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Board approves Degree

By CHRISTINA POE
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A proposal to create a Bachelor of General Studies Degree was approved by the YSU Board of Trustees yesterday's.



ATWATER

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Tony Atwater, in his presentation to the Board, said the degree would give students of varied educational and experimental backgrounds a chance to complete a bachelor's degree.

With its approval at the board meeting yesterday, the proposal will be sent to the Ohio Board of Regents for further deliberation.

Though still in the review process, Atwater said the General Studies degree proposal has raised much excitement.

If approved, Atwater said the degree's strength will lie in its flexibility by offering students a chance to experience a variety of subjects.

If adopted, the degree will offer the strong liberal arts program that Atwater said YSU has offered students in other academic programs.

Atwater said he feels the degree will be responsive to the needs of Mahoning Valley residents interested in higher education and will fill the needs of the student population.

Atwater said those students that would potentially benefit from the program would range from students with associate degrees looking to earn a bachelor's degree to students who have already attained some college credits but had to postpone their studies.

"The degree is tailor-made for students of different educational backgrounds," Atwater said. "It will be more efficient for them as well as more economical."

Other topics touched upon in the meeting included the proposal of an Undergraduate Research Award Program and the proposal modifications to the contracts of intercollegiate coaches.

The proposal of the Internal Audit Function, already a debate among some university officials, raised a few eyebrows when approved by the trustees.

Vice President of YSU-Associated Classified Employees Christine Donhoff, said she did not think outsourcing the univer-

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Professor violates court probation

By ANGELA OLIN
The Jambar



FRY

GIRARD - Anthropology professor Gary Fry violated his probation for two 2002 convictions and has been ordered to

complete another six-month term.

One year ago today, Fry was found guilty of one charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle and one count of using a weapon while intoxicated. He pleaded no contest to the charges, and in a plea agreement with prosecutors, Fry agreed to one year of probation

and to pay fines.

A check of Girard Municipal Court records reveals that Fry failed to meet the terms of his probation and is now serving an additional six months of probation.

In January, the Girard Municipal Court notified Fry that he had not been paying his fines. Fry, who earns \$87,526

annually as a professor, was summoned to court March 24 and found guilty of violating his probation.

Records show that Fry was ordered to pay \$533 to the court in fines and costs. He failed to pay any of the sum until he was summoned to court. He made one payment of \$100 on March 24. Since

then, he has made four other payments including one for \$25. He still owes the court \$258.

"Looks like he still owes us money," said Girard Prosecutor Bob Johnson. "We may have to get him back in court."

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Credit card bills pile up for students

By MIKE VLAIKU
The Jambar

Sophomore Adam Vutech is involved in both school and work and is constantly trying to push his self to improve on whatever he is doing.

One day before Adam went to another day of work he made an astonishing and quite unpleasant discovery. There in the mailbox, intertwined with junk mail and coupon books, lie at least two credit card bills, each high in price.

Vutech, studying to become a teacher, has two cards maxed at \$4,500 on items such as his car, rent, appliances, clothing, and furniture. That's not including a \$10,000 student loan and a \$5,000 bank loan. With all this debt, 20-year-old Adam only grosses around \$11,000 a year from working in a furniture warehouse and as a stock clerk at a grocery store.

Adam is just one of the thousands of students who try to make it on their own only to get into financial trouble somewhere along the line due to the overuse of a

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Eckman suggests refund cards

By TRINA QUARLES
The Jambar

In the near future, refund checks for financial aid may take the form of a debit card.

Replacing hard checks with debit-type credit cards was the central topic of the Student Government Association meeting Monday afternoon.

The university is considering the debit card plan to save money.

"It costs like \$2 for every check that is issued. If a student drops a class, then another check has to be issued. The debit card would eliminate

that process," SGA President Emily Eckman said.

Bank One is one of several banks being considered to participate in the program.

Brian Harickle, a cash management specialist for Bank One, attended the SGA meeting and provided information about the Bank One program. Harickle said a student's refunds would be applied to the card, which then would be mailed to that student.

All additional and future refunds would be credited to that card, which students would keep for the duration of their university careers.

The cards, called "pre-paid" cards, carry the VISA logo and function as debit cards.

"Students can use them at the store or at the ATM machine," Harickle said, adding that lost or stolen cards would be replaced for free.

"If the card was stolen last night, and it had \$2,000 and you call today, we will reissue you a card with a \$2,000 balance. The VISA logo is what provides that protection," Harickle said.

Students would be responsible for keeping track of balances, as Bank One does

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OSU running back to battle NFL in court

By MATT DUVAL
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)



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NFL BOUND?: Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett is suing the NFL to change its eligibility requirements.

U-WIRE, Columbus.

After weeks of speculation, suspended Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett officially sued the National Football League yesterday, asking a judge to throw out the league's eligibility rule.

Under the NFL's current policy, Clarett would not be eligible for the rookie draft until 2005. He ran for an OSU freshman record of 1,237 yards last season despite suffering through a shoulder injury for the last half of the season. Players cannot enter the draft until they have been out of high school for three years.

"The NFL is the only major professional sport, unlike baseball, basketball or hockey, which prohibits the drafting of players who have not completed three college seasons or who are not three years removed from high school

graduation," the lawsuit states. Clarett's attorney, Alan C. Milstein, filed the suit in Manhattan federal court.

The suit further claims the NFL's policy violates anti-trust laws. It later claims Clarett would have brought a contract worth millions of dollars. The suit asks U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin to throw out the rule and declare Clarett eligible for the April 2004 draft or require the league to hold a supplemental draft in the mean time.

"We do not believe this lawsuit serves in the best interests of Maurice Clarett or any college football player," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "We will fight this and look forward to explaining to the court both the very sound reasons underlying our eligibility rule."

Milstein told The Associated Press he believes the suit, which requests a jury

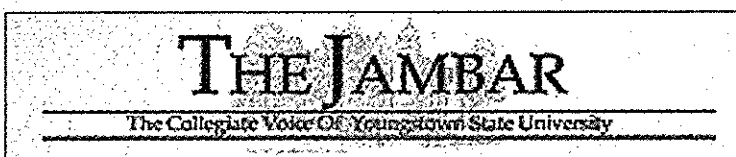
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Today's Editorial

Fry, time to pay

Anthropology professor Gary Fry makes \$87,000 a year. One year ago today the Girard municipal court ordered Fry to pay \$533 in fines and costs for his two misdemeanor convictions.

He didn't pay the money and was found guilty of violating the terms of his probation. To date, Fry has only paid \$275 of his fine.

Where is the money?

Last September, Fry was found guilty of one charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle and one count of using a weapon while intoxicated.

This September he is back in the classroom, never having received any disciplinary measures from the university. His personnel file is filled with evaluations that fail to mention his criminal history. His file goes unblemished from the wrongs that he has committed.

At \$7,250 a month, the fees could have been paid roughly 13 times in one month. Yet, Fry has dragged his feet on paying such an insignificant fee. In March, Fry paid \$100. His payments since then have been sporadic and have dwindled to as low as \$25.

Fry, who lives alone in his Hubbard home, can blame neither a house full of children nor a residence that equals a mortgage in the millions for his failure to furnish the funds.

Where is the money?

How are YSU students supposed to respect a member of YSU's faculty if he shows a blatant disrespect for the law? What example is Fry setting for students enrolled in his classes, struggling to make payments of their own?

A university that employs irresponsible faculty risks the possibility of producing irresponsible students.

Professors such as Fry taint the university and its reputation. As Fry continues to withhold his monetary tokens of remorse, he adds gravity to the damage that has already been done.

Fry owes it to the municipal court to pay his dues and he owes it to the university to clear our name.

