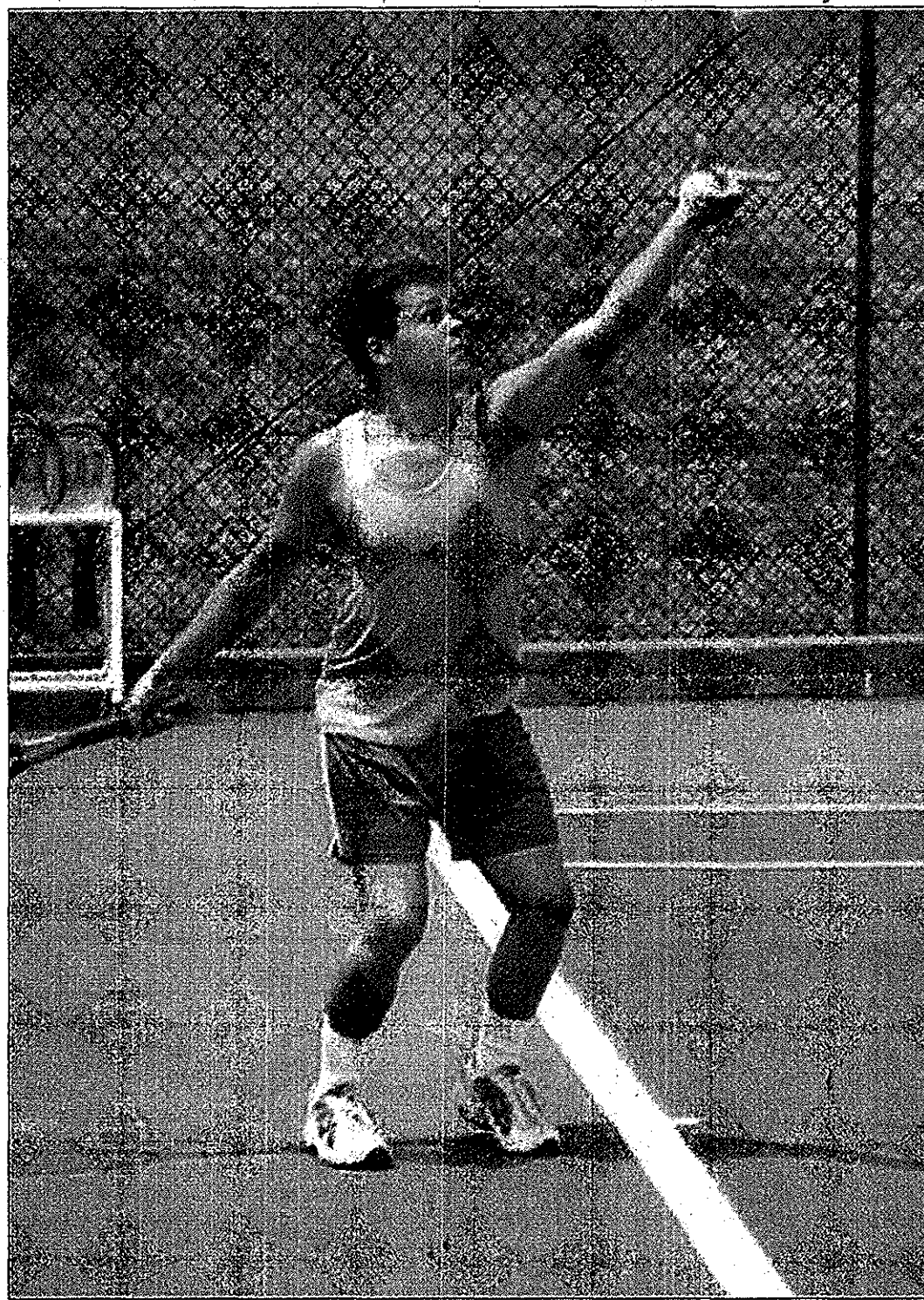
faculty praise, however, several students said they would leave if a strike were to happen come fall semester.

"This is my 3rd university. I have gone to Bowling Green and Kent universities," Nicole Young, senior, said. "But here (YSU), the professors far surpass any of the faculty I have had before."

Young said if a strike happens during the fall term she will not "cross the picket line." She said she will go to

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## SERVE IT UP



Cecelia Fugitt/The Jambar

HIT IT: Senior Ryan Cravolta serves during his tennis class on Monday at the courts behind Fedor Hall.

## Endowment will bring Buscemi to YSU campus

By KRISTIN SERROKA  
Jambar Reporter

YSU recently received a \$100,000 endowment for the College of Fine and Performing Arts from Wayne and Charles Cliffe in honor of their parents, Dr. Earle and Ida Cliffe.

