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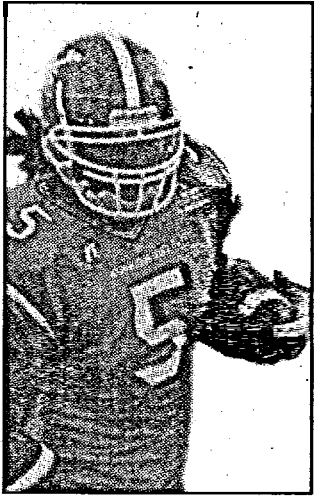
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YSU NEWS

IRS brings fraud investigation project to YSU

Youngstown State University and the Criminal Justice Division of the Internal Revenue Service will host a fraud workshop on campus on Friday, Oct. 13, in the Schwebel Reception Room in Kilcawley Center. Finance, accounting, and criminal justice students will be placed into teams and practice assorted cases with IRS special agents. For more information, contact Denise Dolesh, IRS-Criminal Investigation, at 330-233-6922.

WYSU 88.5 starts Fall Fund Drive

WYSU 88.5, the university's public radio station, begins its annual Fall Fund Drive. Starting Friday, Oct. 13, the station will reward several donors with prizes including a 15-day tour of Italy.

In addition, those who participate in the Early Bird fundraising effort currently underway will have a chance to win free dry cleaning for a year. Donations can be made at 330-941-3363 or visit www.ysu.org.

YSU

Gender inequality

Males dominate YSU faculty

Jenny Boyce
NEWS REPORTER

Research done by the Office of Institutional Research at Youngstown State University shows that the university is lacking in faculty gender diversity. In the 2005-2006 school year there was a total of 427 full-time faculty members at YSU: 62 percent were male, while 37 percent were female.

There are 552 part-time faculty members at YSU: 288 female, and 264 male.

Currently, the College of Arts and Sciences has a total 133 full-time males and 110 part-time females on staff. There are only 56 full-time female employees in the college.

"It is a male-dominated environment," Martina Nicholas, part-time Arts and Sciences employee, said. "It's not like this at other universities. That is one of the reasons I left YSU as a full-time employee."

The College of Business Administration had 30 full-time male faculty members, 12 part-time males, but only 10 full-time females and two part-time females.

Miriam Webb, part-time employee in the College of Business Administration said, "On the surface, it appears that women [in] academics have respect and standing."

"But, the game is pernicious at its core, and highly political," Webb said.

Both Webb and Nicholas referred to YSU as an "old boys' system" when "shown the numbers" of male and female faculty members. They said this is a field where they think men are seen as being more experienced or more beneficial in the work-

place.

The College of Engineering and Technology holds the most unequal ratios between the genders, with 28 full-time male faculty members and only three full-time females. There are currently no part-time female faculty members in engineering.

Theodore Bosela, associate dean and professor in the College of Engineering and Technology, agreed that the engineering field was once predominantly male, but he said that trend is quickly changing.

"In the past, we haven't had very many [female] candidates," Bosela said. "But if you look at the graduates from last year, the percentage of women in the field is increasing."

Despite the disparity in numbers between male/female faculty, the Colleges of Business Administration and Engineering and Technology both have female deans. Neither could be reached for comment.

In reference to Dean Betty Jo Licata, Webb said, "[This] reflects a growing trend in administrative jobs in universities as a whole. There's lots more females becoming deans and university presidents. However, it hasn't changed the statistics for female faculty."

In the College of Health and Human Services, females dominate in both part-time and full-time positions. There are 54 serving as full-time faculty, compared to the 23 full-time males.

"No one here has gotten their job based on anything other than quality," said John Yemma, dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

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Full Time Staff's Rankings

College of Engineering
Professors: 19 (males) and 1 (female)
Associates: 3 (males) and no females
Assistants: 5 (males) and 1 (female)
Instructors: 1 (males) and 1 (female)

College of Health and Human Services
Professors: 6 (males) and 15 (females)
Associate: 4 (males) and 14 (females)
Assistant: 10 (males) and 14 (females)
Instructors: 3 (males) and 11 (females)

Fine and Performing Arts
Professor: 20 (males) and 2 (females)
Associate: 8 (males) and 6 (females)
Assistant: 6 (males) and 7 (females)
Instructors: 5 (males) and 2 (females)

College of Education
Professors: 8 (males) and 5 (females)
Associates: 4 (males) and 8 (females)
Assistants: 3 (males) and 8 (females)
Instructors: no men, 1 (female)

