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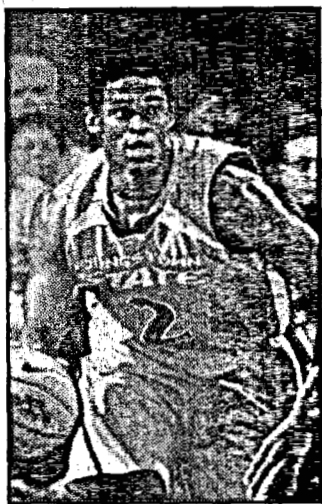
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Register to join the Rectacular Spectacular

The Department of Student Recreation is looking for student organization teams for the Rectacular Spectacular on November 13. Students who do not belong to an organization and would still like to participate can form their own teams to register or join the Rectacular Spectacular draft. Teams will compete in intellectual and athletic games to win prizes. Registration deadline is Monday. For more information call (330) 941-3488 or visit the Rec Center.

YSU hosts major conference on "The Rise of China"

The relationship between the United States and China will be the topic of a two-day conference, "The Rise of China" on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18 at Youngstown State University and the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown. The conference is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Williamson College of Business Administration, and the East-West Center. The conference costs \$30 for both days and is limited to the first 120 registrants. For more information, call 330-941-7170 or email ysuevent@cc.ysu.edu.



The Forensic Science Club promotes their organization with a murder scene by the rock

The Jambar/ Rudi Whitmore

Mock-Up Murder at the Rock

Hellscenes, Inc. and YSU help promote the Forensic Science Club

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

Police tape cordoned off the area around The Rock in front of Kilcawley Center, and there was a body crumpled next to it. She was a student and according to reports, the cause of death is exsanguinations. She was a drug mule, was killed from behind, and the killer was a smoker who escaped towards Jones Hall. Youngstown State University students gathered and stared, while others took pictures.

The scene was laid and played by Hellscenes, Inc. and its CEO John Bailey to help promote the Forensic Science Club. The dummy next to The Rock was sport-

ing blood-soaked jeans, a smiley T-shirt and a slit throat.

Assistant professor to the Criminal Justice Program Eric See is the adviser of the Forensic Science Club. Watching people mill around The Rock, See remarked, "The Rock is a place where students promote their organizations. It's a good eye-catcher; a new way to use The Rock."

See went on to say that being a member of the Forensic Science Club isn't limited to forensic science majors.

"Anyone who has an interest in it is welcome," he stressed.

See said that checking out the club is a good idea, if for no other reason than

to see how interested a student really is.

Graduate Assistant Stephanie Hughes is also part of the Forensic Science Club, and hopes this will help recruit more members.

"We just started this club last year, and we're also having a bake sale. We've been very proactive this year and when we have the funds, we're definitely planning to have mini-conferences for high school kids, and take trips to morgues and things," Hughes said.

Youngstown State University is the only college in Ohio to offer a Forensic Science program. Other schools offer it as a minor, or as part of another degree.

"But YSU is the only school in Ohio to offer Forensic Science as a four year program," See said.

Bailey engaged students as they stared at the macabre scene, asking if they might have known the deceased, and walking them through the crime scene to help them identify tagged pieces of evidence.

"Almost 78 million people per week watch some kind of forensic-based show on television," Bailey said. "It [has] increased

interest in crime scenes, and if people can have baseball fantasy camp, why not a crime scene fantasy camp?"

Hellscenes prides itself on total immersion. "When people sign up for a weekend, they get costumes, badges, lodging, everything. I have actors all over Ashtabula County, and these detectives have to ask the right questions," Bailey said.

The right questions are the only ones to ask.

"If they don't, our actors are told to not give up information easily. The right questions can be the difference between a conviction, and a murderer going free."

Bailey has a degree in criminology and science from Kent State University, is a private investigator, an Army veteran and worked for an ambulance company.

"What really interested me was the process. How people get from A to B using evidence and your thought processes, and if it drives you to ask the right questions, and end up with a successful resolution."

The next Forensic Club meeting is Monday in the Criminal Justice Department in Cushman Hall.



Hellscene, Inc puts on the grisly scene for the Forensic Science Club, CEO John Bailey sets up

OHIO Quick breakdown of candidates

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* Party: Democrat

* Director of a Methodist children's home, assistant professor of psychology at Shawnee State University, consulting psychologist at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility and Ohio's 6th Congressional District Representative for six terms

J. Kenneth Blackwell / Thomas Raga



* Party: Republican

* Ohio Secretary of State 1998-2006, Treasurer of Ohio, Mayor, City Councilman

Attorney General

Betty Montgomery



* Party: Republican

* Auditor of State, Criminal Clerk, Lucas County Common Pleas Court, Assistant Wood County Prosecuting Attorney

Marc Dann



* Party: Democrat

* State Senator, Attorney in Private Practice, Ranking member Civil and Criminal Justice Committees on the Ohio Senate

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GATEWAY CONFERENCE

Hilltoppers look to climb out of Gateway

Andrew Berry
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

The Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers are looking to climb themselves out of the Gateway Conference and Div. I-AA football - a move that would send athletic officials scrambling for another team to play.

WKU has proposed to the Board of Regents to move the football program to the Div. I-A Sun Belt Conference. The board will vote today on whether the jump should take place.

Camden Selig, athletic director of WKU, said the decision to jump to I-A status has been a reoccurring topic for the university.

Selig said the board felt that now was the best time to deal with the issue.

"If the simple majority is achieved, we would be transmitting to I-A football for the 2007 season,"

he said.

Selig believes the university would benefit from the additional media coverage and exposure that comes with being a member of the I-A ranks.

"There is a different level of coverage between the two. The fan following has embraced I-A football," Selig said.

The absence of WKU in the Gateway will drop the number of conference members down to seven. The potential situation could leave the Youngstown State University football program at a disadvantage.

The Penguins play a total of 11 games per year with seven contests against Gateway opponents. One less conference member would force teams to pickup an additional non-conference opponent.

YSU Athletic Director Ron Strollo stressed that finding games outside of the Gateway is no easy task.

"We would have to go out and schedule five non-conference

games, which is very challenging," Strollo said.

In the event that the proposal is approved, the Gateway will have the option of either staying at seven teams or expanding. The conference has begun to request information on both North Dakota State University and South Dakota State University as possible replacement candidates. Gateway commissioner Patty Viverito said the discussions with these universities are exploratory at this point.

"There is mutual interest in exploring possible Gateway membership but no anticipated course of action, nor timetable to consider this," she said.

Currently WKU has 15 varsity sports competing in the Sun Belt with football as the only absent program.

To meet NCAA requirements for Div. I-A programs, the university has begun making renovations to L.T. Smith Stadium - the site of Hilltopper home games - to meet

the required average attendance mark of 15,000 per two-year period.

Once completed, the stadium's seating capacity will have been increased from 17,500 to 22,000.

The initial 17,000-seat capacity of YSU's Stambaugh Stadium was expanded to its current figure of 20,630 in 1997.

The transition out of I-AA for WKU would take three years to complete, making the Hilltoppers a full-fledged I-A program by 2009, when the university becomes eligible to receive I-A bowl bids.

Western Kentucky would spend the next two seasons splitting the schedules between both I-A and I-AA opponents. The Nov. 11 clash between YSU and the Hilltoppers could be their last as conference opponents but Selig hasn't ruled out future contests.

"We've had a great six years in the Gateway and we would hope to continue scheduling with its conference members," he said.

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Academic Senate searches for role in STEM decision

Maysoon Abdelrasul
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Youngstown State University Academic Senate is now studying its role in the proposed creation of the STEM College and the much less discussed CLASS College.

Wednesday was the first time that the issues surfaced in an Academic Senate meeting.

Associate Provost Nate Ritchey introduced the proposed new colleges and assured Senate members that Provost Robert Herbert was not hiding but was on his way to a conference in New York.

