

## Union concerned about vacancies

By REBECCA MARQUIS  
The Jambar

A university vice president said Monday that eight faculty positions are under review, and union members said they are concerned those positions will not be filled.

John Habat, vice president of administration, said a university budget committee will meet Wednesday to discuss the positions — some of which

have been vacant since last December — and decide if they should be filled at this time.

Positions being debated are assistant professor jobs in six departments — English, physics and astronomy, biological sciences, history and human ecology; an instructor position in human ecology; and an assistant or associate professor position in physical therapy.

Although the positions are

under review, Habat said no positions have been disappointed as of yet. He said budget concerns and how many students are enrolled are possible criteria for justifying the hiring of new faculty.

"I've heard that we're not filling positions and that's not true," he said.

But Bob Hogue, president of the faculty union, questioned why the size of the administration has grown

while faculty positions are being debated.

"When I was hired here in 1988, the provost had no assistants and 15,000 students were enrolled," Hogue said. "Now, there are 12,000 students and three assistants."

Hogue said the university is in a difficult situation given recent state budget cuts. He said he fears qualified applicants will not be available if the positions are put on hold for

too long.

Habat said Wednesday's committee meeting would finalize the criteria on which the positions will be judged. The same committee also prepares the new budget for fiscal year 2004 and makes sure the university's strategic plan is in place.

Also concerned about the talks is Julia Gergits, interim

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## Director: Fund remains strong

By JOLENE POWELL  
The Jambar

The director of University Development said recent comments by a union leader have yet to affect YSU's Annual Fund.

Last month, new YSU-OHIO Education Association President Bob Hogue said he would withhold future donations to the fund, which Development Director Paul McFadden said impacts students with every donation.

"We've had no direct resistance," McFadden said. "People are not donating not because of a problem with the Annual Fund but they are using the fund as a vehicle to voice problems with something else."

In late September, YSU faculty and staff were mailed a letter and pledge card asking for donations for the fund. McFadden said the fund provides student scholarships and equipment for the different colleges on campus.

Those who donate to the fund are able to designate where they want their donation to go. For example, the money can be directed to a specific scholarship or particular university department. McFadden said the chair of the department would decide where to use the money within the department.

Some of the options on the pledge card include separate colleges, the school of Graduate Studies, Scholarship Aid, specific departments and YSU Intercollegiate Athletics, with a space for the specific team, and others.

So far, the faculty and staff contributions have added up to about \$47,000, McFadden said. He said the money breaks into repeatable funds gifts worth about \$27,000 and a special gift of \$20,000 from one faculty member.

The repeatable funds are donations that can be given year after year.

Last year's faculty and staff campaign brought in \$65,456.16 from 299 university employees. Both this year and last, letters and pledge cards were sent to about 1,100 full-time employees, said Development associate Catherine Cala.

In a column for the YSU-OEA Advocate, Hogue said he would withhold donations because of the university's stance on domestic partners. Diversity issues had been a complaint of faculty members throughout contract negotiations.

McFadden said an article

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## Penguin victory leads Homecoming events

By JOE SIMON  
The Jambar

The Youngstown community received an uplifting at this weekend's Homecoming parade.

A week of fun and entertainment, spanning from food eating contests to Saturday's vibrant parade, concluded on a cold and brisk day in the heart of Youngstown.

It was a typical November afternoon at Stambaugh Stadium, as the temperature

dropped below 40 degrees, and the wind howled almost as loud as some of the fans. It was also a typical YSU Homecoming win as the team won its 11th straight Homecoming game.

Before the game, Fifth Avenue was filled with shiny convertibles and thousands of Penguin students and alumni.

Despite the cold weather and the team undoubtedly missing the playoffs for the second straight year, the parade was a major success. The streets were lined with tons of students, families, and kids scrounging for every ounce of candy they could get their hands on.

People from all over the community showed up to sup-

port the Penguins. Some said YSU's annual Homecoming parade revealed how truly great a town Youngstown can be.

"It's my favorite game of the year, I wouldn't miss it if it was 25 below," said Louise Andersen, a Youngstown resident.

Andersen said she's been coming to YSU's Homecoming parade and game for the past 10 years and doesn't intend on quitting now just because the team isn't in the playoff hunt.

"I love to

"I love to come out and see all of the city together supporting a good cause."

— LOUISE ANDERSEN  
Youngstown resident

come out and see all of the city together supporting a good cause," Andersen said. "The team is struggling a little bit, but I have a hunch they're going to pull one out today."