Michelle Lepore-Hagan, director of the performing arts program, said the endowment will be used to support the Visiting Artist Series Program. She said YSU is "very fortunate" that the first artist to visit YSU, courtesy of the endowment will be popular actor Steve Buscemi.

Buscemi is best known for his acting roles in movies such as "Armageddon," "Reservoir Dogs," "Mission to Mars" and "Big Daddy." He will be visiting YSU Sept. 28 for a workshop and many activities regarding his independent films.

Lepore-Hagan said his movies such as "Ghost World," will be shown at Austintown Movies in the Austintown Plaza. She said the program is in conjunction with the Youngstown Flick Clique,

which shows fine, independent and art films.

She said the day will begin with a workshop at noon for theater students in Ford Theater and a cocktail party and collage of Buscemi's work will be shown at the Austintown Movies from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The viewing of Buscemi's film will follow the events.

Lepore-Hagan said this endowment has created a "wonderful opportunity to enhance social and cultural events for YSU and the greater community."

She added that YSU is now able to reach out to the national market through the support for the performing arts.

The Cliffe brothers, who are both graduates of Rayen High School, made the donation in memory of their deceased parents who were life-long Youngstown residents who were interested in the arts.

According to a YSU press release issued earlier this summer, the Cliffe brothers will be honored for the endowment at the event for Buscemi.

## Del Bene receives Chemistry Award

By LA'EL HUGHES  
Jambar Reporter



Del Bene

YSU chemistry professor Dr. Janet E. Del Bene has one more great achievement to put under her belt. Iota Sigma Pi, a national

honor society with chapters all around the country, named Del Bene as its "Outstanding Woman Chemist" for 2002.

She is the 31st woman to receive this prestigious national award. This honor joins her long list of noteworthy accomplishments, which include 10 grants totaling \$1.53 million, 153 published papers over a 25 year span, and she has also given 43 international speeches.

In June, Del Bene traveled to San Francisco's University of California at Berkeley, to Iota Sigma Pi's 100th year celebration. Del Bene received her honors at the celebration.

During her acceptance speech she said, "We do research because we relish the challenge of the problems and the satisfaction that comes when we solve at least some of them."

Del Bene received a certificate, a plaque, \$500 and a lifetime honorary membership.

She was given this award for the quality of her research, which included trying to find out how molecules interact with each other and investigating hydrogen bonds. Del Bene said, "the great thing is that I do all my work by computer."

The Iota Sigma Pi has over 10,100 members and 40 local chapters. Iota Sigma Pi's primary goals are to nourish the interest of chemistry among women students, to push for academic advancement and to encourage achievements in the field of chemistry.

Del Bene said every chapter can nominate someone to receive this award. When she received word that she was nominated, Del Bene said she had to send her resume to the Cleveland chapter to be evaluated. She was chosen out of a

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## Museums honor cultural value of Mahoning Valley

By LA'EL HUGHES  
Jambar Reporter

Realizing the cultural value of the Mahoning Valley is the common theme being promoted by surrounding museums and institutions when advertising for this summer's Passport program.

The Passport program was derived from a model that has been implemented in Cleveland, said Sharon Shanks, YSU planetarium lecturer. She said, "University Circle in Cleveland uses all the museums in the area of Case Western Reserve University to participate in a similar program."

The participants that have decided to sponsor this program are a part of the Mahoning Cultural Collaborative. Members of MCC say the Passport program allows attendees to tour various museums and other sites that highlight the valley's history. Participants must have their passports stamped by all the sites that they

attend.

Passport participants will also have their names placed in a drawing to win a colossal basket. The prize basket has been put together by all the participating museums and sites, including YSU's Melnick Hall's museum, the Clarence R. Smith Mineral Museum, McDonough Museum of Modern Art, Ward Beecher Planetarium, the Butler Art Institute and the Mahoning Valley Historical Society.

Dr. Charles Singler, chair geology department, said, "We're trying to bring the public's attention to the many cultural opportunities available in the Mahoning Valley." The Clarence R. Smith museum is under the guidance of the geology department.

He said the Clarence R. Smith Mineral museum has fossils and minerals collected by the Clarence Smith family from over 50 "some odd years." The minerals and fossils originate from Africa, South America and the United States. Singler said, "YSU has one of

"It's a way to highlight the opportunities available to YSU students and the community."

— DR. CHARLES SINGLER  
Chair, Geology

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# Weatherman has big plans

BY HEATHER PINTEA  
Jambar Reporter

Frank Marzullo, the weather reporter for Channel 21 News, takes us behind the scenes of his experience as a YSU college student and a man behind the camera.