Letter to the Editor

YSU making efforts to improve computers

Editor:

The complaints voiced by Lauren Girdler about the lack of a piece of software in Maag library and that computer labs are closed at weekends prompt me to defend the efforts being made at YSU to maintain such facilities during financially challenging times.

In the seven years since I arrived in Youngstown, YSU has made great strides in providing students and faculty with access to computer technology. My first office in Ward Beecher did not have a computer and I had to bring my own Mac to school in order to get anything done. We had to use a dialup line to get Web access. Now we have at least three student computer labs in Ward Beecher. All are connected to the on-campus network, and all contain up to date software for science students to use.

Obviously we need to improve, but the current funding crisis means that we sometimes struggle to maintain services never mind improve them. Our own computer guru (Ray Hoff) is being spread incredibly thin as demands on his expertise grow and updating software and hardware is becoming increasingly difficult. We need more funds and more help and more software and more hardware and more labs and more hours and more...

I still think we are light years ahead of where YSU was seven years ago, and in line with a letter I wrote to the Jambar last year, we still offer our students a good value for their money. Once the funding crunch passes, I hope we can take that next step and offer Ms. Girdler and many other students access to software and hardware at any location on campus at any time of the night or day.

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PRESCRIPTION PROBLEMS



Commentaries

President's propaganda fools nation

BY MATTHEW LILLER
The Jambar

One of the most startling statistics in recent history was announced last week. The number was "70", and it represented the percentage of Americans who believed that Saddam Hussein was involved in the 9/11 attacks. This bordered on propaganda.

What could cause 70 percent of the population to believe such a colossal falsehood? President Bush's constant rhetoric on the connection is the most obvious reason.

Take his remarks on May 1 of this year: "The battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on September the 11, 2001 — and still goes on."

Although Bush should be held accountable for his misleading words, the blame for this bamboozle against America sits firmly on the shoulders of the media for letting him get away with it.

The false connection should have been clearly exposed before the war and not after Bush finally admitted it as false six months after the war. There certainly was no proof that the link existed, and it does no good to report it as "breaking news" months after the war has ended and thousands have lost their lives.

The same can be said for the nonexistent weapons of mass destruction (WMD). It is important for the press to show the American public that Bush is a liar, but it is more important to inform them before

they allow the President to start a pre-emptive war under false pretenses.

While Colin Powell touted his evidence that Iraq had hundreds of thousands of tons of WMDs, the press did little to discredit his bogus and outdated information. Only in July, five months after the war started, did the media finally begin to seriously question the administration.

All the while, our President smirked and talked about "revisionist historians" just as he began to rewrite his reasons for going to war. Damn it, we needed to free all those Iraqis who greeted us with open arms.

Was our battle in Iraq a "War on Terror" or just a really expensive humanitarian effort? Since all the reasons for a pre-emptive strike have been discredited, and Iraq was not an imminent threat, the war has been exposed as the enormous sham that it is. Now, not only does Bush have the blood of American GIs on his hands, so does the press.

The media is obligated to be the voice of the people, and it is criminal for them to not report accurately. Although there is no law on being timely, there are laws against being an accomplice to a crime. Ask Joseph Goebbels.

It is easy understand why the Bush administration wants media deregulation so badly. When a company can own all of the television stations, radio stations and newspapers in multiple cities, less investigation and reporting is needed.

Owners of these large conglomerates, such as Jack Walsh of NBC or Rupert Murdoch of Fox, manipulate coverage to further corporate America's interests, even if that means war (I would implore you to check the ratings during Operation Iraqi Freedom).

24-hour news networks all report on the same five stories daily and include a dozen debate programs that scream about those same five stories. The goal is to keep America uninformed, stupid, and passive. If you listen closely enough you can hear the sucking sound of relevance being amputated from the media.

In the next few years we may see a real investigation into why Bush secretly allowed members of the bin Laden family to flee the U.S. just days after 9/11, or why it took over an hour to scramble jets after the first plane hit the World Trade Center. Hopefully. But don't hold your breath.

I do have some good news. I'm positive that Bush has spent a few sleepless nights and afternoons worrying about giving Iraqis all the freedoms that Americans enjoy, and it has finally paid off. Tuesday, the U.S.-backed Iraqi Governing Council banned Arabic-language networks from government buildings and news conferences for two weeks. Now the Iraqi people can finally enjoy a free press that can't inform them. All is right with the world.

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Trying to justify the dreaded group project

BY TINA THOMPSON
The Jambar

It's a beautiful, sunny day. There's a hint of fall breaking out on the trees around campus. An internal war rages within me — enjoy what is sure to be the last of this blissful weather or attend class?

I opt for class. Bad decision. I settle in my chair taking pains to keep my attention away from the window. However, I can see the sunlight glinting off the chrome trim of cars parked in the upper deck of the Lincoln lot.

I daydream while gazing longingly out the window. Suddenly, I am abruptly yanked back to the classroom, as the two words I dread most, spill from the professor's mouth.

Pop quiz? No. Research paper? Nope. Mid-term exam? Uh-huh.

Group Project. The horror. Thunderclouds begin to gather in the once clear sky. A foul wind picks up across the lawn and blows discarded bits of trash across the grass.

In my heart, despair builds as I hear the outline of project goals.

There will be weekly presentations

regarding specific topics as assigned by the instructor to be supplemented with written progress reports.

Weekly meetings?! A ragged sigh rips from lips as I hear the names of group members called out like roll call in a prison.

I glance anxiously about looking to assign labels. Yes, there's "the Procrastinator," hmm, I bet he's "Mr. No-Show;" she's clearly the "Quiet One;" and he's obviously, "No-Nonsense."

That leaves me to decide who I should be. The "Over-Achiever;" perhaps, "The Bully;" or take an opposite position and be "Ms. Whatever."

Group projects are the bane of my existence. They suck any possibility of joy out of the class. Contrary to what we are told, they are not real life.

I worked for 20 years in "the real world" before enrolling at YSU. I am well aware of the role group projects play in the workplace.

Let me tell you, they are different from anything I have experienced at YSU.

First: someone is in charge. There is a person responsible for the product, and everyone in the group knows who it is. It's the boss' assistant.

Second: everyone has an area of

expertise. The guy, who's a CPA, is in charge of numbers. The woman, who's a graphic artist, is in charge of brochures. They don't change jobs. Ever.

Third: there's a reason for the project. There's a goal. Entice a new client; explain a budget request to the home office; streamline an operation. It is never because it seems like it would create well-rounded team players.

Trust me, if you have ever successfully convinced a supply clerk that you need both blue and black pens, you are a well-rounded team player.

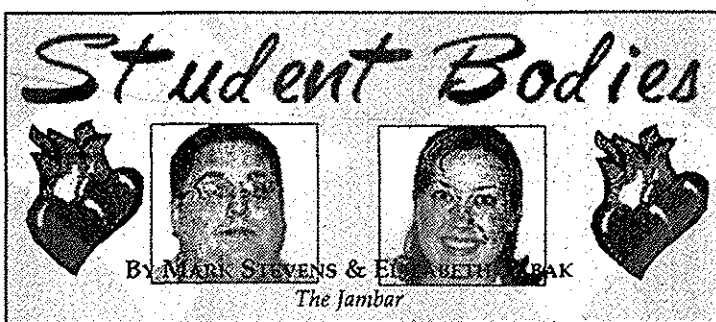
Fourth: you meet during work hours, and everyone shows up. Not once has a group leader said, "How's Saturday at 10 p.m.? We can e-mail before we go out and party for the night." Most leaders feel this kind of schedule is actually detrimental to the project.

Fifth: you get paid. Enough said. Needless to say, I'm not a big fan of the group project. It seems every semester I'm sentenced to at least one of these tortuous experiences.

Upon reflection, you can label me, "the Whiner."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



By MARK STEVENS & ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Her Side:
It seems as if it was only yesterday.

