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Lack of CPA fuels debate

By ANGELA OLIN &
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The Jambar

The man hired to be the endowed chair for accounting and finance does not have a Certified Public Accountant certificate — one of the qualifications university officials said they "preferred" in the person hired for the newly created position.



STOUT

The hiring of David Stout has sparked a debate about whether it is fair to pay him \$155,000 a year for teaching three to four classes and whether he meets the qualifications for the job.

While some are raising questions, others are saying the move was good and will help build YSU's reputation. They also argue that it is necessary to pay to get quality.

Stout was one of two finalists for the position and at least one member of the search committee raised concerns about Stout's ability to perform the job as well as the other finalist, current Accounting Chair Peter Woodlock.

Different candidate recommended

Greg Claypool, accounting professor, sent a memo to Williamson College of Business and Administration Dean Betty Jo Licata in March, recommending that Woodlock

be given the job. One of the nine points on the job description for the new chair calls for establishing new partnerships with "the profession and business community."

Commenting on this point, Claypool wrote, "Given his [Stout's] lack of professional certification, it is difficult to imagine that he could be as effective as Woodlock."

Claypool also questioned whether Stout would be as effective as Woodlock in increasing the visibility of the accounting program — the chief focus of the position, according to a published announcement for the job.

"It is on this point that I am very surprised and disappointed with Stout," Claypool wrote.

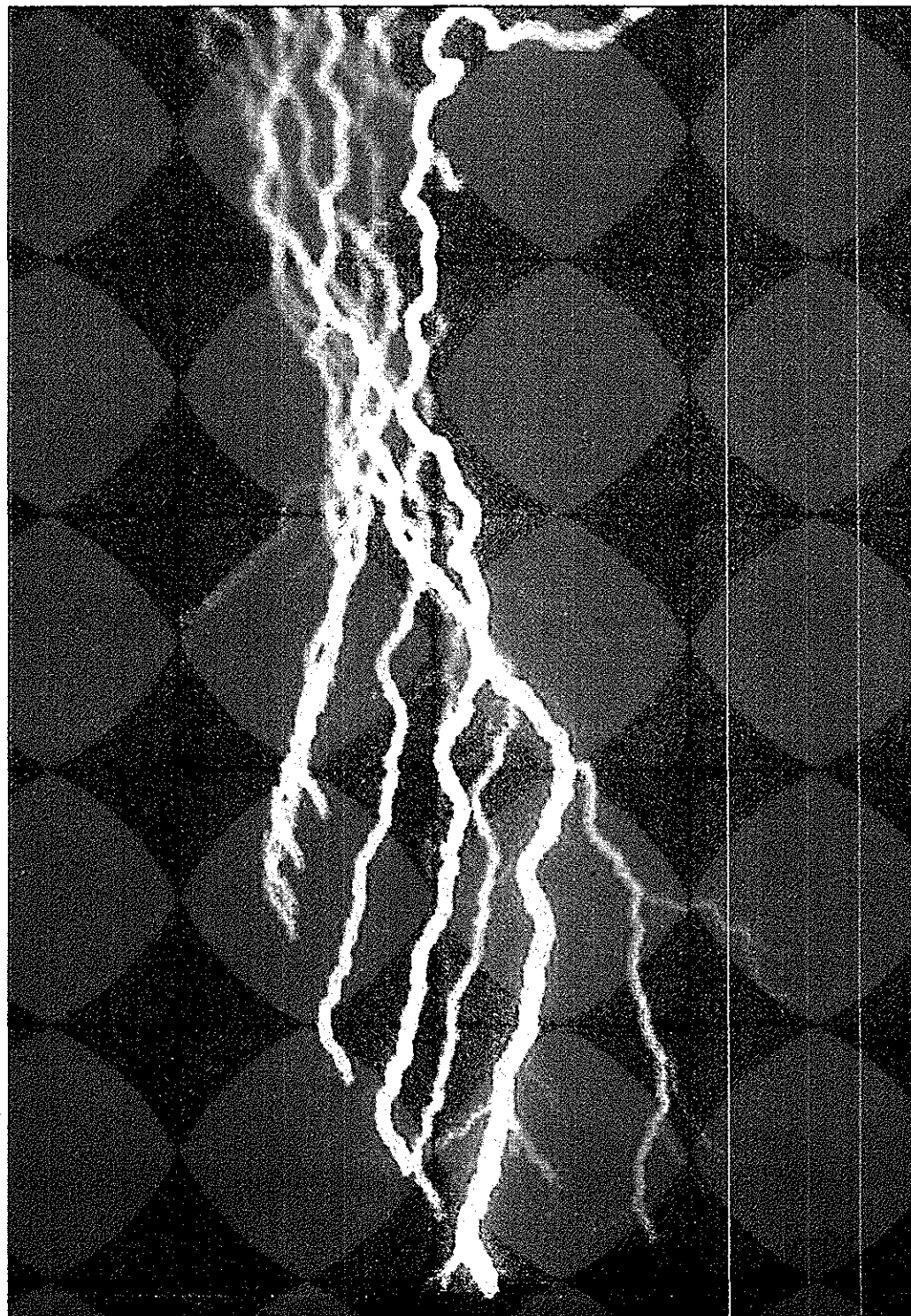
"At least three different times he stated that he was more of a 'behind-the-scenes' person and somewhat uncomfortable being in the spotlight."

