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Sound off:

Students speak of Middle East crisis

By: Adrienne Sabo & Renee Hardman
THE JAMBAR

This summer the conflict that has been brewing for years between Lebanon and Israel reached its boiling point. Among the thousands of rockets that lit up the skies in the Middle East, death tolls began to climb between both countries. Homes were destroyed, families were separated, and the memories are still fresh.

For some Youngstown State University students the conflict hits even closer to home.

Senior Ashley Basile watched the events unfold on her television set while her mother was visiting family in Lebanon.

"When she was there I constantly watched the news and read about it on the Internet. Now that I am back we still watch and are concerned for our family over there," Basile said.

"Israel destroyed a beautiful country and put its citizens in danger," she said.

Lebanese students are not the only ones being affected by the ongoing violence. Israeli students speak out and share their thoughts.

Student Mia Railing defends Israel claiming, "Israel is defending their territory."

Also supporting Israel, Jonathan Herman says, "If Hezbollah never kidnapped two Israeli soldiers this war would be unwritten. Israel...should be allowed to wield unmitigated military when confronted with such situations. Unfortunately, Israeli response will always be frowned upon, despite such actions being responsive, not proactive.

U.S.'s Role.

"The U.S. did a good job getting people out and I am saying this because my mom was a first-hand witness to how helpful and considerate the U.S. Marines were.

"We have many Middle Eastern friends attending this college with us. We can do nothing but support them in all they go through."

Jonathan Pappas, YSU Student



However, I think the U.S. should help Lebanese citizens more," Basile said.

Originally from Lebanon, Zaher Saleh, talks about the news in the U.S.

"When the unpleasant 9/11 happened in the States, it was a tragedy that everyone was talking about for a long time. That kind of sad incident always happens in the Middle East, but you only see 30 percent of the truth. That's the thing that the U.S. is doing wrong,

not showing its people the truth." Student Dan Angelis just returned from Greece and was surprised by the bold news that circulated there.

"For the Lebanon conflict, they [Greece] are strongly against Israel's attacks. Their news clips are full of suffering people in Lebanon, something we don't see too often over here." Angelis said he also heard several times that the news companies blame the U.S. for Israel's actions.

Student Dan Mir feels that "The U.S. is a rock in a hard place."

"America was only relegated to verbal pressure in pushing for a ceasefire...Verbal pressure arrived; cease-fire initiated," says Herman.

President of the Diversity Council, Joe Iesue, said, "Unfortunately, I think all sides would perceive any intervention by the United States in the wrong way, even here at home."

Effects from the Middle East. "War anywhere affects everyone," Mir said.

"It is difficult to say who is to blame when you cannot know about the conflict by what is happening today, but have to look to the past to see where this is all coming from," Iesue said of the past.

All the students agree by saying that the deaths of so many innocent people are what bother them.

"85 percent of the people killed were women and children who have nothing to do with any military," said Saleh.

Railing says, "I know several people in Israel that have gone to funerals. It's very hard for them, and for me."

"Both sides have blood upon their hands; innocent blood. This is not a fair or humane way to fight a war; I support the people,

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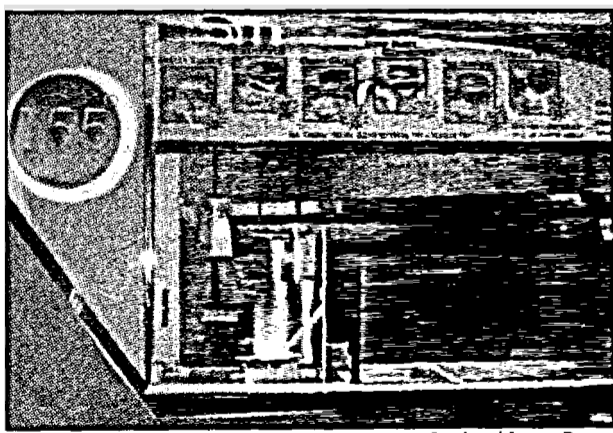
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NOODLES

Noodles is the only sit down style restaurant on campus and features Italian pasta dishes and an all you can eat pizza and salad bar. New for this year, Noodles is open for breakfast and has a buffet including made to order omelets, Belgian Waffles, breakfast sandwiches and continental menu items.
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PAYMENT: Cash and major credit cards only. YSU meal plan and Penguin Card not accepted.

Food court debuts on campus

By: Cheryl Thompson
FEATURES REPORTER

The new dining areas on campus have debuted along with the returning players. So, what do students have to say about their new eating options?

Sophomore Christy Leonard, junior Nicole Caravella and sophomore Ramon Ramos gather for a mid-afternoon meal in dining area of KC Court munching on Italian subs from Sub Connection and a "twister," a chicken tender wrap, from KFC Express.

Since Leonard, Caravella and Ramos live on campus they said they plan to eat lunch many in Kilcawley center, but agreed the most common fare would be sandwiches.

"If you're going to eat lunch in Kilcawley center, it seems you always end up getting sandwiches," Leonard said, lamenting the loss of Soba and Mesa Jake's.

Senior Michelle Creighton disagrees. She said Youngstown State University offers students a variety of foods.

"Every place has something different to offer students," Creighton said. "Peaberry's, for example, has really good coffee and biscotti," she said.

While all of the locations were buzzing with hungry students, brand recognition plays an important role. Sheniqua Brown, a cashier at KC Court said, the KFC Express is popular.

"It's been extremely busy. Everyone wants KFC," Brown

said. Sophomore Clarence Hawkins said he is pleased with the KFC Express. "[The KFC Express] is a first at YSU, but the price[s] could be lower," Hawkins said.

Along with new and remodeled eateries come later hours for some establishments. Last year, all the eateries in Kilcawley center, aside from Arby's and Peaberry's, closed at 2 p.m. leaving students to turn to Arby's and Peaberry's, which stay open till 8 p.m., to get their post 2 p.m. munchies.

Coleen MacDonald, associate manager at Arby's, said she doesn't see the new competition as a threat.

"Even with the longer hours, we were still slammed with people from 6:30 to 8 p.m.," MacDonald said.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

New instructor hopes to multiply math love

By: Ashley Tate
GENERAL ASSIGNMENT
REPORTER

New students are not the only unfamiliar faces you'll see roaming around the Youngstown State University campus looking for their classes. YSU hired 40 new faculty members this year.

Even though this is his first semester here, Frank Ingram III, who taught mathematics and statistics for six years, hopes to reach out to his students as he was reached out to many years ago.