Victimized by another harsh breakup, I'd take my destroyed 16-year old heart and listen to Boyz II Men's "End of the Road" while I stared deep into the eyes of my Leonardo DiCaprio poster asking why couldn't all the boys be just like him.

That's right, I said Leonardo DiCaprio poster. What do you want me to say? He was hot back in the day, so back off.

Don't worry, though. Like I said, that was back in the day, and a lot more than just my affection for Leo has changed. I've also put my days of feeling sorry for myself and pining over some guy on the curb with my Leo poster. Well that is of course until Mark picked it up and hung it next to his Justin Timberlake poster.

Hey, Justin Timberlake isn't all that bad. I have to say that over the past couple of years, I have become a "Bye, Bye, Bye" kind of girl.

Face it: feeling sorry for yourself after you've broken up

with your special someone doesn't help things. Hanging around after the fact to plead your case doesn't help things. Talking continuously and obsessively to their friends about how you want to be with that person and how you can make them happy doesn't help things. And continuing to sleep with your ex most certainly does not help things.

If you have broken up it's obviously a sign that one of you has decided to move on. Take a hint, you should probably be moving on, too.

Not to get all "after-school-special" on you, but you should also have the maturity and common decency to be civil with each other. I'm not saying best friends; that would obviously defeat the purpose of what I just said, but at least make the attempt to get along. If you cared about each other enough to start something, you should care enough to end it with decency.

I'm not trying to be a heartless wench here. It's just that in the past year or so, with the exception of one or two minor errors in my judgment, I have found the best way to end it is with a clean break; it's hopeless to keep hoping. I know that it's easier said than done, even when it comes down to the most insignificant of short-lived, non-dating relationships, but you have to face reality sometime.

So, for as much as I may be a little hurt and a little jealous that my once prized poster is hanging over Mark's desk now, I realize that it looks better there than it did in my room.

His Side:
I know Beth isn't knocking my J Timberlake poster.

Homeskillet has got it going on for real, for real.

But that's Beth; she's a hater. Hates me because of what Justin and I have. Back off chick, he's mine.

Since that nonsense has been effectively handled, on with the business at hand.

This week's theme is "happiness is a state of mind."

In order to be happy, one has to allow for happiness. Wow, looks like we're taking a turn towards serious, intellectual conversation here. We may even approach a philosophical nature in this discussion.

But I won't let my people down too much. I'll try to stay somewhat in character.

Let it go. That's an order private. Fishes, as they say, are plentiful in this proverbial sea of people. Good and tasty fishes are out there. There are more fishes where that last one came from.

"Quit whining and crying and all that nonsense and just accept the fact that everything ends eventually."

— FAT HEAD

So if you find yourself struggling to get over a serious relationship, good. There I said it. Anything that was worth anything is going to be something that entails

a little pain to get past.

Quit whining and crying and all that nonsense and just accept the fact that everything ends eventually. We all die. Nothing is promised, eternal or infinite except for wisdom.

And let me drop some wisdom on that posterior right quick, because that's my job.

Dear Ann Landers,
My boyfriend of three years has just told me that he doesn't think our relationship is going well and he wants to take a break. How can I convince him to keep on loving me and to stay with me for the rest of my miserable, pathetic, life of self pity?

Excuse me Ann, but Fat Head would like to handle this one. Thanks a bunch.

Get a clue. Anybody that needs convincing is already gone from a relationship. It's over.

That person that you are so convinced is your soul mate is just a person.

I'm not downplaying the feelings that you feel when something ends. Been there, felt that. The feelings of abandonment and loss are nothing shy of devastating, but you don't do yourself or anyone else any damn good by wallowing.

Take it as a loss. Learn from the things that went wrong in your relationship, and prepare yourself to love and be loved again.

I have no funny ending to this week's column, so I'll just bow out without trying to force something. It's an off day. Sue me.

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Weekend Calendar

Nyabinghi, Tonight: Andi Camp, Six Parts Seven, Racer Mason. Friday: Gil Manera's Party Dream, Grand Buffet, Balcon. Saturday: Tristan De Cuba, 7U.

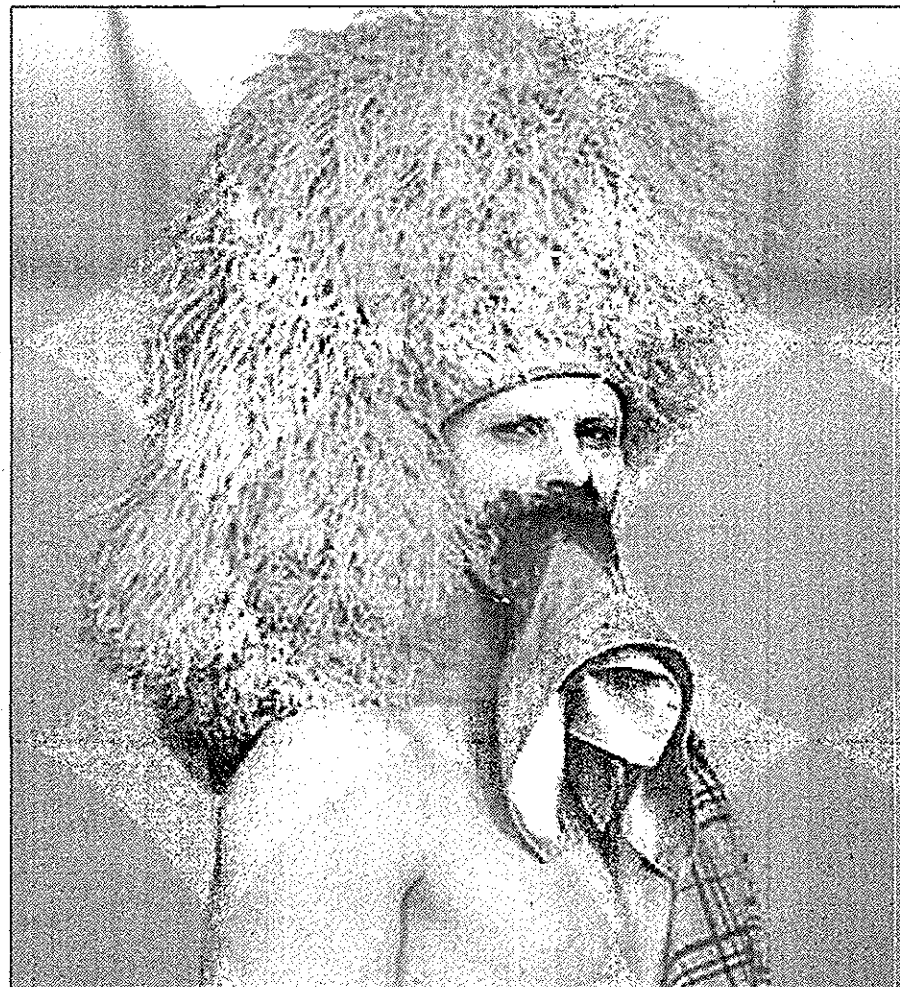
Cedars, Friday: Barrel Ghost, Officer 27. Saturday: November Loop.

Plaza Cafe - Tonight: Chris Ryan & The Noise, Donny Brook. Saturday: Sea to Shove, Red Umbrella, Eve to Adam.

Film Review

'The Cremaster Cycle' wows viewers

By SARA TKAC
The Jambar



GOOD SHOW:
Four of The Cremaster Cycle films debuted at The Melwood Screening Room last weekend. The fifth and final installment is scheduled to run this weekend.

The first image you will see is of a strange man-like creature with pointed ears and orange hair in a tuxedo, tap-dancing around a small black box on the floor. The floor suddenly starts dissolving yet the creature keeps with his dancing. Thus begins The Cremaster Cycle films.