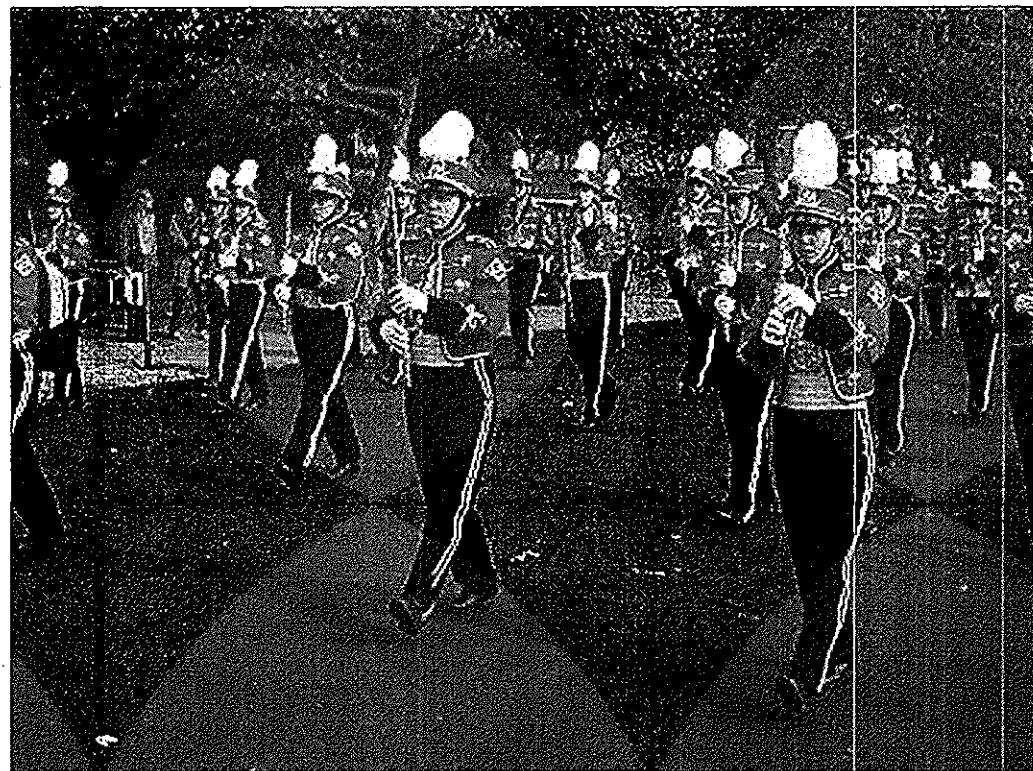
Andersen was right. The YSU football team didn't let

the pre-game parade provide all the excitement for the thousands of Penguin fans on hand. The chilly crowd of more than 18,000 were warmed up by a 21-9 beat down of the Salukis.

Andersen's positive attitude toward the community was felt mutually by many of her fellow neighbors.

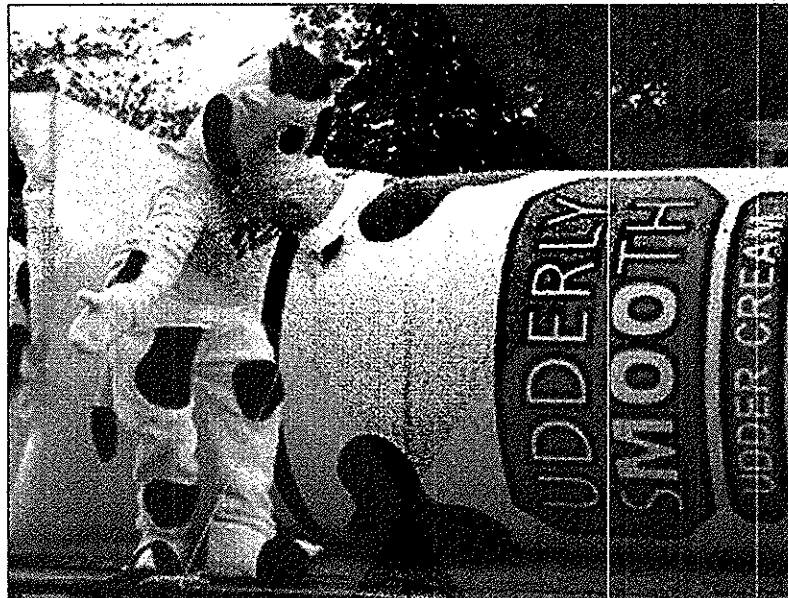
Rick Sinclair, a Youngstown resident for more than 50 years, said that it really

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PARADE: The YSU Marching Pride and the Udderly Smooth Udder Cream cow were just a few of the participants in the YSU Homecoming parade Saturday. Homecoming king honors went to Ryan McNicholas, while queen duties went to Maria Wright.