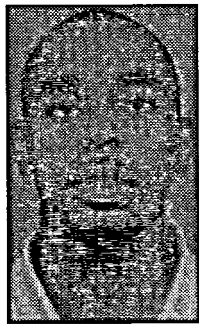
"I hope to pass my love for math along to my students, and hope that they can do the same."

Ingram, who is African American, received his Ph.D. in mathematics and statistics from Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., where he taught as a graduate student before coming to YSU.

John Buoni, acting chairperson of the mathematics department, had only good things to say about Ingram.

"Ingram is a tremendous individual. I've known his Ph.D. adviser for many years. We were long time friends. His adviser only sends quality students to us.

"We've sent four of our students down to North Carolina University, which is known as our 'campus in



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Frank Ingram, III

the south," said Buoni.

Buoni said that the department now has two outstanding algebraists. Ingram sort of works in the same area as the other professor, so the department did a good job of identifying someone in that field, so they can support each other.

Ingram went to a math conference in San Antonio, Texas in January and said that the professors from YSU made him feel like the department was growing and he wanted to be a part of what they were doing.

"I think YSU went well above and beyond the call of duty to reach out to me as a minority.

"I hope YSU helps me develop as a teacher and as a person. I try to teach things in a way where everyone can understand, in a simplistic approach. If one idea doesn't work, then I'll try another," said Ingram.

Ingram said while he was growing up he was around a lot of people that were different from him

racially and culturally.

"If I didn't communicate with people that were different from me then I wouldn't be where I am today. When I look at a student, I see the bright eyes of that student, not their race or cultural background," said Ingram.

Provost Nathan Ritchey, professor and chair of the mathematics and statistics department, said Ingram's credentials were outstanding and.

"Frank has a lot of talent and brings a lot to the table. All the qualities he brings to the department are outstanding and the fact that he was African American was icing on the cake. But I would've hired him regardless of his race because of his academic credentials."

Paddy Taylor is the other mathematics and statistics professor recently hired. Taylor and Ingram are good friends and were hired at the same time at the conference.

"We offered them a job and here they are today," said Ritchey. "They even go fishing together."

"We were excited about Ingram's credentials. We were looking for someone who the students would like, someone that was cool, friendly, and nice," said Ritchey.

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not the actions," Issue agreed. "It should have been between Israel and Hezbollah, but I feel that because Hezbollah resides in southern Lebanon, citizens were dragged into this," Basile said.

Peace and Support. Saleh said that "95 percent of the Middle East wants peace." Upon receiving word of the cease-fire, he is "so glad that everything is all right now in Lebanon. Hopefully we can all live without any war in this world."

YSU student Jonathan Pappas agrees. "We have many Middle Eastern friends attending this college with us. We can do nothing but support them in all they go through. Let's not keep from being their friends because of something going on back home."

"I have friends who not only support

opposite sides, but are from or who are still over there right now," Issue says. "I support the people on both sides, for these are the innocent people who suffer for one country's aggression or terrorist domination and tactics; I hope for a time of peace, like anyone else."

Basile sees the conflicts in the Middle East as an ongoing issue.

"I think this battle between Israel and Hezbollah is over, but it is just one battle in a war that won't end soon," she said.

"We live not in a utopian world and, unfortunately, peace will remain elusive in the region, Herman says, "Then again, I would hope to think everyone realized this entire situation could have been rendered moot were it not for Hezbollah provocation."

News In Brief

Somethin' 2 Do on Campus

Tuesday, September 5th, there will be a hip-hop showcase. The showcase starts at 7:00p.m. in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center. The All Campus Programming Board and Student Diversity are sponsoring the showcase. For more information contact 2fly at (330) 507-5175 or Dtown at (330) 559-7709.

YSU schedules Fall Preview for Sept. 9

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions at Youngstown State University will host the Fall YSU Preview for prospective college students and their guests 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

Special guest speaker will be YSU graduate Joe Gregory, general manager of the Youngstown SteelHounds, Youngstown's minor league hockey team.

The YSU Bookstore will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Campus tours will be given from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will include a visit to the Kilcawley House residence hall.

There will also be a limited number of free tickets for the YSU vs. University of Maine football game at 4 p.m. at Stambaugh Stadium. At 3 p.m. there will be a tailgate party for Preview attendees on the terrace of the Sweeney Welcome Center.

To make reservations or request additional information, call 330-941-2000 or 877-GO-TO-YSU. Reservations may also be made on YSU's website at www.yzu.edu.

'Factories of Death' exhibit

opens at Jewish center

An exhibition depicting the history of labor in Poland in the 20th Century, will be on display Sept. 10th until the 30th at the Jewish Community Center, 505 Gypsy Lane in Youngstown.

At 7 p.m. Sept. 19, Dr. Natalia Aleksiu of Touro University in New York will be speaking on Polish Jewish history between the two World Wars at the Jewish Community Center.

The exhibition, reception and speech are free and open to the public.

Battle of the Bands

A battle of the Bands will be held Oct. 7. Applications to compete are available at the Student Government Association office on the second floor of Kilcawley Center near the YSU Bookstore. In order to be eligible for competition, bands must have at least two current students as active members of the band. The grand prize is \$1,500 at the Guitar Center.

Police Briefs

Trespass

On Aug. 24 an Youngstown State University police officer observed a subject on a bicycle tapping on/looking in a ground floor apartment window on the east side of the University Courtyard Apartments building, according to the police report. Two officers stopped the subject and he stated that his girlfriend lives in the apartment and he came to visit her, but could not reach her by telephone. The subject was issued a written trespass warning, advised of the appropriate policies and procedures, and was released without incident, according to a police report.

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Damage

A Youngstown State University police officer on routine mobile patrol on Aug. 25 discovered that an inbound card reader and post had been damaged in the R-4 parking lot, according to the police report. The damage was new and the officer was checking the video from the camera. The officer found glass frames near the downed card reader post, but it is unknown if the glass frames are related to this incident, according to a police report.

Sports Briefs

Women's assistant basketball coach resigns

Stacy Krueger, who recently completed her second season as Youngstown State University's assistant women's basketball coach, resigned effective immediately. Krueger will now pursue her law degree from the University of Toledo. The former director of basketball operations at Northern Illinois University worked closely with developing the Penguins perimeter game. She also had a hand in recruiting, scouting and also served as the film coordinator and youth camp director. A search will begin immediately to fill the empty post.