Matthew Barney's Cremaster Cycle is a vivid, imaginative, stunning and shocking piece of cinematography.

The series includes five films, each one splendid and rich in metaphor and symbolism. Barney's characters, creatures from his overactive imagination, are played by the artist, and other actors, including Ursula Andress and Richard Serra. Included in character list, are bored flight attendants, 2 Goodyear Blimps, Bronco Stadium, a beautiful woman with glass legs who turns into a cat, giants, gnomes, The Isle of Man, The Chrysler Building, a French bulldog, a Sea-God and lots of bees. The sculpture, make-up and music become a part of the character list.

The films are mostly non-verbal, although Cremaster 2 has some dialogue. The soundtrack is amazing. From country western to operatic overtures, it covers many genres of sound, making the films that much more powerful.

Although Barney had a particular vision in mind, each person interprets the films into their own story, which is part of the phenomenon of the films.

The five films incorporate sculpture, drawing, photography, cultural myths and personal fantasies. Barney began work on the films in 1994, and finished his work in 2002. He then began working on the premiere at The Guggenheim Museum in New York, NY, which officially began in the spring of 2003. The premiere not only included the films, but also each piece of sculpture from the films and still photographs of all the characters. Barney and his art took up all 5 floor of the museum and all spare rooms including the theater. Not only was the premiere at the Guggenheim, but Cremaster 3 was filmed there as well.

Four of the films played last weekend at The Melwood Screening Room in Pittsburgh, PA, and another is scheduled to finish out the run this weekend.

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Commentary

Butler, McDonough fight to the death?

By MATT WATTS
The Jambar

Throughout the course of history, it has become second nature for neighbors to feud. Take the Hatfields and the McCoys. The Browns and Stealers. And to a lesser extent, my neighbor "Marsha" and I.

So, upon learning that I had to do an article featuring the two museums on Wick Avenue, I anticipated more of the same.

I first went to the McDonough Museum of Art to find out what was going on. I was greeted by Assistant Director Angela DeLucia. We sat down for an interview, and I picked her brain.

"Things are always changing here," DeLucia said.

And she was right. The McDonough usually makes changes every month or so.

Right now, they are featuring work by the studio art faculty of YSU. It's all part of their Biennial Faculty Exhibition, which is running now through Oct. 3.

But what was the best thing they had? That's what I wanted to know. She thought that maybe I would like to answer that one for myself. We took a tour of the place.

After walking, we came to a work called "See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil, Fear No Evil." It was crafted by Andrew Bac. This, I imagined, was the McDonough's idea of beating the Butler on a last second Hail Mary or something. Maybe winning a property dispute. Yeah, remember that one "Marsha"? You'll never get over the fact that I own half of your driveway.

It's a laser-crafted work that's really no bigger than a construction brick. Maybe that added to the appeal. Sort of a sword-in-the-stone kind of thing. I told her this was my favorite piece, and she wasn't surprised. "I think younger people like things that pop out at them," DeLucia said.

I thought I might get a second opinion just to make sure.

Enter freshman Matt Corsale. "It's

"Surely the Butler's slogan had to be 'anti-everything McDonough' or something."

nice." Nice? I want to know if you think it is the most appealing piece here? "That's hard to say. It does stand out compared to most of the other exhibits." Why? "Because it's not the same work." Fair enough.

The McDonough plans on displaying the works of President Feng Jian-qin of the Nanjing Institute, China for their next exhibit beginning Oct. 17. Beginning in December, they will also highlight the works of art students graduating from the university this fall. Boasting a reputation based on "contemporary ideas, art, education, and community" the McDonough fares well against its nemesis the Butler.

I crossed Wick Avenue, narrowly escaping a speeding white Cavalier to the tune of a really loud car horn type sound. I should say I ran, and if you have ever seen anyone running with a backpack on, you can guess how much of a dork I am.

I met with the Butler Public Relations Director Cathy Earnhardt. I wondered how they responded to their crossroad rivals.

Surely the Butler's slogan had to be "anti-everything McDonough" or something. Instead, Earnhardt said, "Our mission is to collect and show American art."

Hmm. She's bluffing. What about the rivalry?

"Oh no, I think [the two museums] complement each other. They both show art."

Wait a second. She continued, "Some of the things we do are similar. We kind of run along parallel tracks."

Ah-ha! I saw an opening. So there is a big rivalry?

I envisioned tailgaters on each side of

the road, hissing and booing each other like crazed maniacs.

But, no. Their goals, I came to understand, are one in the same. Art is not competition as much as it is a celebration.

I made a recovery. "What are the new things at the Butler?"

That's a good question. I went forward. "Right now, we are showing realist paintings by Richard Schmid," Earnhardt said. Schmid had spoken at the Butler Sept. 6.

The Butler is also running a collection of holographic works by Philippe Boissonnet (ah, thank God I'm not in broadcasting) which goes nicely to "complement" the McDonough's crowned jewel.

I also found out by taking a tour that the Butler has just opened Andrews Pavilion, a new wing containing an expanded gift shop, café and sculpture gallery. After the first of the year, the Butler will be celebrating its 85th year of operation. Interesting. Again, I needed an outside opinion.

Re-enter Freshman Matt Corsale (clever, huh?). He's an engineering major, so I'm sure his opinion on the new addition is arbitrary.

"A+." Oh come on, Matt. That's too easy. "Well it's not falling over, is it?"

He had a point. As for the art, "It's bigger here, so they can show more stuff." And? He told me to stop asking so many questions. Why? He karate-chopped me.

Ok, maybe I didn't get the real grip of art at the start. But like Rocky said to the Russians at the end of Rocky IV, "everybody can change." It's hard to say which museum delivered the knockout punch, but it wouldn't hurt for you to go down and decide for yourself.

As for Marsha and I, there's no art involved there. She's cold like the Siberian winter. Shame on you, Marsha. Shame on you.

Call Matt Watts at (330) 941-3523.

Program looking for 'sick' students

By CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

Were you one of those people that could fake sick to get out of class in high school?

If so, the Standardized Patient Program (SPP) at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) may be looking for you.

The SPP, located on NEOUCOM's Rootstown campus in the Center for Studies of Clinical Performance, is looking for volunteers ages 18 to 40 to depict patients for NEOUCOM medical students.

In collaboration with NEOUCOM, Youngstown State, Kent State University and Akron University all offer a two-year joint B.S./M.D. program where students can earn various bachelor's degrees before moving on to NEOUCOM to complete their medical degree.

Lisa Lambert, the coordinator of public relations at NEOUCOM, said students are categorized differently, based on their status at NEOUCOM and their class rank.

"(Before attending NEOUCOM) they're called C1, C2 and C3 students," Lambert said. "When they come to NEOUCOM's Rootstown campus to begin medical training, they're referred to as M1-M4 students."

It is at NEOUCOM that these M1-M4's will take part in the Standardized Patient Program.

In this program, students interview and perform exams on their "patients". These "patients" are volunteers who pretend to have various medical conditions.

Kate Axiotis, a Standardized Patient Recruiter/Trainer for NEOUCOM, said persons interested in participating as patients in the SPP program can call a recruiter and fill out an application. She said participants are chosen based on the needs of the program.

Once interested parties are determined to fit the criteria of the program and complete a phone interview, they are then trained so that they can give an accurate, consistent portrayal of the medical condition that they are enacting.

Lambert said YSU currently has 93 students enrolled in its B.S./M.D. program.

One of these students, freshman Keira Beachler, said the SPP program will give her and other students the ability to recognize certain conditions faster.

"It's good because we'll get to analyze lots of different problems and conditions," Beachler said. "We'll be able to recognize illnesses right away."

Axiotis said that students would not only gain a higher awareness of certain conditions, but they will also be prepared to interact more effectively with patients of various backgrounds and ages.