Marzullo, 23, from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, said he knew he wanted to do the weather since he was a sophomore in high school. He said his high school soccer coach, who was also a weather reporter, influenced him. He said his coach helped him get his first internship his senior year at CBS (channel 19) in Cleveland.

When Marzullo graduated from high school, he attended Ohio University and completed another internship an hour away from school, in Huntington, VA. He transferred to YSU in the fall of his junior year when he got a job at Channel 21 News and started work January 2001, at the age of 21.

Marzullo is in his senior year at YSU and is a Communications major, with a minor in journalism.

Communications Professor, Dr. Daniel O'Neill, said Marzullo's experience adds dimension to the class that it wouldn't necessarily have since he's working in the business.

Marzullo said it can be tough juggling work and school since he works odd hours and it's difficult to schedule his classes.

He said he has to be at work by 4 a.m. Before he goes on air he makes his graphics, such as the sun and other things he needs, depending on the weather, of course. At 5 a.m. he goes on air and from 7-9 a.m. he does hits for the Today Show cut-ins which can be seen twice every half-hour.



Marzullo

When he is not on the air he said he tapes MSNBC weather news updates and promos for the next day. His day usually ends around 1 p.m. Marzullo said the best part of his job is that it changes on a day to day basis.

Aside from the weather, Marzullo has other local events to cover. Once a week he does the Class Act, where he surprises a teacher with balloons and apples from Giant Eagle.

He also does the Lunch Box Weather where he brings kindergarten students pizza from Pizza Hut and lunch boxes.

Marzullo volunteers for the Second Harvest Food Bank, where he had his own Handels ice-cream flavor called "Frank's Twister" and raised \$2000 in only one week. Marzullo also works at the Children's Miracle Network Telethon to raise money for Todd's Children's Hospital.

Mona Alexander, Channel 21 News Director, said, "At such a young age, Frank's commitment and positive attitude toward his job and his ability to complete his schooling at the same time has impressed me since the first day I hired him."

Marzullo said there are many perks involved with his job. He can get free tickets to just about any concert and has a budget for suits with a side budget for other clothes he wears on air. Marzullo said, "It's a fun job because you can be yourself."

Marzullo's future goals consist of getting his meteorology seal, which he will get through on-line classes taken from Mississippi State.

The Broadcast Meteorology Program was created for on-air weather people. He said he has completed ten courses and has about a year and half left.

He plans to graduate from YSU in fall 2002 and said he eventually plans on doing the weather in his hometown of Cleveland.

## Student hopes to start CAC program

BY JOLENE POWELL  
Jambar Reporter

Kimberly Deonofrio, junior, social work, said she plans to start on new organization on the YSU campus this fall. Deonofrio said she wants to bring Colleges Against Cancer, an organization aimed at cancer advocacy, control, support of Relay for Life, and survivorship, to students, faculty and staff.

Deonofrio, a cancer survivor and active participant with the American Cancer Society, said she is working with national American Cancer Society members to bring this organization to YSU. Deonofrio said the American Cancer Society will fund the programs of this non-profit organization and any money that is raised from its activities will go to the American Cancer Society.

Deonofrio said she hopes CAC can have a resource center on campus. She also said information will reach students in the form of posters and pamphlets.

Advocacy, the first premise of CAC, "will help students take part in an action network involved with law making," said Deonofrio.

Also included in the advocacy section

is support of programs like the Great American Smoke-Out and other anti-smoking activities added Deonofrio.

The second premise, cancer control, will help to educate and prevent cancer said Deonofrio. "We will adapt American Cancer Society programs to the college campus."

Premise three, Relay for Life, will encourage more YSU students to get involved with this activity said Deonofrio.

The final premise, survivorship, is going to provide support for those dealing with cancer added Deonofrio. "I'm still undergoing treatment and I want others to know they are not alone."

Deonofrio stresses that she wants CAC to "provoke thought" about cancer in the YSU community. "My life changed when I got cancer. It was a whole new ball game."

A smoke-free campus is also in the plans for Deonofrio. She said she wants to be a medium to help people quit smoking. Other plans include seminars and classes about cancer prevention and screenings for oral cancer said Deonofrio.

"College campuses have been overlooked in cancer information and prevention. Changes need to be made," said

Deonofrio.

According to a brochure released by the American Cancer Society, it "estimates that one-half of cancer incidence and 65 percent of cancer deaths could be prevented by lifestyle changes - namely a healthy diet, exercise and eliminating tobacco use."

When asked why it is so hard for people to change their lifestyle habits Deonofrio responded: "We think we're so invincible. I didn't smoke or drink but I have cancer. They said it was bad luck."

Both Deonofrio and Linda Hunt of the local American Cancer Society say that 67 universities already have CAC on campus.