YSU announces women's basketball schedule

The 2006-2007 Youngstown State University women's basketball schedule was released earlier this month. Highlights of the Lady Penguins season include an opening night match-up against the Cincinnati Bearcats Nov. 10, and a late January date with Cleveland State University. YSU's season ended in frustration last year after posting a disappointing 8-20 record; however, after adding two new transfers this off-season the teams hopes are high for the upcoming year.

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OUR SIDE

YSU students worth more than they think

Youngstown State University President David Sweet met with the Jambar editorial staff last week to discuss his vision of the University. He walked into the office with a smile and left with a smile.

Not surprisingly, the main issues we discussed were enrollment, tuition and all the good things YSU has to offer. For the 30-minute meeting, President Sweet kept on talking, while we kept on listening.

The best thing about the meeting was the promise of more to come. Sweet said he was willing to speak with a Jambar staff member every week to answer any questions we may have. This is an opportunity for students and to establish a connection with our president.

Not everybody has had the best experiences here at YSU. We have all had our share of problems with tuition, classes, parking, friends and so on. Let bygones be bygones, now its time to really get our money's worth. Whining won't get anyone anywhere, but a carefully placed criticism can speak volumes about student sentiment toward a great number of University issues.

YSU has to be doing something right because more students are enrolled. Enrollment is up 2.82% percent, 357 more students from last year.

Federal money has been granted to the University for a cyber technology program to expand our science department. Tim Ryan and other local political leaders are see that YSU has potential. It is just plain simple, YSU students are worth it.

Students need to stop telling themselves and others, "You Screwed Up." If anyone ever again puts you or your friends down like that, they need to hear this, "You Shut Up." Some students are here on full scholarships, others have partial scholarships, most students have financial assistance in some way or another, all students work hard.

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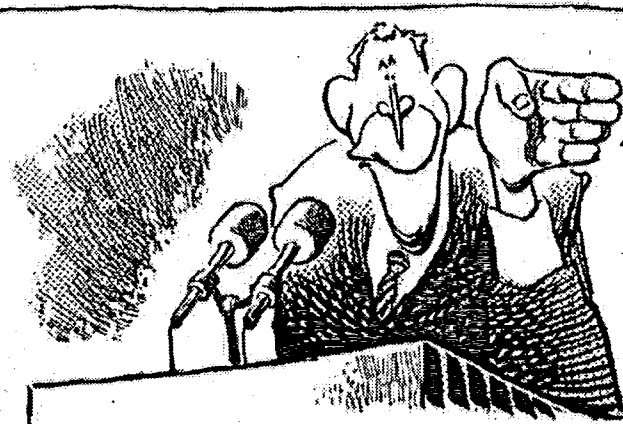
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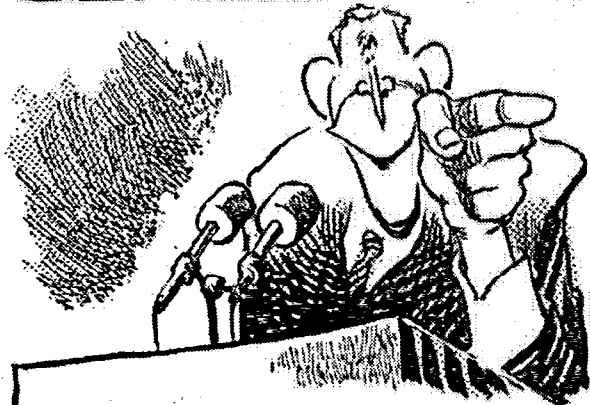
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BUT WHY, WHEN HE TELLS US THIS, DOES HE HAVE TO DO IT...



...WITH THAT STRANGE, WITLESS GRIN ON HIS FACE?

Cartoon courtesy of MCT Campus

COMMENTARY

Foam, fun and fungus

By: Emery Boyle-Scott
Cristina Cala
THE JAMBAR

Foam and Dance Party 2006; loud music, basketball, tables of free stuff, water gun fights, water balloon fights, a dunk tank and foam. Large, copious amounts of foam. Warm, wet foam. You could wet your ankles in the foam, you could fully submerge yourself, or anywhere in between.

Cautiously, we attended the foam party. It seemed more than a little dangerous to us as strange old faces attempted to dump foam over our heads. Even if the two of us didn't have moisture-sensitive cameras, we would have been worried.

Sure, YSU may seem like a "safe" environment for a foam party. With the iron

arms of campus police, and brawny frat boys, we certainly did have a rescue squad available if a trampling was imminent. A foam party sounds soft and fluffy, and safer, than tiny bars packed full of people, shoulder to shoulder, drenched clothes clinging too close.

But while we were safe from stampedes, we may not have been safe from the worst fear of many college students: Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Ever since Sex Ed class, we thought we knew how to get STDs and how to prevent them. But what if we are wrong? What if there is another way?

Think about it. STDs multiply in warm, wet places. Therefore, a foam party simply must offer a large breeding ground to any number of viral offenders.

Up to the neck in foam we were basical-

ly bathing in a cesspool of emotionless commitment, just like sex in college!

After swimming in hot billows of foam, we were, frankly, quite worried. We hopped from the foamy Pool of Doom and washed off in the ongoing water balloon fight. Nothing kills the delicate viral breeding ground like an astringent bath of cold water. Like our peers, we escaped the scary, foam-featured face of certain affliction.

So for those of you who thought a foam party was group masturbation into a communal cup, you were wrong, but close. Despite the apparent danger of foam, we escaped - this time. At press time, no reports were filed, but it may take three to six months for full repercussions to crop up.

Mocking cultural stereotypes

By: Eric Mink
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

I hesitate to wring too much sociological meaning out of "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby." I hesitate - and now I plow ahead.

The movie, which stars Will Ferrell as Ricky Bobby, a not-very-bright, obnoxious but somehow still likeable race car driver, is by far the most popular movie in America. A shallow, juvenile, cliché-ridden, potty-mouthed spoof set in the world of big-time, big-money stock car racing, it has earned around \$100 million in box office receipts in just 12 days. It was made with the approval of and in collaboration with NASCAR, the phenomenally successful National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, and includes the participation of many of its multi-million-dollar corporate sponsors.

The movie also is immensely enjoyable, accepting its modest aspirations: getting people to laugh at oafish stereotypes in comic scenes stitched between high-energy racing sequences. I've seen it twice, and I laughed through it both times along with everyone else in the theater.

But I think there also is a case to be made - and, yes, over-analyzing comedy is fraught with risk - that there's something else going on in this unapologetically mainstream, over-the-top farce; something sociological and political but not ideological.