Those interested in volunteering for SPP can contact a Standardized Patient Recruiter/Trainer at 330-325-6747 or 1-800-686-2511 ext. 6749.

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Fashion

Style goes knee-high with trendy socks

By JENEE OSTERHELD
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Fashion is a funny thing. One minute it's the trucker hats, the next it's the jerseys. Now it's the socks.

Not fancy socks either. We're talking 1980s, wear 'em high, Dr. J-style tube socks.

"Socks are huge for the fall," says Tina Wells, CEO of Buzz Marketing Group, based in New Jersey. It's really a play off the mod trend crossed with the athletic trend, she said.

Jersey dresses were big during the summer, and an easy way to carry the athletic trend into the fall is with the tube sock, Wells says.

Classic footwear such as Kangaroos, Pumas and Converse are all coming back for the fall, and tube socks are a great way to complement the style. They also lend an urban edge to the ever popular miniskirt, Wells says.

They are often worn with Converse All-Stars or Nike Air Force Ones. And color coordination is a must.

"It's an expression of your individuality and personality," says Teandra Howard, 17, of Kansas City, Mo., who endorsed the sock trend when it began at the start of the summer.

"I saw them in hip-hop videos, but when I visited St. Louis, everyone was wearing them," she says.

Tube socks were hard to find at first, Howard says, so she brought a bunch back from St. Louis. But by the middle of the summer the socks were everywhere, from shoe stores to fashion boutiques.

"There are so many different colors and ways you can put it together. It's about how you feel," says Howard, a high school senior.

You might be happy and go bright with pink or green, or if you're feeling more laid-back, you might go navy, says Howard, who wears her socks with jerseys and team tees.

The socks are a part of the jersey trend and just as quick as it came, it

will go and something new will pop up, she says.

"But I think the athletic trend will stay and flip a little with football jerseys," she says.

Helena Taylor likes to sport her socks with net shirts, jerseys, jersey shorts and denim skirts.

"I like the sense of style involved and how it's coming back from the old-school basketball days," says Taylor, 15, a high school sophomore in Kansas City.

"It's an athletic thing that girls can get into. Boys have the throwback jerseys and girls have jersey dresses, shorts and tube socks."

As it gets colder it will move into football jerseys and cuffed jeans with the tube socks pushed down, Taylor predicts.

Maybe instead of tube socks, they'll match the football jerseys with leg warmers, which also are appearing in fashion boutiques this fall.

"You shouldn't wear just anything with the sporty look," Taylor says. Keep it athletic, don't dress it up and don't do it just because it's trendy, she says.

"If you wear the socks, add your own style to it and do it because you're feeling it, not because you're trying to copy what you see on television."

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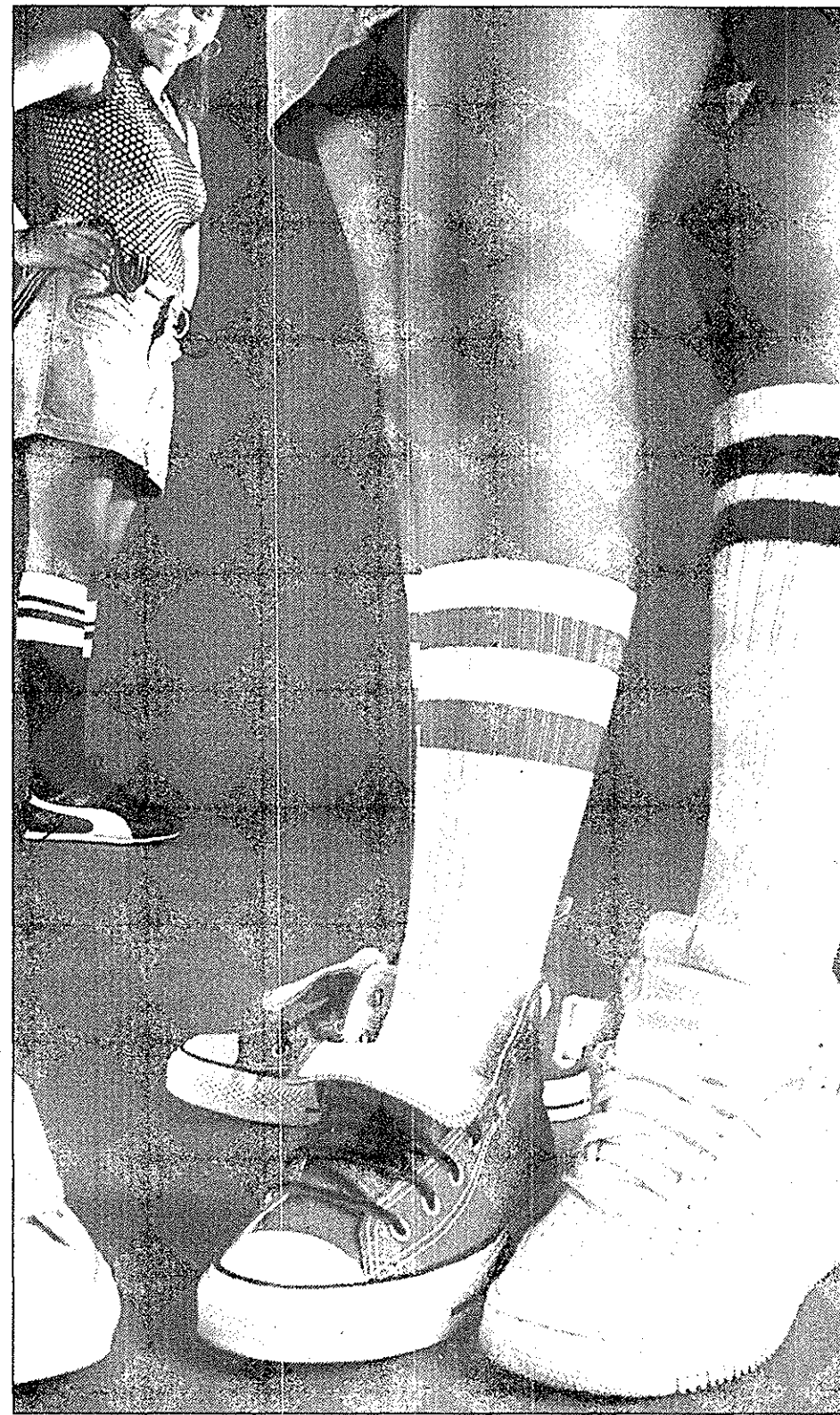
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Show your socks. Wear shorts, a jean skirt or cuffed jeans.

Keep it sporty: jersey dresses, jersey shorts, athletic tees, airbrushed tank tops or netted shirts.

Wear a pair of solid white socks, then place a wristband that coordinates with your jersey on top, below the knee.

Coordinate. Most people match the socks with their top. And often the shoes are coordinated as well.



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TRENDY FEET: Tubesocks are making a comeback in current fashion trends.

Experts say sleep vital to our well being

By PATRICIA CORRIGAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ST. LOUIS _ Sleeping five or six hours a night and bragging about it?

You may think you're getting away with something, but your body knows better. Most people require at least eight hours of sleep each night for optimum functioning. If you're routinely staying up late to go online or out dancing, your body is paying a high price.

People in the sleep disturbance business say "chronic under-sleeping" increases the risk of accidents, may suppress immune function and could lead to heart disease, diabetes or other dangerous health conditions. All of that is in addition to less serious repercussions, such as decreasing your productivity, making you irritable and causing you to doze off at the weekly staff meeting.

You say you can live with that? Think again.

"We know that if we deprive rats of sleep, their body temperatures plummet and they die. That tells us that the body has an internal need for sleep," said Mark Muehlbach, clinical director of the Clayton Sleep Institute, an agency that tests people for sleep disorders.