Herbert publicly announced the idea of the STEM college less than one month ago and Tuesday told a group of staff and faculty that the idea will proceed unless he finds out that the Academic Senate has

the power to stop it.

Under Herbert's plan, engineering, physics, chemistry, geology, computer science and information systems and mathematics would form the new STEM College.

What is left of the current College of Arts and Sciences could be called "CLASS," Herbert said. He said he did not come up with the name "CLASS" and instead credited a faculty member.

The Senate Wednesday passed a motion authorizing its Charter and Bylaws Committee to interpret the preamble of the Senate's bylaws regarding the new college and surrounding issues.

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, philosophy and religious studies professor, and Nancy White, psychology professor, said 75 to 80 percent of those who have responded to a survey about the proposed new col-

lege are opposed to it.

Palmer-Fernandez and White sent surveys to 200 people in the engineering department about the STEM college and as of Wednesday afternoon, Palmer-Fernandez said 50 people responded.

Palmer-Fernandez said of the 75 to 80 percent who objected, about half checked a box that said "adamantly opposed."

About 15 percent said they were neutral, 5 percent said they supported the idea and the rest said they did not have enough information about the STEM college.

Ritchey said he was at the Senate meeting last month discussing the community college and was thinking to himself that the STEM college is not an issue at this time.

"There are people that are definitely not for it," Ritchey said.

One concern that surfaced at

Tuesday's faculty meeting and Wednesday's Senate meeting was what would become of the College of Arts and Sciences if math and science were removed.

Speaking at the faculty meeting Wednesday, Helene Sinnreich, assistant professor of the History Department, said, "We don't have a name or an identity and now we're going to lose our mission statement."

Herbert attributed much of the opposition to fears and anxiety. He said no department would lose anything by the realignment.

"There are no reasons not to go forward but there are reasons to be tentative," Herbert said. "There is not a lack of support but there is anxiety about the unknown future."

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YSU sweeps neighbors in enrollment increase

Adrienne Sabo
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University has the highest increase in enrolment throughout the state of Ohio.

Enrollment has increased 11.8 percent over the past six years, from Fall 2000 to Fall 2006, according to an analysis of enrollment from the Ohio Board of Regents.

YSU sophomore Aaron Blatch said he did not take enrollment into account when choosing YSU, but he said, "the more the better."

Blatch said he sees the OBOR analysis as positive for YSU.

"I think it will definitely help the university's image," Blatch said.

With YSU at the top, Wright State University is close behind with an 11 percent increase, followed by Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University, University of Cincinnati, Ohio University, Kent State University and the University of Akron.

President David Sweet said, "We have worked hard to develop relevant academic programs, to attract high-quality faculty and staff to publicize our successes, past and present - all of which has resulted in more people choosing YSU."

The current 13,183 enrollment is a 2.9 percent increase from Fall 2005 and is YSU's highest enrollment in 11 years.

Other universities in the state decreased enrollment throughout the study period. Cleveland State University showed a decrease of 6.1 percent, Miami University lost 3.1 percent and the University of Toledo decreased by 0.6 percent.

The OBOR study also found that enrollment at public universities and colleges in Ohio increased by 0.3 percent in one year. While enrollment at Kent State University showed a 2.9 percent increase over the past six years, the university decreased enrollment from fall 2005 to fall 2006 by 4.1 percent.

| University | 2000 | 2006 | Change |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| YSU | 11,787 | 13,183 | 1.8 |
| Wright State | 14,493 | 16,093 | 11 |
| Ohio State | 47,952 | 51,818 | 8.1 |
| Bowling Green | 18,101 | 19,108 | 5.5 |
| Cincinnati | 27,000 | 28,327 | 4.9 |
| Ohio University | 19,597 | 20,408 | 4.1 |
| Kent State | 21,682 | 22,317 | 2.9 |
| Akron | 21,362 | 21,882 | 2.4 |
| Toledo | 19,491 | 19,374 | -0.6 |
| Miami | 16,228 | 15,726 | -3.1 |
| Cleveland State | 16,485 | 15,471 | -6.1 |

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Disney seeks mouseketeers at YSU

Cristina Byce
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Representatives from The Disney Theme Park & Resorts College Program at the Walt Disney World Resort will be at Youngstown State University on Monday and Tuesday to recruit students.

For the past 25 years, Disney has had over 70,000 students participate in this "unique living, learning and earning experience," said Regional Recruiter Alana R. Partridge.

Recently named No. 1 by BusinessWeek magazine for "Best Places to Launch a Career," the Walt Disney World internship is an opportunity for anyone who wants a change of scenery and a little cash flow while still earning college credit.

Working for a Fortune 500 company could open several doors with possible employers and is a valuable way to network and build transferable skills, Partridge said.

The program offers several different jobs that students can apply for within the internship.

Political Science and History major Ashley Neumeister attended the program last spring and said it was an "awesome, great experience."

She heard about the program from flyers in her high school, and in her sophomore year of college she applied and received a phone interview then an invitation to attend.

"The experience made me realize that I can handle anything," Neumeister said.

"Things here were becoming too familiar. The experience of moving to another state was wonderful," she added.

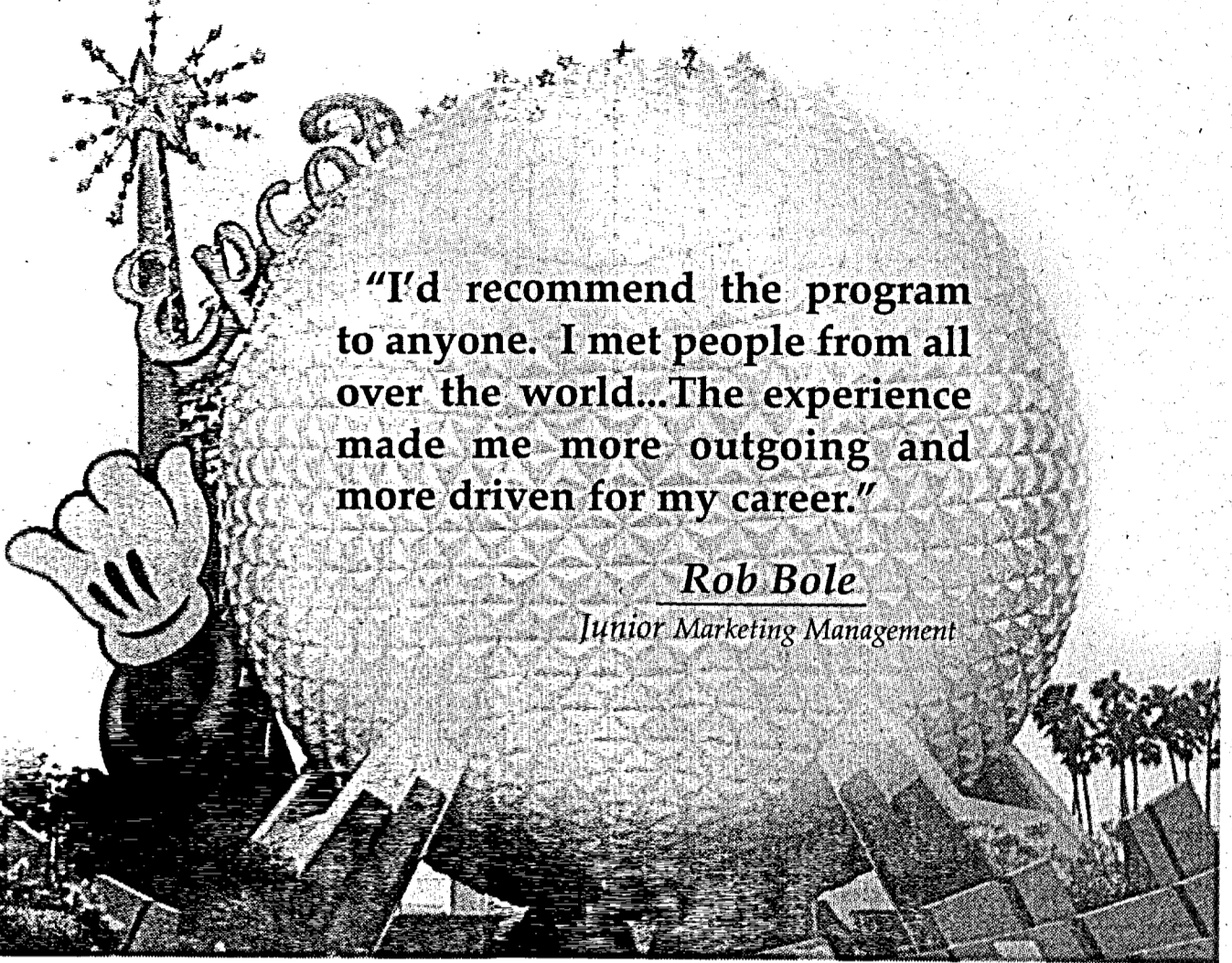
Junior Rob Bole is another YSU student who interned at Disney's College Program.