It seems to me that an underlying assumption of "Talladega Nights" is both simple and, in a way, subversive. It's saying that Americans really are not so polarized and angry at each other as the shills and myth-makers of the extreme right and left would have us believe. If we were, we'd have to be appalled by the wild comic exaggerations the movie constructs around religion, family values, drugs, and sexual conduct and orientation "hot-button" issues that supposedly have us at each other's throats. Instead, millions of us are getting together and laughing at them:

Responsible parenting? Ricky Bobby and his wife, Carley (Leslie Bibb), encourage and approve of the shockingly profane, undisciplined behavior of their young sons, Walker and Texas Ranger (TR for short). In one scene, as the boys verbally abuse Carley's aging father, TR explains "I'm all jacked up on

Mountain Dew!"

Holy matrimony? Carley "my red-hot smokin' wife," Ricky calls her a sexually charged gold-digger who deserts her husband at the first sign of financial trouble. Within hours, she has taken up with Ricky's best friend and fellow driver, Cal (John C. Reilly), and drives a wedge between them.

Illegal drugs? The film is littered with casual references to cocaine (in both powder and crack forms), marijuana and alcohol. Ricky's irresponsible and mostly absent father, Reese Bobby (Gary Cole), uses drugs, sells drugs and shares drug stories with kids. Although hardly admirable, Reese is undeniably appealing.

Religion? In a hallucinatory panic after a crash, Bobby runs around the race track in his underpants screaming "Help me Jesus! Help me Jewish god! Help me Allah! Help me Tom Cruise!" Arguably the movie's funniest scene is set around the family dinner table with Ricky saying grace. He dedicates it to the "Dear Lord baby Jesus" and the "tiny infant Jesus," then explains at length why he prefers "the Christmas Jesus" to the bearded Jesus, teenage Jesus or grown-up Jesus. Cal

says he pictures Jesus on stage as a member of Lynyrd Skynyrd and sees himself in the crowd "totally hammered." Ricky notes that a sponsorship deal requires him to mention POWERade, the official sports beverage of NASCAR, in every grace. An exasperated Carley finally screams, "Ricky! Finish the damn grace!"

Homosexuality? Here, "Talladega Nights" defies what you might well expect from a film set in the Southern-based, macho culture of stock car racing: There are no swishy gags, no effeminate portrayals, no "fag" jokes.

The gay character Jean Girard (Sacha Baron Cohen) is a champion driver from France who comes to the United States specifically to challenge Ricky Bobby's dominance of the NASCAR circuit. He's funny, but not because he's gay. He's funny because Cohen's fake French accent is bad to the point of incomprehensibility. He's funny because he spouts ludicrous non-sequiturs, like saying he and his husband want what all couples want: to retire to Stockholm and invent a currency for dogs and cats.

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No more stickers

By: Adrienne Sabo
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Parking Pass. Check.
Class schedule. Check.
Bill. Check.
Validation sticker-er????????????
Youngstown State University students are missing something this semester, the validation stickers clinging to the back of their student I.D.'s.

The plan to discontinue the stickers, implemented in the summer, went unnoticed by most, due to lower summer attendance.

YSU student Devin Artz received a rude awakening at Buffalo Wild Wings when he tried to get the 20 cent discount on wings. Artz's server asked for his I.D., checked the back and told him he wasn't a student anymore, and couldn't get the discount. "I was very upset," Artz said.

William Countryman, executive director of enrollment services said that the

validation stickers were falsifying, not identifying, some students on campus. A student could withdraw from school and still be able to access YSU facilities because their validation sticker said they were a student, he said.

"We are being more just to the other students paying fees," Countryman said.

Jeanne Herman, associate registrar said she is surprised that more people are not aware of the change. She said that the payment policy has changed drastically and students can come to class without paying their bill in full. Students could falsify their identity with the stickers and the new format will benefit students.

According to both Countryman and Herman students were notified through e-mail and by posted announcements on the MyYsu Web site.

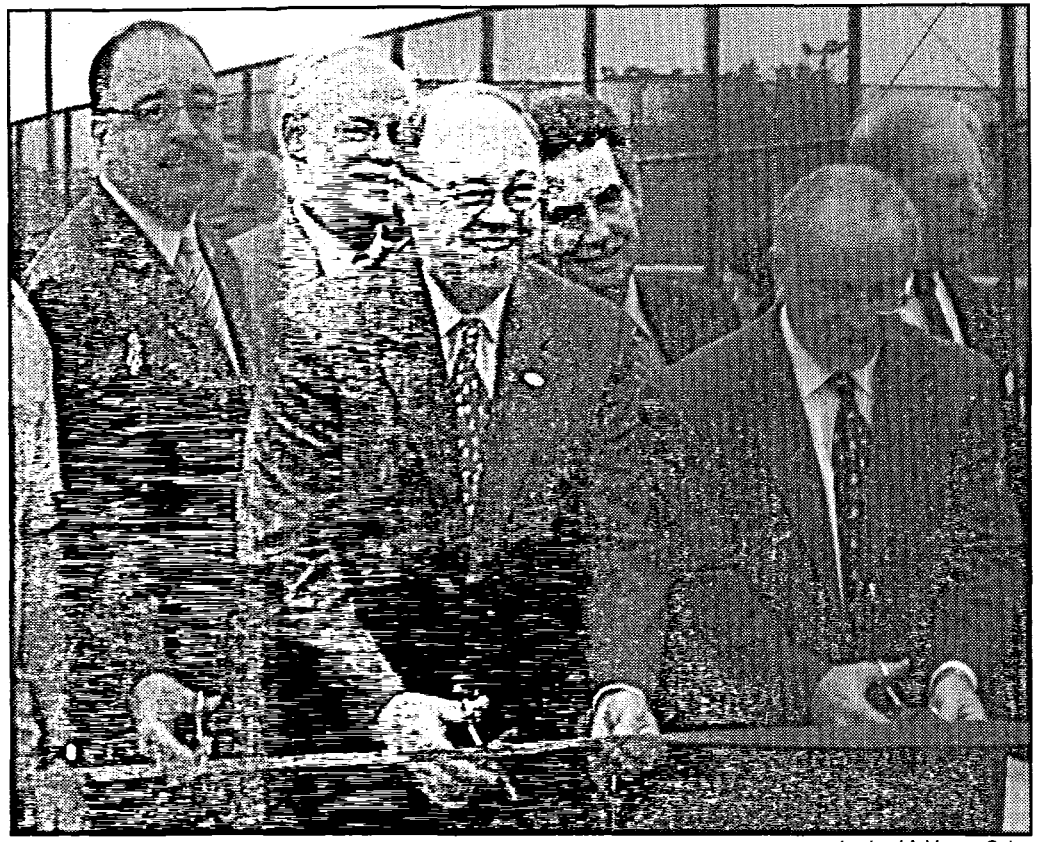
Countryman said that it is up to the departments if

they purchase a scanner or chose to go a different route.