Few people would deny that a good night's sleep makes them feel refreshed and restored. Some studies show that sleep may allow the body to remove toxins and restore damaged tissues. Others show that sleep may help us store memories in the brain and "get rid of nonsense." Some researchers are trying to determine the effects of sleep deprivation on the immune system. And at least one study has reported that people who drive while sleep-deprived cause as many accidents as people who drive drunk.

For years, sleep experts have recommended that adults get at least eight hours of sleep a night to function properly. Yet a poll conducted in 2000 by the National Sleep Foundation (www.sleepfoundation.org) found that "on average, adults sleep just under seven hours during the workweek" and that one-third of adults sleep only six and a half hours _ or less _ nightly. The foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports sleep- and fatigue-related education, research and advocacy, also learned that "a full 45 percent of adults agree that they will sleep less in order to accomplish more."

That's because many of us are under the impression that sleep is not as important as the other things we do, says Dr. Kimberly Zoberi, a family practitioner in Des Peres, Mo. "We live in a society that

"We know that if we deprive rats of sleep their body temperatures plummet and they die."

— MARK MUEHLBACH
Clayton Sleep Institute

tells us we can do every single thing, and we really can't," she said. "Something's got to give, and unfortunately, it's often our personal well-being."

And every afternoon, when our eyes ache to close for just a few minutes, we lie about the seriousness of the situation.

Matt Uhles, a coordinator at the Clayton Sleep Institute, cited a poll conducted in 2002 by the National Sleep Foundation. "Fully 99 percent of participants admitted that a poor night's sleep will impact performance the next day," he said, "but 48 percent reported that they thought it was 'normal' to be sleepy in the afternoon."

It's not. If we got enough sleep each night, we wouldn't feel sleep-deprived during the day. That's not to say that almost everybody doesn't experience a dip in the natural rhythm of the body in the afternoon.

"We do have a natural 'sinking period' from 2 to 4 p.m. each day, a time when we should slow down," said Uhles. "Other societies have a siesta at this time, but we Americans refuse to take daily naps." If you are running on something close to empty, that natural dip will be harder on you.

Why don't people get enough sleep? Too many temptations.

"As a result of indoor lighting and around-the-clock entertainment, our sleep patterns have changed dramatically, even though our need for sleep has not," said Zoberi. "Now when the sun goes down, instead of ending the day as our ancestors did, we go to the movies, do household chores, watch TV or head for the mall."

Uhles agreed. "Most people sleep by default," he said. "In fact, a large portion of the population sees sleep as an unnecessary evil."

Some people, of course, suffer from sleep disorders. And studies show most people deal with sleep disorders on their own, perhaps choosing an over-the-counter medication at the pharmacy or grocery. Zoberi isn't opposed to that solution, at least for a few days. "Over-the-counter

medications are OK for very short-term use _ maybe two or three days in a row," she said.

How do you know when sleep deprivation has surpassed being an occasional problem and developed into a disorder? If you've had trouble sleeping off and on for a month or longer, Zoberi suggests seeing your doctor.

Insomnia _ the ability to fall asleep or stay asleep _ is the most common sleep problem, and about half of older adults report frequently experiencing at least one symptom of insomnia. Insomnia itself may be a symptom of another sleep disorder, including sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome, involuntary leg jerks or narcolepsy, which is a disorder of the central nervous system. Depression or anxiety also may contribute to a loss of sleep.

"Most disorders are treatable, and usually we can put people back to sleep," said Muehlbach.

Sometimes, people overlook a string of sleep disturbances during the week, figuring they will catch up on lost sleep over the weekend. Zoberi isn't buying that. "Our bodies do try to catch up, and if given the opportunity, you will sleep more," she said. "But does catching up erase the damage you did over the last five days? No. It's better to get the right amount of sleep, let your body have time to do its restorative functions, each night."

You may be thinking that naps are the answer. They aren't. A short nap does not provide the deep sleep your body needs. Also, a nap that lasts too long can interfere with sleep later that night. However, Zoberi said a 30- to 45-minute nap about the same time every day "can refuel you to get through the next set of challenges."

Even people reluctant to go to bed earlier or take short naps are likely to admit there is an innate attraction to the idea of personal downtime. "We tell people to think of sleep as a minivacation that you take every day," said Uhles. "You can't get around it, because you can't survive without sleep. It's in the top three, along with water and food. Your body must have it."

Why remains a mystery. In spite of the countless studies that show how sleep helps us, researchers do not understand precisely why we need sleep.

"That is the million-dollar question," Muehlbach said. "All research shows that if we go without sleep, we get tired, which is the body telling us we need to sleep _ but we don't really know why. Still, since we spend about one-third of our lives sleeping, we would hope there is more than one single function that benefits."

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trial, could be resolved in as little as three months.

"This is the kind of case usually decided on a summary judgment," he said. He said the judge would most likely decide the case because there are no facts in dispute.

"The rule is a restraint of amateur athletes who were strangers to the collective bargaining process," the suit says. Yesterday's lawsuit came a day after Milstein, Claret's mother and NFL officials met in Washington.

"The purpose of the meeting was we expect Maurice to be one of their employees in the very near future," Milstein told the AP. "We wanted them to know what we were going to do and why we need to do it."

While the lawsuit did not come as a total shock, Aiello said he was surprised at the timing.

"We thought we were going to have an opportunity to respond after the meeting," he said. "We're just disappointed that we were not allowed to do so."

While Ohio State coach Jim Tressel has said he maintains contact with Claret, he told reporters at his press luncheon yesterday he became aware of the lawsuit just minutes before the luncheon.

"I don't know really much of what's behind the decision, so I don't know if he's testing the waters or how he's approaching it," Tressel said.

Ohio State Director of Athletics Andy Geiger was not surprised by yesterday's filing, saying only the timing was news to him.

Earlier this month, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue was asked if the league could win a lawsuit like Claret's; he said the NFL had a strong case and would win it.

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YSPAN holds rally in attempt to change immigration attitudes

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

In an attempt to change attitudes with regards to immigration and globalization, members of YSPAN held a rally outside of Kilcawley Center yesterday.

While YSPAN members spoke of America as a melting pot, students had mixed reactions to their teach-in.

Members of YSPAN organized a teach-in Wednesday afternoon to discuss American immigration and globalization policies after Sept. 11. The group was also looking for people interested in participating in the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride, which

"If your trying to put out a fire, call the fire truck not the ambulance."

— DAN GRIESEMER
Junior, commenting on YSPAN

will be meeting in New York on Oct. 4.

Standing outside of Kilcawley Center, Jacob Harver and Hannah Foster were the only two members of YSPAN



HARVER present for the duration of the teach-in. The two spoke on the

history of immigration and current immigrant discrimination myths.

"Unless you came on the Mayflower, or were brought in chains, or were Native American, what

right do you have to make these myths?" Harver asked.

Next to their podium stood a table covered with flyers, pamphlets and sign up sheets for the freedom ride. There was also a jar for donations to fund a bus for the freedom ride.

As Foster walked around to students and Harver sang the lyrics to "This Land is my Land" a number of students

passed by. A few stayed to listen to what Harver and Foster had to say.

Freshman Jennifer Carr was one student who donated to and supported their cause. Carr said that she agreed with what the members of YSPAN had to say about immigration

"Immigration is not a big deal. We have all of these freedoms; they just want the same," Carr said.

Karl Zehr, a member of the Youngstown Environmental Studies Society, stopped by to share his views on the issue of immigration using examples from the movie "Gangs of New York".

Some students, such as Alexi Stavrou, felt that Zehr's impromptu speech was unne-

cessary, and felt he was uninformed on the topic.

"He's killing your cause," Stavrou yelled to Harver. "My father came here on a work visa and became a citizen...if he [Zehr] is going to represent me I think it's an insult."