Claypool wrote that Stout said he would refer questions to the dean, who could make the speeches.

"Is this what we want for someone in this position?" Claypool wrote. "Maybe I'm not getting the total picture on this point, but I've always thought of this part of the job description as the Andrews chair holder doing the speaking and conducting the professional seminars, etc. in effect giving a quality personification to the YSU program."

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LIGHTNING UP THE SKY



By Lisko/The Jambar

SEVERE WEATHER: The tri-county area has been plagued this week by severe weather. Lightning hits the ground in this photo early Tuesday morning in Columbiana. A chance of thunderstorms is expected once again today.

Provost supports diversity ruling

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar

University Provost said Affirmative Action is still an important tool and may serve as a remedy for today's challenges in higher education.



ATWATER

Provost Tony Atwater said that while YSU is not directly impacted by two U.S. Supreme Court decisions, it has merit and is an important judgment for all higher education institutions.

The Supreme Court decided two landmark cases on June 23, both involving the use of race in college admissions at the University of Michigan.

In a 5-4 decision, the Court upheld the university's right to consider race in its graduate law program, striking down an earlier injunction by a lower court prohibiting any use of race.

The second decision, which dealt with the university's undergraduate program, found that the point system that Michigan used to select applicants was not a sufficiently narrow system.

"It is still perhaps not time to do away with [Affirmative Action] as a tool and perhaps a remedy to the challenges that the U.S. faces," Atwater said.

He added that the decision is in step with YSU's stance on diversity.

"It is significant for YSU and all universities in terms of the signal that it sends," he said.

Atwater said YSU does not use race as a factor for determining undergraduate admissions because of its open enrollment policy.

Some professors said they are pleased with the recent decisions.

Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, Philosophy and Religious Studies, said he was encouraged and relieved by the decision.

"Despite eroding support, the Supreme Court reaffirmed [Affirmative Action]," Wan-Tatah said.

He also said that he was heartened by Justice Sandra O'Connor's statement, though he was disappointed with that of Justice Thomas, who dissented.

"Sandra O'Connor was able to bring out the kind of justification that is rational," Wan-Tatah said. "Justice Thomas feels... people will be stigmatized by special favors. He is totally mistaken I think."

He added that Thomas made poor use of a quote by Frederick Douglass.

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Plasma means money to students

By REBECCA BOTCH
The Jambar

Lying back on the gray vinyl chair, freshman Amy Rigby squeezes her fist like a little ball in it. She has been doing this for 30 minutes and has about 30 more minutes to go.

Rigby is trying to read an article in "Tattoo," but the IV in her arm is pinching. Enduring this pain is worth the \$45 she will make for her plasma donations this week.

Rigby is one of many donors to walk into the Alpha Therapeutic Corp. building on Rayen Avenue. Joann Douglas, a receptionist at Alpha Therapeutic Corp., said, "tons

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Living the vegan lifestyle

By JOSH MAYS
The Jambar

Dan Kuzma sits in the International Student Lounge in YSU's Kilcawley Center. Seated on a blue plaid couch, he is wearing a gray T-shirt and camouflage shorts in a flurry of colors that would have pleased Rembrandt.