"I'd recommend the program to anyone. I met people from all over the world; my roommate was from Puerto Rico," he said.

"The experience made me more outgoing and more driven for my career."

The courses I took while interning helped me build my resume and taught me to market myself better," Bole, a marketing management major, said.

As for an average day, Neumeister said she was a Role hopper who posed as a Rescue Ranger.



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Rob Bole
Junior Marketing Management

Photos courtesy of MCT Campus



"I was trained in merchandising food and beverage and customer service."

She said everyday was different and she had no idea what she would have to do. She would report to the main office and be assigned her place, then suit up and go into the park in her costume.

"I mainly worked in Epcot, but I also worked in the Wide World of Sports, The Magic Kingdom, and MGM Studios. I also

took two classes, Marketing U, and Experiential Learning. Marketing U dealt with finding a job, working on resumes and

interviews skills, and Experiential Learning dealt with exploring different types of learning styles," Neumeister said.

"The studying was only about an hour or so a week, but my work schedule was between 35-40 hours a week, plus I picked up extra shifts so I could work in different areas of the park," Neumeister said.

This program offers several perks

like free park admission and 20 to 40 percent off merchandise. But beware. Besides the program's perks, applicants should

keep in mind some issues that are not directly addressed. Participants are responsible for travel expenses - a plane ticket or by road travel. Personal belongings like basic household items, which are much cheaper if purchased in Ohio, will need to be shipped, and transportation and spending money are necessary while living in the park. Also, for this program to be counted for credit, tuition must be paid to YSU while also paying for courses in Disney.

If you're interested, a Walt Disney World recruiter will be on campus Monday and Tuesday to answer questions.

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| • Food/Groceries |
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| Where: Jones Room Kilcawley Center |
| Tuesday |
| When: 1 p.m. |
| Where: Bresnahan I & II Kilcawley Center |

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I want candy!

Life at the YSU candy counter

Renee Hardman
REPORTER

Short-changed students, the sometimes-smiling, sometimes-serious faculty and staff, the "regulars" and the flirting student body are just some of the random visitors that buy from the Kilcawley Candy Counter at Youngstown State University.

I would know because I've worked at the Counter for four years, selling bottled pop and nonpareils to Youngstown's finest.

Two of the many comments I hear while sitting behind the glass paneled counter, feet up, nosing through a magazine are: "Wow! You look bored!" or "Wow! That looks like a hard job!"

Yes, it's true that we, that is my co-workers and I, at the Counter sell gummy bears and sour worms that serve as "food" substitutes for broke college kids. Why eat a salad when you can eat a king-size Hershey bar?

Perhaps, we are partially responsible for rotting out your teeth and gums. Yet, we will still ask you if you

want a second candy bar for just 65 cents. Heck, why not throw in a pack of gum? We have six flavors of Orbit to choose from. Go crazy!

Counter employees have seen and heard it all. As a focal point in Kilcawley, everyone walks by: professors, students, children, you name it. Kilcawley is open to the public, and the public definitely accepts the invitation, with open arms and open mouths.

Customers direct their candy queries to us con-

noisseurs daily.

"Gimme some Skittles!" "Can I get uh...13 cents worth of peach rings?" "How much can I get for a dollar?"

Others expect not only candy service, but navigational prowess. And we deliver.

"Where's the nearest bathroom?" "Do you guys have stamps?" "Which building is Tod Hall?"

Any one of the workers could tell you what and who is where in three sec-

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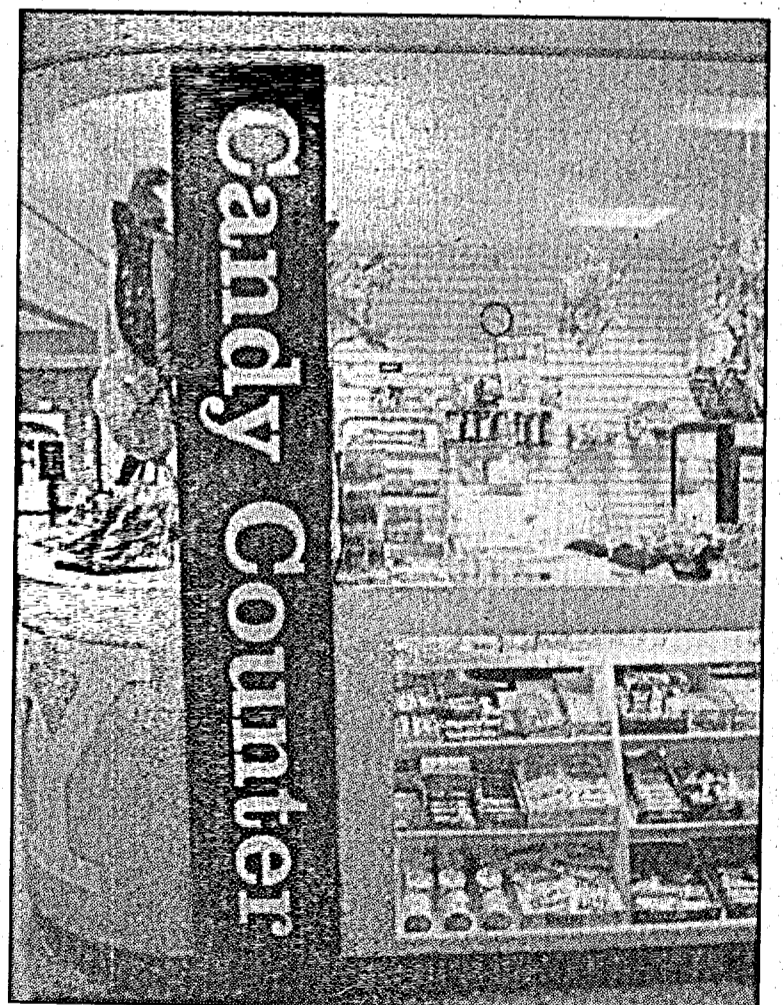
We do get some senseless questions too. Despite the candy that is clearly visible through the glass windows, Candy Counter employee Diane Smith had to answer one of them.

"This person looked me dead in the eyes, after looking around for several minutes, and asked if we sold candy," Smith said. "I pretty much just stood there with my mouth open; this person was dead serious."

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It's true that working at the Counter has its perks, from meeting interesting people to getting paid to pre-bag orange slices.

"I get the same five people buying the same newspapers every morning,"



The Jambar/ Renee Hardman

The Candy Counter in Kilcawley Center is a frequent stop for many YSU students.

said senior Erin Rowan, "Working here has given me a chance to meet people."

When co-workers turn into friends, when your boss becomes your confidante and when that boy who continuously and obviously buys purple PowerAde later becomes your boyfriend of two years, a few measly encounters with rude customers doesn't seem so bad.

Sophomore Alex Rokicki,

Candy Counter employee, agrees.

