

Professor arrested at YSU

By ANGELA OLIN
The Jambar



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YSU police last week arrested an anthropology professor with a history of drug and alcohol-related arrests.

It was the second time in a month Gary Fry, 64, was arrested and the third time since Sept. 29, 2001, when he was charged with drug abuse. Fry, who has taught anthropology at YSU since 1970, makes \$83,600, according to documents in his personnel file.

YSU police Lt. Mark Adovasio and Officer Doug Pusateri arrested Fry in a DeBartolo Hall lab Sept. 10 on a warrant from Hubbard Township Police for unauthorized use of a vehicle charges. Fry has pleaded innocent.

Fry, who does not have a home telephone, staggered to the door of his Hubbard Township home Monday before declining to comment on his arrests.

The home, surrounded by overgrown weeds and decorated with old Christmas lights, was the site of Fry's Aug. 13 arrest on charges of using a weapon while intoxicated.

Thomas Maraffa, special assistant to the president, said Monday afternoon that he just heard about the arrests and declined to comment.

Maraffa did say that he was unsure of how the university would handle Fry's arrests.

"Nothing automatically happens if a professor is arrested," Maraffa said. "It depends on the particular circumstances."

Last Tuesday's arrest came after a woman filed a police report in Hubbard Township, saying Fry had borrowed her car and never returned it.

After he was arrested by YSU police, Fry was picked up by two officers from Hubbard Township and taken to Trumbull County Jail and spent a night in jail before being arraigned the next morning.

In a police report, the complainant said the woman loaned the car to Fry on Sept. 4 and was told he would return it that evening. She told police that Fry called her Thursday to ask if he could keep the car until Friday evening.

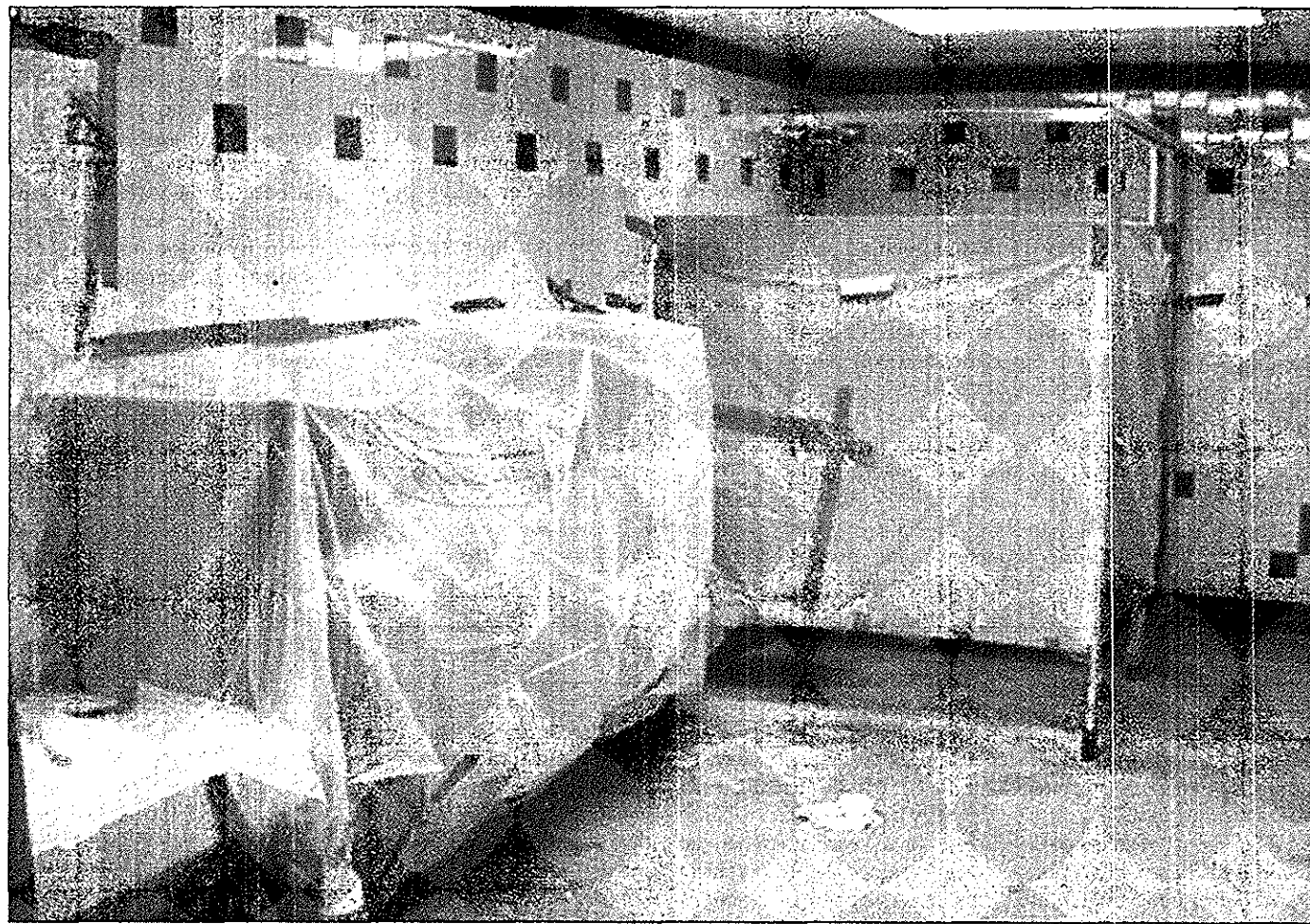
She said she agreed but states in the report that when the car was not returned she went to his home and left notes on his door asking for

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Mold clears out Beeghly



By Lisko / The Jambar

COVERED UP: Campus officials closed portions of Beeghly Center on Thursday after tests revealed the presence of black mold. The clean up of the mold is underway, as portions of Beeghly Center are being remodeled and repainted.

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

A spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday that black mold growing in Beeghly Center is unlikely dangerous.

Jim Rifenburg, public advisor for the Atlanta-based CDC said unless the fungus is highly concentrated or exposed to those with heavy allergies, it does not pose any great health risks.

"Black mold is just like a penicillin shot," Rifenburg said. "It won't hurt you unless you are allergic to it. The reactions can range from mild to extreme, just like a penicillin shot. You can have watery and itchy eyes or - in extreme cases - it can kill you."

"We recommend that buildings with water damage

rectify the situation right away. Buildings with water damage to their ceilings need to be torn down and replaced."

Thursday, campus officials closed classrooms in Beeghly Center after tests revealed a moderate presence of black mold. Friday, officials sent out additional laboratory tests to find out just how much black mold is growing in the infected areas.

Len Perry, director of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety, said he began testing the rooms over the summer after parts of Beeghly Center flooded.

"The growth of the black mold - we believe - has come from water damage," Perry said.

"We recommend that buildings with water damage rectify the situation right away."

— JIM RIFENBURG
Public advisor, CDC Atlanta

Perry said he believes the black fungus is only growing in some areas of Beeghly Center between the styrofoam and the brick wall foundation of the building.

"There is mold all around us all the time," he said. "There are mold spores inside the buildings and outside the buildings. What we have to do is see if the black mold is air borne and how concentrated it is."

Students and faculty in some of the mathematics and

history classes, which were held in Beeghly Center, complained of headaches, a funny odor and unpleasant scorching temperatures in their classrooms. Students and faculty in other classes experienced little if any annoyances.

Africana Studies professor Janine Harrison said she was surprised when she received notice that black mold may be a problem in her class. Some of her students, however, complained they were ill.

"I did have students complaining of headaches," Harrison said. "I had one student that had to go home because they were not feeling well."

Freshman Matt Ollick said although he did not experience any discomfort in his history class; it was moved out of

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New mail system off to a slow start

By KELLY GEISEL
The Jambar

After nearly two months of availability to students, YSU officials said less than 10 percent of YSU students are using the new CUE-mail e-mail system.

