

Hogue fuels debate

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

Several faculty members have joined new union President Bob Hogue in blasting diversity initiatives but stopped short of vowing to withhold donations to the university.

Two weeks ago Hogue wrote a front-page column for The Advocate, the newsletter of the YSU-Ohio Education Association, titled "No."

In the column, Hogue, an associate professor of computer science and information systems, said he would no longer pledge money to YSU because of its refusal to grant domestic partner benefits in a recent contract.

Several teachers said they understood Hogue's reasoning but doubted whether saying "no" was the right response.

John White, chair of

Sociology and Anthropology, said he also would terminate funds to an institution or group that was no longer supportive of his interests.

"I give \$100 to \$150 to the Alumni Fund and the United Fund," White said. "But if I get double crossed by someone, then I will stop investing my time in it because that's all we have to fight with."

But the director of Africana Studies, Victor Wan-Tatah, said the reason behind Hogue's decision "was not compelling enough to withhold money from the university."

Wan-Tatah said teachers should discuss the problems more before they pull back donations.

"I would continue to support the university and just hope for change," he said.

Other union members agreed with Wan-Tatah.

Sherri Lovelace-Cameron, an assistant professor of chemistry, said although she has concerns about YSU's commitment to diversity, she would not stop donating because of it.

"I agree that the university could improve greatly in the area of diversity," she said. "It has been a lot of talk and not enough leading by example. YSU leadership has had a chance to lead — under Cochran and Sweet and work still needs to be done."

Lovelace-Cameron said instead of withholding her money, she monitors where her pledges go.

"I decide where my money goes, I don't leave it up to the university," she said. "I don't donate money to the university on a regular basis, however I make sure my money goes directly to where I want it to go, such as Africana

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PIZZA PIE



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Pens lose, playoffs unlikely

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar

The YSU football team lost another conference game this weekend, dropping its record to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the Gateway Conference.

The Penguins 19-0 loss came at the hands of the conference leading Western Illinois Leathernecks and all but erased YSU from capturing the conference crown.

Barring a miracle, the Penguins will not be in the playoffs for two years in a row, the first time since entering the Gateway Conference in 1997 that this has happened.

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JON HEACOCK
YSU head football coach

In a telephone interview Monday afternoon, head Coach Jon Heacock said he realized Saturday's loss dropped the Penguins from playoff contention.

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from a standpoint of the hopes of playoffs, but as coaches and players you just keep coaching and you just keep playing," Heacock said.

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STUFF YOUR FACE: Keith Douglas (above) and Marcus Schwarm (right) chow down on Papa John's pizza Monday in Kilcawley Center during the Pizza Eating Contest. The activity was just one of the festivities of Homecoming Week. The homecoming game is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, when the Penguins host Southern Illinois.



SG blood drive draws student complaint

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA
The Jambar

A YSU student is outraged after being turned away from last week's blood drive in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

The drive, sponsored by Student Government, yielded 120 pints of blood after two

days of donations. The American Red Cross collected 56 pints of blood Oct. 22 and 64 on Oct. 23.

"We came in a little lower than I had hoped for whatever reason," said Nancy Cox, the local Red Cross representative who worked with SG to plan the drive.

The pint total could have

been higher, however, had senior Matt Knight been able to donate. Knight, an SG representative who received a blood transfusion at birth, said workers told him he was a malaria risk because of a recent school trip to the Bahamas.

"Some students were turned away for the most odd-ball reasons," said Mike

Phillips, SG representative for the College of Arts & Sciences. "Students who are very adamant about giving blood were turned down because of travel."

Knight and geography professor Ron Shaklee said it was a mistake that could have

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Student witnesses stabbing on campus

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar

Youngstown Police said a woman was attacked with a screwdriver Monday morning outside the Beeghly College of Education building.

A police report said Patricia Jacobs was walking east on Rayen Avenue when 44-year-old Leroy Williams of Youngstown dropped the bags he was carrying and allegedly knocked her to the ground and began to stab her with a screwdriver.

YSU Police Chief John Gocala said university officers have had problems with Williams lingering around school property before and have asked him to leave, issuing him numerous trespass warnings.

Neither Williams nor Jacobs is a YSU student, Gocala said, and YSU Police were second to respond to a 911 call from the scene.

Police did not say where Jacobs was stabbed, but YSU senior Eihab Ramahi said he witnessed the scene from his car on the way to class and saw someone stabbing Jacobs in the head.

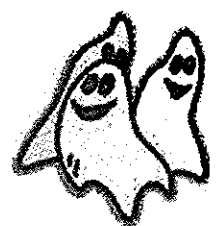
A passenger in Ramahi's vehicle placed the 911 call. The Youngstown Police Department arrived two to three minutes later, Ramahi said.

"We had him surrounded," Ramahi said. "He wasn't trying to get away." Jacobs was taken to St. Elizabeth Health Center for treatment. Her condition was not known late Monday evening.