Deonofrio points out the need for prevention and to watch for early signs of cancer.

Another local American Society employee, Al Stabilito, community advocacy director, echoes the need for early detection of cancer.

Stabilito also said that the local American Cancer Society has information available to the public all the time. Deonofrio said she wants to bring the information the American Cancer Society is offering closer to students.

### Correction

In the July 18 issue of the Jambar, YSU was referred to several times as an "AA" institution in the story "Faculty strike looms, while talks continue."

The correct spelling of the official category is "II-A" institution.

### Classified

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All freshmen will receive the book free of charge. Jenkins said about 2,500 books will be purchased at \$7.70 a piece. University President Dr. David Sweet said, the books will be paid for from the Strategic Initiative fund that derives money from the university's general fund. This fund is a combination of state money and tuition money.

Sweet explained that the Strategic Initiative fund was created to aid program and curriculum enhancement. Campus community members were asked to suggest ideas for using the money from the fund. "We endorsed a number of programs that were consistent with our strategic plan. We didn't have enough money to support them all," said Sweet.

Freshman Reader's Dialogue was one of the plans accepted, added Sweet.

The strategic plan involves putting high priorities on "critical issues." According to The Centennial Strategic Plan of Youngstown State University,

the critical issues include enrollment/retention, programs/teaching, learning and research, diversity, community engagement, and others.

In a press release Atwater said, "Freshmen Reader's Dialogue is the university's effort to give the entering class a special value-added dimension to general education."

The breakdown of the general fund can be found in the Youngstown State University Fiscal Year 2003 Operating Budget for General and Auxiliary Funds book available in Sweet's office.

Subcommittee members include Dr. Ronald Shaklee, professor geography and director for the university scholars and honors program; Dr. Gary Salvner, professor and chair, English; Dr. Daniel O'Neill, professor and chair, communication and theater; Dr. Sherry Linkon, professor, English; Sue Davis, interim director, undergraduate admissions; Walt Ulbricht, executive director, marketing and communications.

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large pool of women scientists.

With further gratitude, during the banquet she said, "Research has its own rewards, but having one's research recognized by one's peers is a very satisfying and humbling experience."

Del Bene also has a position as adjunct professor at the University of Florida and has recently returned from the University of Madrid in Spain,

where she did a fellowship.

This is not the only time Del Bene has received recognition by the Iota Sigma Pi society.

She also received the Agnes Fay Morgan Research award in 1972.

The "Outstanding Woman Chemist" award is not an annual award. The next honoree will not be announced until 2005.

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the best collections of minerals.

Liz Nohra, Mahoning Valley Historical Society, said, "We want to increase your knowledge of this area. We want to give you a thorough picture."

Nohra said that YSU's Melnick hall has medical equipment from the very early ages in Ohio, and it "is astonishing how procedures were performed."

Singler said this is a great opportunity for everyone. "Our museum has been open since last summer and we have had 1,650 visitors."

He also said this is one way to "highlight the opportunities available to YSU students and the community."

Nohra continued to rave

about the summer program and said, "Parents do not have to take their children to Cleveland or Pittsburgh to have a cultural experience. People need to realize what is in their own backyard."

Shanks agreed, "If you haven't been to the planetarium since third grade it is time for you to come again and see what new things are here and bring your kids."

She said even though the Passport program is geared towards families it is for everyone.

The program ends August 31 and the passport brochures are available at all the participating sites.

The cost for YSU students is \$3.

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Russo said the OEA has continued to move forward with the procedures that need to be followed in an event of a strike.

He said that they have been looking off-campus for strike stations.

Dr. Joseph Antenucci, professor, accounting and finance, said he was mad at both sides.

"We [faculty] are in the dark about this," he said. "The

union really hasn't been keeping us informed. Though I do have the utmost respect for Russo, I would just really like to know what is going on."

Antenucci said that he has heard rumors and innuendo about what has occurred at the meetings, however, he said he has problems with the administration, too.

Sweet said in an e-mail, "YSU remains committed to

providing fair, market-based salaries and benefits for all employees within the university budget."

However, Antenucci said he sees many faculty leaving in the next few years in the business school because YSU is not offering competitive salaries.

"There were 500 faculty [at YSU] when I started here nine years ago. Now it is down to 350," Antenucci said.

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another school if necessary.

Jeff Pringle, senior, also agrees. He said "YSU has excellent faculty. They should be paid according to their worth."

Towana Stevens, junior, shared the same sentiment.

She said, "I feel the teachers should be paid what they deserve. Teachers have to do research. Hopefully it won't last that long."

However, some students may face the consequences of

YSU's faculty and staff negotiations before fall term begins.

Dr. Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, philosophy and religious studies said the staff could strike as early as Aug. 17.