Mike Hrishenko, manager of Reporting and Customer support, said several hundred students were registered with CUE-mail before fall semester began.

The program, which allows students to send and receive e-mail from a YSU account, cost just under \$30,000, Computer Services Director Richard Marsico said.

After a Jambar article earlier this month, the number of registered students was approximately 1,100, Hrishenko said. He said he hopes more students will sign up and spread the word to others. Several students, however, said CUE-mail is not in their plans.

Freshman Brian Dubiel said he "just hooked up" to the system and has not yet had a chance to use it.

"I'll probably use it down the road," he said.

Freshman Nikki Casacchia said she uses Yahoo! and does not see a reason to switch.

"I'm happy with the mail I have," she said.

While interest and use remain low, Hrishenko said the university is still fine-tuning and enhancing the system. "You put it in and expand what you're doing," he said.

There have not been many problems with CUE-mail yet, Hrishenko said. Some students have called the help desk about passwords and forwarding e-mail from other accounts.

"Little things have happened, but no major problems have been reported," he said.

Hrishenko said the only major problems students have called the help desk for are about passwords and forwarding old mail to their new accounts.

As soon as a student registers at YSU, he or she is set up with a CUE-mail account. The user name is the student's first initial, middle initial and last name.

Hrishenko said if two students have the same first initial, middle initial and last name, the first student registered will have the standard account ID. The second student will have the standard account ID name followed by ".01".

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Cole will no longer cover university

By ANGELA OLIN
The Jambar

Ron Cole, The Vindicator reporter who is a finalist for a YSU administrative position, will no longer cover the university, an editor for the Youngstown newspaper said Friday.

Interviews began last week for the position of news editor, a public relations-based position that Cole and two others are seeking.

Cole's reassignment came hours after a Jambar story that reported Cole was one of three finalists for the job. In the article, several professors at Northwestern University's journalism school said Cole, a reporter with 10 years experi-

ence, should not be covering a university at which he was seeking employment.

Tony Paglia, senior regional editor for The Vindicator, said owners and editors agreed Thursday that Cole should be removed from the YSU beat. Cole will continue to cover other areas of education and will interview this week for the YSU position.

"Basically we took another look at the situation, especially with him being a finalist," Paglia said. "It was a collective agreement."

Paglia said the management decision was made after he and Cynthia Rickard, Cole's editor, talked to the owners of The Vindicator.

When asked for comment

on Friday, Cole said: "I don't think I am interested in commenting this time."

Thomas Maraffa, special assistant to the president, said the other finalists for the news editor position are Yalinda Moore and Daniel Shrensky.

Maraffa said Moore, who interviewed Friday, currently lives in Cleveland.

She recently was the manager of media relations and marketing at the Cleveland Department of Port Control, Maraffa said.

Moore also held several positions from 1989-99 at The Akron Beacon Journal as assistant metro editor, assistant national editor and wire editor.

Shrensky is currently editor in the Communications

department of West Virginia University's Health Sciences Center, Maraffa said.

He said Shrensky has previously held editor and staff writer positions for the Kane Republican and the Dominion Post.

He was also a staff writer for West Virginia University News and Information Services.

Maraffa said Shrensky will interview next week following Cole's interview.

After all interviews are complete, Maraffa said the decision will be made for the open position.

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T-com students working on TV crew Profs denied visas

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

Eight YSU telecommunication students are working this semester as part of a WKBN/WYFX-TV production crew.

The crew produces tape-delayed telecasts of YSU home football games. This marks the first year YSU has had such a contract with local TV stations.

Diana Colangelo, Jonathan Jackson, Melissa Mack, Stacey Mehring, Greg Quinn, J.P. Robles, Jason Vinkler and Zachary White make up the YSU team.

"Our suspicions have been confirmed," Fred Owens, professor of Communication and Theater, said. "They are a terrific group of people. In each case, the assignments are drawing on each student's individual talents and helping them to grow."

The purpose was for telecommunication majors to be given career-related experience as an "in-route" to future endeavors, Owens said.

Colangelo, senior, serves as student production coordinator for the project and is a member of the crew's pre-production group. She said she works with Robles and White, and together they develop pre-produced packages to run during halftime of the games.

"So far this group has done a package on the football team's practice and preparation and one on Jeff Hoover, one of the athletic trainers," Colangelo said. "We are currently working on a story about

Penguins football fans to be shown at halftime of the Oct. 5 game."

"As a pre-produced package team, we have the freedom to plan, video, and edit our own ideas. Also, our final work is aired on television, a privilege for any student," Colangelo said.

Colangelo said she hopes the program will continue.

"It is so exciting to be a part of this production crew," she said. "I look forward to the rest of the season and hope that this project becomes a tradition in years to come."

Vinkler works as a floor director in the announcer's booth. Vinkler said his job consists of spotting for the announcers and keeping track of the down and distance for the graphic artists.

"My job is basically to help make sure things run more smoothly," he said.

Vinkler said his long-range goal is to get into television and eventually work on-air, however, he said he is satisfied with this experience working behind the scenes.

"It's gone well," he said. "Everyone's put in the time and learned a lot. It's been a good learning experience and you get to meet a lot of people in the field."

The participating students are helping in all phases of the production including editing, directing, mike and camera operating, and on-air reporting.

Mack is handling the role as the team's sideline reporter. Some of her responsibilities include pre-game and

injury updates, as well as one-on-one interviews with Head Coach Jon Heacock.

Mack said she does not necessarily want to work in sports but would like to work as an on-air personality after college. She said she felt nervous when taking the field for the season opening game but noticed improvements in week two.

"The first game was difficult," she said. "It was much more nerve-wracking than I thought it would be. The second game went a lot better and I started feeling more comfortable."

Rob Schmidt, sports director for WKBN-TV27 and play-by-play announcer on Fox 17/62, said he's been pleased with the approach the students have taken to this project.

"All eight kids have done a great job and it's worked out well for us," Schmidt said. "Everyone we hired has been dedicated and has taken this opportunity seriously. They've gone after it like professionals."

Helping to develop this project were Owens and George McCloud, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

McCloud, who also serves as special assistant to the president for development and public relations, said he sees this opportunity as an advantage for everyone involved.

"The students receive a valuable learning experience as interns and the partnership formed between YSU and WKBN-TV/WYFX Fox 17/62 is invaluable," McCloud said.

By GREG WALTERS
The Oberlin Review

U-WIRE, OBERLIN - Two international students from Pakistan and China admitted to Oberlin College's freshman class this academic year have been unable to obtain student visas to the United States and have been given no notification of how long they will have to wait in their own countries.

Three others, from India, Venezuela and China, were also waylaid by the visa process but are set to arrive soon, according to Assistant Dean of Studies Ellen Sayles.

Although Oberlin has had trouble getting visas to students in the past, administrators said this year is exceptional both in the number of students waylaid and the difficulty in fixing the problem. The source of the trouble, President Nancy Dye said, may lie somewhere in the American government's reaction to Sept. 11.

"It's disturbing, frankly," Dye said. "It does indicate that there are real shifts. We certainly from time to time have had students who've had difficulties with their consulate or something, but mostly those issues have been with continuing students. They'd have a problem, we'd write a letter to the American consulate there, and that was that."

This year, such efforts have proved less effective.

"We've already faxed and sent letters to the American Embassies in their countries," Sayles said. "I've faxed many, many letters to various places, and sent e-mails. Finally we

changed the date when they're allowed to come to campus. Now they're allowed to enroll until the end of the add/drop period, in case things loosen up and they're permitted to come to America. One of these students has already decided to defer until next semester."

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, and especially its student visa policy, came under intense criticism when two of the Sept. 11 hijackers were issued student visas a full six months after their deaths.