The police report said Williams initially called Jacobs vulgar names but later did not engage in further conversation.

Jacobs told police she did not know Williams.

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Scare tactics



Tips for dressing up this Halloween

By JOLENE POWELL
The Jambar

Halloween partygoers have a wide variety of shops to choose a costume from this year.

Those who plan to dress up can select

a unique handmade outfit or a factory purchased one, the costumes can also be rented or bought.

Barbara Luce, of the Costume Kingdom in Poland said she doesn't operate a traditional costume shop, she focuses more on historic costumes for opera and theater.

"I make and design all the costumes myself," said Luce. "I've even done several shows for YSU, including the opera last year."

The shop does rent costumes by appointment only and Luce says the price varies widely, but a simple costume can be rented for \$20 per day.

Those who are looking to keep their costumes after wearing them can purchase a costume at the Party On costume shop in the Great East Plaza in Niles. The shop is open all year and Nita Nencastro, employee, said the shop offers a very large selection.

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Studies."

Anne McMahon, coordinator for Partners in Diversity in the Workplace, said there is no easy answer when a teacher believes the institution no longer has their concerns in mind.

"If I decide not to donate to all the places that are behind the times in diversity, I would

end up making no donations at all," she said.

McMahon said she also sees a void when it comes to diversity at YSU. She said she continues to support the university so she can help advance her projects, goals and personal initiatives.

"I donate money towards my college, and the university

has been very supportive in my efforts in the area of diversity," she said.

McMahon, however, continued to express her discontent over the university's views on domestic partner benefits.

"I still think there is a significant problem with labeling people that the university feels (domestic partner benefits) is

problematic," she said. "We take students' money for tuition, regardless of their sexual practices."

White said he stands by the decision made by Hogue, who he called a friend a colleague.

"When people do me wrong, I tell them, you better enjoy my help while you can,

because this will be the last time," White said.

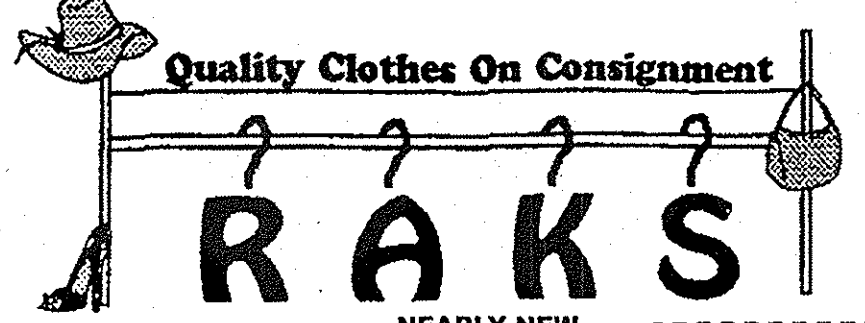
McMahon said if teachers want to withhold donations, it is a personal decision.

"But I don't think there is a right or wrong answer here."

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Heacock said although the loss will keep the Penguins out of the playoffs, it does not exactly end the team's season.

"I would hope that would never end anyone's season," Heacock said. "I think that you play because you care about the game and you care about the guys next to you in the locker room."

"I think the game is a whole lot more than that, obviously you play the game to win championships, but you can't quit every time you don't win, that's not what we're searching for (at YSU)."

The coach's optimistic philosophy should aid the Penguins in the coming weeks. Heacock said he knows the 18 seniors on this team are not going to give up and he intends on doing everything in his power to help them succeed.

"Obviously wins and losses are important but we have 18 seniors that we want to go out on a successful note and we have three opportunities to

find a way to win," said Heacock.

The loss puts YSU in fifth place in the conference, but Heacock said that tradition and pride will help keep him and his team motivated.

"We have guys in here that care about each other and care about the team," he said. "They care about this university and all of the players that ever played here before ... it's self-motivation."

But things will not get any easier for the Penguins. Top tailback P.J. Mays is hobbled by a sprained knee, and his backup Josiah Doby is also injured with a sprained ankle.

As Heacock has said time and again, the Penguins have to run the football to be successful. Against Western Illinois the team could only amount 10 rushing yards on 34 attempts.

The offense did accumulate a season high 219 passing yards but failed to score any points throughout the contest.

It was the first time the

Penguins were shutout since a 14-0 defeat in 1998 to Western Illinois. The Penguins have lost four straight games in Macomb and haven't won there in nearly 20 years.

While the offense was held in check, the defense played hard and - as it's done all year - kept the Penguins alive throughout the ball game.

Prior to the game the Leathernecks averaged more than 400 yards in total offense and nearly 40 points a game. Yet, the stout defense of the Penguins only surrendered 19 points, 12 off of field goals, and allowed just a single touchdown, set up by a YSU turnover in their own territory. The Penguins still have three games left - two against conference opponents. The team will try to rebound in their Homecoming game this Saturday against Southern Illinois. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m.