College of Business
Professors: 13 (males) and 6 (females)
Associates: 9 (males) and 2 (females)
Assistants: 5 (males) and no females
Instructors: 3 (males) and 2 (females)

Arts and Sciences
Professors: 71 (males) and 20 (females)
Associates: 25 (males) and 12 (females)
Assistants: 31 (males) and 18 (females)
Instructors: 6 (males) and 6 (females)

Full Time vs. Part Time

College of Engineering
Full Time: 28 (males) and 3 (females)
Part Time: 24 (males) and no females

College of Health and Human Services
Full Time: 23 (males) and 54 (females)
Part Time: 41 (males) and 83 (females)

College of Fine and Performing Arts
Full Time: 39 (males) and 17 (females)
Part Time: 45 (males) and 34 (females)

College of Education
Full Time: 15 (males) and 19 (females)
Part Time: 36 (males) and 55 (females)

College of Business Administration
Full Time: 30 (males) and 10 (females)
Part Time: 12 (males) and 6 (females)

College of Arts and Sciences
Full Time: 133 (males) and 56 (females)
Part Time: 106 (males) and 110 (females)

YSU

YSU faculty find new jobs elsewhere

Mayssoon Abdelrasul
THE JAMBAR

Yet another administrator has left Youngstown State University. Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Walt Ulbricht cleaned out his office Friday to start a new position at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Ulbricht's new position is associate vice president for university marketing and public relations at IUP. Starting his new job on Monday, he said he will focus on state and national visibility of IUP.

Ulbricht said he was part of a national search and he received a phone call from IUP requesting him to apply.

He will be working for former YSU Provost Tony Atwater, the current president of IUP. Ulbricht said he is looking forward to working with Atwater, and a larger staff.

"It's a planned step in my career, working with a larger staff, larger budget and an increase in responsibilities," he said.

Some faculty members said it's compelling that there's a significant amount of people heading for IUP.

Professor of Religious Studies Victor Wan-Tatah questions why more people are inclined to go to IUP.

"Something is being said without anyone articulating it," Wan-Tatah said.

Jimmy Myers, former director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, left the university to go to IUP.

YSU President David Sweet commented on why people are leaving YSU. Sweet said YSU has good people and they get recruited from the university.

"I hate to lose good people," Sweet said.

However, he said, if better opportunities are available elsewhere, employees should move on in their careers.

Ulbricht's success
Ulbricht said his work was successful at YSU. The institution's visibility has gone beyond the Youngstown area and he said that is a great achievement.

Ron Cole, manager of YSU News and Information Services, was one of the many people working for Ulbricht. Cole said his boss had good ideas.

"He would come in here [the office] with an idea of how to approach a situation and it is something that I would have never thought about my whole life," Cole said.

In the four years Cole worked for Ulbricht, the office expectations have increased and they are producing things now that they were not before.

"He had quite a bit of a drive," he wanted to get things done, Cole said.

Sweet said Ulbricht played a key role in marketing for the enrollment of the university. Sweet said there were "dramatic improvements" under Ulbricht, but there will be continued improvements from the people still working in the office.

Nothing is finalized in regards to whom will take Ulbricht's position, Sweet said.

POLITICS

Celebs steal spotlight at Brown's rally

A sea of a hundred cell phones sparkled and flashed in Austintown Fitch High School's auditorium Saturday, as attendees welcomed U.S. Senate candidate Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and his campaign supporters, Sen. Hillary Clinton, and actors Luke Perry and Adam Brody.

Local politician, Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH), was also there to support Brown's campaign.

Brown's celebrity friends helped to draw the star-struck crowd, whose arms stayed at full-mast with digital extensions, eager to snap shots of the celebrity guests.

The raked auditorium directed attention downstage to speakers Clinton and then Brown.

Though the audience showed support for Brown's campaign, in which he discussed how he would provide better education and more job opportunities,



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Hillary Clinton spoke at the rally in support of Brown

the celebrity guests drew most of the cheering from the crowd. Clinton collected almost as much audience cheering as Perry and Brody did.

Clinton, dressed in a crisp, tan suit, emanated regal professionalism, but it was evident the crowd viewed her as a celebrity as much as they did a politician.

She discussed how the country is going in the wrong direction and how Brown and other democrats can change the country.

Perry and Brody made small statements of support.

Perry, native of Ohio, told the audience a story of how Brown's father delivered him, to show how close of a connection they had.