According to a Sept. 10 New York Times article, the Bush administration has discreetly introduced a new immigration policy for males between the ages of 16 and 45 from a list of 26 countries, mostly in the Mideast but including such Muslim majority states as Pakistan, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Before Sept. 11, most consular offices and embassies could issue visas after a routine check. Now, officials in Washington must approve visas both for men from these countries and men with relatives from these countries. Originally the policy was meant to extend the visa application process by 30 days. But with a backlog of more than 100,000 visa applications — mostly from students and businessmen — the paperwork has piled up and the wait has become indefinite, according to the Times.

Neither the INS nor the Department of Justice could be reached for comment.

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her car back. After she had no response from Fry, she filed the police report.

On Aug. 13, police found Fry at his Mount Everest Road home with a sickle, a knife and a loaded shot gun, a police report said. The report said Fry told police he was going to use the gun, "...to shoot a guy's truck tire out as he drove by his house."

The report also said Fry "appeared to be in a stupor when he started to approach the officer."

At that time Fry was told to keep his hands where the officer could see them, however, he kept on reaching into his

pockets. "He continually kept not listening," the report said. "His footing was unsure and staggering around."

The report also said Fry then put his hands in his pocket and pulled out a small knife.

"He kept rambling on about his keys being taken and buying a Mercedes Benz," the report states.

After securing the gun, Officer Greg Tarr of the Hubbard Township Police arrested Fry and took him to the Trumbull County Jail where he was released because the jail was full.

Fry pleaded not guilty at

arraignments for both arrests. A pre-trial date has been set for 10 a.m. Sept. 25 for both cases at the Girard Municipal Court.

Fry's third arrest came close to a year ago when he was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped in Hubbard Township for swerving left of the center lane.

The driver of the car was charged with drug paraphernalia, a woman passenger charged with an open container of Colt .45, and Fry was charged with marijuana drug abuse.

The report states when Fry exited the vehicle he told the officer he had marijuana.

"Mr. Fry stated that he did have in his possession a baggy of marijuana that was under his armpit and later fell to his waistband inside of his shirt that was tucked into his jeans," the report states.

An official at the Girard Municipal Court said Fry pleaded no contest to the drug abuse charge and paid fines and costs to the court.

This semester, Fry is teaching two introduction to anthropology classes, a biological anthropology class and a old world cultures class.

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Beeghly to the third floor in Fedor Hall.

"Yes, I was aware of the class change, but I didn't know why it got changed," he said.

Ollick said that he was not aware that the growth of black mold in Beeghly was the problem until late Friday and he had not noticed any unfavorable conditions in Beeghly.

Perry said classes would not be meeting again in Beeghly this semester.

"It would probably be confusing to students to move them back over to Beeghly later in the semester," he said.

Perry also said that YSU will probably take this semester to fix any of the water damaged areas in Beeghly, so there will be a lot of construction going on and it "wouldn't be suitable for students anyway."

Nonetheless, students and faculty are not the only ones whose safety needs to be considered; YSU custodians also are in Beeghly daily.

"Beeghly Center used to get flooded a lot from what I remember, and the heavy rains would cause a back up in the draining system," said Veronica Ross, a janitor who is contracted through R. Johnson Company. "But I've never gotten ill from working over there."

A member of YSU's maintenance staff expressed the same sentiment.

Said Steve Eggleston: "I've been working here for five years, and nothing has happened to me."

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Today's Editorials

Beeghly selection is reason for hope

We are excited to hear Bruce Beeghly will be joining the Ohio Board of Regents.

The former YSU trustee will, without a doubt, represent a voice that has been missing at the state level for quite some time - a Mahoning Valley voice.

Beeghly's nine-year term on the 11-member board begins Saturday, and we hope the Struthers resident gets right to work. After questionable comments and questionable votes from two YSU trustees last month, we look forward to this university having a voice of integrity. Beeghly presents the opportunity; he must seize it.

Already, Beeghly - very diplomatically - has said he will not just represent YSU, but all the schools in the northeastern Ohio district. Noble as this is, Beeghly still must not ignore the crushing economic problems that have hindered YSU.

A veteran of nine years on the YSU Board of Trustees, Beeghly worked on the Ohio Board of Regents Higher Education Funding Commission. His proximity to Youngstown and his knowledge of higher education funding are a combination that make him the best hope YSU has had in a long time.

Diplomacy aside, Beeghly must use his expertise to its full potential. We do not expect him to play favorites. Gov. Bob Taft selected him to do a job, and Beeghly must do it. But we do expect that once Beeghly looks at the challenges in northeastern Ohio, he will find YSU at the top of the list.

Now we finally have a bona fide decision-maker who can articulate and understand the problems we face.

Money talks. And so will Bruce Beeghly. We hope he talks about how YSU can get a little more.

Mold tests must continue

Although a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official tells us not to worry about the black mold build up in Beeghly Center, campus officials were right to err on the side of caution last Thursday.

The affected rooms had dampened floors and ceiling tiles. Some students even complained of allergic reactions and itchy eyes. Len Perry, director of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety immediately began tests.

And, when the tests yielded results positive for black mold, the university closed the rooms and moved affected classes. Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, did perhaps his best work yet in that position by quickly spreading the word to local media and other campus officials.

The rooms are closed, and that is a good thing. We hope campus officials will not reopen the rooms until full testing and remediation is complete.

We have seen similar problems escalate into much more in other areas. More than a year ago in Girard, mold problems were blamed for the illnesses of many students of a new intermediate school. At the end of the day, the City of Girard and its school board were left with a mess - of mold and public distrust.

YSU officials have identified the problems early. We hope they will continue to use caution. Although black mold is not serious, other types of mold are.

Adequate testing and remediation must be complete before classes can resume.

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Parks buckles under Jambar pressure

BETWEEN THE LINES



By Henry Gomez

With a flex of his increasingly powerful Student Government muscle, SG President Jeff Parks on Friday sent a Jambar reporter away from his office.

He told the reporter he, from now on, only would answer questions submitted to him in writing. He gave the reporter his e-mail address and dismissed her.

I immediately called Parks, a longtime acquaintance and one-time colleague, to ask for an explanation. It seems Parks was not too thrilled about The Jambar editorial Thursday, in which the editors challenged Parks to stick to his promises and criticized him for moving so slow.

"It is my feeling this is a debate between SG and The Jambar," Parks told me. "And that's not in our agenda this year. It's not what we're interested in."

Mark it down, readers. What you just read could be the last orally obtained quote from Jeff Parks.

The Jambar will play ball with Parks. SG controls a good deal of student money. A good journalist gets his or her story. So if e-mail is the game Jeff Parks wants to play, we'll play. It is our job.

But maybe Parks should reevaluate his

job, too. Leaders are challenged and criticized in editorials every day. A newspaper editorial, traditionally, is designed to incite action. It is upsetting to us that Parks does not realize this, although he has served on the YSU Board of Trustees and is a political science major. He should know that a public official must answer the public bell in the court of public opinion.

In my phone conversation with him, however, he would not budge. It should be clear that The Jambar reporters do not write The Jambar editorials. If Parks has a problem with the way our editorial depicted him, he should come straight to the editors.

He should do his job and communicate - not hide behind e-mail. His decision borders on censorship and most certainly is an attempt to manipulate The Jambar's coverage of SG.

The Jambar's editorials often have been critical of other leaders at YSU. University President David Sweet often is a subject. And when President Sweet has a concern about an editorial, he does not end oral contact with the newspaper. Jambar editors often have found themselves in the president's Tod Hall office discussing editorials and talking differences out rather than acting like little children.

Even Joe Long, last year's SG president, told me this weekend that despite the criticism he received in Jambar editorials, he never thought of turning away

reporters.

"Love the press," Long told me.

Likewise, other university officials who have been the subject of challenging and critical editorials have not stopped talking to us. Never once have we been told we only could conduct interviews through e-mail.