## Herington attacks opponent's political record

STAFF REPORT  
The Jambar



PETRO

State Sen. Leigh Herington does not like the way Republican leaders are jumping from state office to state office and said Ohio needs new leadership.

Herington, a

Ravenna Democrat is running against state Auditor Jim Petro in today's election for attorney general.

Petro cannot seek another auditor term because of term limits, and Herington said his Republican oppo-

nent is posturing himself for the governor's mansion.

"I don't think that's right for Ohio," Herington said in a campaign stop at YSU last Thursday. "I

personally don't think he's going to have a chance to be governor."

Petro and his campaign staff members did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

Herington served in the state House of Representatives before joining

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— LEIGH HERINGTON  
On attorney general opponent Jim Petro

the state Senate in 1995. He served as senate majority leader from January 2001 to February,

when he decided to focus on his bid for attorney general.

"When I became minority leader in 2001, I took a hard look at where we were as a party at that time," Herington said. "I looked for ways to make the state better."

Herington said he has worked on a

number of bills in the Senate and pledged, if elected today, to focus his energies on state universities and campaign finance laws.

"There is a tremendous lack of leadership in the state of Ohio," Herington said. "We have the best potential for future markets in the country, but we have a lack of management in the state government."

Herington said he would seek reelection as attorney general, alluding to rumors of Petro's gubernatorial aspirations.

On his Web site, Petro defends his management record, saying he uncovered \$25 million in illegally spent pub-

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chair of English. Gergits said the Provost's office originally approved filling a vacancy in the English department this year. She said she later received word from Human Resources that the position would not be filled.

"The position was basically canceled," Gergits said. "None of this was ever clarified."

Habat said his records indicate that the English position is available to be filled.

Although the positions will be reviewed, Habat said advertisements for those positions were placed in a national publication Monday. If the committee decided not to fill those positions, applicants simply would not be called for interviews, he said.

Habat said she expects the positions listed on the memo to be approved.

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shows everyone a different side of the city, a side that he believes the community needs to portray more often.

"You know, you always hear all the negative aspects about Youngstown," said Sinclair. "I wish people would focus in on the more spirited events; I mean it's absolutely freezing out here and there's still thousands of people cheering and having a good time."

Dustin Mayberry, also a resident of Youngstown, said the parade was excellent and

that his kids really look forward to the event.

"Once I told them candy was involved, they were all for it," said Mayberry. "It's great to have this kind of entertainment to enjoy, it's just sad that there aren't more activities like this in Youngstown."

The Homecoming festivities officially concluded at halftime when Maria Wright and Ryan McNicholas were crowned this year's Homecoming king and queen.

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in The Jambar about Hogue's column was the first he heard about faculty members withholding donations to the Annual Fund.

Terry Ondreyka, vice president for Financial Affairs, said the fund helps to pay for cost of education for students.

"It's a wonderful way for the faculty and staff to demonstrate a broad commitment to the institution," Ondreyka said.

Ondreyka said when he made his donation to the campaign, he specified where he wanted the money to go.

McFadden explained this is only the second year his department has had the faculty and staff campaign.

The end of the campaign will be in June 2003, when the new fiscal year begins.

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-lic funds and \$90 million in recoverable Medicaid payments.

Petro also boasts his involvement with the arrest of more than 1,000 wanted felons.

Herington, however, said Petro's record was nothing to brag about.

"The charter schools are a total disaster," Herington said. "And this musical chairs thing is so partisan."

Herington's stop at YSU last week was one of several Mahoning Valley stops the longtime legislator made. He also visited the Trumbull County Jail, where he discussed the problem of prison overcrowding.

Herington wants to investigate the possibility of using the abandoned Community Corrections Association prison in Youngstown as a regional jail.

"This project would be a much needed boost to the economy of Mahoning and Trumbull Counties."

# Trustees talk health plans

By LA'EL HUGHES  
The Jambar

In a meeting last week, YSU trustees discussed the health insurance and salaries two campus unions.

The current contract status of the YSU Fraternal Order of Police and Association for Professional Administrative Staff were two topics of discussion on the boards' agenda.