Kuzma is thin, skinny even; however, he insists, he is healthy.

"I've been called Ethiopian, but I actually gained weight when I became a vegan."

Vegans are a group that hold the belief that animals should not be exploited for human gain. It is against vegan beliefs to eat or use animal products.

Expressing his belief that veganism is a healthy lifestyle, Kuzma reminisces about his prior girth.

"I was 145 pounds when I ate

meat and ran five days a week," Kuzma said. "I gained five pounds after I became vegan and still ran five days a week." Today, Kuzma is 160 pounds and six feet.

Dr. Jean Hassell, chair of YSU's Human Ecology studies, says,

"Vegan diets can be made adequate, but you have to select them with care... It is important that you know what you are doing and then do it."

Hassell said that there is no downside to a vegan diet, provided that it is done correctly.

Kuzma founded and currently leads the Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition.

"I want to bring more awareness to campus," Kuzma said. Currently he is one of six vegans on campus

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"I whole heartedly believe (in veganism) but I don't want to push it on anyone. The choice is up to the individual... I want to provoke thought if anything."

— DAN KUZMA
YSEARC founder

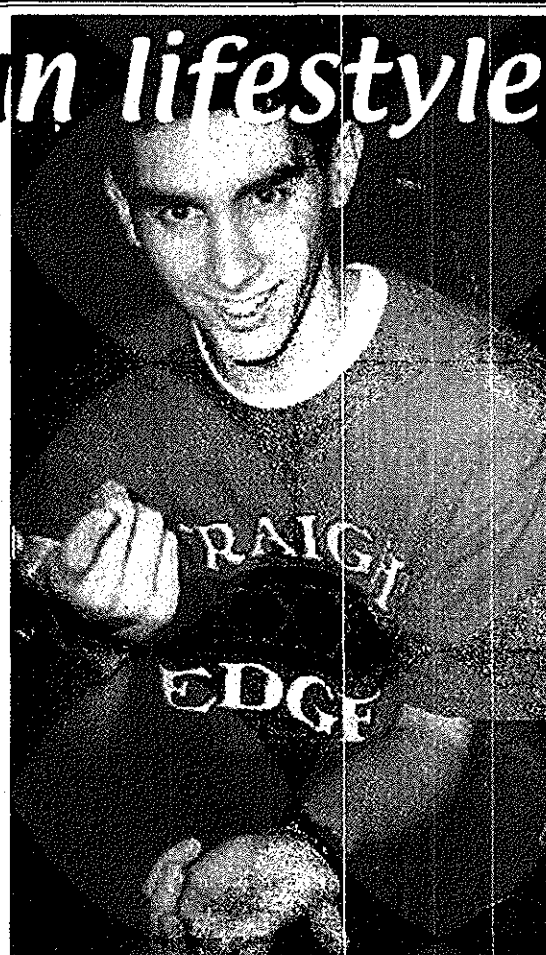


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XXX: YSEARC founder Dan Kuzma is one of six students on campus that belong to YSEARC. He said his ultimate goal is to help "alleviate animal suffering."

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"[Douglass] would have been very supportive," Wan-Tatah said.

In Thomas' opinion, the Justice quoted Douglass as saying "...What I ask for the negro is not benevolence, not pity, not sympathy, but simply justice. The American people have always been anxious to know what they shall do with us... I have had but one answer from the beginning. Do nothing with us! ... All I ask is, give him a chance to stand on his own legs! Let him alone! ... [Y]our interference is doing him positive injury."

Former YSU-OHIO Education Association president and professor of management John Russo said he also supported the decision.

"It is a very important decision in re-affirming Affirmative action and the need and importance of diversity on university campuses," Russo said.

The affirmative action policy is important for students and faculty, he added.

"The university needs to reflect its community," he said.

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of YSU students donate plasma." In a typical nine hour day, she said that five to eight students donate their plasma.

Douglas said new donors make \$20 for their first donation and \$40 for their second. After the first two donations, Douglas said payments alternate from \$20 to \$25 for each donation. Alpha Therapeutic Corp. also offers weekly bonuses of various amounts.

Operations Manager Toni Keffer said that donations could be made two times in a seven day period. She added that human bodies replace the plasma deficiency in 24 to 48 hours.