It is also possible this is just a knee-jerk reaction from Parks. I sincerely hope he

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— JEFF PARKS

reconsiders. The Jambar has proven to be a form of communication on campus. If he truly wants to reconnect with students, picking a fight with The Jambar is a bad way to do it.

I am not threatening Parks. As I told him in our conversation Friday, I want him to succeed. You, the students, deserve a leader who forgoes the power trip and concentrates on how he or she can lead.

This may come as a disappointment to Jeff Parks, but The Jambar will continue to cover him and SG. Sure, Parks' attitude poses a challenge for us - a challenge we will accept.

It is high time he accepted his.
Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

You've got CUE-mail ... so now what?

A STAFFER'S VIEW



By Jami Boninsegna

COMMENTARY

YSU officials are bragging about the recent installation of a campus-wide e-mail system known as CUE-mail.

This system was supposedly created in an effort to have one e-mail system on campus for students, staff and faculty to "more easily contact one another."

My question is: Why? I have never had a problem contacting any professor through e-mail in the past.

Every professor I've ever had has always listed his or her e-mail addresses on their syllabus, which is distributed the first day of class.

Also, if students need to e-mail other students in their

classes, they most likely will have to ask them their first and last name anyway. A directory within this system will not help.

Mike Hrishenko, manager of Reporting and Customer Support, said CUE-mail was created to "eliminate redundancies of having several different e-mail systems within the departments on campus."

The very creation of CUE-mail is a redundancy itself.

It is simply an inclusion of yet another e-mail system, not

the creation of a system that will replace all others.

Now students will only encounter the nuisance of having to check a second e-mail account.

"The reasons are infinite of why students are not going to switch to CUE-mail. It's a lost cause - and a costly one."

— ON YSU'S NEAR \$30,000 INVESTMENT ON CUE-MAIL.

No one is going to abandon the accounts they have had for years - accounts friends and family that live across the country e-mail to, accounts students have applied for jobs through and are waiting for responses and accounts students use for their places of employment.

The reasons are infinite of why students are not going to switch to CUE-mail.

It's a lost cause - and a costly one.
Richard Marsico, director

of computer services, said CUE-mail cost the university less than \$30,000. This is \$30,000 too much. The university has already made a previous attempt to create a campus e-mail system in the past.

The problem was not that accounts were set up with student ID numbers like officials believe.

The problem was that no one used it - and they're not going to now.

With nonstop tuition hikes, campus computers that are in dire need of being updated and on-going problems with parking, the \$30,000 could have been allocated elsewhere.

Officials said they are pleased to offer students this free service, but students already can easily go to Hotmail or Yahoo! and set up a free account for themselves within minutes.

Call Jami Boninsegna at (330) 941-1913.

Letter to the editor

Enrollment figures suggest problems in CISP

Editor:

I wish to comment on a recent article written by Kelly Geisel concerning international student enrollment at YSU.

According to the article, Dr. Silvia Hyre, director of the Center for International Studies and Programs, attributes the drop in our international student enrollment to the tragic events of Sept. 11. Dr. Hyre also blames last year's terrorist attacks for what she projects to be nearly 50 percent reduction in the number of students enrolled in our study abroad program.

These figures are sharply at odds with the results of a nationwide survey completed just last month by the Institute of International Education (IIE), "the world leader in the international exchange of people and ideas."

The major finding of the survey, based on the responses of more than 500 international education professionals, is that "study abroad is more popular than ever before, and applications and enrollments from international students are steady or rising, despite a few declines from Islamic countries."

Details about the survey and a complete analysis of the results can be found on the IIE Web site: www.iie.org. IIE data also shows that YSU's international student enrollment is significantly below

that at comparable universities in our vicinity, such as Cleveland State or the University of Akron.

I believe the reasons behind YSU's chronically poor performance in the area of international student enrollment and education are internal rather than external.

An anonymous survey of current and recently graduated international students, conducted last year by a university-appointed task force, found appalling degree of dissatisfaction with the services provided by the CISP. Such concerns have been brought to the attention of university officials and the YSU Board of Trustees on numerous occasions over the past two and a half years.

If Dr. Hyre and YSU are genuinely interested in identifying the true culprits responsible for these problems, I suggest that we start with an objective self-examination instead of searching for scapegoats.

Stephen Hanzely
Professor Emeritus
Physics and Astronomy

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History professor in a league of his own

Citizens League strives to find honest political leaders

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar



SATRE

Lowell Satre as he sits behind his office desk, searching for the Citizens League of Greater Youngstown's Web site. "There it is!", the league president and YSU history professor said as the newly launched Web site appears on the computer screen. Clicking on the links, he relates the purpose of the

League. "The League was founded about 20 years ago to educate the public on the presence of organized crime in Youngstown and to encourage honest and competent people to run for office," he said, rattling off the group's purpose like most people say their times tables.

Down scrolled the screen, as Satre read accomplishments one after the other. The league had organized the Mahoning Valley's delegation to the organized crime conference in Palermo and testified in front of the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Presently, the League is teaming up with the League of Women Voters so they can monitor how the Court of Appeals candidates are running their campaign.

His eyes light up when he tells the story about the elections held two years ago, when he and other members of the League monitored certain voting stations in Poland.

"We sat there all day," he said, adding that they made sure that nothing illegal or unethical happened. "Then we followed the cars that picked up the ballots."

And he smiled, as he tells of the founding of the league, which he and two others, Bob Jackimowicz, now a resident of Cleveland, and James Callen, former League president, took on themselves to do.

It was the second time that someone had tried to form a citizens group. The first fledgling Citizens League, of which Satre was not a part, never got off the ground. People were afraid of repercussions, Satre said - physically and otherwise.

When Satre, Jackimowicz and Callen decided to try again, they developed in secret.

"We invited people who were known to be honest," Satre said, in order to get their membership up so they could become public. They counted on safety in numbers.

When the league finally did go public, it fell on Satre's shoulders. Satre, then the league secretary, said that one day when they were nearly ready to "go public", he received a phone call.

The caller was a reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette who had heard rumors about a Citizens League forming in Youngstown. Satre confirmed the report, and the Citizen's League of Greater Youngstown was not secret any longer.

Since then, there have been no physical threats against anyone, although lawsuits have been filed against Callen and others, though Satre himself has had no suits filed against him.

But, as Satre said: "You don't do things just because they are popular."

Call Rebecca Marquis at (330) 941-1811.

SG plans student forums

By ROXANNE TORELLA
The Jambar

Student Government leaders hope a new forum will give students the answers they have to questions regarding YSU.

SG introduced a resolution Sept. 9 to create Student Forum, which would be held on campus during the day, when many students are available, SG representatives said.

The Student Committees will work out the details as to where and when the forums take place. Representatives said one possible location for the forums is Peaberry's, located in Kilcawley Center, where many students go during the day.

The forums will be open to any student. One or two appointed SG representatives will be open for question.

"Student Government needs to go out and introduce themselves," Second Vice President Dan Procopio said at the Sept. 9 meeting. "Many student organizations don't know we're here for them."

SG President Jeff Parks, as well as members of the Student Affairs Committee, will determine which representatives will attend the forums. There are no detailed discussions at this time, and it is not known if Student Government President Jeff Parks or

Vice President Emily Eckman will hold any Student Forums.

Although members agreed that this would be a good way to connect with students, there were some issues of concern. At the meeting, some representatives questioned who would be qualified enough to speak.

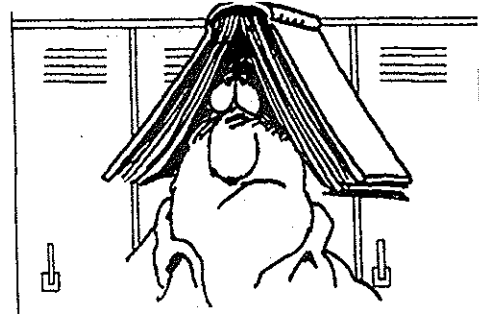
Parks said more than 75 percent of SG's members are new.