"Working with everyone makes it worthwhile," she said.

Working at the Counter is like working at Disneyland, although my version of Mickey Mouse is a security guard who walks me to my car; and when 1,000 high school students come and ask for 15 different items, it's definitely not my happiest place on earth, but it will suffice for now.

Frequently Asked Questions
at the Candy Counter

- "Can I get uh...13 cents worth of peach rings?"
- "How much can I get for a dollar?"
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OUR SIDE

We need answers

Faculty and staff at Youngstown State University are concerned about the reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Engineering and Technology. The creation of a new STEM college is raising a lot of questions and YSU Provost Robert Herbert is not the one to turn to for answers.

In a meeting with faculty and staff Tuesday, Herbert sidestepped questions about the reorganization, leaving those in attendance abandoned on the issue. Sadly, this is mistake number two for Herbert.

Mistake number one came when Herbert decided to disregard any other organization on campus as competent to handle the STEM reorganization and deemed the project as an administration job.

If Herbert would have used some people skills and humility, this whole issue of whose job it is to reorganize the college could have been avoided.

The statement released by Herbert announcing the new college came as official word that the administration would handle the reorganization. Without any warning, the college was decided upon—and without any input from students, faculty and staff. These are the people who should matter the most.

All the tension surrounding this issue could easily have been dodged.

The creation of the STEM, in theory, is a wonderful idea for students. New facilities and labs would be added to campus, all to increase the benefits for students in that college.

But there are still numerous unanswered questions and hurdles in the way of the STEM college.

The two colleges do not have permanent deans at this time. There is no enduring authority at either college that would have a vested interest in the faculty and staff.

Also, the administration, thanks in part to Herbert, has been on a roll with beginning the reorganization efforts. Department has only two weeks to discuss the matter among faculty and staff. It seems almost too quickly. For a university that tends to drop the ball on major projects, the administration seems very persistent about the STEM college efforts.

Come summer, the university plans on making changes.

We as students would hate to see something so great for the university become a wasted opportunity or sore spot for the school.

We encourage students, faculty and staff to continue to ask questions to authority figures.

An engineering professor said engineers ask questions before building the bridge and Herbert replied by saying the administration knows it wants to build the bridge and the question is how to get there.

The problem may be that Herbert did not allow for enough time and ask for enough input from others before making the decision.

The Jambar editorials reflect the opinions of The Jambar and its Editorial Board members. Those wishing to schedule meetings with the Editorial Board should call the editor in chief.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republican forgot to do homework

Editor:

Thank You Alex

I want to thank Alex Mangie for responding to my letter and doing absolutely no homework on the talking points that he substituted for facts. The careful reader will notice that Alex answered no questions from my letters, but instead changed the subject. I will do him the honor of directly addressing his points. I want to thank you for mentioning home ownership, but you forgot to mention that ownership percentages predate the current administration. Alex also forgot to mention that the unsold home inventory in America is at an all-time high, for the forty years that records have been kept. Perhaps you should read the headline article Housing market could slow U.S. GDP (businessweek.com) The negative savings rate that you seem so proud of is not a sign of consumer confidence. It is the mark of a recession, or the beginning of a depression. Any economist knows this.

American's are now deeper in debt than at any time in history! (Unless of course you are a billionaire.) Consumer confidence for October is down by three percent. Perhaps you should next turn to the Conference Board; the world's preeminent business membership and research organization, best known for the Consumer Confidence Index and the Leading Economic Indicators. I quote from their latest report:

"October's dip in confidence was prompted by consumers' mixed assessment of present-day business conditions and a less favorable view of the job market," says Lynn Franco, Director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center. "In terms of real buying power



wages are down, working class Americans are poorer because of Bush. As for the Dow-Jones average—do you realize that DJI may as well be called the "Billionaire's Index?" It measures only 30 companies, the recipients of billionaire giveaway tax cuts. A better scale of economic health is the Standard and Poor's index, which reflects 500 to 1200 stocks and has been flat for five years. Do you know what that means? (From Reuters) - U.S. stocks were little changed on Tuesday, with a disappointing outlook... (From ABC News) US stocks end flat ... You can't hide a

multi-trillion dollar deficit behind the fattest elephant on the planet! As for selling off public assets, like the Turnpike: This is like cutting off your fingers and toes for the insurance money - no return on investment. You know that the buyer will extract every cent of the purchase price, and more, out of the driving public. Then, corners will be cut and jobs will be lost - for 99 years. As for Massachusetts style health care: When Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney (R) signed into law a bill creating near-universal health coverage for all state residents April 12, he encountered

near-universal opposition from free-market organizations and think tanks, which predicted the plan would be a dismal failure and a bad precedent whose ripples could spread nationwide. As for gas prices, you better fill-up before the elections - you know what's commin' from Texas. Finally, I will retract one statement, said by me. I claimed that Republicans were running scared. They are not. They are running, as always, like a herd of lemmings, straight for the nearest cliff ... and it's getting closer.

Richard Pirko

The vote is yours

Editor:

I want to thank the Jambar, and Emery Boyle-Scott for the election 2006 article "Smoking Issue Lights Up Ohio Ballot." For me it shed some light on one of the few issues that, I feel, directly effect myself, and many of my loved ones. I have followed the anti-smoking trend sweeping the country for the past few years, being that I will proudly admit that I am a pack-a-day smoker for almost 10 years. I have two personal experiences, in my travels, with non-smoking states, or cities. In August 2003 I chose to leave my job of two years at Applebee's in Niles when the employees were informed that

side each exhalation was sucked directly into the bar allowing the nonsmokers to partake in my God given right. See Genesis Chapter 1 Verse 29. I understand the health risks involved by choosing to smoke but have decided to handle my habit with moderation. Much the way that you weigh the risk to your liver when you have an alcoholic beverage, or the risk to your colon when you have a cheeseburger. So all I ask is that before you step out to vote for either of these discriminatory pieces of legislation on November 7th, is to consider your Economics 101 law of supply and demand. If smoking is banned in Ohio, with the attempt by the Heart

Association, Cancer Society, and Lung Association to get everyone to quit, consider the tax revenue generated by us smokers and where that lost money will be recovered? If memory serves government spending is not getting any smaller, and that tax burden will most likely be distributed equally between smokers and nonsmokers. So you will be left with the choice of a stale smell in your restaurants, and bars, or a higher bill at your restaurant, bar, gas pump, cell phone bill, less money in your paycheck, or higher tuition bills when the state has less money to distribute. The vote is yours.

Ian McElroy

"Not Only by the Supreme Court"

Editor:

In a deep sleep, I was awoken by a loud banging at the door. Opening it cursing, not seeing anyone, I cursed even louder. Then I felt something kicking my big toe. Looking down, there was Mag, my pet maggot, wearing a silly red dunce cap and carrying a sign that read "Maggots for Bush." He was returning from campaigning with George in Georgia. I just turned away and headed back to bed.

"I didn't wake you did I?" Mag asked. I grumbled, "Goodnight, Mag."

"Yeah, I'll sleep good tonight."

Silence.

"Bet you can't guess why, Ted?"

Silence.

"Hey, didn't Bush clean Kerry's clock.—The nerve of that guy calling our troops stupid because they're dying in Iraq."

Silence.

"You're probably still wondering why I'll sleep so well tonight, huh?" Pause. "Well, I wasn't going to say anything until 6 November—but if I don't get it out, I'll just throw up all that garbage I swallowed at the GOP rally in Georgia."

Silence.

"What I mean is there was a lot of garbage being tossed out to eat up—didn't that the rally was garbage.—Well, anyway, we're going to win on November Seventh then the loss of Dennis Haster won't hurt so badly as he'll be forced to resign for lying and covering up Foley's licentiousness—but really when compared to what Jim Webb wrote, . . . Well, it's like Tony Snowjob said—I mean Snow's job was to say that it was just naughty notes—no different than what Webb wrote in fiction..."

Si

lence.