Staughton Lynd, an activist and lawyer, and Aamir Dean, a labor business agent, also spoke at the teach-in. As the speakers expressed their views, the crowds outside of Kilcawley began to dwindle.

Junior Dan Griesemer felt the shrinking number of students stopping was caused by student apathy toward the subject matter.

"Though I fully support freedom of speech, groups such as YSPAN only highlight

student apathy on subjects by trying to appeal to a group who doesn't care," Griesemer said. "If you're trying to put out a fire, call the fire truck not the ambulance."

Harver and Foster both said that they were trying to spark an interest in students who may not otherwise be aware of the immigration situation.

"We don't hold any grand delusions that we'll get something started today; we're just trying to get the word to people who are really interested," Harver said.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Sports Wrapup

Fall sports in full stride

By MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

The world's largest pillow fight was shown twice by the 'worldwide leader in sports' on SportsCenter Tuesday night. In real sports news:

Men's Tennis Jumps to 2-0; Women fall to 1-0:

YSU's men's tennis team defeated the Duquesne Dukes on Sunday to run the team's record to 2-0 on the young fall season. YSU was able to capture five of the six singles matches — even the loss was close — and all three doubles matches.

This year's team is led by seniors RJ Pepino and Kevin Schaffert, and will try to build on its early success this weekend when they journey up to Buffalo, NY for the CAN-AM tournament.

The women's team lost to Duquesne on Sept. 16 in the season's opening match. Since then, the Penguins competed in the Wittenberg Invitational where junior Karen Najbert and freshmen Gina Peretti and Nicole Muzzechuk posted singles victories.

The women's team had a match yesterday against Pittsburgh and will battle UW-Green Bay and St. Francis (PA) this weekend.

Soccer team stumbles against OSU:

YSU's soccer team has fallen to 1-7 after a tough loss to Ohio State on Sunday.

Since rolling up 17 goals in a victory over Delaware State on Sept. 5, the Penguin offense has struggled mightily, managing just one goal in the past four contests.

The Penguins kick off Horizon League play this weekend with a match against Detroit in Michigan.

Softball Team Rolls to Invitational Win:

The YSU softball team kicked off their fall campaign with 4 big wins in the YSU Fall Softball Classic last weekend. The penguins defeated Clarion, Robert Morris and Canisius twice.

YSU's hurlers were dominant as sophomore Kelly Murphy, junior Ashley Lockmiller and freshman Karlie Brunell all posted victories and limited the opposition to but a few hits a game.

At the dish, senior Jenn Hartman led the way for the Penguins going 10 for 15. Also contributing for the Penguin offense were junior Kiisha Warfield, who hit .462 and senior Amanda Berry, who hit at a .333 clip.

Golf Teams Hit the Links:

On Monday, the YSU women's golf team finished in second place at the YSU Fall Invitational. Junior Gina Abruzzino nearly captured the indi-

vidual crown by shooting a second round 74 to fall just one shot behind the overall winner, Ali Meyer of Ball State.

Also scoring well through the rain for the Penguins were senior Lori Hatcher (157), freshman Bonnie Sherman (164) and senior Jennie Fleiner (165).

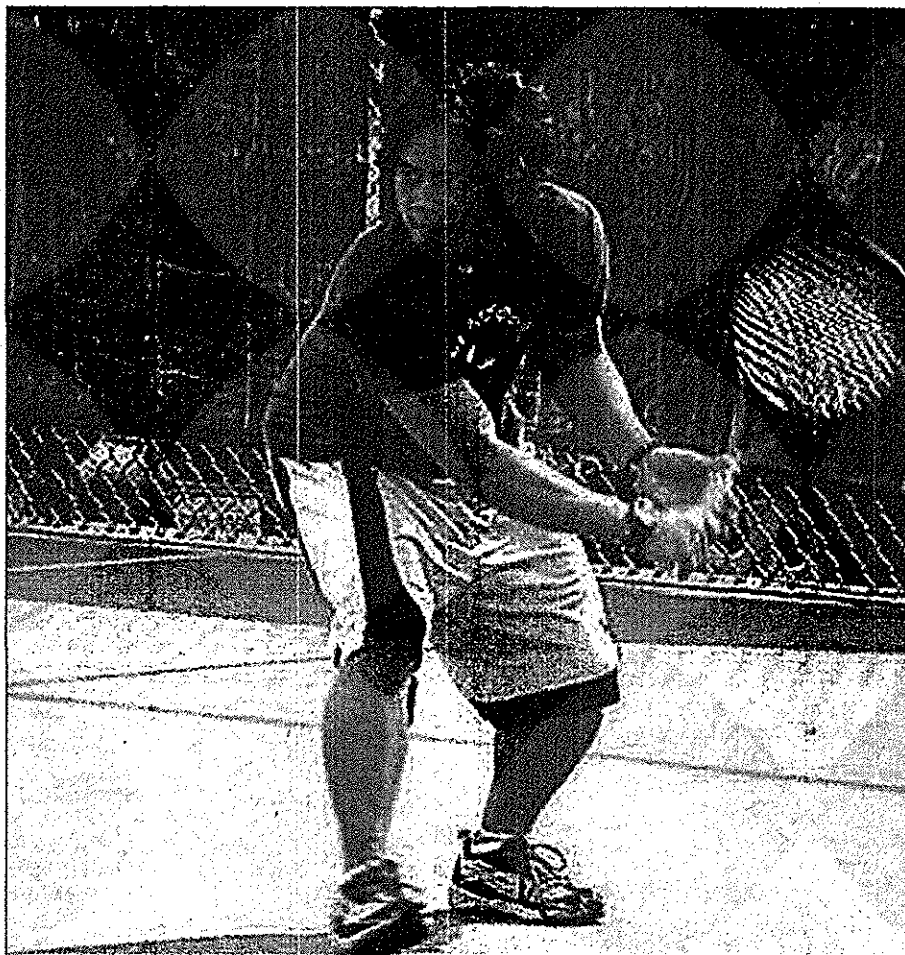
The men's team was lead by Nate Komsa at the Butler Fall Invitational, which wrapped up on Tuesday. Komsa shot rounds of 76 and 74 and finished in the top 20. Overall, the Penguins finished in seventh place at the nine-team tourney.

Cross Country Squad in Full Stride:

Freshman Lisa Davies nearly broke the school record in her first ever race as a Penguin. With her stellar performance, she was named the Horizon League Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Week.

Davies finished ninth overall at the Penn State Spiked Shoe Invitational on Saturday with a time of 22:04. The women's cross country team finished third overall.

For the men, Nick Buzek led the Penguins to a second place finish with a tenth place finishing time of 26:51. Senior Kurt Michaelis, junior Tony Orcena, sophomore Ryan Petrick and junior Paul Robinette all finished in the top 30. This weekend the cross country



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BACKHAND: Senior RJ Pepino (pictured) has helped the YSU tennis team jump out to a 2-0 record.

squads travel to New Rochelle, NY for the Iona Meet of Champions.

Volleyball Team Returns after Weather Delays:

After the Morgan State tournament was cancelled thanks to Hurricane Isabel, the Penguin volley-

ball team will take its 7-4 record into league play starting this weekend with matches against UW-Green Bay and UW-Milwaukee.