When students purchase tickets for a game the ticket office applies a sticker to the back of the I.D. for proof of purchase. Mike Shepherd, coordinator of ticket sales, said they do not check for validation because it was an issue that his department brought up to the university before the plan was implemented and was never resolved.

The Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center will process the student I.D. number to check for validation before entrance.

Countryman said he is looking into ways to improve the student I.D. even more, by combining all of the student cards into one fully functional card that will access whatever services the student registers for, including meal plan, validation and parking.



Jambar/ Adrienne Sabo

Jason Whitehead, chief of staff for the Mayor, Dr. David Sweet, John Getchey, director of Eastgate Regional Council of Governments and Mohamed Darwish, district deputy director cut the ribbon on the U.S. Route 422/E:m Street Bridge during a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday.

Canfield fair starts today

Its that time of year again. Schools back in session and only one more event left to signify the end of summer, the 2006 Canfield Fair.

For some it's a tradition, every year they make the time to go out to the fair. Youngstown State University student Amber Gallagher said she tries to make it every year, but sometimes school and work get in the way. Like most there a certain events and places she has to go to during the fair. Gallagher said, "I like to go to the Grandstand events and I have to get a hot apple dumpling and corn dog."

YSU student Melissa Rosendary plans on going for the first time this year. She said, "I am excited to go this year, but what do you do there?"

George Roman, director of grandstand and advertising for the Canfield Fair can offer some help for those having a hard time seeing any reason to go.

Roman said, "The best way to see the fair is to start on the outside and work your way in. This way you'll see the whole fair."

Starting its 160th year, the Canfield Fair has over 750 food and commercial vendors, free attractions, concerts, a demolition derby, bike night and many other events. Roman said the fair is geared toward family and tradition. He said, "We have some people who come 20,30,40 years in a row and never miss a year. Some people even take their vacation at the fair in the campground."

The Rock
For years the rock has served as a meeting place for fair goers, but how and why is

it there. Roman said the rock was a gift from the local steel mills, but it was never intended to be used like it is today.

The fair which averages about 350,000 fair goers a year is the largest county fair in Ohio. This year's fair will feature a concert with Montgomery Gentry and Blake Shelton on Sunday night and Foreigner with Peter Frampton on Monday.

YSU has two tents at this year's fair, one in the technology building displaying student work and another larger tent to promote YSU.

The fair runs from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday with a \$7 admission.



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YSU students dance in the foam at the foam dance party held on Monday.

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A note to say "Good Bye" to all of my students from Dr. Turner

I have resigned my position at YSU to take on new responsibilities with a university overseas. I didn't have the chance to say farewell in person, so this will have to suffice.

Before I enter this new phase of my career, offering greater challenges, rewards, and excitement than I ever imagined possible, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your lives. Although our time together was brief, it was such a pleasure and I will miss each one of you.

Wishing you great success in your future and regular "Yeah You's" from your family and friends!

Fondly,
Dr. T

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CULTURE

English accents: the key to American hearts

By: Cristina Cala
COPY EDITOR

When I heard there was an Englishman somewhere on this very campus, I knew I had to find him, quite frankly because I knew he'd have a cute English accent. I stalked out Robert Gurney, a physics student just outside of London, England who came to Youngstown State University to research physics for one year. I invited him to my apartment to hang out with some American friends and to further my research on the obsession and sentiment American girls have with foreigners, and the misconceptions between Americans and the English.

The Accent's Appeal

For the past several days after meeting Gurney, my friends and I have been speaking in English accents. Gurney seems unimpressed, but is too polite to say so.

"Your accents are very '60s. It's very annunciated, very outdated. They way people speak has changed, I imagine," he says instead.

Senior Angela Medaugh, one of the slew of Gurney's fan club at our English-American sit-in, offers an example.

"Like the word 'groovy.'"

"That's a good word," Gurney says after some consideration.

"In America you wouldn't say it, but in England it's cool," Medaugh surmises.

"No. I just like it. I'm going to

use it now," Gurney decides.

Gurney's appeal is all in his English charm, including the swoon-worthy accent by American standards and the fact that he is subserviently sweet even when bombarded with a roomful of easily flattered, overly excited American girls.

"American girls love British and Australian accents," freshman Roberta Beekman explains.

"At least once a month, women speak with a British accent," Ohio University freshman Crea Hlebak adds, resourcefully.

Sophomore Jared Ruiz, the only American male in the room, asked Gurney, "Do British girls imitate American accents the way American women are always trying to imitate British accents?"

"No," he replies simply, as he notices Medaugh in the kitchen choosing from an assortment of teas and exclaims, "Have the English tea! Have the English one!"

I ask Gurney what he's been eating since he arrived two weeks ago in our fast-food country, especially since he's a vegetarian.

"I've been eating loads of things. I do like the pancakes. They're quite good," he tells me.

I hold up a box of generic pancake mix we have in our pantry, and he informs me, "Aunt Bessie's are better," deliciously pronouncing "aunt" as "ahnt" with perfect English inflection.

"I think you mean Aunt Jemima," Beekman corrects him, almost guiltily.

"You'd love an English dinner. A cut of beef, Yorkshire pudding, peas, carrots, perhaps Brussels sprouts and roast potatoes," Gurney tells us.

Scoffing at Stereotypes

I notice the Family Guy episode humming as backdrop to our excursion. The episode portrays stereotypical misconceptions Americans have of the English. A cartoon Englishman with giant, square features and, as the English say, skew-whiff teeth fills the blue screen saying, "I'm afraid we're going to have to use our superior linguistic skills to con-

vince you."

"I don't really know where that misconception comes from," Gurney says, displaying straight, white teeth.

"I do," Beekman stated. "Prince Charles."

"And the ears, too?" Gurney supposes. Gurney dispels another misconception.

"You guys should say 'English,' not 'British.' People from other parts of the United Kingdom don't like being associated with England, like Wales and Scotland."

By now my interview has become a group effort, but Gurney is welcoming questions from everyone.

"So Gurney, did they tell you how they know about you?" junior Liana Daubner asks with a sly smile.

"I work in Human Resources and I saw you come in one day. I heard your accent and that you were living in the Courtyards, so I told everyone 'He's foreign, we gotta get him!'" Daubner exclaims.