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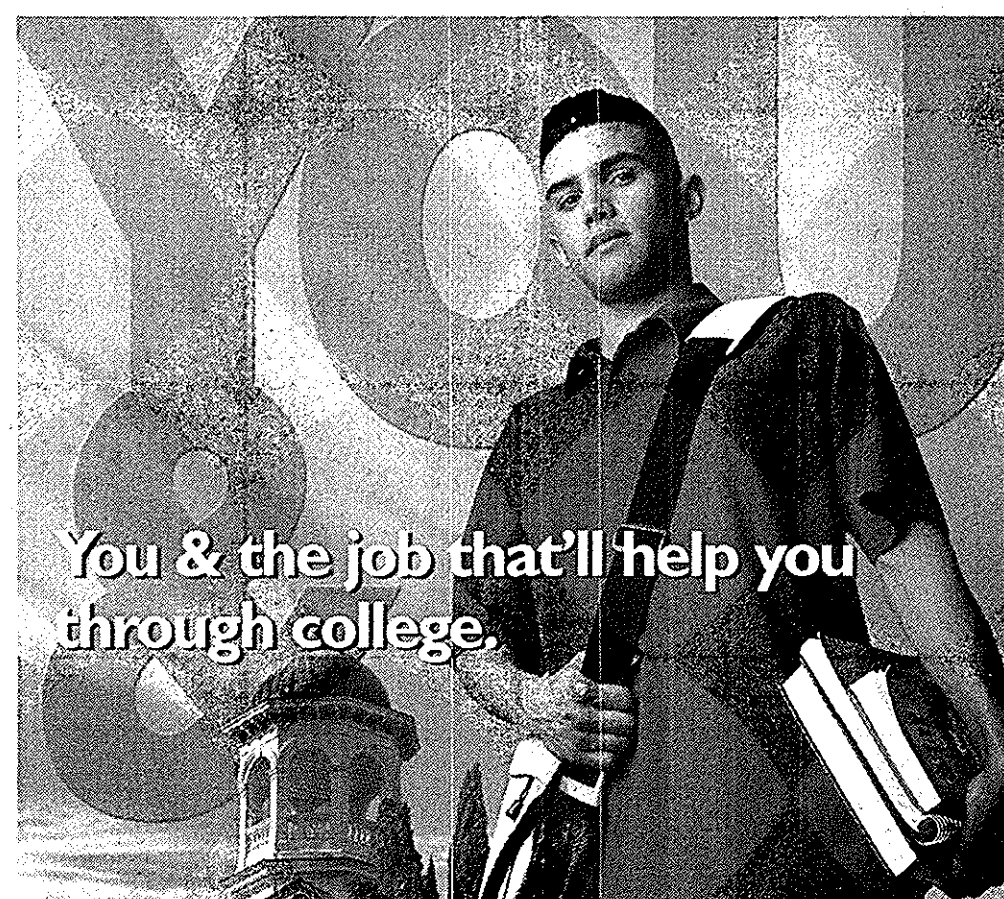


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Other witnesses who were in the area said they saw Williams on top of Jacobs, stabbing her repeatedly with a screwdriver, the report said.

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Today's Editorials

Strollo, Heacock must find answers

If you are a Penguin fan, there is not a whole lot to celebrate as this weekend's Homecoming game nears.

With a 4-4 overall record and a 2-3 conference mark, it is clear the suspense over whether the Penguins will make the playoffs has ceased and the real drama centers on whether James "Slayer" Douglass and his gnarly boom box will parade down the field in crowning glory.

In fact, there may be more excitement this week at the annual roast beef sandwich eating contest than there will be Saturday at the Ice Castle.

These are sad days for the football faithful — unless you are watching former YSU Coach Jim Tressel and his undefeated Ohio State Buckeyes.

While it is not a time for blame — these Penguins have three games remaining — it is a time to encourage Athletic Director Ron Strollo and Coach Jon Heacock to start evaluating where the problems are.

The season has not been a total wash. It has been exciting to see P.J. Mays run, and run he can. It has been exciting to see freshman redshirt Aaron Marshall finally take the starting quarterback job, and we hope he will grow into the role in the coming years.

But something isn't working right now. And the tradition of YSU football is too rich to endanger with experiments and rebuilding periods. We hope to see some changes this offseason, and we hope next year we do not hear after every game: "They played championship football, and we did not."

This is a championship football team. At least, it could be.

Strickland is best in 6th

U.S. Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Lucasville, is a former psychology professor at Shawnee State University. He understands the needs a small public university faces, and he has the experience in Congress to meet those needs.

This makes Strickland the superior candidate in the 6th Congressional District race, in which he faces former Columbiana County Commissioner Michael Halleck, a Republican.