Keffer said that the plasma is used to make medication for hemophilia, dialysis and vaccines. The medications are sold and with that money, donors are paid, she said.

As another donor walks in the building, general manager Billie Boskovich, said

"I needed extra cash and I figured this is also helping people, so I donated my plasma."

AMY RIGBY
Freshman

that the plasma is used to make "life-saving medications."

Plasma is also used as a volumizer for people who are losing a lot of blood, Keffer said. She added that this prevents them from going into shock.

Donors must be in good health, at least 18 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs. Other requirements are necessary, although they are unique to each individual, said Keffer.

Boskovich said that new donors must get a physical from a doctor or nurse on staff. Keffer added that each donor's blood is screened for HIV, AIDS, hepatitis,

syphilis, gonorrhea, iron and protein. New donors must also have a urine analysis to check sugar levels, Douglas said.

On the first visit, a donor will get a physical, have his or her blood tested, then donate plasma. The whole process takes two to three hours, Keffer said. But once a person has gone through the preliminary processes and tests, the donating procedure does not take as long.

Keffer said that once the IV is in a donor's arm, the process of extracting the plasma takes 45 minutes to one hour, depending on his or her fluid intake.

Senior George Garrett

said he donated plasma for the money. He has also given blood before, but he insisted that it feels different.

Because the IV is in the donor's arm for about one hour, Garrett said it felt uncomfortable.

Sophomore James Chiarella said selling plasma for profit is "utterly absurd." He said it is a disgusting practice encouraged by capitalism and "equal to prostitution."

Pumping the blood out of her arm and into a machine that looks like a huge old-fashioned record player, Rigby said she sees it differently.

"I needed extra cash and I figured this is also helping people, so I donated my plasma," she said.

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system will please everybody — that is understood. The best solution seems to be to let the fans vote as usual. I do not like it, but it is too much of a tradition to change. Then, once the all-star starters have been announced, allow the players and managers time to pick the reserves. This season everything happened at once; the players need to know who the starters are in advance before they pick the reserves.

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Today's Editorial

Stout receives poor welcome

The announcement for the new endowed chair position is straightforward. The minimum qualifications for the job, for which David Stout was hired at a salary of \$155,000, said:

"Earned doctorate in accounting. Business experience and professional certification preferred."

The announcement also said that the chair would be responsible for "increasing the visibility of the accounting program" and would require that the person selected speak at local, regional and national engagements.

That was what they said on paper.

The reality is another matter.

YSU hired David Stout, a man who is not a certified public accountant — though he will be the endowed chair the accounting department — and has expressed dislike for public speaking. A man who, if one reads his resume, has never held a position with an accounting firm.

Read: Questionable business experience. No professional certification. Noted dislike of the spotlight.

It's possible that Stout may be able to perform his job without the CPA. After all, he has earned his doctorate in the accounting field.

Unfortunately, he's starting this job with a double deficit. Not only does he lack the preferred certification for the job, but the administration, by waiting to speak about the position until after questions began to surface, has taken some of his credibility and aroused suspicion. Administrators failed to tell the public about Stout, his qualifications and why he is the right person for the job until after questions had already been asked.

Stout's contract was signed by the university administration in April. It wasn't until after The Jambar and other media began asking questions last week — more than two months after the contract was signed — that the university even issued a press release about Stout.

In accounting terms, it would be like waiting until after the IRS announced an audit to start creating the books. It might be legitimate, but it sure looks bad.

It's also possible that Stout could fulfill his duties without much practical business experience, though it may be hard for him to establish partnerships with the business community in Youngstown, since he has left many of his contacts behind.

However, it is more difficult to imagine how Stout might perform at what seems to be the core component of his job — to "increase the visibility of the accounting program through speaking, engagements and professional seminars, locally, regionally and nationally."

Stout seems to be more of a "behind the scenes" person, according to a memo sent by Gregory Claypool, accounting and finance professor, to Betty Jo Licata, dean of accounting and finance.

But it is done. The administration has filled the position, and we welcome Stout to the YSU community with high hopes — \$155,000 of them.

Let's just hope that the YSU administrators can learn from their mistakes, and avoid further public relations nightmares for Stout, themselves and YSU in general.