That raises another concern for some members of Student Government: Will they be able to answer the students' questions? That question was also added to the Student Affairs committee's agenda that representatives want to see presented at the Sept. 23 meeting.

Parks expressed interest in seeing the plan go forth.

"Student government is the voice to communication with the people on campus who can help."

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Couple struggles with new faculty contract

By KATRINA WEIZER
The Jambar

Driving past the home of Dr. L.J. "Tess" Tessier and her partner of 13 years, Tara McKibben, it is hard not to notice the brightly colored flags that adorn their front porch.

The flags are Tibetan prayer flags, which are believed to send prayers of peace and compassion with every gust of wind.

Although the couple is trying to send a positive message from their home, they are dealing with a much more negative one inside.

McKibben, who suffers from multiple sclerosis - a disease that can cause partial or complete muscle paralysis and jerking muscle tremors - loses her health insurance Oct. 1.

Tessier, a professor of philosophy and religious studies, has a new contract excluding domestic partner benefits. The couple must find a way to pay for McKibben's \$3,000-a-month prescription costs.

"I don't think I will be able to manage the expenses," McKibben said, her feet tucked under her on a recliner.

The couple had been hoping that the recently passed contracts would enable McKibben to be covered under Tessier's health insurance.

In recent contract negotiations the issue of domestic partner benefits had been an issue for which the YSU-Ohio Education Association fought. It also had been an issue that trustee Chairman Joseph Nohra adamantly opposed, citing religious beliefs.

Tessier said a fact-finder, brought in to help settle the issues, ruled in favor of domestic partner benefits but despite the fact finder's ruling the administration would not consider it.

Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, disagreed.

He said the fact-finder's report supported the university's position on the question of whether or not to extend health and other benefits to domestic partners of YSU employees and recommended the issue be discussed in terms of family leave benefits.

"The YSU Board of Trustees last month approved the use of family leave benefits for university employees who may have a domestic partner as part of the OEA or faculty member contract negotiations," Ulbricht said. "The question of direct benefits for domestic partners of YSU faculty was not brought forth for a vote."

Tessier struggles to understand why.

She said that funding from the state has been offered as a reason.

Tessier said that the university shouldn't fear a conservative legislature cutting funds because the state has never come forward to say that.

Tessier said that several private colleges in Ohio offer domestic partner benefits and still receive state funding.

Tessier said that the real reason the administration would not consider domestic benefits is the personal reasons of the board of trustees.

She said that religion is the only reason she sees why McKibben is not getting the benefits.

She cited the statement of two members of the board of trustees, who said publicly that they could not vote in favor of domestic partner benefits because it opposed their moral

and religious views.

"If they took religion off the table, I'd like to see how they justify it," Tessier said.

As a professor of philosophy and religious studies, Tessier, who has been teaching at YSU for 15 years, said she is open to all different religious beliefs.

McKibben questions the legality of such reasoning.

"It's not about religion, it can't be, it's illegal; it violates separation of Church and State," McKibben said.

Ulbricht said he could not comment on the question of this being a moral issue.

"We know, of course, there is wide diversity on this issue," he said.

Tessier said that for her it's a matter of being treated like an equal.

"It's about equity - protecting my family like my colleagues," Tessier added.

McKibben will be eligible for Medicare after her insurance runs out. However, it will not cover her medications.

Tessier said that the new contracts do allow her to buy McKibben into her group plan. However, the couple cannot afford it.

McKibben is now petitioning drug companies and philanthropic organizations for help.

"I fear we won't be able to get her the medical help she needs," she said.

McKibben needs to be injected daily with a drug called Copaxone in order to reduce the number and severity of exacerbations and muscle spasms. The couple said that McKibben's condition could greatly deteriorate without the drug.

"Their decision determines if I'm in a wheelchair or not," McKibben said. The cost of the shot is \$1,500-a-month. Even if the drug company can get the price down to \$500-a-month, the couple said that there is no way to manage the expense.

"There are no savings left because of medical expenses," McKibben said. Tessier said that it is not a cost issue for the university though.

"I don't get it. It doesn't cost them anything," she said.

Tessier said the administration claims that they are not discriminating against anyone, because they do not offer domestic partner benefits to heterosexual couples either.

"The discrimination is there because we don't have the equity," Tessier said, sighting the fact that she cannot legally marry McKibben.

Tessier has been "out" as a gay woman for 33 years and she easily pulls the arguments of conservative opposition from the top of her head, such as the legislature boasting that they are saving the institute of marriage by banning gay marriages.

"Is marriage so fragile that gay marriage would hurt it?" she jokes.

"Frankly, I don't think we could give marriage anything but a good name," she added.

They look at each other and ask if they know a couple that is as happy as they are. After throwing out some names, they decide that they aren't quite sure.

"We are ridiculously happy,"

The two women met after McKibben returned to YSU for a second degree. She had wanted to try to get involved in the gay community on campus and somebody gave her Tessier's name.

"Our first date was our first argument," McKibben said.

Tessier initially refused to begin a relationship because she was a professor and McKibben was a student.

McKibben said she reminded Tessier that she was not only an adult but that her major had no affiliation with Tessier's college. She wouldn't be taking any classes from her or her colleagues in her department and may never even take a class in the same building as her department.

Tessier still had some trepidation due to the power she held as a professor. McKibben soon brought Tessier down to earth.

"I told her, 'I'm not all that impressed with you,'" McKibben laughed. "It's hopelessly corny, but we both knew from the first day; the first two-hour conversation," Tessier said.

"We are more in love every year," she added.

The couple not only shares a house together (in which both their names appear on the deed), but a life, that consists of a love for movies, two dogs, four cats, a turtle and a joint bank account. But what they pride the most is their son.

McKibben had a 6-year-old son when she moved in with Tessier.

The couple has asked that their son's name not be mentioned for fear that others will be cruel to him.

"We won't contribute to that," said Tessier.

She said though, that her son is neither embarrassed nor ashamed and has only expressed love and support for the relationship.

However, when the couple decided to live together when he was a boy, they wanted to make sure he was okay living with Tessier. Although she was prepared for some rejection, Tessier never received it.

"It's not something he announces, but if asked it doesn't bother him," Tessier said.

"We have told him, 'Whatever you need we'll back you.'"

The couple's son is now 18 years old and a freshman at YSU. Tessier recalls the rides to and from school and giving him "dinosaur rides."

"Now, I tell him he has to give me dinosaur rides," she joked.

She said he frequently stops at the Women's Center to visit her on campus.

"We've always talked about everything," she said.

She said they share a love of music and movies and often make recommendations to each other.

"We were pretty excited that we discovered (the music group) Train before anyone else we knew had ever heard of them," she said.

Even though he identifies him-



Katrina Weizer/The Jambar

SPENDING TIME AT HOME: Dr. L.J. Tessier(right) and her partner Tara McKibben(left) relax in their Youngstown home with their dogs.

Tessier stated with a large smile. Although they are dealing with pressures of financing McKibben's health care, the couple has a noticeable ease about them that one can only assume comes from living together for the past 11 years.

"I hope it stays a hot issue. I hope people ponder the issue of fairness."
 "I just want to support my family."
 —DR. L.J. TESSIER
 On domestic partner benefits

They said that they both share a love for the movies. McKibben reminds Tessier that they have to make plans to go to a movie before the weekend is up, since they had not gone the week before. Tessier complies.

"Yeah, we have to go before the semester inhales me," she said.

Tessier said that there is something she finds unusual about their relationship, but it has nothing to do with the two of them being women.

"We spend most all of our time not working together," she said.

"A lot of people we know envy us."