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Pardon 'The Jambar' Interruption

GAME	MARK STEVENS "FAT HEAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 6-6 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 6-4	B.J. LISKO "THE COMMISH" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 9-3 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 4-6	MICHAEL BALALE "THE NOMAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 8-4 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 4-6
PURDUE (-10) VS. NOTRE DAME	At this point, Notre Dame could be playing an all-girls preparatory academy and not muster more than a few field goals. Touchdown Jesus has taken a knee and is praying to Reverend Field Goal anymore in South Bend. With their current offense, it's a shakedown breakdown: Holiday nightmare. I haven't see Purdue all year, I won't lie. But I don't care. <i>Purdue wins 31-15.</i>	Notre Dame further proved my theory of their offensive feebleness, and that has prompted head coach Tyrone Willingham to make a decision whether or not to stick with Carlyle Holiday as his starting quarterback. What he should do is stick a fork in him and try to spark something on the offensive side of the ball. Regardless of what he does, Purdue will put up decent numbers, and I don't think the Irish are capable of beating them. <i>Boilermakers straight up and against the spread, 27-14.</i>	Kyle Orton & Co. host the Irish in what many see as Notre Dame's comeback week. Unfortunately for the Irish, there are too many questions that won't be answered. If ND has any chance of winning, they'll have to do it without Carlyle Holiday, who is single handedly sending the prestige of a once great university to hell in a hand basket. Freshman QB Brady Quinn is acceptable, but won't overtake the Boilermakers at home. Look for Purdue to control the clock and the tempo as they'll win their third straight but don't cover the spread. <i>Purdue 27-20</i>
OREGON (-4) VS. WASHINGTON ST.	I have to be honest, I doubted Oregon last week. I doubted them very much so, and I got proven wrong in a big way. But after seeing what they could do to a running game like Michigan's, I'm convinced that not only do they have a serious offense, there are some serious angry Ducks playing D for Oregon this year. Think of it this way: Notre Dame gets destroyed by Michigan, Notre Dame beats Washington State and Oregon stomped a mudhole of maize and blue last week against Michigan. Hmm. <i>Oregon rolls 42-17.</i>	The Ducks are riding high after their upset of Michigan last week. They face another formidable opponent in Washington St. Saturday but again have the home field advantage. Washington St. seems to be classic under-achievers, beating up on weak opponents and getting stomped on by top ranked teams. I look for this week to be no different. <i>Oregon wins 31-21.</i>	Okay, the Ducks proved their validity last week against the maize and blue, and this week, they host Washington State in a Pac-10 shootout. The Cougars' lone loss came to the Irish, so I have lost some faith in them. The Ducks are as potent offensively as anyone in the country and this week. The two-headed quarterback tandem of Kellen Clemens and Justin Fife won't be figured out as "the nut house" will be once again a factor this week. Oregon wins big and covers the spread. <i>Oregon 34-20</i>
USC (-13) VS. CALIFORNIA	USC has one of the most impressive defenses that I can recall seeing in the entire time that I have been a fan of college football. It turns out that their stopping of Auburn was nothing to be excited about, since Angela, La'el and I could stop Auburn's running game this year. But shutting down June Jones and Timmy Chang's offense? That's making a statement. Cal may be improved over the past few years, but they aren't that improved. USC struggles on offense but the D is good enough. <i>USC wins 24-10.</i>	USC right now looks like a favorite to win the national championship. They have annihilated their opponents to this point, and are coming off a thirty point thrashing of Hawaii. California won a close one against Illinois last week, nearly squandering the game in the fourth quarter. While Cal has shown that last year's success was no fluke, USC is simply too much for the Bears. <i>Trojans 38-17.</i>	Cal is one team that can hang with almost any team in the country; USC is not one of those teams. The Trojans shellacked the overrated Auburn Tigers and are riding on the coat tails of QB Matt Leinart who has the tools to take down Cal, who's only thumping came to Kansas State in the season opener. Cal couldn't beat a sub-par Utah team, and they'll fall again this week, and they won't keep it close. USC controls both sides of the ball, and hands it to Cal. <i>USC 41-17.</i>
TEXAS A&M (EV) VS. PITTSBURGH	I don't care where this game is being played, the Panthers are crazy mad after getting surprised by Toledo last week. Texas A&M is going to have to deal with some pride issues after sticking close to Va. Tech only to have them pull away in the end. Pitt's offense comes to life in this one — finally. Mr. Fitzgerald, welcome to the endzone. You have a daylong reservation. Pitt pulls away late. <i>Pitt 35-17.</i>	Texas A&M has been pretty tough in the first half of all of their games. The second half has been a different story. Pittsburgh had a forth quarter meltdown themselves last week against Toledo and haven't been as explosive on offense as a lot of people predicted. I look for this one to go down to the wire. Still, I think the Panthers will pull this one out late, as Texas A&M just doesn't have the same big game experience. Expect a smash mouth contest here. <i>Panthers 28-27.</i>	Losing to a MAC school is no longer an embarrassment, just ask the Pitt Panthers. This week they get their revenge on the road against a Texas A&M school that may struggle with Baylor. Pitt will look to put out the flames left from last week's fourth quarter meltdown and sophomore Larry Fitzgerald should have a career day. With their run-and-gun style, Pitt will expose the young Aggie secondary and win an all-important road game. <i>Pitt 37-24.</i>
ALABAMA (EV) VS. ARKANSAS	Game of the week? More like game of the WEAK. Alabama is awful. They'd be better off heading for strip clubs with their former coaches, at least they might have a chance of scoring there. Arkansas was for real last year, and this year they're even tougher. I'm not knocking Northern Illinois or anything, but if they can beat Bama, the Razorbacks could put Scotty Thurmond back at quarterback and win this one. Arkansas wins a sleeper. <i>Arkansas 32-21.</i>	The Razorbacks are on a roll, and this week they head into Alabama to play the Crimson Tide. Arkansas is coming off an upset of Texas, while Alabama got whacked against Northern Illinois. I look for Alabama to continue its skid into oblivion under perhaps the most overrated coach in all of college football, Mike Shula. <i>Razorbacks all the way, 35-20.</i>	In what should be the game of the week, the Crimson Tide host an undefeated Arkansas team that smacked the Longhorns two weeks ago. This week, their streak comes to an end as Alabama is coming off of a tough loss against N. Illinois and the home field advantage will come into play in a big way. Alabama running back Shaud Williams will expose the Arkansas defense, which hasn't been tested yet. The Tide wins in a barn-burner. <i>Alabama 37-34.</i>
YSU VS. LIBERTY	I've got nothing to say. YSU 52-12. Come on guys, I've been pulling for you for weeks.	YSU should get back on the winning track this week as they travel to Liberty. Coming off of two tough losses, I look for the Penguins to score and score often against a weak Flames defense. <i>YSU 42-17.</i>	YSU travels to VA to play a very under-powered Liberty team that hasn't mustered up more than 7 points in any game this season. The Penguins handle the Flames and end their losing streak in a big way, demolishing the Flames. <i>47-10.</i>
GENERAL COMMENTS	Did you know that the "Commish" used to be in a band called Hellvis? Wow. That's really clever man. Hell plus Elvis. Wow. Go you. Maybe that's where his sideburns come from. Or maybe your Flowbee only has one setting: bad. "Nomad" thanks for helping me at Best Buy the other day. For real, I appreciate it. Of course, that doesn't mean that I'll change my mind about us, if you know what I mean. Those were some nice speakers you showed me that you were getting for your room. I'm sure they'll enunciate the word "ambiguous" very nicely.	The Nomad seems to be wearing a lot of shirts with Jesus on them. Prayers won't help him pick the right games. Jesus may be your homeboy but I'd be willing to bet he could care less about football. Fat Head only prays to the god of pepperoni, that he gets his pizza delivered in 30 minutes or less. I was the only one to pick Florida Atlantic to win last week and my record at 9-3 still is the best of the pack. While only .500 in my picks last week, I will be on the winning side of things again Saturday.	Fat Head actually believes that the Crimson Tide can't beat Arkansas at home. I think he's still mad at me for my car blocking his driveway, now he has nowhere to iron his pants before school. The Commish continues to lose prestige, especially after taking sides with our tiny friend Fat Head in the Alabama game. The Commish needs to spend more time doing research on his games, and less time making sure his sideburns are rock band friendly.

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