Health insurance was an issue for both unions, while the APAS pay grade system was also a highlight of concern.

"We are looking at eliminating our current traditional health insurance," said Sally Kenney, president for YSU-APAS. "It is costing the university too much money - our traditional package was very expensive."

Kenney said the new health insurance would offer more preventative health care.

"The university is proposing another insurance plan - it gives us more choices," she said.

The new health care plans for APAS and FOP fall also would fall under the same health insurance plans won by the YSU faculty and staff union during the summer.

YSU-FOP President John Spencer said the new insurance plan offers many benefits to his union members.

Spencer said his union members would have a choice of three plans to choose.

"Some of the benefits for our new healthcare packages include an extension on dependents," Spencer said. "Our children will now receive an extension on how long they can receive health care benefits - the age was 23 and was extended to 25."

Spencer also noted union members with children attend-

ing YSU would now have tuition remission until 25 years old.

The pay grade system for the YSU-APAS union is another issue the university is tackling, Kenney said.

"YSU has hired a pay raise consultant to look at the pay grade structure - if there are any problems, there will be adjustments made," she said.

Trustees will form a joint committee to "review whether the current pay grade system provides adequate and equitable compensation for each member of the bargaining unit."

Kenney said she believes the pay grade study will be completed by early December. It will then be up to the union to decide how the decisions will be implemented into the current contract.

The contract for the FOP will expire March 31, 2003, and the APAS contract will expire June 30, 2003. Both union presidents said they would have meetings shortly to decide who will be on the committee to discuss the contract agreement for next year.

Spencer said he will get contracts from the other union teams to make sure his FOP members are on the same "level playing ground" as the faculty, staff and administrative and professional staff.

The APAS president said everything from their current contract would be up for discussion in next year's contract talks.

Both union presidents reflected on the summer negotiations with the faculty and staff unions as they prepare for their next contract negotiations.

"We have a pretty good rapport with the administration," Spencer said. "Our con-

tract is not as complex as other contracts. Most of our issues include the safety of our police unit and making sure we have the proper equipment."

Kenney said she couldn't address how APAS will approach the upcoming negotiations in retrospect to what happened during the summer because the union has to vote on new members.

All union members will have a chance to become familiar with their new insurance plans, in a four-day seminar, starting today at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the President's Suite at Kilcawley Center.

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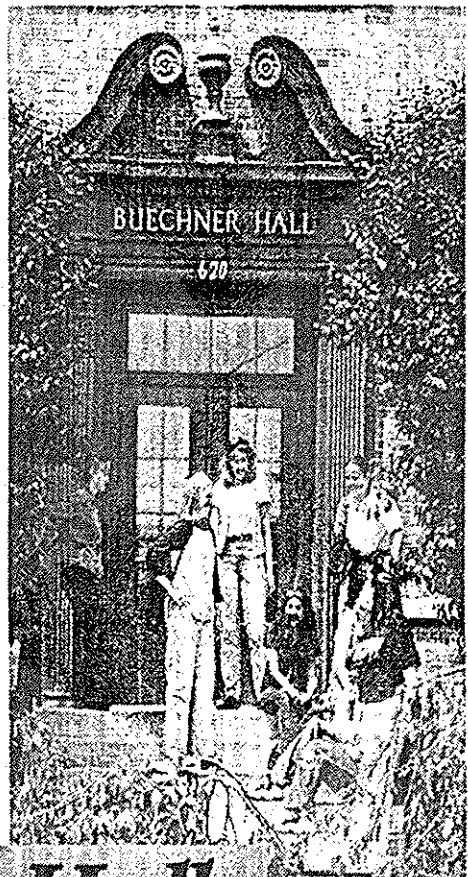
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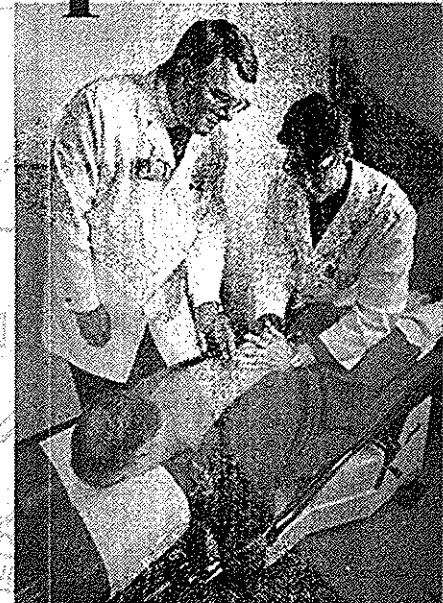
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## Today's Editorial

### \$1.4 million can't solve everything

It's beginning to look a lot like the holiday season for YSU. The Ohio Board of Regents, handicapped by a tight-pocketed governor and Legislature, is poised to rip the university's \$2.8 million budget cut in half — a savings of \$1.4 million and change.