"If the staff strike, faculty will not attend the (summer) graduation," he said, "There will not be a staff to set up mics, stand, chairs or anything."

However, Young said, a possible strike will affect students in more than one way.

She said that the strike would not only hurt her academically but it will also affect her financially.

"Both my husband and I are work-study students and attend YSU full-time. The remainder of my loan money and the money from my job is what I live off of. And if the university goes on strike that will screw up my family financially, and I have a 4-year-old daughter to take care of."

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# Editorial & Opinion

## What We Think

### University should listen to demands of it's students

With negotiations taking place on campus with the faculty and classified staff, we would like to have our own negotiations for students. If students could go on strike, refusing to enroll in classes or pay tuition bills, that might be enough to turn YSU into a university working for students rather than itself. Here's what the students' list of demands would be:

First, create a book exchange program to save students money. Students could donate, trade, or purchase books at extremely reduced prices. The prices that students are forced to pay for books is absurd.

Second, strengthen a job find program for students. The goal of this program would be to find students jobs in their career fields that pay well and will keep graduates in the area. Keeping graduates in the area by providing employment opportunities would build Youngstown and allow graduates to be strong contributors to the local economy.

Third, build a money map that follows tuition and state dollars as they are distributed throughout the university. This would also include a clear explanation for the distribution of those infamous "fees." The map could be a part of YSU's Web site in easy-to-understand terms. This flow chart would help students know exactly where their money is going. If students disagree with their money destinations, then they could take action. Without an easy-to-understand money map, students are deprived of the opportunity to control their tuition dollars.

Fourth, at least once a year give students a chance to voice their preferences for class offerings. Students' responses could then be considered when making schedule books.

Lastly, create a student advocacy group that will monitor hiring and reinforce the protocol for national searches. This group can also compare job descriptions to actual jobs on a day to day basis. This comparison would clearly show whether employees are deserving of their pay and special allowances. Advocacy group members would encourage students to scrutinize the bureaucratic workings of the university. Furthermore, these members would supply students with the information on how to get their complaints heard by state public officials since YSU is a state funded public university.

Thus, students have rights too. And one day soon if these cries are not heard, we may consider joining the faculty and staff on the picket line if there is a strike, setting a precedent that will force the university to bend to the students, not us bending to the university.

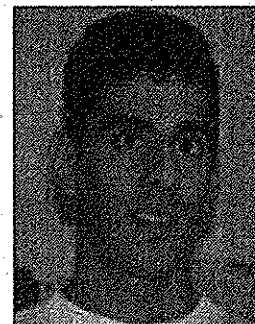
## What You Think

### In light of faculty negotiations, what would you do if there was a strike?



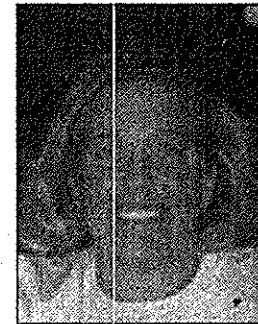
Carrie Anderson  
junior art education

"I really don't think it is going to come down to a strike. I'm not going to another school."



Bob Daniluk  
freshmen, engineering

"I would get another job and work a lot more because I wouldn't want to sit around all day."



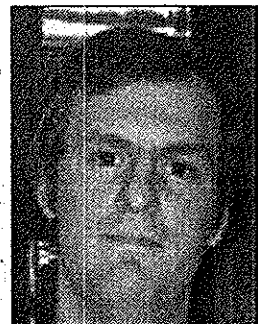
Christine Cyphert  
senior, education

"If it got out of hand, I would have to go somewhere else because I graduate in May."



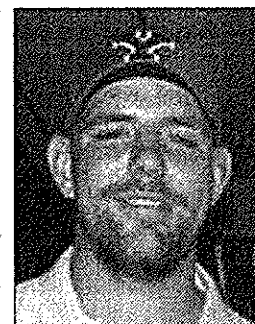
Dan Kuzma  
senior, environmental studies

"I would definately need to work to replace the time I would've been in school."



John Sweetko,  
senior, history

"I would wait it out because there isn't much I can do."



Max Slanina,  
junior, engineering

I would take the semester off and work somewhere. I don't have money to go anywhere else."



Adrienne Adams,  
sophomore, engineering

"My biggest concern is graduating according to schedule."



Jillian Mika,  
freshmen, undecided

"I would be very upset because we are paying for an education."

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## Letters to the Editor

### Student questions new positions

Editor:  
Students at YSU are fed up with tuition increases; the faculty and the classified personnel are about to strike. Yet, the YSU Administration finds it necessary to create new administrative positions.