Letter to the editor

Chairs issue apology for SSN 'carelessness'

Editor:

Diana Awad's letter of July 3 notes that social security numbers for some of last year's English Festival contest winners were available in a shared folder on a public computer network.

This is unfortunately, true. Earlier this summer large numbers of English Festival files were downloaded temporarily onto the [Astec] folder in DeBartolo Hall as an efficient means of transferring those files to other English Festival committee members who were assuming new duties within the festival. Inadvertently, a file containing social security numbers was among them.

The file has been removed. We would like to apologize to Ms.

Awad and other festival winners for this carelessness. We would never knowingly post such information.

If anything, the error once more underscores the point that Ms. Awad (and Ms. Raab before her) makes about the dangers of handling these private identification numbers casually. We all need to be most vigilant to ensure privacy of social security numbers.

Dr. Gary Saloner and Dr. Stephen Sniderman, Co-chairs
English Festival Committee
Department of English

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Stout defends qualifications

In a telephone interview Wednesday morning, David Stout said he is looking forward to joining the YSU community, but is aware that some may resent the money he will be paid.

Stout declined to explain how much he is currently being paid as a professor at Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

"Obviously I would not have made a move unless there was an increase in pay," Stout said.

Stout also said he does not believe his lack of a CPA certificate will hurt his ability to perform well.

"In some respects, the difference in my background will complement," Stout said. "It brings some balance."

Stout said he believes his research, teaching and experience justify his salary, but others are questioning the decision to hire an endowed chair at a time when YSU is suffering from state budget cuts.

Salary debated

John Russo, former YSU-Ohio Education Association president, said he realizes the university must compete with other institutions for high-level faculty; but said Stout's salary, "will no doubt cause a level of resentment."

Stout's salary includes \$125,000 from the university and another \$30,000 from the Andrews Trust Fund, which donated \$1 million for the endowed chair position.

Dr. Richard Brown, chair of accounting at Kent State University, said Stout's salary does not surprise him.

Brown said in Kent's College of Business, there are at least five or six endowed positions, including one or two in the accounting department.

"One hundred and fifty

five thousand dollars wouldn't be a lot of money for an endowed chair," Brown said. Stout's salary is low for an endowed chair, he said, assuming he has the proper credentials. He said an endowed chair should have an excellent background in teaching and research.

Stout said he has that, explaining that he served as the editor of several accounting publications, has a strong connection with accounting education research and has played a lead role in the profession.

Stout will be YSU's highest paid employee over all faculty and administration, with the exception of University President David Sweet.

"Maybe they're underpaying your president," Brown said.

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, professor of philosophy and religious studies, said he has no problem with Stout making \$155,000.

"Faculty should be making more money than administration," Palmer-Fernandez said. "Administration comes and goes. It is the faculty that produce scholarship and services and get to know the students."

Gergits said she believes Stout will join the YSU-OEA and that his salary will be averaged into all professors' salaries. She said this would not be beneficial to faculty.

According to the Institutional Research Web site, the average salary in 2002 for all faculty was \$61,467. YSU faculty are required to teach the equivalent of eight courses a year.

Although Gergits said she does not believe the administration was trying to be "malicious," she said the money used for Stout's base salary could have paid for three or four new professors.

"It is hard to justify that kind of salary for one faculty," Gergits said. "Especially when we had to fight tooth and nail for our new faculty."

Gary Robson, associate professor of accounting and finance, served during the second year of the national search committee for the endowed chair.

Robson said Stout is qualified for the position and said other faculty members should not be disgruntled by Stout's salary.

"It is all about market value," he said. He said university officials must have had a tough time deciding Stout's salary.

Provost Tony Atwater was

the university administrator who signed off on Stout's contract.

"Can you imagine the Provost trying to make this decision, deciding that [Stout] would make more money than him?" Robson said.

Woodlock said Stout is well respected in the academic community and said he believes Stout will raise the mark for his department.

Woodlock said Stout's salary is comparative to what someone of his stature and position would make at another university.

Decision gains support

Management Professor Anne McMahon said she believes the university is moving in the right direction by investing in an endowed chair.

She said she does not understand any concerns regarding Stout's salary and that everyone should want faculty to make more money.

"It doesn't make any sense," she said.

Tim Monahan, dean of business at Villanova University, said YSU is getting one of Villanova's best.