Although YSU is not in the 6th District, the winner of the Nov. 5 election will represent students in southern Mahoning County, as well as Columbiana County.

But the winner also will represent students at Ohio University in Athens and a handful of other colleges in the district that spans much of the Ohio River. No matter for Strickland, who has visited YSU several times to chat with students and University President David Sweet.

Halleck, on the other hand, is a part-time YSU student but downplays the role of YSU in his race. He said he would not rule out steps to the college north of the district but admitted he will focus any higher education efforts on the schools in the south.

Translation: Halleck is ignoring his home turf in favor of getting to know people he has never met and making promises to universities other than his own. Yes, this is the true nature of politics, but at least Strickland has experience in Congress and can use his pull to benefit higher education for all Ohio.

Halleck, despite his affiliation with the current majority party in the House of Representatives, would likely end up at the bottom of the D.C. depth chart. Strickland already is a key player.

Additionally, Halleck's conservative comments on social issues such as homosexuality show he is not in touch with the diverse people of this district.

The choice for this seat is clear: Ted Strickland knows what is best for the 6th District.

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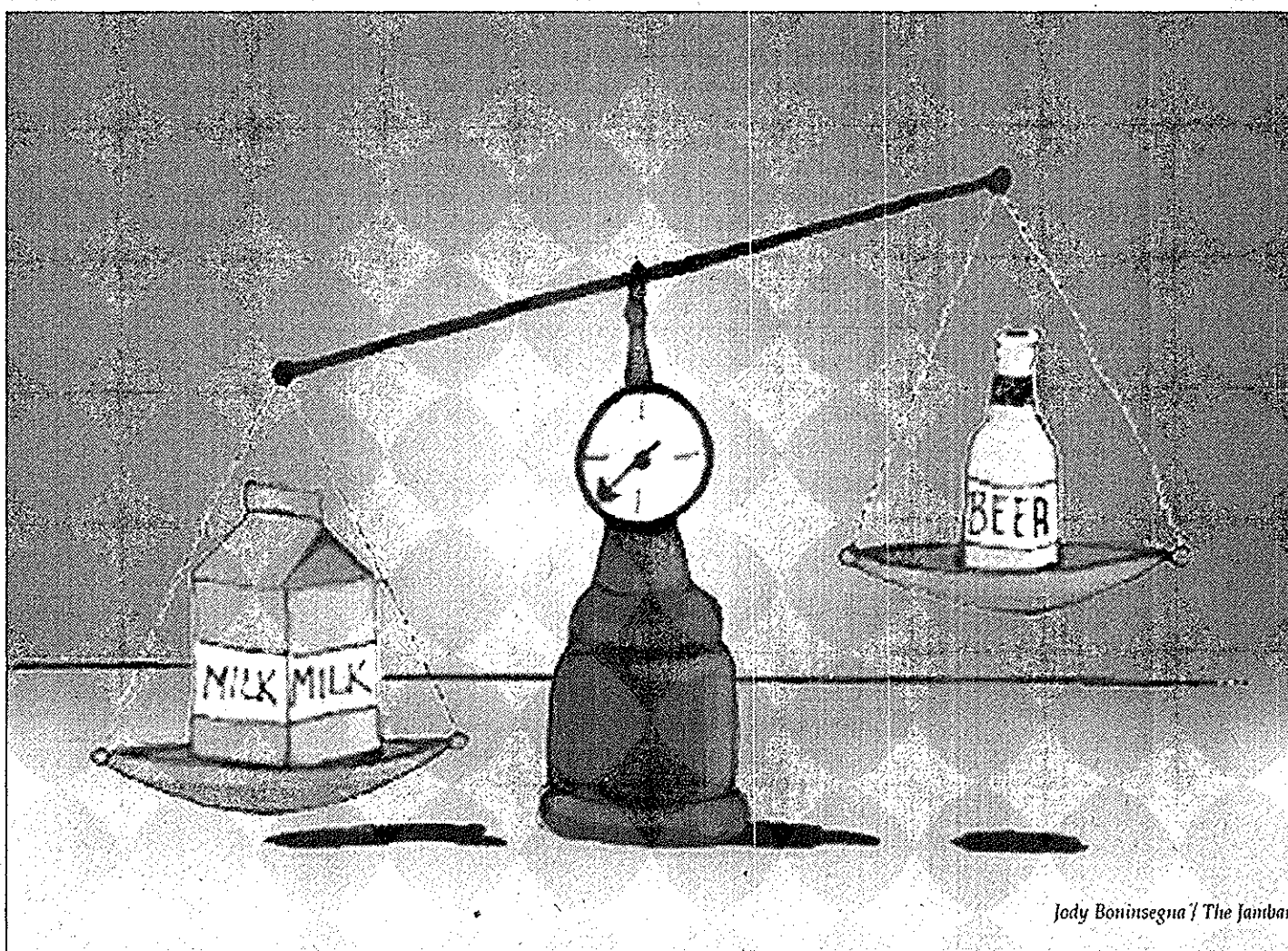
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Students can't take 'no' for an answer

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Henry Gomez



One glance at The Advocate, the newsletter for the YSU-Ohio Education Association, shows the fiery attitude of a union that has not quieted since it ratified a new three-year contract in August.