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rather quickly as, former Cleveland Brown Terry Kirby started the fourth quarter by returning a kickoff 96-yards for a touchdown. Three fumbles, two recovered by former Steeler Rod Woodson, and an interception later the Steelers were down and out by a score of 30-17.

Although it's only week two, the underachieving Steelers are stepping into some hot water after two dismal performances.

This week they have a much-needed bye before they face the hated Browns in a game that should gauge quite a bit for both teams.

As a die hard Cleveland Browns fan since the age of six, I was as excited as any other dawg pound member to see the team bounce back after their dim-witted loss to the Kansas City Chiefs last week. After all the pre-season hype that the Steelers (0-2) were the

team to beat in the AFC, things are looking quite bleak in the steel city. While the upstart Browns (1-1) are looking to take advantage of the early season blunder by Pittsburgh.

Notes:

Steelers-
Rich Cannon broke nearly every Raider passing record on Sunday and Rod Woodson tied a record by recovering three fumble. The Steelers secondary has now given up nearly 700 passing yards in the first two weeks of the season, 697 to be exact.

This is the same #1 rated defense from last year, in fact, with the exception of injured linebacker Kendrell Bell, it's exactly the same.

Jerome Bettis, a.k.a. "The Bus", had just 10 carries for 41 yards yesterday, as the Steelers attempted just 18 rushes the entire game.

That compared to the 34

times they passed the ball — the Steelers led the league in rushing last year, but you can't run the ball if you're always losing.

For the lone bright spot on defense, linebacker Joey Porter had 12 tackles, 11 solo, 3 sacks and 2 interceptions, not a bad game.

Browns-
Second string quarterback Kelly Holcomb continues to impress with another strong performance.

In his first two games as Cleveland's starting quarterback, Holcomb is 44 of 69 with 524 passing yards and five touchdowns. To go along with that he has no interceptions and a quarterback rating of 111.0, the highest of any quarterback in the NFL!

If Tim Couch isn't productive immediately he may be sitting at home watching the game on the couch.

Rookie running back, and

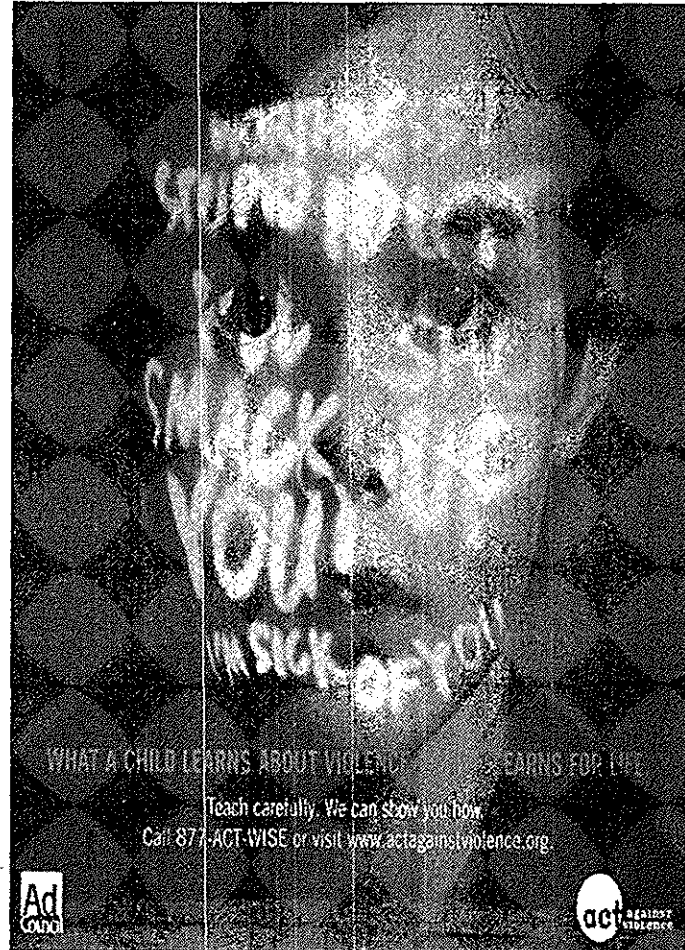
the 16th overall pick in this years draft, William Green had just 36 yards on 17 carries and despite having 9 more carries, was out-rushed by inspiring running back Jamel White 38 to 36.

Courtney Brown missed the entire game Sunday with a sore neck. Brown played in just five games last year and isn't producing like the Browns had hoped, Brown was the no. 1 overall pick in the 2000 draft.

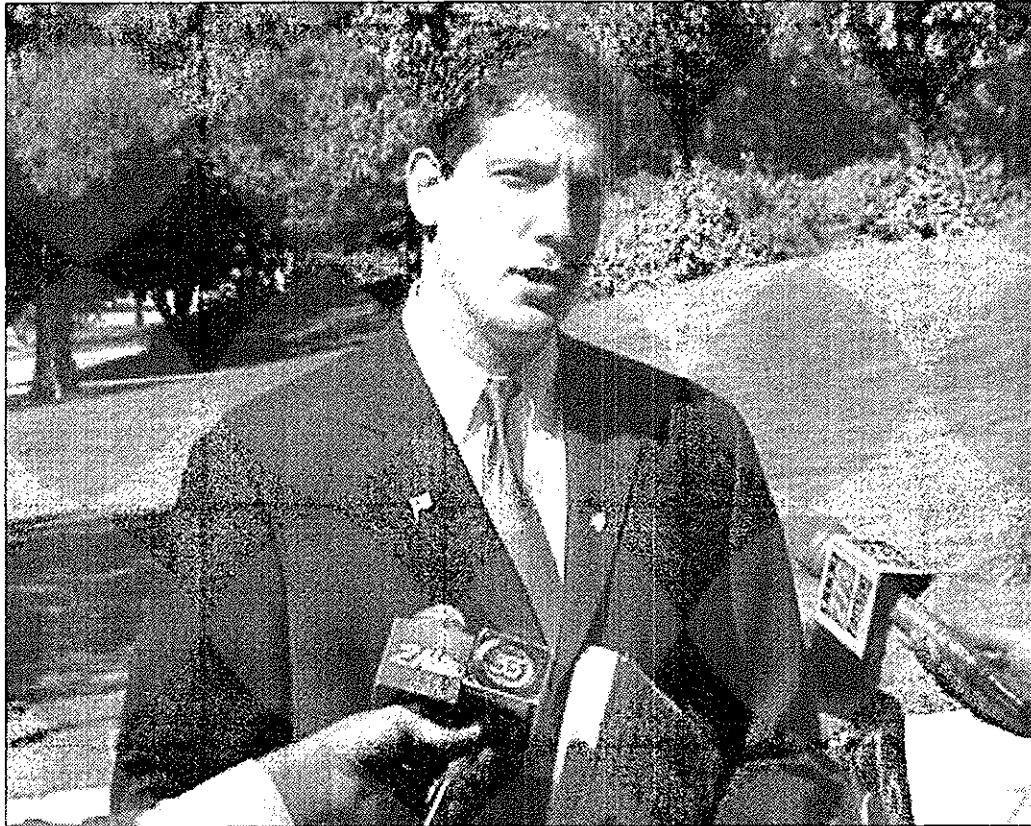
The "Bungles" scored their first touchdown of the season in the fourth quarter with the game all but over.

Dwayne Rudd, the helmet heaving culprit in last week's game, had just one tackle against the Bengals. Hopefully his tackling ability didn't go with the helmet.