Monahan said Stout is one of the best in his field in the country.

"He is very creative and has a wonderful work ethic," Monahan said. "His evaluations for his entire career [at Villanova] have been excellent."

"He is a tremendous loss to our university," Stout said he appreciates that questions are being asked about his hiring and salary.

"I think it's good that questions are being raised," Stout said. "It helps to justify the decisions that were made."

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News in brief

William Blake, director of student activities, has been named an Inter-fraternity Institute Fellow. It marks the third time in 14 years that Blake has been named a fellow.

The program will meet July 13 to 18 at Indiana University. Sorority and fraternity members and campus personnel that work directly with the Greek system will be present.

Blake said his main goal at the program will be to talk with others about raising population in the Greek system at YSU.

At YSU, Blake also oversees on campus programming, works with emerging student leaders and serves as adviser to two of the campus fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Tau Gamma.

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that belong to YSEARC. At times Kuzma said he is forced to fund the program himself, but mostly they rely on donations.

He said his ultimate goal is to "help alleviate animal suffering." By taking the laid back approach and not forcing his beliefs, Kuzma hopes to gain supporters.

"I whole heartedly believe [in veganism] but I don't want to push it on anyone," he said. "The choice is up to the individual... I want to provoke thought if anything."

In an attempt to gain attention for his cause last year, Kuzma locked himself in a small cage in Peaberry's while playing videos of animals being butchered. Some people

talked to him. Some heckled him. But overall he said he made an impact, especially for those he said that cried when they watched the videos of the slaughterhouse.

Kuzma said it is impossible to completely escape the use of animal products. There is animal derived gelatin in 35mm film, rubber and cement. Also, municipal water supplies use bone-char filters because of their low cost.

He said moderation is the key to a healthy and happy lifestyle, and those that get extreme with the vegan lifestyle may do more harm than good.

"Religious vegans can end up killing themselves getting so caught up in it," laughs

Kuzma. "They keep forgetting it's about limiting animal suffering."

Kuzma, who considers himself a practical vegan, says he does not believe that using small amounts of animal by-products is supporting the slaughterhouses — they are, after all, byproducts of the meat industry.

Christina Delfosse, a member of YSEARC and a non-vegan, said she supports Kuzma on that issue.

"I don't mind eating meat, but I think there is a lot that could be done with how the animals are treated," Delfosse said. "It's not so much that animals are used that bothers me, it's the inhumane way they are treated."

Delfosse said that it is morally acceptable for humans to use animals as a resource, but doing so should guarantee them a comfortable life and death.

Kuzma plans to hold another animal rights festival this fall. He also plans to bring back the cage.

"Before I take a stance on something, it has to be worth while... I wouldn't say that (veganism) is my life," he said. "There is more to a person than what they do. It is definitely something I am highly involved in. It's an extension of my life."

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Summer festival returns to campus

By TINA THOMPSON
The Jambar

Laughter of children fills the air as small bodies race quickly about the lawn. Stubby hands, sticky with the residue of carnival treats, reach greedily, searching for just the right color to complete their masterpiece.

It is time again for the fifth annual Summer Festival of the Arts, where burgeoning masters can create the perfect work of art, in their favorite medium, sidewalk chalk.

YSU will host its annual Forté on the Fifty and Summer Festival of the Arts this month — two events that promise to bring Ohio families in droves to campus.

The festival is a two-day event featuring art, music, theater, dance and plenty of food. The festival runs from 10 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday.

Coordinator of the festival Lori Factor said the heart of the festival is the artists' marketplace. Dozens of artists from the area, as well as, other states display and sell original pieces.

Artists must go through an application process in order to exhibit or sell their wares. Jewelry, paintings, sketches, sculptures, toys and music are available for purchase.

Other highlights include the Festival of Nations and the Children's Knoll.

The Festival of Nations features ethnic food, presentations, memorabilia and performances from many different cultures.

The Children's Knoll provides a tent for hands-on art, as well as, a performance area. Additionally, sidewalk art will be ongoing at the McDonough Museum.

Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland will be presenting a variety of performances geared towards children throughout the event. In addition, the planetarium will emphasize children in their presentations.

Organizers this year anticipate as many as 12,000 attendees. Factor said the goal of the festival is to help foster a feeling of community between the university and local residents.