Before last week, I rarely read The Advocate, save for a few times when I had been assigned stories on a particular union concern. But once word of YSU-OEA President Bob Hogue's salty column spread across campus, I found myself re-examining the newsletter.

Hogue, who also is the editor of The Advocate, certainly got his point across simply with a headline that would have made Twisted Sister proud: "No."

"So now when I get those phone calls or letters asking me to donate to the University, I think I'll just use YSU's favorite response on domestic partners: 'No,'" Hogue wrote in the front-page column.

The reasoning, Hogue wrote, was that YSU displayed qualities of "bigotry and homophobia" when negotiating the union's new contract, which does not allow health benefits for same-sex partners.

I admire Hogue's willingness to take a bold stand against an administration that

has shown a narrow mind in recent months.

But if Hogue ceases to donate to YSU — several years ago he donated money for a writing scholarship in his name — it potentially hurts the students. I know Bob Hogue. He is a man of great intellect and great passion for students.

So did Hogue just try to make a statement with his column — did he just try to rile up everyone? If so, he succeeded. And maybe that is what students and staff need: someone unafraid to defy conventional wisdom with a bold stand.

Saying no to an administration that likes to say it back is a strong, sufficient message. But perhaps Hogue should amend his statements and say he will continue to donate to scholarship and academic programs that benefit students.

That should be the point — helping students.

In other publication controversy, an angry state Sen. Bob Hagan, D Youngstown, called The Jambar last week to claim YSU slighted his brother in the new edition of YSU Update.

The October 18 issue of Update, a product of the office of Marketing and Communications, featured a picture of Gov. Bob Taft shaking hands before a Penguin football game. The caption made no mention of Taft seeking re-election, but a Taft for Governor sign was visible in the background.

Hagan wondered if the picture was illegal as YSU is a state-funded university and it posted a picture of only one gubernatorial candidate. Hagan said it was obvious Taft was campaigning in the picture.



"I'm gonna bark after these guys (Gov. Bob Taft and YSU administrators) every chance I get."

— STATE SEN. BOB HAGAN
D-Youngstown

He also pointed out there was no picture of his brother Tim Hagan, the Democrat candidate for governor.

"I'm gonna bark after these guys every chance I get," Hagan said, referring to Taft and university officials who he has criticized often in recent weeks.

A few calls to the Ohio Elections Committee later, we realized the picture was perfectly legit. Bob Hagan no doubt got caught up in a passionate defense of his brother, who had no clue what a Jambar reporter was talking about when she called to ask his thoughts on the picture.

Also hammering away at the incumbent Taft are the Ohio Young Democrats, led by Austintown natives Jonathan Varner and Jim Alexee. The Columbus-based OYD has released several hard-hitting news releases criticizing the governor for his awful job in the area of higher education.

I hope students are listening.

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

Letter to the Editor

Hogue's column is encouraging for YSU

Editor:

Bob Hogue's letter condemning the homophobia of the YSU administration was the most encouraging front-page story I have read in a long time.

The Jambar has consistently supported gay and lesbian issues, so once again, cheers and thanks.

I applaud Hogue for declaring that he will no longer support the Annual Fund drive, especially since he has contributed in the past so generously to this institution, not only through service but financially as well.

I myself have never contributed to the Annual Fund and plan to continue to withhold support. Where was YSU's support of me when my partner was hospitalized? When he needed another den-

tal filling, did YSU offer assistance?

When he broke his leg, did my insurance cover him? What about when he injured his hand with a power saw? This university treated our 18-year relationship as a thing of no consequence. At best, Fred held the official status of a servant under my insurance coverage.

Very well, then, I'll continue to contribute to WYSU, WNEO and the Peace and Justice fund, but the Annual Fund? Heck, no! When the administration decides to offer equal compensation for equal work, I will reconsider my decision.

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been prevented with a map. Knight traveled with the YSU Geology department to the Bahamas last spring and was told last week that he could not donate blood because the Bahamas was a half-hour away from San Salvador, El Salvador.

Shaklee said the Bahamas was the only destination of the students and no other areas of the Caribbean were visited. He said perhaps the Red Cross representatives confused the capital of El Salvador, which is San Salvador, with San Salvador Island, which is in the Bahamas.

"They just needed a map handy," said Knight, who added that he tried to explain the geographical differences to Red Cross representatives.

Knight said he was then put on a list as a malaria-risk donor for one year. He said he would make the necessary calls to the American Red Cross in order to have his name removed.

"If someone didn't donate blood, I wouldn't be here today," he said.