And while University President David Sweet and his top administrators no doubt breathed a huge sigh of relief when the announcement of a tentative compromise was announced last week, it is far too early to celebrate.

Terry Ondreyka, vice president of Financial Affairs, said the giveback, if approved by regents and signed by the chancellor, would stave off a spring tuition increase and help balance YSU's wobbly budget.

On the surface, \$1.4 million looks good — great, actually. But it is still \$1.4 million the university was SUPPOSED to have but lost when Gov. Bob Taft had to wield his sharp higher education ax.

Students and staff should take this for what it is worth — a superficial, temporary remedy that helps the university's public relations department more than it helps students.

First, today is Election Day, and Taft undoubtedly has relished the opportunity to take credit for the university givebacks. His opponent, Democrat Tim Hagan, has hit him hard with allegations that he is the corruptor behind Ohio's flawed higher education system.

The real credit should be given to the regents and — ironically — Sweet and YSU trustees. Sweet has made no secret that he has been unhappy with Republican budget cuts. He vowed to work out a compromise to get some of the money back, and he did.

Imagine that. Sweet was able to convince someone else to give money back to YSU.

Irony aside, the second reason why the \$1.4 million is merely a small step is because of the many other problems — financial and social — that exist at this university.

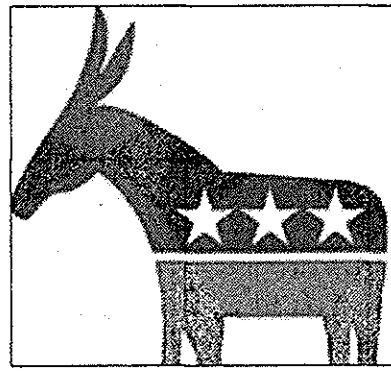
One of the main reasons Sweet and his administrators breathed that sigh of relief is most likely because they felt it got them off the hook for accepting ridiculous pay raises. After the retroactive raises were announced, speculation was the higher salaries would mean higher tuition.

Now, if Ondreyka is to be believed, the pay raise points are moot.

"So, everyone is happy; everything is back to normal, yes?"

No. This, most certainly, is not the end of YSU's year of the raised salary, raised tuition and raised eyebrow. With diversity issues continuing to worry some and student wages continuing to concern others, the \$1.4 million giveback cannot be a foregone conclusion.

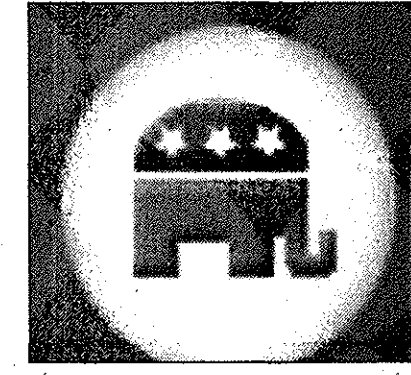
There is much more work to be done.



## VOTE

The outcome of today's election will shape YSU and the Mahoning Valley for years to come. It is important to make educated, informed decisions. Based on objective reporting done by The Jambar news reporters, the editorial board has written its support for several candidates.

A recap:



**TIM HAGAN**  
Governor  
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**TIM RYAN**  
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**BOB HAGAN**  
State Senate  
33rd District



**JIM CALKO**  
State House  
65th District

## University's future rides on today

### BETWEEN THE LINES

By Henry Gomez



For the first time in years, a non-presidential election is generating some buzz on campus.

Strange it is, primarily because college students are the worst voting bloc in America. And in the Mahoning Valley, not even the volatile, exciting nature of local politics has been able to increase turnout amongst 18- to 24-year-olds.

That could — and SHOULD — change today. With two intense congressional races, a heated gubernatorial election and handfuls of Legislature races and issues, students must take advantage of their power to participate in the Democratic process.

I know, I know. I have harped on this before. And I am sure you have noticed The Jambar's increasing drive for objective news coverage of political races.

Our rationale is simple: It is important for us to exercise our right to vote, now more than ever.

If you are one of the students who, like

YSU, lives in the new 17th district, you must choose between a man not much older than you, a man in prison or a woman who lives closer to Kent State University.