After Perry spoke, the crowd got even more excited. Brody came to the podium as fans screamed, "We love you Brody!" across the auditorium.

YSU

Brazilian students visit Youngstown

Jenny Boyce
NEWS REPORTER

The College of Business Administration is coordinating 40 Brazilian students' annual visit to Youngstown State University. The students will spend this week listening to lectures on campus and observing the retailing business at local stores. All 40 students on the trip have master's degrees in business administration from the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil.

Management Professor

Anthony Kos is hosting the trip.

"They're actually spending a week here, and then one in New York. In Youngstown, they'll have a good cross section of America to learn from," Kos said.

Kos, who has hosted these visits for the last four years, held a welcome ceremony and dinner for the students on Monday at Stambaugh Stadium. For the remainder of the trip, Kos plans on hosting bus-tours, coordinating lectures on retail management and helping the students gain more insight into the American industrial world.

"We'll have them going on company tours and lectures that'll be on campus," Christine Shelton, coordinator of external relations, said.

Keynote speakers for these lectures will include YSU's Homer Warren, Jane Reid, Cindy Anderson and Bart Kittle from the College of Business Administration.

Last year, students and faculty in YSU's MBA programs went on a trip to the University of Sao Paulo to learn about the business and culture of Brazil's economy, according to Ron Cole, manager of News and Information Services.

The study-tours for Sao Paulo and YSU students are a required part of the EMBA program, each school serving as the other's host when students come to visit the campuses.

"We've received very positive feedback in the past," Kos said of the Sao Paulo students. "They all showed interest in returning here. This is actually our sixth or seventh year hosting the trip."

Having been here for two days, the students plan to head back on Friday, following a final dinner at the Youngstown Club.

YOUNGSTOWN

Math and Science majors earn more

Renee Hardman
REPORTER

A recent survey conducted by The National Association of Colleges and Employers found that students who study in quantitatively based fields, such as mathematics and engineering, are earning higher salaries once they graduate.

The survey compared students majoring in chemical engineering and computer science, who earned roughly \$54,000 annually; to students majoring in the liberal arts, who were averaging \$30,000 annually.

Laura Morsch, a career adviser for CBcampus.com, said that not only do those graduates majoring in quantitatively based fields earn more, but "they might also have an easier time finding that coveted first job."

According to data from the U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, there are more students who graduate with degrees in liberal arts than there are of math or science fields.

Therefore, there is a greater need for people majoring in math and science.

Alex Rokicki, Youngstown State University math major, is planning on teaching high school math once she graduates.

"Women are supposed to be able to get jobs easily in math and science fields, so hopefully I will be lucky enough to get a job after I graduate," she said.

Rokicki said the downside of her major is the possibility of not finding a job after graduation and having to move elsewhere.

Another downside to having a major that requires intensive skills is the possibility that other skills in areas such as communication or sales won't be up to par.

"Experts say astonishing quantitative skills alone aren't likely to catapult you to top income brackets later on in your career," Morsch said.

JR Jackson, YSU electrical engineering major, has seen both sides of the spectrum. Jackson's father was a long-time reporter for the Vindicator and Jackson felt that majoring in liberal arts was something he was meant to do.

That is until Jackson's father gave him some advice.

"My parents never told me what I could or couldn't do with my life," Jackson said,

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JR Jackson,
YSU student

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While Jackson enjoys electrical engineering, he said there are some drawbacks.

"I guess I've always been a workaholic, but the reality of it is that there is a ton of work involved with being a math geek."

"Writing and music are all about learning how to bring things out of yourself, while math and science are all about learning to take knowledge in," Jackson said.

Jackson said that when he first started college, he was overwhelmed with all the work required of his major. While most of his friends were out partying, he was "locked away in a building," studying.

However, Jackson, now a senior, sees great advantages to his major. Besides the "money being reliable," Jackson hopes to change lives.

"I'm an engineer because I want to make life better for people, and since God has given me the ability to do so through the math-based lifestyle, I chose to do it in that way," Jackson said.

Jackson has simple advice for future math or science majors.

"You really have to develop an interest in it if you're going to do well," Jackson said.

Morsch also gives advice for math or science majors who want to polish their communication skills.

"People interested in building better communication skills can enroll in writing, speech or liberal arts courses at their local community college or university," she said

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"There isn't a job on this campus that a female can't do as well in, if not better," Yemma said, his tone stressing the sincerity in the comment, and a proud smile intact.