Mary Young, who works in the donor suitability department for the American Red Cross, said Knight should not have been turned away.

"The Bahamas is a non-malarial area," Young said. "Unless he'd been to another area in the Caribbean, he should have been able to give blood."

Cox also said she was puzzled by Knight's situation.

"I have no idea why he would have been turned away," Cox said. "I can't imagine anyone would have turned someone away unless there was a representative who did not know the regulations."

Cox said she hoped the results would be better in the spring and was unsure why turnout was lower than expected this fall.

"It's still 120 pints," Cox said. "360 people might have been helped by the drive at YSU. I always look at the positive side. We still have the drive in February, so we're going to work harder."

Students who feel they were wrongly turned away from giving blood at last week's donation site can call Mary Young in the donor suitability department of the American Red Cross at 1-800-676-3309.

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coached the past two seasons at Wagner College as an assistant on Derek Wittenberg's staff. He played for UMass while Robic was serving as an assistant to Head Coach John Calipari.

Robic said both coaches have fit in well with the team. "I'm very happy with our staff," he said. "I have a good blend. I have an experienced coach who has joined me. I have a young coach Ross Burns, who still can show these guys how to play. And Eric Skeeters has been with me all four years and he provides stability. And that's what we're looking for."

Robic continued by saying that the current coaching staff has helped the program in its recruiting efforts. He said the Penguins were pleased with the five players who joined the team this season and they have already locked up three players for 2003.

"We're able to recruit play-

ers now in the Horizon League that we couldn't get in the Mid-Continent," Robic said. "Already we've got three commitments for next year that will sign their letters of intent in two weeks and that's a first for this program. We have four scholarships to give, we have three commitments and we're looking to get the fourth one in the next week to ten days and be done with our recruiting for next year."

Robic said there is reason for optimism for the Penguins this season as well as in the future but at the same time, he said he realizes where the Penguins are in terms of competing for a league championship and receiving a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"I know we have a long way to go," he said. "The players in our league are very good and the coaching is good as well. You know if you have an off night you're gonna get pounded."

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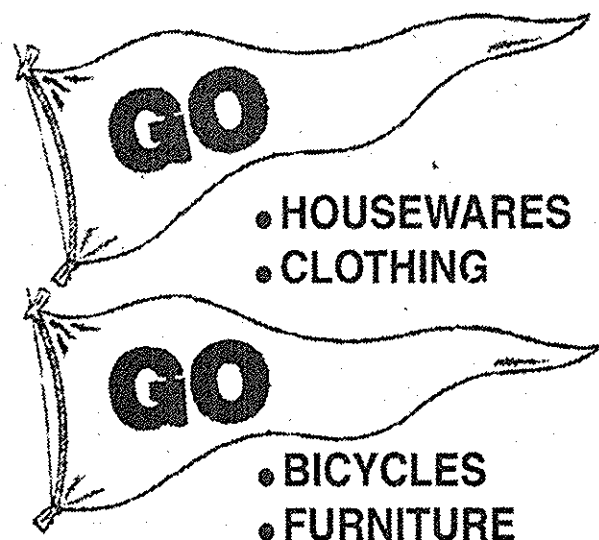
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Party On also carries masks, make-up and other costume accessories. Necastro says the prices of the costumes vary and the shop's most expensive costume is a Clown Reacher, priced at \$245.

Necastro said all of the costumes at Party On are purchased outside the shop. People attending an early Halloween party might find it useful that Party On's Halloween season begins right after Labor Day and the shop is open seven days a week.

Ward's Costumes, also in Niles, offers both costumes rentals and purchasing. Owner Shirley James said the daily rentals range from \$10 to \$60. This shop is also open

year-round with extended hours during the busy seasons of Halloween and Christmas. James said while Halloween is the shop's busiest time of year, Christmas comes in second.

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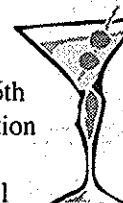
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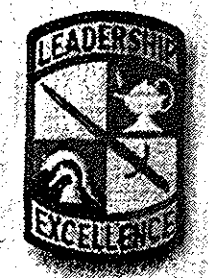


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Sports & Recreation

Penguin basketball set to begin campaign

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

YSU Men's Basketball coach John Robic said he is expecting the Penguins to improve in their second season in the Horizon League.

However, after winning just two league games a year ago, Robic said he's also aware of how far away the Penguins may be from joining the league's upper echelon.

"When we joined the Horizon League last year I was happy about it but I may have underestimated it a little bit," said Robic, who enters his fourth season as the Penguins' head coach. "What I'm finding out is that it takes some time to get to the middle of the pack."

Last season, the Penguins finished in last place in the league with a 2-14 record, while their overall mark stood at 5-23. Butler finished first in the regular season standings, followed by Detroit and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Robic said he feels the same teams should enter this season as the consensus favorites because their rosters are junior and senior dominated. "Milwaukee has seven seniors, they're by far the most experienced team. And Butler has returning players this year that have been through wars," he said.