"Well, I guess I'll pack it in. You're probably not interested in how we're going to win by springing our October Surprise in November?" He yawned several times, getting louder each time.

"All I can tell you is that Carl Rove has really out done himself this time. It's pure Genius!—And I don't mind telling you that I helped—and really it was more my idea than Carl's! Ted! Can you hear me in there?"

Silence.

"You're being a real ass you know! And just for that I really shouldn't tell you the surprise

of how Carl is gonna send Snow out to announce that Bush and Rumsfeld aren't at fault for all the death and human destruction in Iraq, but more it's the fault of the 2004 Voters and that helpful Ohio glitch....

And here's the brilliant part! (Mag started laughing) He'll make the point that the voters of Louisiana knew what they were getting when they elected David Duke."

Mag laughed so hard he cried himself to sleep and me too.

Ted Williams

ELECTIONS, continued from page 1

Quick break-down of candidates

Governor/Lt. Governor

**-William "Bill" Peirce/
Mark Noble**
*Party: Independent
*Professor of Economics at Case Western Reserve. Specialist in government finance and policy.

**-Larry Bay
/Debra Fries
(Write-In)**
*Party: Independent

**-Robert Fitrakis
/Anita Rios**
*Party: Independent

**-James Lundeen
/Kevin Becker
(Write-In)**

United States Senate

**-Richard Duncan,
(Write-In)**
*Party: Independent

**-Mike DeWine,
*Party Republican
*US Senator, Lt.
Governor of Ohio**



**-Sherrod
Brown,
*Party:
Democrat**
*U.S. Congressman,
Ohio, District 13, Ohio
State Representative

U.S. Representative; District 17

**-Don Manning, II,
Republican**

**-Tim Ryan,
Democrat**



U.S. Representative; District 6



**-Chuck
Blasdel,
Republican**

**-Charles
Wilson, Jr.,
Democrat**



Secretary of State

-Timothy Kettler
* Party: Independent
* Self-Employed, Action
Septic Service.



-Greg Hartmann
* Party: Republican
* Hamilton County
Clerk of Courts,
Assistant County
Prosecutor.

-Jennifer Brunner
* Party: Democrat

* Attorney
at Law
Former
Judge,
Franklin
County
Common
Pleas,
election law attorney.



-John Eastman
* Party: Independent

Treasurer of State

-Richard Cordray
* Party: Democrat
* Franklin County
Treasurer, State
Representative, Ohio
State Solicitor, Franklin
County Treasurer

-Sandra O'Brien
* Party: Republican
* Ashtabula County
Auditor, Outstanding
County Auditors' Award
in 1998.

Auditor of State

-Mary Taylor
* Party: Republican
* Certified Public
Accountant; State
Representative, State
Representative 43rd
Ohio House District

-Barbara Sykes
* Party: Democrat
* Full-time Legislator,
Akron City Council,
Summit County
Auditor's Office, Ohio
Representative

State Representative; District 33

-John Bocchieri
* Party: Democrat

-Tracey Winbush
* Party: Republican

State Representative; District 59

**-Kenneth
Carano**
* Party:
Democrat



-Mark Hanni
* Party: Republican

State Representative; District 61

-Mark Okey
* Party: Democrat

-Brant Luther
* Party: Republican

State Representative; District 60

**-Robert
Hagan**
*Party:
Democratic



Ohio State Supreme Court Judge 6-year term 1/1/07

-Terrence O'Donnell
* Has been a Justice on
the Supreme Court of
Ohio, Attorney at
Marshman, Snyder &
Corrigan.

**-William Michael
O'Neill**

*Has been a Judge in the,
11th District Court of
Appeals.

State Board of Education; District 8

- Jim Craig

-Deborah Cain

Ohio State Court of Appeals; District 7 Judge

-Timothy Franken

-Mary DeGenaro

Ohio State Supreme Court Judge 6-year term 1/2/07

-Robert Cupp

* Has been a Judge, Ohio
Court of Appeals-Third
Appellate District, Lima
city prosecutor and
assistant law director

-Ben Espy

* Has been an Attorney
on the Columbus City
Council

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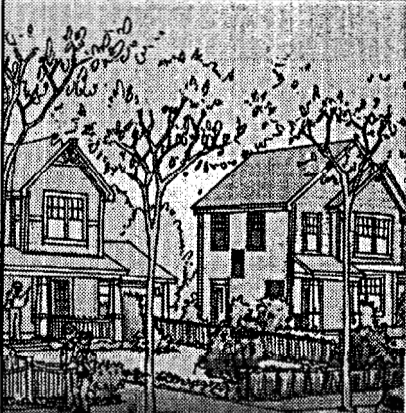
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PROFILE

Youngstown's ghost closes in on title shot

Samuel Robinson
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

In a six-year career, Youngstown middleweight contender Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik has backed up his nickname with 28 wins, zero losses, and 25 knockouts. Ranked number two by the World Boxing Council, Pavlik feels that the time has come for a title shot. On Thursday night he will present his case in a 12 round bout against Haiti's Lenord Pierre at the Chevrolet Centre downtown.

Pavlik, the reigning North American Boxing Federation champion, said that while he is ready for a world title fight, he is not looking past the dangerous Pierre, who has a record of 18 wins, two losses, and 13 knockouts.

"This is the biggest fight of my career," Pavlik said.

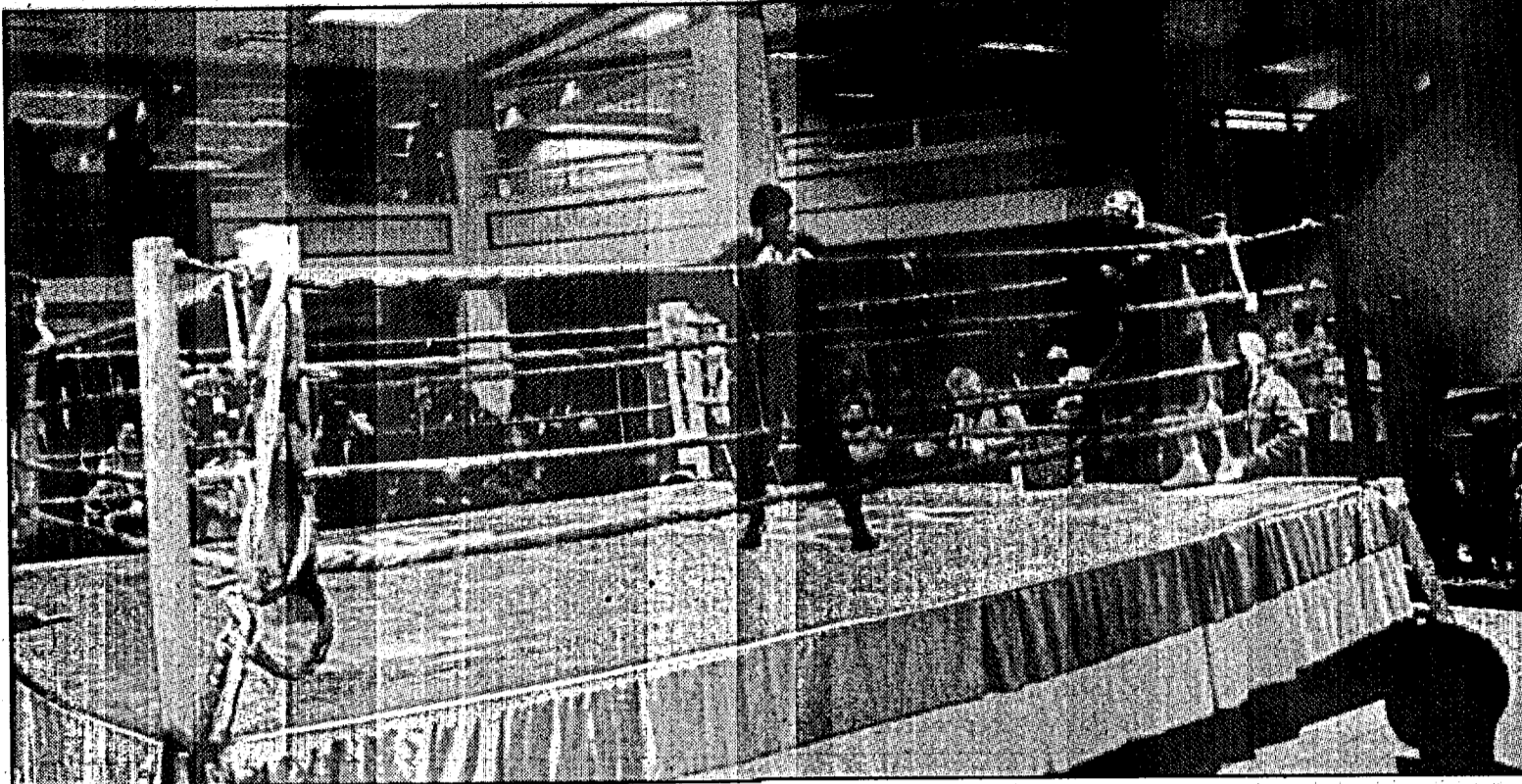
Because of his punching power, many of the top fighters in the middleweight division are not lining up to fight Pavlik, including reigning world champion Jermain Taylor who will fight former Jr. Middleweight champion Kassim Ouma in December.