Like Health and Human Services, the College of Education female employees make up most of the faculty, with 19 full-time and 55 part-time females on staff.

"Females are more dominant in the early childhood education field," said Mary Lou DiPillo, associate dean in the College of Education. "But we have a good mixture of males and females in the higher education fields."

The Office of Institutional Research's statistics not only show a shrinking diversity

among full-time and part-time roles, but budgets from 2005 show that full-time female employees often hold lower rankings than their male counterparts.

In the College of Education, the majority of full-time male employees are professors, while the majority of full-time females rank below them as assistant professors.

"It's really not a bias, it's the level of experience the person has before coming here," DiPillo explained.

DiPillo went on to say that the majority of their female faculty is young; their education level and experience are the determining factors in rank.

"Most females here have a

master's degree, maybe because they don't want to take that final step towards a doctorate," DiPillo said. "A lot of them have families and still want to teach, as well as [work] here."

The College of Fine and Performing Arts, which has a total of 39 full-time male faculty members and, only 17 females, is also unbalanced between genders. Among the full-time staff, the majority of men rank as professors, while the majority of women are assistant professors.

"This is a historic problem, but one that is improving over time," said Susan Russo, department chair in the College of Fine and Performing Arts.



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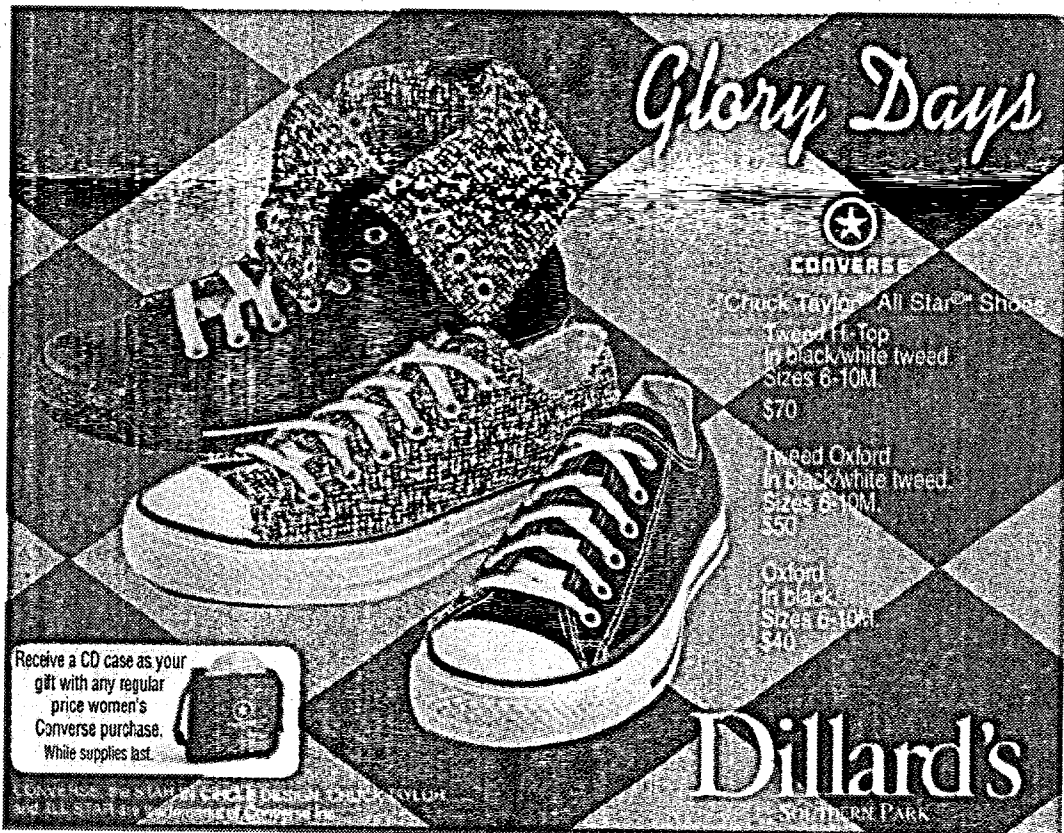
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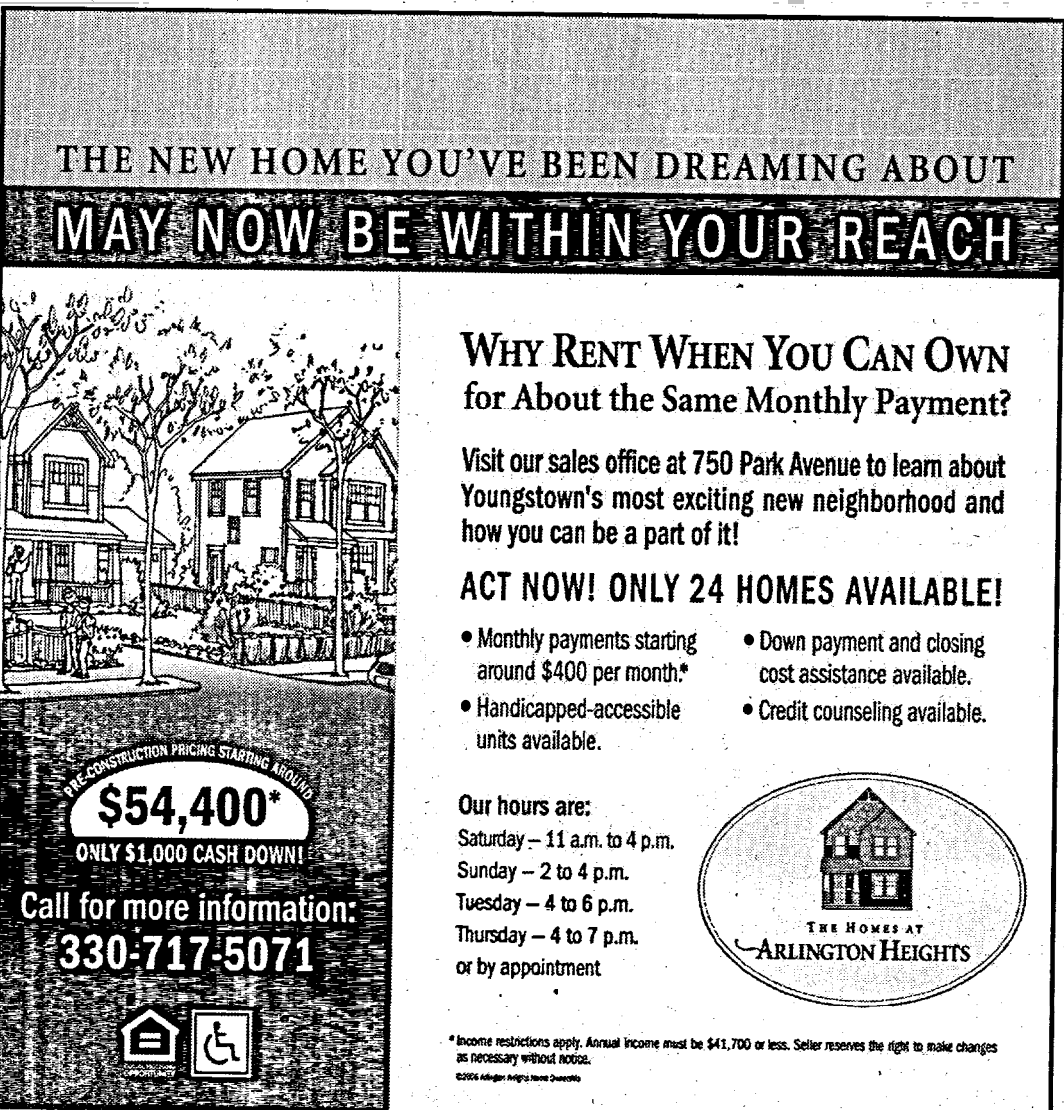
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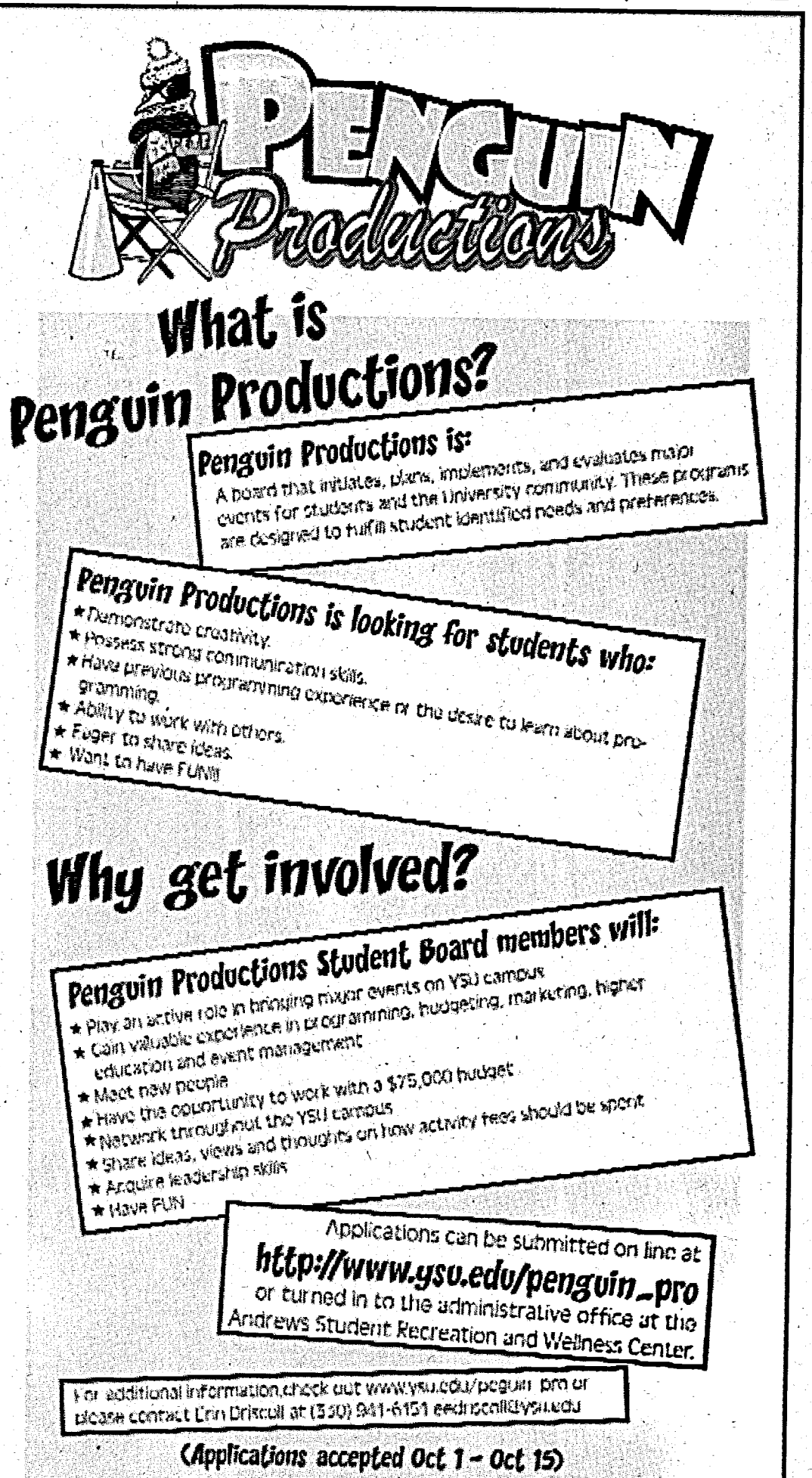
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OUR SIDE