"Wow. That's creepy," Gurney says, forgetting his polite English etiquette and embracing brutal American honesty for the first time since meeting him.

"I don't want you to be freaked out, I'm sorry," Daubner adds sympathetically.

"It's alright, it's more funny to say it's creepy," he says consolingly to reveal that he was actually joking.

Mission in America

All joking aside, Gurney reveals his mission in America.

"That's what I want more than anything. To experience America - without British preconceptions. Make loads of friends. The point is I can't really say I know America. I want to embrace the American culture completely."

"And play basketball," he adds, wistfully. "I've never played."

I tell him he'd be terrible and bet him I'd be better at basketball despite my lacking athletic dexterity.

"You couldn't! I'm a boy. I've got to be better," he defends himself. "No, actually, I probably would be terrible," he admits.

It's getting late and Gurney has an early wake up for work in the physics lab in the morning. As he's leaving, he once more oozes his English charm.

"Thank you for the interview," he tells me with true chivalry.

"Oh! And for the peanuts! They were delightful."

Robert's stats

Name: Robert Gurney

Age: 20

Hometown: London, England

Favorite beer: The Young's Bitter

Favorite pubs: The Dog and Bull, The Three Lions, The Red Dragon

English or American girls: English girls (Sorry ladies.)

What he likes about America: My favorite is how friendly everyone's been.

On American TV: South Park and Family Guy are clever and funny.

Biggest bummer: American drinking age

What he misses: I miss curry. (He says "I miss" in a way that's adorably sentimental and one of his female fans runs from the kitchen with a curry spice jar, slamming it on the table in grand presentation to Robert.)

Plans after college: Traveling to Australia and China, becoming a physicist

On misconceptions: You guys should say "English," not "British." People from other parts of the United Kingdom don't like being associated with England, like Wales and Scotland.

English to English translation

Bog - noun - toilet

Wanker - noun - 1. a chronic masturbator; an idiot 2. contemptible person.

Minger - noun - an ugly girl, physically undesirable or dirty. Perhaps even smelly.

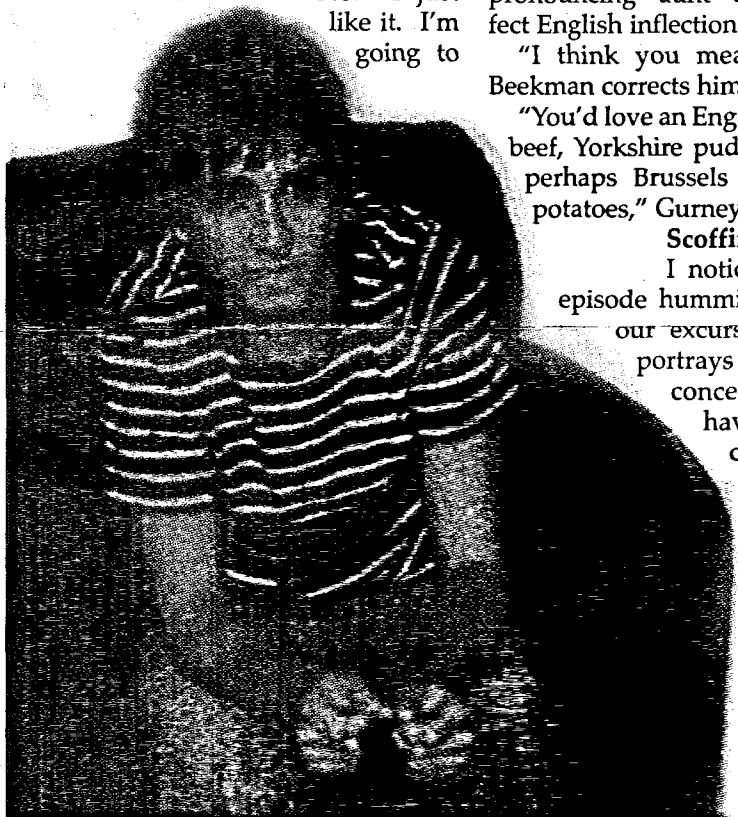
Pub - noun - a public house, bar

Tube/Underground - noun - the subway (not the one with sandwiches)

Flat - noun - apartment

All mouth and no trousers - phrase - boastful without reason. I.e. "Don't pay any attention to him, he's all mouth, and no trousers."

Cuppa - Noun - A cup of tea or lately also referring to coffee. The term is a contraction of *cup of*. {Informal}



STUDENT LIFE

How to handle your ex on campus

By: Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

Till post-grad do you part. Hopefully. Except sometimes that's not the way it goes. Sometimes it is so not the way it goes, that your ex can come up to your dorm room door at 2:18 a.m., slam on the door and drunkenly demand that you are not indeed broken up, when you, your friends, and that tub of Ben & Jerry's you had earlier says much differently.

So what now? While it's tempting to hide in your room forever, or hit the nearest frat party to prove just how over him you are, don't. And while calling up your Uncle Vinny from a shady part of New York sounds fun, it's wiser to save that hit for if you truly need it.

So what are you to do? Junior Ariel Benes said, "The way to get over someone is a total lack of communication. It's a really good way to stay away from that irritating on again/off again thing. Cut yourself off." Benes is an advocate of no texting, no calling, no e-mailing and, absolutely no get-together dinners.

Besides, she says, "If it gets out of hand, and all you end up doing is fighting, it just turns into cruel, mean sex."

A lot of people have a hard time doing that.

Psychology professor Molly Burdette has an idea as to why. "It's called positive reminiscence. People feel a need to rationalize their relationship, and feel better about their own choices. They say, 'Look at all the

good times... it wasn't so bad. I wasn't so stupid.'"

Burdette feels people in recently broken-off relationships go back to what's familiar. After all, the familiar, even if it's bad, is more comfortable than the unknown, which is scary. And advises that if the breakup was messy, or the relationship abusive, to have friends scout areas. Eating with a group of people, or have someone waiting for you after class can also be comforting.

Burdette said, "It's always positive to make opposite-gender friends. It helps you figure out that not all of that sex cheats or is abusive, or whatever caused the breakup. There are good men and women out there."

Campus Security services are always available as well. They monitor the campus, making sure nothing is going on that shouldn't be. Alan Dooley, a student security officer, said, "if anyone is uncomfortable on campus, all they have to do is call, and we'll come. No questions asked. We just need your name, where you're at, and where you're going."