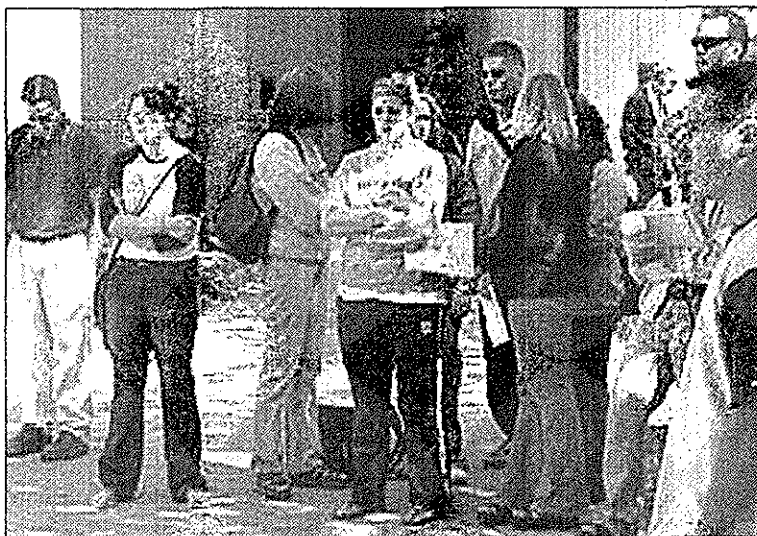
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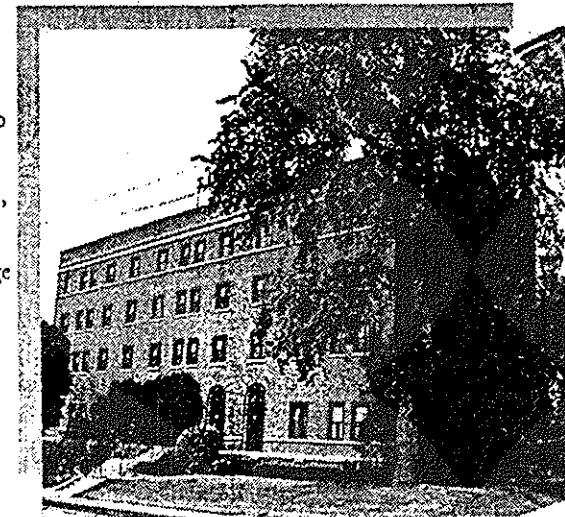
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News in brief

JAYMIN will sponsor clothing drive

The Joint Association for Young Minorities of Indian Nationalities (JAYMIN) will sponsor a clothing drive until the end of the month.

Collection boxes will be set up in Cafaro, Kilcawley and Lyden Houses, as well as Maag Library. JAYMIN will send the clothes to India, where they will be distributed to needy children, said Jaymin Patel, president of the organization.

"This summer I realized I was getting rid of

a lot of old clothes," Patel said. "Someone can use those clothes."

Patel said the organization has spearheaded the project because it fits its interests.

"We're trying to give back to our culture and nation," he said.

Those wishing to donate can visit one of the collection sites or contact Patel at extension 6285.

YSU radio club to hold meeting Wed.

The YSU Amateur Radio Club will hold an organizational meeting for interested students and all other individuals 3 p.m. Wednesday.

The meeting will take place in the Criminal

Justice conference room (2086) on the second floor of Cushman Hall. The meeting is not expected to last longer than an hour, and there will be a tour of the station after the meeting.

Environmental Studies meeting Wed.

The YSU Environmental Studies Society will hold their first meeting this Wednesday at noon in the lobby of Maag Library. This meeting will discuss the events for this year includ-

ing America Recycles Day, camping outings and hikes. YESS welcomes anyone interested in helping the Earth and having fun at the same time.

ISA to give presentation on Turkey

The International Student Association will be holding a meeting Friday at 3 p.m. in the Cafaro Suite in Williamson Hall. There will be a

presentation on Turkey, as well as samples of Turkish Foods. Any students interested in attending are welcome.

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about it. It will bring joy to the situation."

Doby also credits God for being a strong influence in many aspects of his life, including his decision to major in telecommunication.

"I felt like the Lord was tugging at my heart, like that's where he wanted me to go," Doby said.

Doby said his dad used to write plays at his church and that is where he developed an interest in directing. He said he would like to make movies that will affect people for God.

"Most of the movies they have out now

don't hit you like that," he said.

In addition to his role as football player and student, Doby also is now a husband. He said he and his wife Tanya are off to a great start.

"It's the greatest thing ever," Doby said. "My wife is a beautiful woman ... she makes me so happy."

"A lot of people are like, 'you're too young, you're only 20 years old,' but I say why wait," he said. "It's something when you find a wife like that; that God has put you with for the rest of your life."

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- Learning Styles:**
10:00 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, Bresnahan I&II, KC
1:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23, Humphrey Room, KC
- Note Taking and Mind Mapping:**
8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25, Multipurpose Rm, Cafaro House

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Campus Calendar

Tuesday: The YSU Dance Club offers free Swing, Ballroom and Latin dance lessons. They meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 100, Beechly Center. Social dancing afterwards until 9 p.m. A new dance is taught each month. For more information contact YSU Dance Club@hotmail.com or Jaime at ex. 6158.

Wednesday Circle K meets at 8 pm. every other Wednesday night in Cafaro Multipurpose Room. This week we are proud to present Don Bloom of the FBI. Mr. Bloom was part of the 9/11 Drastic Relief Team. Please come and honor him.

Thursday: YSU Ice Hockey Club is holding try-outs at 10 p.m. at the Ice Zone. Any hockey player with 9 credit hours and a G.P.A. of at least 2.0 is eligible. Full contact hockey experience needed please. For more information contact Carmen Chicone at (330) 519-5962 or carmc79@aol.com.

Notices:
Tongzhi - A Gay/Straight Alliance will have a business meeting every other week, alternating with a social get-together in Peaberry's. Both will be on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. All LGBT people and straight allies are welcome to attend. The upcoming dates are as follows:
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Tuesday, 9/24: Social in Peaberry's Cafe.

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Sports & Recreation



Cross country team gears up for season

By JOE SIMON
The Jambor

Cross country Head Coach Brian Gorby said this year's squad offers YSU a chance to reclaim the conference crown.

"They're the most talented," Gorby said. "And they know how to step up and win in pressure situations. Although the two teams combined to win eight Mid-Continent Championships in the 1990s — all under the tutelage of Gorby — some do not realize that YSU has one of the best cross country programs in the state of Ohio.

In the 11 years Gorby has coached at YSU — two as an assistant and nine as the head coach — his team has never finished below third in its conference. This year doesn't look to be any different. The young yet experienced group has a total of seven former high school state placers, including four past state champions and one two-time state champion.

Gorby said dealing with such "unbelievable talent" really helps add experience and the ability to perform in the clutch to an already talent rich team.

"When you're a state champion in high school you've got to be able to step up in pressure situations and come through," Gorby said. "Now, when they arrive at that situation they understand how to win."

The team started the season last Saturday at the Spiked Shoe Invitational held at Penn State University. With lone senior Will Edwards leading the pack, the Youngstown State men's team didn't disappoint as they finished fourth out of a total of 20 teams.

While Edwards had the best run for the men, with a time of 26:30 on the 5.2-mile track, sophomore Emily Schnitkey placed 10th with a time of 22:32, just two seconds above her school-record mark set last year.

Captain Andrea Bardy followed Schnitkey, finishing 20th with a time of 23:07 as the women were not far behind the men, placing sixth.

Chasing Edwards' mark was sophomore Nick Buzek, who finished 26th with a time of

27:27. Junior captain Kurt Michaelis finished just six seconds behind him to earn the 29th spot while another junior, Paul Robinette, finished 34th with a 27:39 time. In his first ever collegiate race freshman Nick Kruse placed 50th with a time of 27:58. The men's squad featured just a 1:28 gap between their top five runners.

Gorby said that depth will be the men's main strength.

"Our team depth is definitely our biggest attribute," he said. "With team depth of eight to 10 guys even if you're not having a great day, another guy's going to step up and fill your spot."

Although it is the team's main goal, Gorby said he is not content with just a conference crown. With maybe the best recruiting class in the state, he said: "We're looking for a couple of guys to step up big and become All-Americans — the top 30 in the country, individually."