This race, I have found, is the one that excites students the most. With repeated commercials for either of the two major party candidates, some have formed strong opinions, and others, who live in the gerrymandered 6th district, have expressed disappointment they cannot vote on that seat.

"You mean I can't vote for Tim?" some have asked me, a hint of sadness in their voice because they cannot choose Tim Ryan over Republican Ann Womer Benjamin or imprisoned former congressman James A. Traficant Jr. "What do you know about this Strickland guy?"

That Strickland guy is Ted Strickland, a seasoned Democrat who lives closer to Ohio University than YSU. But students in Boardman, Poland and Columbiana County will be represented by either Strickland, a Lucasville Democrat, or Michael Halleck, a former Columbiana Commissioner who is a part-time YSU student.

Despite YSU's location, this race also affects the university because of its proximity and spread out commuter enrollment.

The gubernatorial election also has spurred interest. Higher education is one of the top issues Gov. Bob Taft and



Womer Benjamin or imprisoned former congressman James A. Traficant Jr. (pictured)

Democrat Tim Hagan have debated. Independent John Eastman also is in the race but his third party status has hindered him.

More locally, races for the state House of Representatives and Senate should draw student turnout. The state legislators are a direct link to the governor's mansion. They pass bills that deal with college funding. They are your voice.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Sam's Club proposal isn't 'super' for Boardman

**Editor:** This is an urgent call to action for the citizens of Boardman, as well as the consumers from all around who shop in Boardman.

Sam's Club proposes, through a request to vacate their current structure on South Avenue, to erect a Super Sam's Club with a full-line grocery department on the property north of Loves, which is owned by a private individual.

Here are some negative effects of this proposal: One of the last remaining 17 acres of virgin wooded area left in Boardman will be destroyed, and yet another vacant building will be left to join Ames and numerous others.

Wildlife will once again be displaced due to the poor, unnecessary development practices that have given Boardman a concrete facelift. Sam's Club could expand on their existing facility as they plan to do in other cities, so why can't they do it here?

It also brings unnecessary competition to local grocery stores that can't compete with Super Sam's prices, and the loss of jobs will be replaced by low paying — usually part-time — low fringe benefit jobs.

What can the trustees do? Since the taxpayers pay for Boardman's legal representation, use the attorneys that are paid for to go to court and use all resources available — AND HOME

**RULE** — to stop this! The trustees may pass a "resolution of opinion" — not legally binding — that simply states:

"As trustees of the people of Boardman Township, Ohio, we urge the Sam's Club Officials to reconsider their proposal for the erection of a new facility on the greenspace designated."

We also urge the owner of the property that Sam's Club officials proposed to purchase, to reject such proposal so that the property remains greenspace, to further protect our environment." Of the three trustees, Mrs. Miller has been fighting against this proposal for sometime now without the cooperation of her two colleagues.

That is why I urge all of you who live in or shop in Boardman to attend the next trustees meeting Tuesday, Nov. 12. The meeting is held at the Boardman Township Government Center at 8229 Market Street, and it begins promptly at 7 p.m.

Your voice and support is needed, so please help save one of the last remaining 17 acres of virgin wooded land in Boardman before it is too late.

Dan Kuzma  
Junior, Environmental Studies  
President, YSU Environmental & Animal Rights Coalition

### Strike would never work with this student body

**Editor:** In response to the letter regarding a student strike ... students should strike, but it'll never happen. The students here would never step out on a limb like that!

It is terrible that the student body is willing to lay down and be walked all over. We need to stand up for ourselves. Everyone should communicate. Twenty students will not make a big enough impact. We need everyone to stand up and support each other. Otherwise a strike would never work.

Are students here willing to say NO? If there is a strike in the works, someone needs to step up and take the lead. Things must be broadcast to EVERYONE!

If we want to make a statement that everyone of the fat cats in Tod Hall will hear, EVERYONE must work together if we want to be heard!

Stephanie Cornwell  
Junior, Early Childhood Education

## Organization raises \$6,000 to fight cancer

By JOLENE POWELL & ALICIA HOUSTON  
The Jambar

The National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations reports that every day in America, more than 500 women learn they have breast cancer.

However, the NABCO says survival is possible when caught and treated early.

Zeta Gamma chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority raised \$6,000 last month during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to help provide money for Breast Cancer awareness, research, and education, the sorority's national philanthropy.

The Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic, which was held at Liberty High School, included 21 high school cheerleaders from Ohio and Pennsylvania. Each squad dedicated a routine to either a survivor or victim of breast cancer.