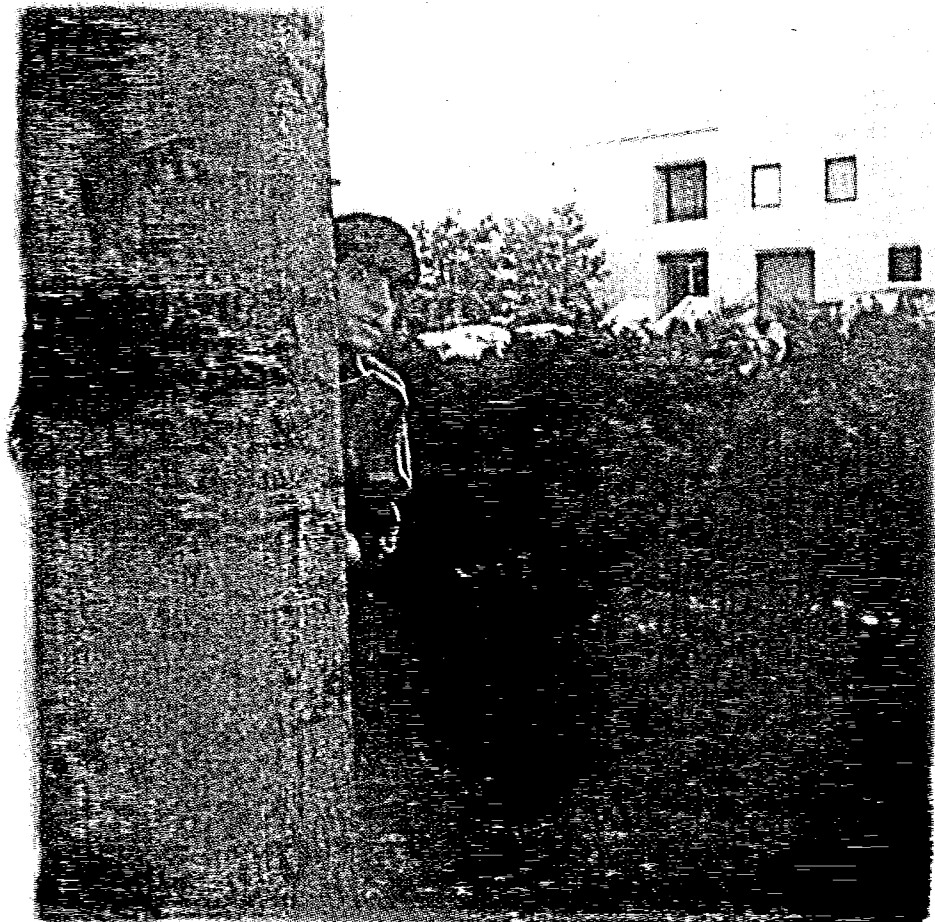
Not all breakups are as nerve-racking as all that, however, as sophomore Brett Braden disclosed. "I honestly just try to treat her the same as always. I want to be the best friend to her I can be. We ended on good terms, so it's okay to say hi, and ask how she is." Braden feels handling the situation with civility is the only constant. "I know there are a lot of reasons why people split up... But regardless, you should always try at least to be civil."

Senior Tom Kusowski feels sort of the

same. "If we're forced to have a conversation, I'll be polite, and ask how she is, how's her family... That kind of thing, but I'm sure it's apparent that I'm truthfully less than interested in what she has to say... by the time our little meeting is over, she knows I'm not

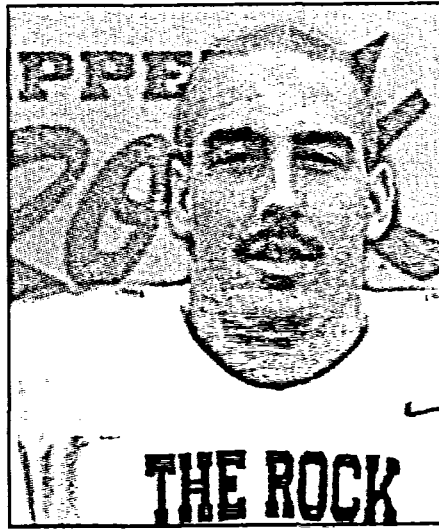
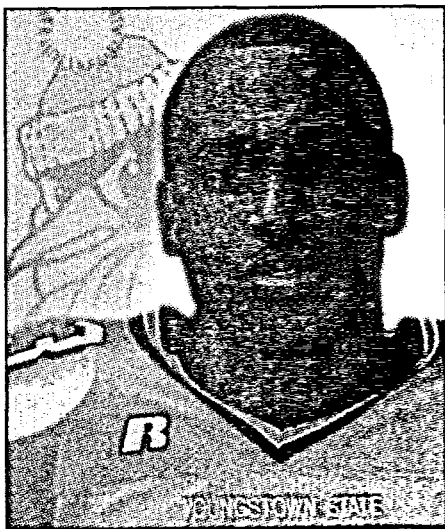
excited by her presence, but at least I made the effort to be social."

Sometimes, however, it's the quiet moments with your ex that mean the most. Senior Edwina Baier just laughs over a cup of coffee, grins wickedly and says, "I never avoid an ex. I like awkward silences."



- ▶ 9/1 Volleyball @ Canisius 7:00pm
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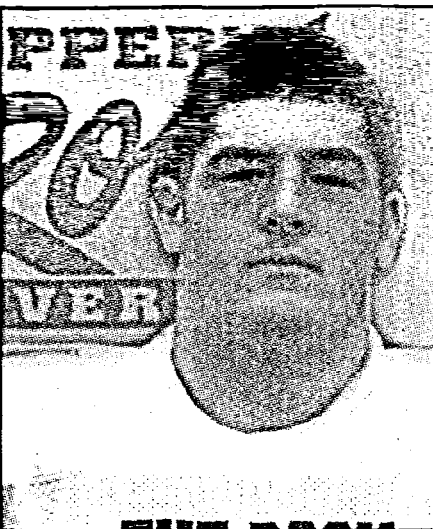
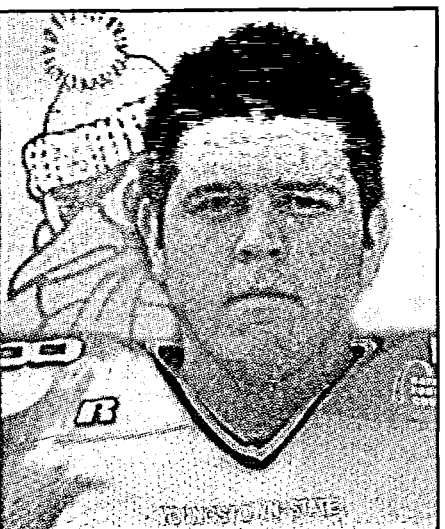
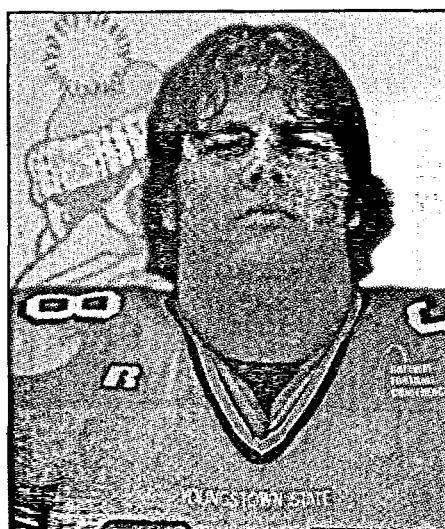
YSU FOOTBALL