Can you or someone please inform me why President Sweet is in need of so many highly paid "special assistants?" I read the most recent edition of the YSU Update. It described the duties of these newly appointed "special assistants" and "vice-presidents."

We already have highly paid and highly competent people that hold the position of Executive Director with the responsibility of managing each and every department that the "mini-presidents" are overseeing. Why does President Sweet require so much "special assistance" operating this University? Is it that difficult? And just who is in charge around here? What exactly does President Sweet do all day while these "mini-presidents" are operating YSU? Can't President Sweet find the time to meet with the APAS Department Heads and personally hold them accountable for their departments? I don't understand the need for these "mid-

dlemen." By the way, if your readers haven't noticed, with the exception of Vice-President of Student Affairs, Dr. Cynthia Anderson, they are all men.

This is a medium to small-size university to manage. Has anyone ever heard the cliché, "Too many chefs in the kitchen?" If the president is in over his head maybe he should consider walking down to Williamson Hall and enrolling in a management class. The YSU School of Business is highly accredited.

Does a University of our size, 12,000 students, honestly require a provost and two assistant provosts? Shouldn't one provost be able to manage seven academic deans who in-turn manage the thirty-six academic chairpersons?

In regards to the potential threat of two campus unions, YSU-ACE and YSU-OEA, going on strike, Kent and Akron are just around the corner. I suggest this administration do what ever it takes to prevent a strike or step aside and let one in who can.

John DeSimone  
Sophomore, Psychology

### Professor calls for action, not words

Editor:  
Recently, President Sweet caused quite a stir on campus by placing an ad in The Jambar at considerable public expense when the regents had just sliced another \$3 million from our budget. In it he claimed his administration placed a "high priority...on the quality of education received by YSU students...." He went on to dispute "editorial charges that administrators are somehow detrimental to educational quality."

Let me explain to Dr. Sweet and the student body that the purpose and function of a university goes far beyond teaching. By its very nature, a university must be involved in research and scholarship as well as teaching or the education of its students will be severely shortchanged. "Education" cannot exist in a void; without research and scholarship, there is no advancement of knowledge and, hence, no true education.

That said, permit me to make a suggestion to Dr. Sweet. (By the way, I will not suggest that all administrators are unnecessary.) I propose that he and his senior staff lead by example in these trying times. What the rest of us would like to see is action,

not words. Talk is cheap, like the president's earlier flawed campaign for "civility," when his people were anything but!

First, since the recent budget cuts may preclude hiring new faculty, Dr. Sweet and Co. (deans, etc.) should volunteer to teach in the classroom. They must be qualified in some areas of academia. This would have the added benefit of them confronting first hand the problems faced daily by the faculty. For example, my department cannot even afford to keep our lab equipment in repair. Secondly, they should volunteer for large pay cuts. It is said that the president's annual housing and car allowances are larger than some junior faculty members' annual salaries. Why? Dr. Sweet is paid to be a leader - let him lead! Let him be the dynamic, indomitable, vivacious general that our Board of Trustees promised he'd be.

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# Sports & Entertainment

## Music

### Battle of the Bands to be held in fall

By KIM CAPUTO  
Jambar Reporter

The Student Programming Board, 95.9 Kiss FM and Taylor Oldsmobile will be teaming up to bring a Battle of the Bands contest to campus this fall.

Tony Spano, coordinator of the Student Programming Board said the event, that will be held in the Chestnut Room on Sept. 14, is still in the "planning stages and everything is not set in stone."

Lindsay Orr, concert chair of the student programming board, said one of the proposals was to have a "Kiss A Kia" contest where students actually "Kiss a Kia" in hopes of being the last to keep their lips on it to win a free car.

Spano said he expects to have between three and four bands competing in the competition, but the performers have not yet been chosen. He said a six-person committee made up of experienced mem-

bers of the radio and music scene will choose the bands.

Demo tapes, lists of songs and a list of local performances by each band will all be considered in choosing which bands will be invited to compete.

After the bands are chosen, Orr said the contestants will all play between 35-45 minutes and the winners may receive a paid gig at YSU or at a local venue.

Spano said the winners will be chosen by the applause and noise made by the audience.

He said the Battle of the Bands competition might be a chance for local bands to "make a break."

"Say there is a band that no one has heard of and then everyone ends up liking them. It may shoot a career."

All plans for the event are not finalized until meetings by the Student Programming Board are held this month.

## Television

### MTV's portrayal of sororities causes concern

By KIM CAPUTO  
Jambar Reporter

MTV's newest reality series "Sorority Life" gives viewers an inside look on the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pi local sorority from The University of California at Davis.

MTV cameras captured the Jewish based sorority's "pledges" breaking house rules, drinking and partying with fraternity boys.