Schnitkey, called "the greatest closer in the history of the program" by Gorby, is all but a shoo-in to become an All-American this year. Last year in the Junior National Championships, a compilation of the best runners in the nation under 20 years old, Schnitkey set the school record in the 5K run and finished 17th.

With Bardy coming into her own, it could be interesting to see who's going to join Schnitkey in that elite class.

Gorby said as long as the team takes each meet as a "stepping stone," the men have a few runners who could reach such accolades.

"We've got three or four guys that have (All-American) capabilities and we're looking for them to step up," he said.

With the thought of their first Horizon League championship lingering in their heads, the team is full of self-motivation and commitment, so much that Gorby said he had to "pull the reins back" this year to not overwork his talented runners.

The team is set to run again this Friday at the Malone Invitational in Canton, Ohio. The gun sounds at 5 p.m.

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EIGHT BALL, CORNER POCKET: Freshman Ryan Kramer takes a break at Peaberry's Cafe to shoot some pool Monday.



Sports Commentaries

Doby happy to be back in action

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambor

The 2001 football season wasn't fun for Josiah Doby. The 5-foot-9, 217-pound junior running back suffered a shoulder injury in two-a-days last year, which sidelined him for the entire season.

"That was the worst time not being able to play football," said Doby, a Long Beach, Calif. native. "That includes all the pain and not being able to help my teammates." This season, however, Doby has returned to the Penguins' lineup, and so far he's made his presence felt in each of the team's first two games.

In the Penguins 27-14 victory over Clarion in week one, Doby ripped off a 53-yard touchdown run and finished the game with 129 yards rushing on five carries, an average of over 25 yards per attempt.

And despite the team's 28-13 defeat at the hands of McNeese State, Doby was named Special Teams Player of the Game by the Penguins' coaching staff. Doby said he's glad to be back.

"Oh it feels great to be playing again," Doby said. "It feels good to be playing in the games with the new field, the stadium filled, and also being able to contribute."

Doby, who was a standout running back at Los Alamitos High School in Southern California, said he had offers to attend Division I schools such as Arizona State, but his grades weren't good enough.

Doby said a recruiter at Arizona State was a former YSU full-back, which prompted his decision to join the Penguins program.

As a freshman in 1999, Doby rushed 13 times for 61 yards in his collegiate debut against Slippery Rock. He finished that season with 197 yards rushing on 49 carries.

The following year, as a sophomore, Doby carried the ball 111 times for 459 yards, including a career best 64-yard run against Indiana State.

Heading into last season, Doby was expected to team up with P.J. Mays to form one of the premier backfield tandems in the nation. Unfortunately, his shoulder injury prevented that from ever transpiring.

Mays did play last season and exploded onto the national scene by rushing for 1,446 yards, 21 touchdowns and receiving Gateway Conference Player of the Year last season and several preseason All-America considerations this season.

Doby said he has nothing but respect for the team's feature back both on and off the field.

"P.J. is a good back and he happens to be one of my personal friends," Doby said. "We both got married during the same month during the off-season and as a matter of fact, we plan to have both of them over for dinner sometime."

"As far as football, [Mays] is a real good back. I hope he gets

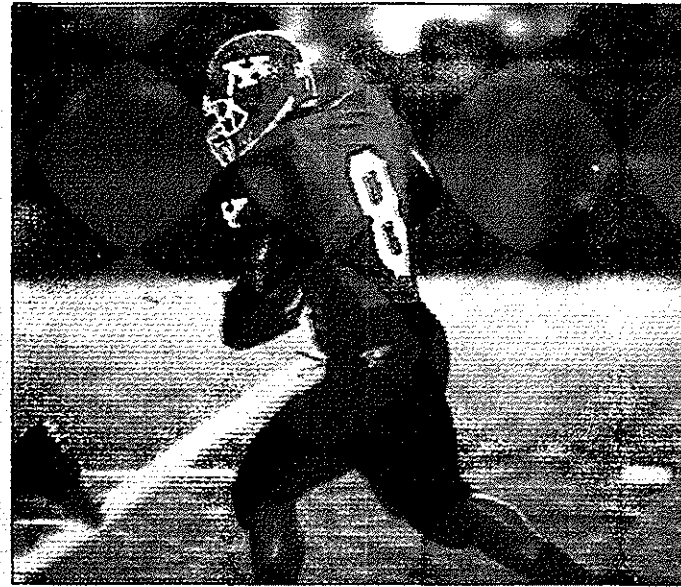


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RUNNING: Josiah Doby, pictured above, sat out all of last season with a shoulder injury, but is back and helping the Penguin offense already this season.

that Walter Payton Award thing ... that would be tight."

In comparing each other as running backs, Doby considers himself more of a straight-ahead runner while Mays is more elusive. Doby also said there isn't a specific number of carries he would like per game, just as long as he can help the team win games.

"It's all about helping the team," Doby said. "Of course, you want the ball. But there's not a certain amount of carries I go in saying [I want], if I don't get such and such carries I'm not going to be upset. I just want to help out anyway I can."

Doby said the Penguins run several formations where both tailbacks are in the game at the same time and said he also plays on all the special teams units, and doesn't mind.

"We need players at those positions and since I'm not getting as many carries as P.J., I figure I can be out there on special teams," Doby said.

Off the field, Doby said he likes to laugh and makes others laugh.

"If you can't laugh, you'll be miserable," Doby said. "For example, you might be complaining about something and your buddy is complaining about something and you can just laugh

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Browns quiet critics

By JOE SIMON
The Jambor

After a week of ridicule and torture by the media the Cleveland Browns quieted all such critics by shutting down the gloomy Cincinnati Bengals and winning the battle of Ohio 20-7.

Apparently, linebacker Dwayne Rudd of the Browns decided to take the week off from his helmet throwing competition and leave the antics to Gus Frerotte, quarterback of the Bengals, who served up three interceptions and a win to the Browns this past Sunday.

The most costly of the three picks came late in the second quarter with the Bengals deep in Cleveland territory.

As Frerotte was attempting to avoid a sack he flipped an ill-advised pass into the out-reached arms of defensive end Kenard Lang. Lang then tumbled 71 yards down to the

Bengals 8-yard line. The pick would set up an 8-yard touchdown pass from interim quarterback Kelly Holcomb to Kevin Johnson.

That would be all the points the team needed as the defense showed it's better than the lackluster performance it presented last week. After giving up an inexcusable 40 points against the Chiefs, it was reassuring to see the Cleveland defense bounce back against division rival Cincinnati. Fortunately for the Browns, Rudd was able to keep his head on straight, and his helmet.

Last week after Rudd threw his helmet, and essentially the game as well, he was flagged for unsportsmanlike

conduct. Time had expired in the game but because a game cannot end on a defensive penalty the Chiefs were given one timeless down in which they set up and made a 30-yard game winning field goal. Sunday the Browns had no intentions of throwing away another game or helmet for that matter. The Browns have one more warm up game against the Tennessee Titans before a big divisional match up against the despised Steelers.

Speaking of the dreary Steelers, their day of redemption went slightly different.

After getting pounded by the World Champion New England Patriots 30-14 last Monday night, the Steelers were looking for a little retribution.

For the second time in as many weeks, the Steelers were on prime time. Although, this time it would be on

Sunday night

against their long-time nemesis the Oakland Raiders, the pounding stayed the same. For the second straight week the Steelers secondary was exploited and completely dismantled by a savvy, pass-happy offense.

Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon probably slept in a tub of ice last night after he hurled an absurd 64 passes yesterday. The veteran quarterback was on fire completing 43 of his 64 passes for over 400 yards.

Despite the aerial attack of Gannon, the Steelers somehow managed to stay alive. Entering the fourth quarter they trailed by just a field goal.

However, that changed

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