Pavlik and his promoters are aware that Taylor is forcing him to wait for his opportunity. "Yeah, it's frustrating to see Taylor fight easier opponents, but sooner or later the top guys are going to have to face me," Pavlik said.

Taylor has made it clear that he will move up to super middleweight, leaving the title vacant and a golden opportunity for Pavlik, should he win Thursday night. Pavlik and number one contender Winky Wright would fight for the vacant title, a fight that Pavlik would like. Wright, who fought Taylor to a disputed draw in June, has shown little interest in fighting Pavlik.

As for Lenord Pierre, the fact that he is coming into Pavlik's backyard does not intimidate him.

"I have always



The Jambar/ Samuel Robinson

On Thursday night Youngstown native Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik will participate in a 12 round bout against Haiti's Lenord Pierre at the Chevrolet Centre

done this from the beginning of my career, I am confident that I will win this

fight," Pierre said. A win over "The Ghost" would certainly put the

division on notice.

"I feel that if I win I should get the next title shot," Pierre said.

While a victory over Pierre would all but guarantee Pavlik a world title shot sometime next year.

The media has taken a liking to Pavlik for his laid

back, but confident demeanor and his promoter, Bob Arum of Top Rank, is currently negotiating with HBO and Showtime for Pavlik to appear on one of the networks in the future.

If Pavlik continues to win, he will have the key to the world championship in his hand.



"This is the biggest fight of my career."

Kelly Pavlik

COMMENTARY

'Bring your ID' or go home old man

Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST



"Bring Your ID." These three words - a reference to the upcoming midterm elections - are part of an advertising campaign that I've seen far too much of lately. Possibly this past lack of bringing IDs has been the main cause of abysmal voter turnout, with eager, enthusiastic voters being turned away from their polling places and refusing to return (out of spite) with the proper identification. This is what I choose to believe, instead of the probable truth that most members of my generation were too distracted by an "I Love the '80s" marathon to vote in the 2004 Presidential election. But I can tell you who is ready to vote with shaky hands, windbreakers, and Styrofoam cups full of coffee on any given election day: old people. And seeing as the majority of the voting public is comprised of the elderly, it makes sense that some reminders are necessary. But is "Bring Your ID" really as vital of a message as "Take Your Pills, Old Man" or "Put Me in the Will if You Want to See Your Grandkids?" I don't think so.

Old people remember voting procedures as well as they remember to complain about your haircut or how they stopped eating in order to afford their arrhythmia medication: a lot. And in any hypothetical situation where an octogenarian forgets his ID, all I can see happening is an

election official stating, "Tough luck, Grandpa," followed by a good-hearted shove down up to two flights of stairs. With such tame consequences, it's absurd to think that someone is paying thousands upon thousands of dollars to produce billboards and TV and radio ads to get the unnecessary statement of "Bring Your ID" out to voters. And if this campaign exists, surely there has to be much more money available for those who wish to bring further, obvious statements to voters.

With this interest in mind, I now present the following essential voting tips:

"Wear Clothes." You may be thinking, "But I wear clothes every day!" So do I. But, being human, we all forget things, like doing homework assignments or signaling to turn right that tragic day I took out an entire street-crossing kindergarten class with my car. The last thing you want to do is show up at your polling place only to discover that it has a "no shirt, no shoes, no voting" policy. You may not think so, but the act of voting holds just as much dignity as going into a 7-11 to purchase one of their newest movie-themed Slurpees. And from what I hear, Marie Antoinette Mango Madness is delicious.

"Animals Cannot Vote." Yes, your dog, cat or even novelty pet (ferrets, geckos, et al) may be more well-informed than the

"Old people remember voting procedures as well as they remember to complain about your haircut or how they stopped eating in order to afford their arrhythmia medication"

Bob Mackey

average voter, but that doesn't mean they can make such important decisions such as who will be the next city drain commissioner. And most polling places won't even let your animal in the building, let alone in the voting booth. I guess if you're blind and have a seeing-eye dog, you're allowed by law to trespass where other animal owners can't, so in this case you can let your dog vote for you. But you can't possibly be reading this, so you'll never know! (Note: If you are reading this to a blind person, please lie to them.)

"Voting Booths Are for Voting." When you enter a voting booth, you may get the urge to defecate or masturbate in your new, confined surroundings. And if you haven't had these urges, you're either lying, or some sort of robot; and robots can't vote. So go home, robot. To get back to the topic, even tame things such as puppet shows are discouraged in voting booths, as they slow down the democratic process from a glacial to sub-glacial pace. You may think the local VFW needs to see the epic saga of Punch and Judy, but when your favored candidate loses, no amount of puppet wife-beating will ever make you laugh again. So if you must

use the voting booths for unintended purposes, I have one option for you. Eat lots of beans, cabbage and onions before you vote, and then get in line in front of a member of the opposing party. While voting, produce a horrendous fart inside the booth, and escape as soon as possible. When the person after you enters the booth, hold the curtain shut and laugh maniacally. Bonus points if your stink causes congestive heart failure.

"Voting Matters." Not to get preachy or anything, but it does. I know the guys from South Park told you it doesn't, but they're not always right. You may think that you're totally edgy and in my face with your mad not-voting skillz, but in reality this lack of participation is basically you telling the world, "I don't matter!" Just ask yourself this: Do you know more about the candidates on VH-1's "Flavor of Love" than you do about the candidates in the midterm election? If you answered "yes" to this question, you should be ashamed and optionally hurt yourself. And if you don't vote, yet choose to complain about politics, I will suplex you. For democracy.

And if for nothing else, at least vote for the free "I Voted Today" sticker. Do free stickers mean nothing anymore?

Bob Mackey rocks the vote, even though no one uses that expression anymore. You can read his blog at <http://www.bobservo.com>.

Upcoming Events

Thursday

Ladies Night at the Wedge

Friday

Nyabinghi: Templeton's Zeal & Lady Fantastic Geography

McDonough Museum of the Arts, Figures of Thinking Exhibit

Youngstown Chey Centre-Tran Siberian Orchestra - 8 pm

WYSU 88.5 FM's Folk Festival features singers Anne Feeney and Evan Greer at Peaberry's Cafe in the Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. The festival, hosted by WYSU radio personality Charles Darling, is free.

Saturday

Youngstown Chey Centre-Tran Siberian Orchestra - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The annual Veterans Game Day Ceremony will be held at the Veterans Plaza outside Beeghly Center on the YSU campus - 11 a.m.