This has left many YSU sorority sisters, officers and advisors worried that the show is portraying sorority life in the wrong light.

Recruitment officer Mollie Miles of Zeta Tau Alpha explained that her sorority was warned through e-mail from their National Province President not to talk to any MTV spokespeople in fear that the show would cover aspects of a sorority negatively.

The e-mail stated, "Avoid any type of media plays to capture 'Greek Life' on any hip documentary or 'reality show.'"

Miles said, "Not only does MTV have the ability to edit and delete hours and hours of what a sorority really does, but it can also highlight a five minute snapshot of any activity that is television worthy."

Melanie Koontz, graduate program assistant of student life and Panhellenic adviser said that there is a chance that the show may affect the sororities' fall formal recruitment, which is scheduled for September 12, 13 and 14.

She said, "The recruitment

process is more for the potential new member to get to know the sisters, what each chapter stands for and to see the importance of service, scholarship and leadership that a sorority brings. All the show does is pull out stereotypes."

Candace Gilchrist, a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority, agrees that the show follows through the "typical sorority girl stereotype that the world has always negatively portrayed."

She said, "I have yet to see a service project or sisterhood event. That is one of the main ideas of a sorority and hopefully girls who are interested don't think we just back stab each other and hang out with boys."

Miles said, "Many girls are unsure about joining a sorority based on the fact that they hear and see the cliché side. What they don't know is that joining a sorority allows you to carry on a tradition that may have started over one hundred years ago."

Erin Folda, who is unable to disclose her chapter's name due to recruitment purposes, feels that the reality show should be called "College Life" rather than "Sorority Life," simply because what the show is covering touches on a phase in which most students encounter during their college years.

She said, "Hopefully everyone realizes that this show is about the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pi sorority and not all sororities."

## Weekend Calendar

Nyabinghi, Friday  
Clutch, Halfway to Come  
Saturday - Sarah Laughs  
Champions of All Time.

Cedars, Saturday - Soul of One, Tuesday Conspiracy

The Cellar, Friday - Disco Explosion

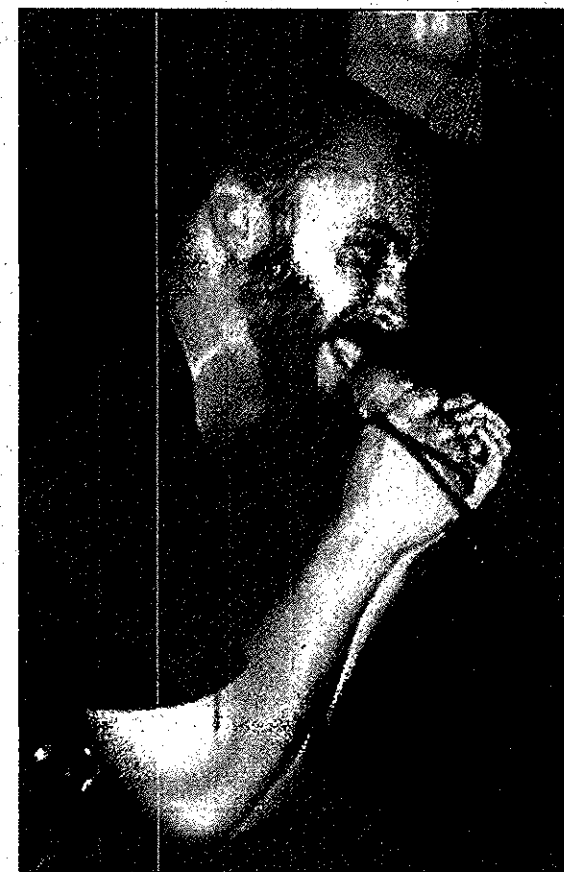
Varsity Club, Saturday - Johnnie 3, The Reynolds

## CLUTCH



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PRO ROCK: Atlantic Recording artists Clutch will appear this Friday at the Nyabinghi on Salt Springs Road. The band is currently on tour supporting their fifth full-length release, Pure Rock Fury. Pictured are guitarist Tim Suits, and guitarist/vocalist Neil Fallon. For more info on Clutch, go to [www.pro-rock.com](http://www.pro-rock.com)



## Sports Commentary

### The wait is almost over...

By DAVE DEVEREUX  
Jambar Reporter

This week marks the opening of training camps in professional football. The Cleveland Browns are underway in Berea, while the Pittsburgh Steelers begin their annual training regimen at St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, PA.

Super Bowl XXXVII in San Diego is the one ultimate destination for 32 NFL teams.

Next week, the YSU Penguins officially start team practice with dreadful double sessions. It's the non-glorified reality of where the framework is laid and where national championship teams have been made.