Michelle Blakeman, Liberty cheer-

leading adviser, said the event, which honored her grandmother, "Babe" Blakeman who died of breast cancer, was a great way to raise breast cancer awareness.

"It's a great event, Blakeman said. "It was a great opportunity to do something for breast cancer."

The Liberty Cheerleading squad performed routines in honor of breast cancer patients they knew personally, including a Liberty High School teacher.

"I e-mailed over 130 women from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Web site asking if our chapter could dedicate the cheer classic in honor of them," said ZTA member Kim Caputo. "Since then, we have received e-mails back from over 40 women. It shows that there is more to the event than just raising money or getting the word out about breast cancer."

"It is also about honoring those who

are fighting the battle and letting them know they are not battling it alone."

Caputo said the fund-raiser was a success.

"Way bigger than last year," she said. Caputo attributed more participation to getting the word out.

"We used flyers, the radio and the newspaper," she said.

Clyde High School from Clyde, Ohio received the biggest donor award for collecting over \$450 in donations from their town, Caputo said.

Caputo said Zeta Gamma would continue promoting breast cancer awareness with future events such as a pepperoni roll sale and a Parents' Day Off. All money raised from these events fund breast cancer research.

Call Jolene Powell at (330) 941-1913.  
Call Alicia Houston at (330) 941-3758.

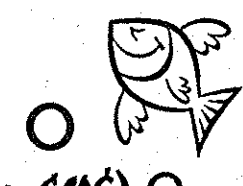
### News in brief

#### Minority organization will host meeting today in Kilcawley

D.R.E.A.M., an organization formed to promote unity among minority students on campus and educational achievement and advancement, will be hosting a meeting at 3:30 p.m. today in the Bresnahan Suite in Kilcawley Center. All interested students are encouraged to attend.

#### Student activities to sponsor YSU Comedy Night Thursday

Student Activities will be sponsoring a YSU Comedy Night, featuring Damon Williams from BET's "Comic View" at 8 p.m. Thursday at the McKay Auditorium in the Beeghly College of Education building. Tickets are available at Bytes N' Pieces, located on the second floor of Kilcawley Center. Admission is free for YSU students.

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### Campus Calendar

**Thursday:** The Non-Traditional Student Organization meets every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Center for Student Progress in Kilcawley Center. For more information call Angie at 330-941-3538.

**Notices:**  
**The Student Social Work Association** is having a Thanksgiving food drive. Drop-off any non-perishable boxed and canned food in Room 3026, Cushman Hall. Drop-off times are as follows: Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Deadline is Nov. 22.  
**The Department of Physical Therapy** will host informational sessions on Nov. 1 and Dec. 2, 2002. Please join us between 11:30 and 1:00 in room B046 in Cushman Hall for answers to your questions about the physical therapy program. There will be a power point presentation, informational materials to pick up, and answers to your questions.  
**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:  
 Tuesday, 11/5: Social in Peaberry's Cafe  
 Tuesday, 11/12: Meeting in Pugsley Room  
**The YSU Dance Club** offers free lessons in swing, ballroom, and latin dancing. Lessons are every Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30 in Room 100 of Beeghly Center. For more information contact Jaime at 330-941-6158 or ysudanceclub@hotmail.com

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# Sports & Recreation



## Penguins down Salukis

BY DAVE DEVEREUX  
The Jambor

Before a Homecoming crowd of 18,147 at Stambaugh Stadium on Saturday, the YSU Penguins got back on the winning track with a 21-9 victory over the Southern Illinois Salukis.

The Penguins, who were coming off back-to-back losses to Northern Iowa and Western Illinois, took out some frustration on the Salukis with a dominating performance — thanks in large part to a punishing ground attack.

The Penguins (5-4 overall and 3-3 in the Gateway Conference) rushed a team for 376 yards, while senior fullback P.J. Mays had his fourth career 200-yard game with 210 yards on 28 carries.

Junior Mike Burns, who filled in for the injured Josiah Doby at the backup running back spot, added 123 yards rushing on 12 carries, including a 44-yard touchdown run.

Mays said the Penguins rushing success was made possible thanks to an outstanding performance from the offensive line.

"The line was tremendous,

opening up big holes," Mays said. "You know they're playing well when you get two backs over 100 yards rushing."

Last week, head coach Jon Heacock made it clear that the attitude and play of the Penguins seniors would be important in how the team performs the rest of the season.