In addition to the festival, YSU will host the sixth annual Forté on the Fifty celebration at Stambaugh Stadium on Saturday night. The Dana All-Star Band will perform at 7:30 p.m., followed by local oldies group, Frankie and the Sensations.

The evening will culminate in a fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.

Event coordinator Pam Palumbo said they anticipate 8,000 people at the fireworks show.

"The show keeps getting better," Palumbo said.

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FANCY FRETWORK



By Lisa/The Jambar

ROCK 'N' ROLL: Local rockers, My Sister the Sun, will open a three-band bill Friday at The Nyabinghi. Also appearing will be Dead Meadow and Hope and Suicide. For more info visit www.nyabinghi.com

Sports Commentary

All-star voting miscues ... again

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

Well, it's that time of year again. Early July, when every sports page you pick up has one writer complaining about which players got snubbed for the MLB All-Star Game and then offering ways to improve the selection system.

This paper is no exception. First of all, there are a few starters in each league who should not be. In the American League, Yankees' outfielder Hideki Matsui was given the nod over the Bluejays' Vernon Wells. Matsui has decent numbers, 310, nine homers, 64 RBIs, but clearly not as good as Wells, who has 21 homers and 80 RBIs.

Another miscue among the starters is Angels' third baseman Troy Glaus, who is starting instead of Hank Blalock or Corey Koskie. All three have similar homerun and RBI numbers, except Glaus is hitting at least 40 points below Blalock and Koskie.

In the National League, the biggest mistake by the fans was voting Scott Rolen, the starter at third base over the Marlins' Mike Lowell. Lowell has been one of the premier sluggers in baseball the first half of the season, hitting 26 homers and driving in 73 runs.

But the questionable selections, as usual, extend well into the benches of each team, where the "one representative per team" requirement has allowed maligned closers, such as the Devil Rays' Lance Carter and the Pirates' Mike Williams to steal spots which they do not deserve.

Williams does have 24 saves, but he has made most of them much more eventful than you want from a so-called top closer. His 0-3 record and 6.29 ERA is also far from All-Star caliber. It's clear that the reason that Williams was chosen over Brian Giles was because All-Star manager Dusty Baker had to fill the required number of pitchers — just in case the game goes 30 innings and he needs that 13th man in the bullpen.

Another player that should not have been omitted was Marlins' 21-year old sensation, Dontrelle Willis, who has an 8-1 record and 2.13 ERA. And there are probably five players in each league you could make a strong case for over players that were actually selected to participate.

It is obvious that the current system is not doing the job. And while the fans usually take their fair share of cheap shots from the media, it

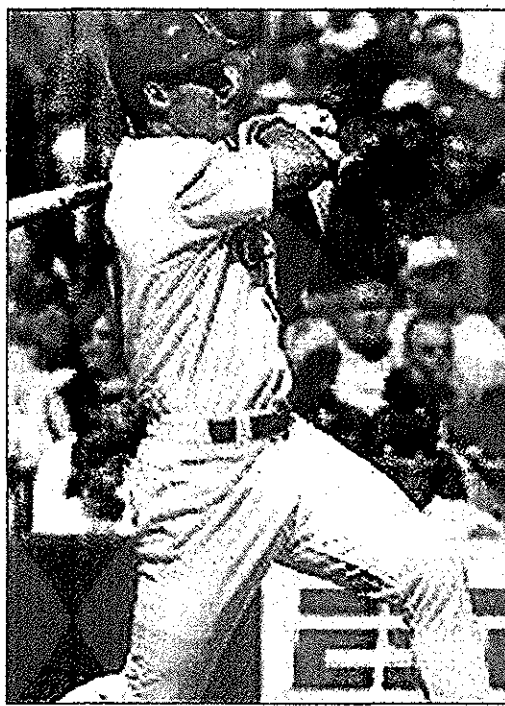


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VOTING BLUNDERS: St. Louis Cardinals infielder Scott Rolen is just one of many players who is not worthy of participating in this year's All-Star contest.

is actually a collaborative effort that has turned this once proud game into a mid-summer joke.

The league should sit down and draft a new and improved system this off-season.

The first rule that should be changed is the requirement that each team should have a representative.

Should everyone in the league get a trophy at the end of the year? When did this become little league? These are grown men and they should be well aware if their team is contending for the cellar and void of any all-star players.