Robic said the teams at the top have done a great job distancing themselves from the rest of the pack. "You have teams who have been in this league awhile who have improved but haven't been able to reach the middle-of-the-road on a consistent basis. That's a credit to the teams at the top," he said.

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— JOHN ROBIC
YSU head basketball coach

Coming off a disappointing 2001-2002 campaign, Robic said the Penguins' players have returned with a more focused approach during the first few weeks of practice.

"I think they want to prove that we can compete in the Horizon League," he said.

"The biggest thing so far is the effort has been there, they're playing hard, and they seem to be getting along with one another," Robic added. "Over the past three or four days I feel we're starting to understand how we expect to play and what we expect out of each individual."

Returning for the Penguins from last year's squad will be senior guard, Marlon Williamson — the team's lone senior, along with junior forwards Tejay Anderson and Bill Mallernee, sophomore forwards Brian Radakovich and Khari McQueen and sophomore guard Doug Underwood.

"Our returning players are expected to assume more of a leadership role and they have to produce," Robic said.

The Penguins will also have five fresh faces this sea-

son. Robic said freshman guards Jonathan Mends, Derrick Harris, and Andrew Jahnke have all stepped in and played well in practice.

"You wish they weren't freshman but they are," he said.

Robic said junior college transfers, Adam Baumann (6'8 235) and Jamel Porter (6'7 236) will give the team more inside options.

"We were undermanned and outmached in the past last year," Robic said.

"We now have five true post players, some bigger bodies that hopefully will be able to score from 12 to 15 feet and in. We didn't have that last year," he said.

Robic stated that last year's team struggled in several areas including shooting and defense, and said the team suffered from a lack of athleticism.

Robic said with the new additions the Penguins would look to be more wide-open this season.

"We're going to try and run more this year and utilize the athletes we do have," he said.

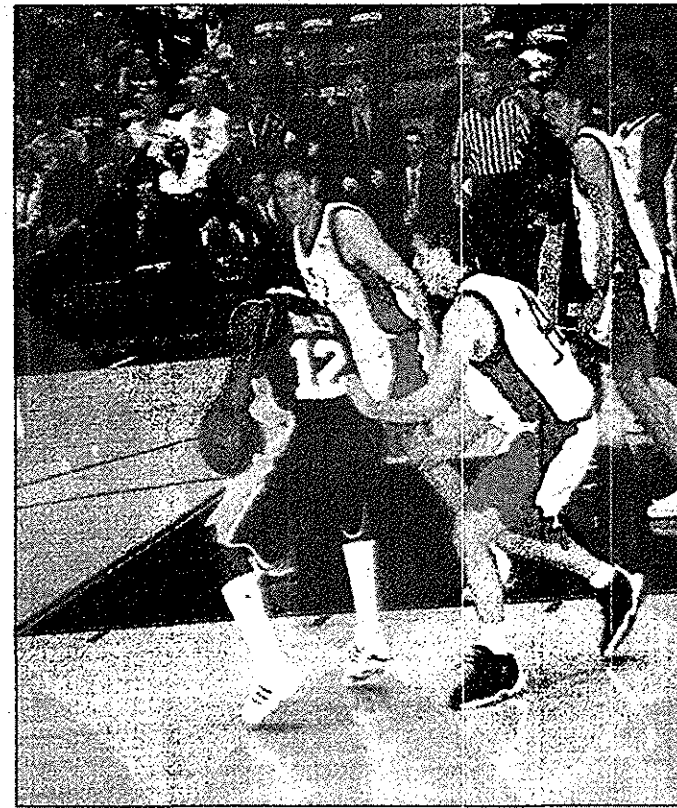
Robic said the Penguins should also be better due to the blend of players he has now, as well as added depth.

"So far we've been mixing our lineups around and we're hoping to play nine or ten guys," Robic said. "That's what teams did against us last year and some games we only played six or seven guys."

In addition to the incoming players, Robic also added two new assistant coaches to his staff, Dolph Carroll and Ross Burns.

Carroll joins the staff after a successful 13-year run as the head coach at Yavapai Junior College in Arizona. Burns

See B-BALL, page 2



File photo above, bottom photo courtesy ysu.edu/sports

HOOP IT UP: The YSU basketball team is set to begin its season Nov. 9.

Head coach John Robic said the team will try to turn its 5-23 record around from a year ago by utilizing the athletes they have. "So far we've been mixing our lineups around and we're hoping to play nine or ten guys," Robic said.