Sunday

Stambaugh Auditorium - The Big Band Broadcast, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

It's a job-search jungle out there

Experts share tips on how to swing through the media forest

Cristina Cala
COPY EDITOR



For college students who were never good at math or science, entering the job market with any chance of pocketing sufficient change may seem impossible. But before journalism, communications and photography majors' lives could pass before their starving-to-make-ends-meet eyes, hope cropped up for a whole week in St. Louis, Mo. Aided by media professionals from around the nation, last week's 85th annual National College Media Convention offered dozens of sessions and workshops with expert tips on how to make it in today's competitive media market. Right-brainers, put away your cardboard "will write for food" signs and listen up.

Internships and experience

The two most valuable words for college journalists: internships, experience.

Today, Jennifer Force is the senior account executive at Propaganda Inc. in St. Louis. How did this young twenty-something break into the professional world?

"Internships. To get your foot in the door, to figure out if or what is for you."

Force's degree is in journalism, but her career at the ad agency focuses on account service. Three internships during college, one of which was at a London magazine, helped Force realize what she really wanted to do.

One internship discrepancy is whether applying at a big or small institution is better. While a big name is notable on a resume, large companies may hire several interns, who usually end up gophering files and coffee. Smaller companies offer concrete experience for developing career skills.

"It's what you did at an internship, not so much the name - though it is good to catch someone's eye," Benjy Hamm of Landmark Communications said.

According to Force, persistence is key to score an internship.

"Send resumes to everybody, not just those who have openings," she suggested to a roomful of college students from around the nation.

She also suggested planning ahead, making contacts and trying job searches like www.careerbuilder.com.

The demand

Without giving a figure, Force said her salary at Propaganda Inc. has increased from her starting position at \$25,000 a year as a proofreader. If she keeps paying her dues, she could end up with copy editor Doug Wong's salary. After copy editing for 15 years, Wong makes \$72,000 a year as business copy chief at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. In a session titled "The Copy Editor: Guard, Guardian and Gatekeeper," Wong urged, "If you want to become a copy editor, you have a bright future."

Hamm, who recruits and hires for Kentucky-based Landmark Communications, agrees that copy editing is in "extremely, extremely high demand," and "a place you can move up very quickly."

"In Roanoke, 150-170 photographers applied for one job. [For a] copy position, two to five will apply."

Like photography, sports coverage is also extremely competitive, Hamm said. But the more multimedia skills you have, the more your portfolio stands

out. Jen Wood, vice president of advertising at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, suggests investing in technology.

"You guys are at least 10 years ahead technologically. Bring that; you're going to be a hot commodity," Wood said.

Adriana Brockman of Gannett Corp., the largest news and information company for TV and digital products in the United States, coordinates college recruiting. She said, despite a competitive market, there is no shortage of media jobs.

"I've only been working in this job for three years, and I'm having to relearn things ... [the media job market is] not slowing down. Large numbers of jobs are going to be in print, even though it's being replicated online."

Do's and don'ts with employers

Many of the media experts and professionals at the National College Media Convention harmonized with these do's for media job applicants: persistence, experience, internships, and portfolios that showcase a range of talent.

According to Brockman, aspiring journalists will need "at least one year of campus paper experience."

In a portfolio, Hamm prefers a range of clips - three to seven - that includes hard news and feature articles with good sources, and a journalist who has a background story for each article, if asked. It's also good to include graphic design or any field-related skills.

"First thing I like to see is [clips] in professional local papers," Hamm said.

Brockman fully supports e-portfolios because they are easily accessible to employers through an online link. Many convention speakers agreed that being multimedia savvy goes hand-in-hand with the news market's transition to broadcasting news online.

Freelance journalist Michael Koretzky, who edits tabloids Globe, Star and National Enquirer, shared a no-no for entertainment reviewers.

"I don't care if you like it. The worst thing you can do is pretend you are smart. If you use the word 'I,' you're not gonna get a job," he said, suggesting an analysis review instead.

Author Michael Ray Taylor of Henderson State University had some honest advice about his master's degree.

"MFAs as an author are worthless professionally, but contacts through [my] MFA have been invaluable," Taylor said.

According to Force, grad school isn't a credential in her field.

"Grad school ... not beneficial in TV and advertising. You're judged more on experience writing, producing, honing technique, editing," Force said.

Next to a journalism student's dilemma of whether to go to grad school is the final ubiquitous query: GPA.

"They don't look at GPA so much," Hamm said of media employers.

Now that's a benefit those left-brained med students will never have.

YSU

New Job Survival Guide

Adrienne Sabo
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

After graduation and the job search process, the work does not end once you land that first job. Bernie Cummins, director of the Career and Counseling Center, said, "The most important thing is to get yourself established."

He said new employees should get a good record of productivity and work pattern when starting a new job.

Besides this, there are countless other tips for new employees to help them navigate through the precious first few weeks of a job.

Get to know your co-workers

The people that you will work with every day are important to you. Learn their names and establish relationships. Cummins said that as new employees branch out into the workplace, they will connect with other people. There are some people that will take longer to develop relationships with. Co-workers you see every day, but those outside of the immediate office are also important.

Mentor

Finding a mentor in the workplace is an integral part of surviving those first few weeks. Cummins said usually a mentor will be

provided by the supervisor on an informal basis.

"They want the new hiree to be successful and feel a part of the organization." Sometimes, it will be as informal as the supervisor suggesting you get in touch with a certain co-worker. Mentors are a great resource for new employees and will help to guide them.

Gossip

As tempting as it may be, avoid gossip.

"Stay away from it. So much can be wasted and it takes time away from getting work done," Cummins said.

Dawn Rosenberg McKay, a writer for Career Planning

Whether it is what type of relationships co-workers have or how long lunch break is, observe those things.

"Hopefully a person already has a feel for it before they start working but you should always be adjusting to the culture," Cummins said.

Additional Advice

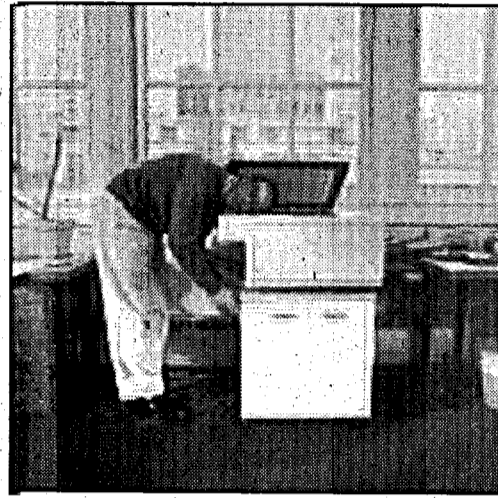
Hopefully, a supervisor will sit down with a new employee and go over the expectations. If not, Cummins said to find out what is expected of you within the first month by going to the supervisor and asking questions. The same rule applies to the mentor. If

one is not assigned, ask about whom you can go to for questions and guidance. The company not only wants you to be successful, but it wants to be successful. Be on time, or even early. Finally, dress appropriately.

"Look around you to see how others are dressed; especially those who are further along on your career path," Rosenberg

McKay said.

The office of Career and Counseling Services has additional information and printed materials on this topic. The office is located on the first floor of Jones Hall.



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Southern Illinois defensive end Lorenzo Wims has been a driving force in the Salukis' 6-2 record. With 10 tackles-for-loss and five sacks on the year, the senior from Fort Wayne, Ind. has been a constant disruption for opposing offenses all season. To limit his role, the Penguin offensive line will have to continue to play solidly in pass protection giving quarterback Tom Zetts time to scan the field. With only eight sacks allowed - for 60 yards - all season, this group is the second most efficient in pass blocking in the Gateway Conference, behind Southern Illinois' seven for 50 yards.

two

SIU's Craig Turner may be the one game breaker. The Penguins can't match in talent. Although a gifted cornerback, Turner has made his mark in the Saluki return game. With 299 yards on punt returns, including an 83-yard touchdown against Western Kentucky, and 391 on kick run backs Turner has the speed and vision to make opposing teams pay for kicking to him. His 16.6 yards per punt return is also good for sixth in the nation. The Penguins will have to play smart on special teams if they want to keep him from being the games difference maker.

three

Coming off of a four-week stretch in which he totaled 811 rush yards and 10 touchdowns, running back Marcus Mason will have to carry this stellar play into the final month of the season. Youngstown's offensive success will be hinged on the play of Mason and the rest of the YSU running backs. If the ground game can establish itself as a threat early on, T.J. Peterson and the passing attack may have a chance to do some damage.