Against the Salukis, Heacock said the seniors came up big. "We came out and played with a lot of emotion and enthusiasm until the very end," Heacock said after the game. "The credit of this victory goes to the character of our seniors and the way they have kept us together."

"In addition to the team's rushing efforts, Penguins quarterback Aaron Marshall had an efficient afternoon, connecting on 6-of-10 passes for 85 yards, including a 28-yard scoring strike to Jerald Burley in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, the Penguins continued their outstanding play, holding the nation's top scoring offense to well below their season average. The Salukis (4-6, 2-3) scored just nine points. They came in averaging 41.7 points per game.

"Our guys just hung in

there on defense and played well," Heacock said.

With the win on Saturday, the Penguins have now won 11 straight Homecoming games, and their all-time Homecoming record at Stambaugh Stadium now stands at 18-3.

When asked about the Penguins' impressive run on Saturday, Heacock said he considers the crowd support to be a factor but he said ultimately it comes down to how well the team performs on the field.

"I think Homecoming is more special and you always hope there's something added to it, but basically it comes down to how good you want to be and how important it is to you," Heacock said.

The Penguins will now set their sights on their final two games of the season. This Saturday, the Penguins will play on the road at Illinois State. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

Following a bye week, the Penguins will return home Nov. 23 for their season finale against Samford.

## Cross Country

### Penguin cross country teams continue to shatter records

BY DAVE DEVEREUX  
The Jambor

YSU sophomore Emily Schnitkey and senior Will Edwards earned second team Horizon League honors Saturday.

Schnitkey and Edwards finished ninth and sixth as they led the Penguins cross country teams into Chicago for the Horizon League Championships, held on the campus of Loyola University of Chicago.

Brian Gorby, head cross country coach, said the meet is what his teams have trained for the entire season.

"We have always taken the Horizon League Championships as our main focus for the season," Gorby said. "We've trained extremely hard."

The men's cross country team finished in third, while the women finished in fourth. Edwards finished with a time of 25:13, with junior Paul Robinette behind him at 25:33.

Schnitkey finished sixth with a personal-best time of 18:09, earning her second team honors for the second consecutive year.

Junior Lindsay Frontz finished second and 27<sup>th</sup> overall with a time of 19:25 for the Penguins.

The men's and women's biggest competition this weekend came from nationally ranked Butler and Loyola.

"Butler is ranked 19th in the nation, Loyola is ranked 34th, and we're around 62 as far as Division I teams," Gorby said. He said going in the Penguins were ranked third.

Last season, Gorby said the men's team placed third behind Butler and Loyola.

In the past decade, Gorby said the men's team has consistently performed well in conference championships in both the Mid-Continent Conference and now the Horizon League.

"In the last ten years we have not finished lower than third in the conference, that's something that we want to continue," he said. Next season, the league championships will be held at YSU.

"We're looking to do some big things this year and hope-

fully with pretty much both sides coming back next year and with the conferences coming here, we can continue shooting after titles in the Horizon League," Gorby said.

Schnitkey also broke a school record on Oct. 19 at the NCAA Pre-Nationals. She broke her own 6K record by 32 seconds, finishing with a time of 21:28.6. She finished in 14th place out of over 230 runners.

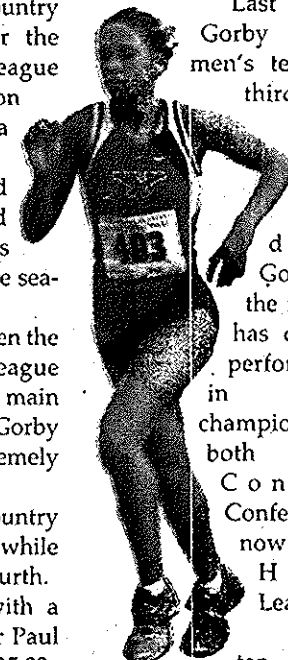
Schnitkey already holds several school records including best times in both the 5K and 6K races.

"Emily Schnitkey competed last year at the Junior Nationals meet and she has shattered all kinds of records here at Youngstown State," Gorby said. "She has a great opportunity to be our first Division I All-American."

Edwards missed his personal-best time by just seven seconds at the NCAA Pre-Nationals. He ran the 8K in a time of 25:39.0.

Edwards was also named Horizon League's Male Cross Country Athlete of the Week for the period ending Oct. 13 for his performance at this year's All-Ohio Championships.

In two weeks, the Penguins will continue their season at the Great Lakes Regionals in West Lafayette, Ind.



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