2002-2003 YSU Men's basketball schedule		
Date	Day	Opponent Site Time
Nov. 9	USBL (N.Y.) All-Stars	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind. 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 26	Slippery Rock	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Nov. 30	Toledo	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Dec. 4	at St. Francis (Pa.)	Loretto, Pa. 7 p.m.
Dec. 7	Buffalo	Beeghly Center 7:35 p.m.
Dec. 13	Shawnee State	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Duquesne	Pittsburgh, Pa. 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	at UMKC	Kansas City, Mo. 8 p.m.
Dec. 28	Niagara	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Dec. 31	at Loyola (Chicago)	Chicago, Ill. 2 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Oakland	Rochester, Mich. 7 p.m.
Jan. 9	Cleveland State	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Jan. 11	at UW-Milwaukee	Milwaukee, Wis. 2 p.m.
Jan. 13	Wright State	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Butler	Indianapolis, Ind. 2 p.m.
Jan. 23	Detroit	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Jan. 25	Illinois-Chicago	Beeghly Center 2 p.m.
Jan. 29	UW-Green Bay	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Wright State	Dayton, Ohio 4 p.m.
Feb. 6	Loyola (Chicago)	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Feb. 8	at IPFW Fort Wayne, Ind.	3 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Cleveland State	Cleveland, Ohio 7 p.m.
Feb. 15	UW-Milwaukee	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Feb. 19	at UW-Green Bay	Green Bay, Wis. 8:05 p.m.
Feb. 22	Butler	Beeghly Center 7 p.m.
Feb. 27	Detroit, Mich.	7:05 p.m.
March 1	at Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill. 7 p.m.

New minor league hockey team lights up the ice

By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar

While some football fans were glued to the TV on Sunday rooting for their favorite team, some Mahoning Valley residents came out to the Ice Zone in Boardman to root for the area's new minor league hockey team, the Phantom Rockets.

Hockey players from all over the country, and even Canada, have come to the Mahoning Valley to join the Phantom Rockets, part of the Continental Elite Hockey League, which includes some of the world's best hockey players between the ages of 18 and 22.

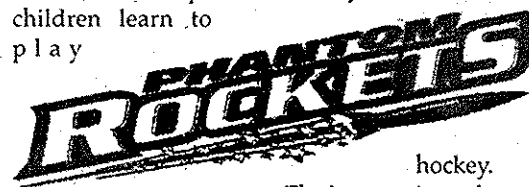
Glen Ryerson, director of marketing at Phantom Fireworks, which sponsors the team, said although the team is in its first year, it exhibits by far the highest skill level of hockey ever played.

Bruce Zoldan, owner of Phantom Fireworks and the Phantom Rockets, said he began plans to bring a minor league hockey team to the area five years ago.

He said he noticed a void in this community for the opportunity to play hockey and decided to bring an ice rink to the area to build up the sport in an area dominated by basketball and football.

The rink now hosts hockey games for 10 area high schools.

Zoldan said a National Hockey League representative has presented the establishment with a check for \$10,000 to help local inner city children learn to play



hockey. The league gives players an opportunity to play for NHL scouts. Rob Hawthorne, assistant coach of the Phantom Rockets, said 10 percent of players make it to the "big show."

Ryerson said that Bob Hawthorne, general manager and head coach of the team, held three tryouts before choosing players for the team. The Rockets also chose players from other teams in the expansion draft.

The Rockets include six players who attend YSU. Zoldan said he encourages his players to seek a college education and that it is required that the players either are in college or have a regular job.

Freshman Josh Streets plays defense for the

Rockets. Streets said he learned about the team from a friend in his hometown of Erie, Pa., and decided to try out.

Although playing for the Rockets is not as competitive as playing for a Division 1 school, Streets said that he enjoys being a member of the team and would like to play Division 1 hockey one day.

Bob Hawthorne said that his expectations for the team are to grow with every game and make it to the playoffs. He said with the success of this year, he will be more aggressive with scouting in the future.

Last weekend, the team played two home opening games at the Ice Zone. Last Sunday's game against the Dayton Gems resulted in a 4-2 win for the Rockets, bringing their record to 2-2. The Gems consist of players from the U.S., Sweden, Latvia, Germany and Canada.

The Phantom Rocket's next home game will be 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 against the Brownstone Bombers.

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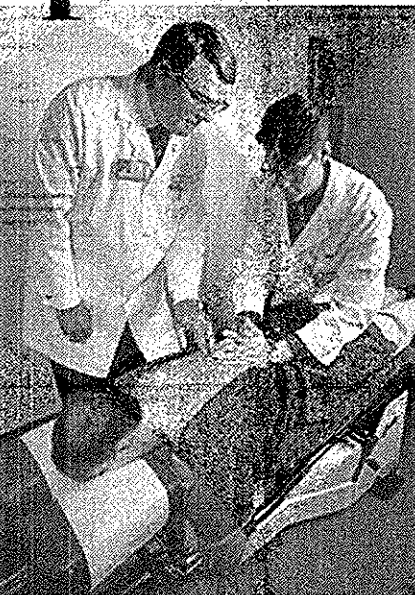
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