Irizarry #81

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Often seen as offensive linemen with the ability to catch a pass, players at the tight end position frequently fade into the background when the game plan is prepared. Southern Illinois' Braden Jones has broken this mold like an arm tackle from a defensive back. The senior is SIU's leading pass catcher and is a major threat on



Jones #47

offense. A former outside linebacker at Northwestern University, Jones plays with an athletic prowess not often seen at the position. Louis Irizarry - a junior from Campbell, Ohio - is the Penguins answer to the Southern Illinois standout. Irizarry is YSU's go to pass catcher on third downs this year and should see plenty of passes his way in short yardage situations. Watch for both players to go catch for catch unless SIU's Nick Hill or YSU's Tom Zetts steps up to have a big game.

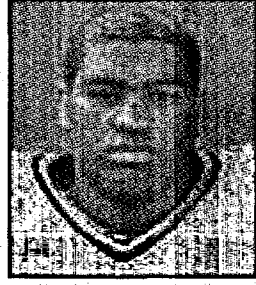


TALE OF THE TAPE

Louis Irizarry
Braden Jones

6'5", 255 pounds, 18 catches, 201 yds, 11.2 avg., 1 TD, 28 long

6'4", 260 pounds, 22 catches, 347 yds, 15.8 avg., 5 TD, 80 long



Savage #96



Phelan #97



Halverson #98

For the Penguins to be victorious in Carbondale, Ill. Saturday its defensive line must make Southern Illinois' Arkee Whitlock a non-factor. The key to the Salukis offensive game plan, Whitlock has amassed 973 and 11 touchdowns on the ground this season. To stop the Payton Award nominee the Penguin down linemen, comprised of Mychal Savage, Jim Phelan and Blake Halverson, will

have to forget last week's performance against Illinois State and play in the moment. Making solid tackles and getting penetration against the SIU offensive line will be the key to slowing down the running back from Rock Hill, S.C. Watch for YSU to give up a few big plays but to keep Whitlock in check for the majority of the game.



Whitlock #24

YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF



Mason named player of the week

Senior tailback Marcus Mason has been named the Gateway Conference Player-of-the-Week for his performance in Saturday's 27-13 victory over Illinois State University.

Mason rushed a career best 34 times for 178 yards and two touchdowns to lift the Penguins past the then 3rd ranked Redbirds.

This was the fifth consecutive week Mason rushed for at least 100 yards.

For the season, the senior from Potomac, Md. has amassed 1,279 yards and scored 17 touchdowns.

The Penguins will enter their last home game of the year Saturday with a 7-2 record.

Swim team starts the season strong

Several swimmers excelled in the Penguins first head-to-head meet of the season at Marshall University on Saturday.

Freshman Megan Rupe swept both freestyle sprint events scoring 18 individual points. Rupe posted a time of 25.28 in the 50 free, 6th best in school history, and a 55.06 in the 100 free which ranks 8th best in school history.

Senior Becky Bertuzzi won the 100 fly with a personal best time of 1:01.99.

Junior Julia Darling came in at 2:20.60 in the 200 IM to win the event while sophomore diver Kelly Reese won the 1-meter board with a score of 223.51 and placed second in the 3-meter board with a score of 218.78.

Reese was also named the Horizon League Diver of the Week for her performance against the Thundering Hurd.

The squad will next compete in the Clarion Diving Invitational Sunday in Clarion, Pa.

BASKETBALL

Senior looks to motor YSU to top of Horizon League

Quin Humphrey is in the driver's seat as the Penguins begin the 2006-07 basketball season

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In recent years, Youngstown State University's basketball program has had a far from storied history. After a string of forgettable seasons in which the team managed a paltry 29-83 record, second-year head coach Jerry Slocum is looking to Quin Humphrey - a 6-foot-4 guard - to right the wayward ship.

Humphrey, who earned his second straight preseason First-Team All-Horizon League selection, has a rudimentary formula for getting the Penguins back on track.

"Our goal is to just play hard every game and let the rest take care of itself. I'm going to give 110 percent every game and just go out there and play hard," he said.

To build upon its 7-21 record from a year ago, a touch of luck will need to be added to the team's hard nosed approach.

Facing squads the caliber of No. 4 ranked Ohio State, Kent State, Michigan State and the perennially strong University of Michigan, YSU's road to redemption

won't be a smooth one.

For an improving program these games could prove to be more slippery when wet than all lanes open, but Humphrey and the Penguins have been able to glean some positives from these beginning check points.

"It's good for us, especially with us playing so early ... it will build a lot of team chemistry and [let us] get to know each other early. So I think it will be good for us," Humphrey said.

YSU's Horizon League schedule also poses a threat as the team must take on league champion UW-Milwaukee and the 20-13 Butler University Bulldogs twice a piece.

Playing 16 league games this year, Humphrey understands that the familiarity amongst the teams may cause some opponents to focus their efforts on limiting his production.

According to the guard, the Penguins' supporting cast is more than capable of winning games if he becomes the target of opposing defenses.

"[With] the team that I'm surrounded by anybody and can have a big game at any given time. If everyone is going to pay a lot of attention to me then we have Keston [Roberts] on the other wing and Byron [Davis] playing the point guard ... it doesn't really matter to me if people pay me a lot of attention," he said.

The Ellenwood, Ga. native stated that even though he was tops in the league last season in scoring - 19.2 points per game - and rebounds - 8.3 per contest - he's prepared to do whatever it takes to give the Penguins the best opportunity to be victorious.

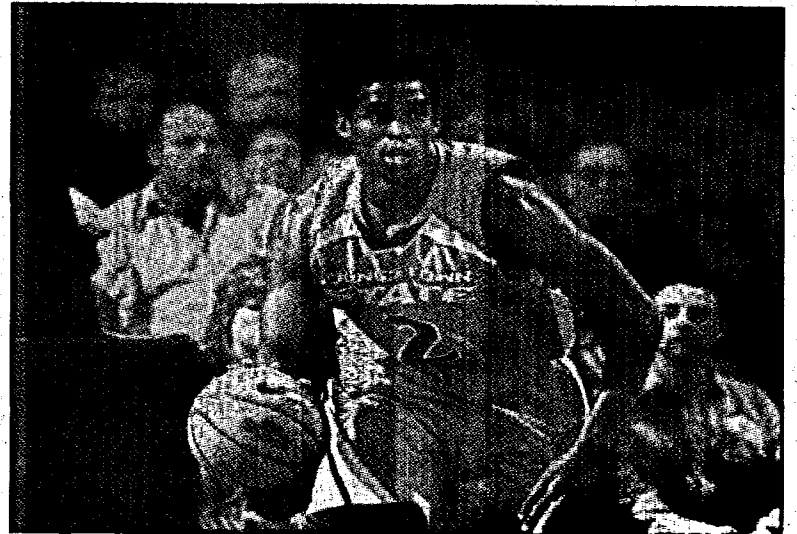


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Senior guard Quin Humphrey led the Horizon League in points per game, 19.2, and rebounds, 8.8, last season. Humphrey and the Penguins will try to better their 7-21 record from a year ago when the team begins play Nov. 8 in Michigan.

The 2006-07 YSU men's basketball season will tip off Nov. 8 as the team travels to East Lansing, Mich. to take part in the 16-squad 2K Sports College Hoops Classic.