Only the host team should automatically get a representative in the all-star game, besides that, there are just too many teams to water down the rosters with borderline closers.

This leads me to the next change, which is to do away with specific position requirements on the bench. Allow the managers to select whatever reserve position players and pitchers they want. This will help ensure that the best overall players are in the game.

And as far as the all-star voting goes, no

Sports Roundup

Woods, Armstrong return to spotlight, Bryant in trouble

By MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

All Star votes have been tallied, and the Indians and Pirates, both far from anything resembling a race, are each sending one candidate.

The Pirates are sending closer Mike Williams, whose astronomical ERA is one of the strongest arguments against the rule that requires each team to be represented by at least one player.

Representing the Indians will be starting pitcher C.C. Sabathia, whose statistics are more deserving than Williams' but less deserving than some starting pitchers left at home, such as Roger Clemens, Pedro Martinez and Mike Mussina.

One has to wonder what Milton Bradley has to do to get some recognition for the season he is having for the Tribe. He has developed into a five-tool player and is having a diamond in the rough season amongst the otherwise anemic Cleveland offense.

The most notable names not to be associated with this year's All Star Game in Chicago are Sammy Sosa, the aforementioned Clemens and Martinez and the Florida Marlin's sensational rookie pitcher Dontrelle Willis. Willis has electric stuff and has been unhittable and unbeatable. The game surely could have used his presence.

Return of the Icon, Part I



WOODS

Tiger Woods slammed the door in the face of the Tiger-bashers that have been riding him all year because of his supposed "slump". Woods won this past weekend's Western Open going away, posting a 21 under par 267. Woods has declared all along that talks of his demise were premature and proved it in this tournament. With his fourth win this

season, Woods has accomplished another feat that golf legends named Hogan, Palmer and Nicklaus never achieved. This is his fifth straight season with at least four wins.

Two weeks from now, the PGA Tour heads to Royal St. George for the British Open. The rest of the field has been served notice. Tiger's on the prowl.



ARM-STRONG

Return of the Icon, Part II

Lance Armstrong, the four-time defending champ of the Tour de France, survived a big pileup on Monday, and remains within striking distance of the leaders after the second full stage.

Approaching the climbing stages (Armstrong's specialty) this coming weekend, Armstrong was in tenth place overall following Monday's stage.

Look for Armstrong to blow the field away with his vaunted climbing ability and gain the yellow jersey by this time next week.

Kobe Faces Legal Troubles



BRYANT

Los Angeles Lakers' shooting guard Kobe Bryant turned himself in this week after a warrant for his arrest was signed by prosecutors in Eagle County, Colorado, for an alleged sexual assault at a hotel near the resort town of Vail.

Bryant has been cooperative with the investigation, officials said, and he was released after posting a bail of \$25,000.

Bryant has long been considered a model athlete, both on and off the court, and his attorneys released a statement saying that they expect Bryant to be "completely exonerated" of all charges.

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Penguin Sportswire

Sixty-Nine YSU Student-Athletes Named To Horizon League Spring Honor Roll

Indianapolis, Ind. — Sixty-nine Youngstown State University student-athletes were named to the 2003 Horizon League Spring Academic Honor Roll, the league announced. Youngstown State placed the third most student-athletes on the honor roll behind Butler (96) and UW-Milwaukee (90).

The Horizon League honor roll is awarded bi-annually and candidates for the academic honor roll must meet three criteria in order to qualify: 1) participate in at least one of the League's 19 sports; 2) must have completed three semesters (four quarters on the quarter system) as a full-time student at the same member institution; and 3) must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 as of June 20, 2003.

source: ysu.edu/sports

Weekend Calender

Nyabinghi, Tonight — The Fleshes, Giddy Motors. Friday — Dead Meadow, Hope and Suicide, My Sister the Sun. Saturday — Dare Diablo, A Thousand Time Yes.

Cedars, Friday — Rainbow Tribe. Saturday — Costly Cortet, Shit Haus.

Plaza Cafe, Tonight — Griffin Express. Saturday — Mushcup, Civil Funk.

B & B Backstage, Tonight — Phil Vassar

BW3's Downtown, Friday — Party on the Plaza w/Via Sahara, Ash Blanket