In the dead of summer, all across America, high school players are putting on the pads and preparing themselves for the 2002 football season. Many of them have chosen to sacrifice the second half of this summer vacation for a landmark experience they may never have again in their lives.

And so the wait is over, football season is upon us. Let me be the first to say "hallelujah!"

Let me also conclude that I'm not force-feeding football on those who despise of it.

Everyone chooses different hobbies and interests. I've often said if I could do it all over again I'd develop a better love and understanding of fine arts or learn to play at least one musical instrument.

As far as sports goes, however, I've read books and encyclopedias on baseball, I consider myself a purist, maybe even a "very poor man's" Bob Costas. But still I get sick of watching baseball every year. The same goes for golf.

With three of the four majors in the books and the Giant Eagle LPGA Classic finishing last weekend, I'm feeling golfed out.

It's time for football and just as I'm proud to be an American I'm still proud to be linked to the longstanding stereotype of being a sports fanatic who spends every weekend in the fall, watching good old-fashion tackle football. I can do it with the

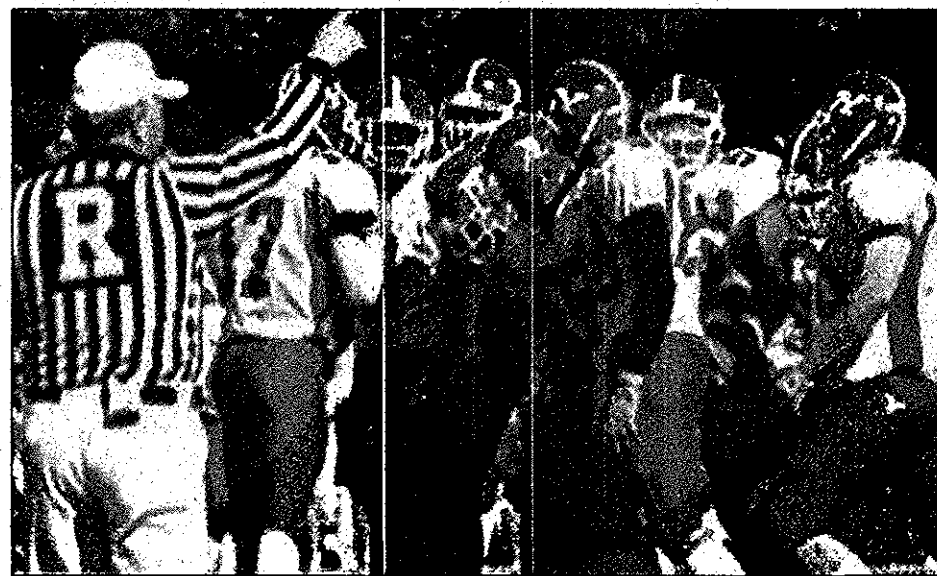


Photo courtesy Sports Information

FIRST AND TEN: The Penguins football team will begin practice next week. Their first game will take place Aug. 29 against Clarion at Stambaugh Stadium.

best of them.

When I'm jammed into the crowd at Heinz Field, amongst 65,000 fans who are chanting "Here We Go Steelers," I get chills and frankly, a little choked up. There's a sacred, emotional bond between football fans that doesn't exist anywhere else in sports.

I feel privileged when spending Saturday afternoon draped in red and white, rooting on the Penguins at the "Ice Castle" or attending a local high school football game.

Even if I'm parking several blocks away in someone's backyard, watching two schools I have no allegiance to. Even if I'm sitting in the cold bleachers, bundled in five layers of clothing, drinking hot chocolate and burning my tongue. Even if the game is so one sided I have to revert to watching the cheerleaders. I always end up admiring their athletic skills.

I'm now going out on a limb and predicting a dandy of a football season in the entire area, on the high school, college and national levels.

This season, the hotbed of the Steelers/Browns rivalry will be reheated with both teams contending for the divi-

sion title and vying for a playoff berth in the AFC. Fans residing in the dog pound will bark louder than they have in years, while followers of the black and gold may be waving their "Terrible Towels" all the way out to San Diego.

Surely this season will provide the usual dosage of tradition in college football and camaraderie to high school settings. On the collegiate scene, I expect to see a sea of scarlet and gray colors every time I turn on an Ohio State University game. I expect Lee Corso to say "not so fast my friend" and make outrageous predictions on ESPN's College Gameday. I also expect either Nebraska or Florida State University to "BCS" their way into the national championship game.

Every time I hear the Notre Dame Fight Song or "On Wisconsin," I'll get pumped up and I don't care for either team.

Every time I'm standing amongst an entire community watching a high school football game I'll understand the magnitude of the moment and what it means to the generations of relatives and friends who are gathering to support their school, their students or their sons and daughters.