Codera Jackson #3 vs. Colin Golden #5

Jackson is Youngstown State University's best cover corner, and although he may not match up against Golden on every down, the two players' skills should make for an epic battle. Their height and weight differential – Jackson at 5 feet 10 inches and 180 pounds and Golden at 6 feet 1 inch and 220 pounds – may give the diminutive corner some trouble. Known for making big interceptions, Jackson will have to work hard to keep The Rock's passing game in check. His work may be easier if the defensive line can stifle The Rock's ground game.

Key match-ups 2 watch

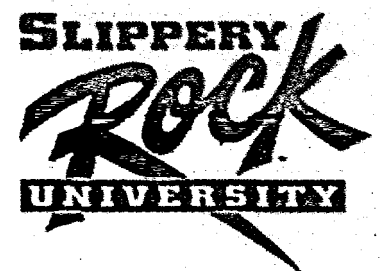


Pat Walker #68 & Tyler Booth #78 vs. Corey Lacek #51

These line battles will be the marquee match-ups of the season opener. Unsure of which side this rush end will line up on, Walker and Booth must both be ready to make Lacek, who ranked fourth in the nation in sacks last season with 12, a non-factor in the game. Lacek is adept at getting penetration to rush the quarterback and stop the ball carrier behind the line. Although slightly undersized at 240 pounds, this defensive end is a force on the line who, left unblocked, could make things very difficult for the Penguins.



VS.



At a glance...

The Penguins

Ranking: Second in the Gateway Conference
2005 Record: 8-3
Returning letter winners: 38
Returning starters: 17
Offensive set: Multiple
Defensive set: 4-3
Preseason All-Americans: 2
 (4 more received honorable mention)

THE ROCK

Ranking: Third in the PSAC-West
2005 Record: 5-5
Returning letter winners: 37
Returning starters: 22
Offensive set: One-back
Defensive set: 4-3
Preseason All-Americans: 2

YSU must gather no moss against Slippery Rock

By: Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

Now that spring and summer practices have come to a close, the Youngstown State University Penguins have all the pieces in place to begin their 2006 football season. Opening tonight at home against a much-improved Slippery Rock team, the Penguins said they are looking to start the season off with a win.

YSU will enter the year ranked third and seventh, respectively, in two national I-AA polls and second in the Gateway Conference.

Ranked equally high in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference – Western Division, Slippery Rock will begin the year seeded third, an improvement over their fifth place preseason spot last year.

This change notwithstanding, The Rock is still winless against the Penguins and has been outscored 384-122, dating back to the two teams' first meeting in 1991.

Although this game should play out like a walkthrough for

YSU, Head Coach Jon Heacock isn't looking past the season opener.

"We're not approaching this game any different than our other games. We're not going to prepare any differently for Slippery Rock than we are for Penn State or Northern Iowa," Heacock said.

Regardless of its lacking success against the Penguins, Slippery Rock is no pushover.

With experience accrued by 37 letter winners and 22 starters who are returning this year, and after a 44-14 debacle last year, they will look to put their knowledge to good use.

What the offense has to do
 One of the players YSU must account for is junior defensive end Cory Lacek.

Lacek earned first team All-PSAC-West honors last season after he accumulated 15 tackles for loss and 12 quarterback sacks, ranking fourth in the nation in this category.

The offensive line must play a solid game to limit Lacek's penetration, which will allow quarterback Tom Zetts time to throw the ball.

If the line can hold up, the Penguins should be able to better their passing totals from last season's game when two YSU quarterbacks combined were only able to manage 130 yards through the air.

From the pass to the run, YSU's slew of running backs will be put to work against a Slippery Rock defense that gave up 308 yards on the ground the last time these two teams met.

Looking beyond the defensive line, running back Monquante Gibson has his eye on The Rock's linebacker core.

"Their linebackers give us a lot of trouble because they usually stand up the first guy that comes through and it creates piles in the line that make it hard on the running back to run," Gibson said.

The major point of emphasis for offensive coordinator Brian Wright, however, is not to put up gaudy stats but to get an inexperienced group of wide receivers some much needed playing time.

After losing three seniors at the position this past spring, T.J. Peterson is the only returning Penguin to have caught a pass at

receiver last season.

What the defense has to do
 According to linebacker Tom Froelich, the defense will be successful in the season opener if they can form an identity as a group.

"In order for us to get a victory the whole defense will have to work together. There's going to be individual players that are going to stand out, but for those players to do that the rest of the defense is going to have to work and do their part," Froelich said.

Cornerbacks Codera Jackson and Jason Perry will have to be at their best against quarterback Nate Crookshanks, a three-year starter at the position, and his favorite target wide receiver Colin Golden.

Golden – who is expected to be one of The Rock's "go-to-guys" this season – has the ability to put up big numbers and should be a major concern for the Penguin secondary.

On the ground, the YSU defensive line will face a running game that produced over 1,200 yards and 15 touchdowns last season.

After the departure of All-PSAC-West performer Josh

Kniess, the feature running back role is up in the air.

The only thing that's for certain in the running game is that there will be a number of big bodies up front on the offensive line. Protected by a line that averages 6 feet 5 inches and 295 pounds, whoever is in at running back will be hard to find.

For YSU victory, defensive linemen Mychal Savage and Jim Phelan must work to keep the backs out of the end zone and put pressure on Crookshanks.

The Bottom Line
 Opening against a team like Slippery Rock could be a double-edged sword for the highly ranked Penguins. According to guard Jamel Lee, however, YSU won't lose their focus on the first game of the season.

"We all know that we can't overlook anyone and that we have to handle what's in front of us first. So we're going to focus in on Slippery Rock because they're the first task at hand and we'll move on from there."