Get HIV- tested

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently stated that most Americans should be tested for the AIDS virus. They said all young people and adults, between the ages of 13 and 64, should be tested as a part of regular check-ups, and tests should be given more frequently to high-risk individuals.

Most, if not all, Youngstown State University students are a part of this demographic, but oddly enough, the student health center on the first floor of Kilcawley House does not offer HIV/AIDS testing. The nurse who answered the phone would not comment further. The nearby Planned Parenthood, 77 E. Midlothian Blvd., uses the oral swab test and offers counseling.

The CDC press release said the aims of the recommendations is for widespread voluntary testing to "increase early HIV diagnosis among the estimated more than 250,000 HIV-positive Americans who are unaware of their infection."

On Monday, the United Kingdom launched its first dating Web site for people living with HIV and sexually transmitted diseases. The site's founder, an anonymous female, launched the site because all the dating sites for those living with HIV and STDs were based in North America. Sites like these help to ease the HIV/AIDS stigma for those diagnosed, but there are still thousands of Americans who are unaware they are infected.

Testing is the only way to find out.

Traditional HIV tests require a blood sample, with results available after one to two weeks. In 2004, the FDA approved a rapid HIV test kit that requires no specialized equipment and can produce results in about 20 minutes.

AIDS remains the leading cause of illness and death in the United States, according to the CDC. With their recommendation, the CDC is recognizing the fact that no one is insulated from HIV and AIDS by race or social class. With the CDC's recommendation, more people will become aware of HIV and AIDS' long arm.

In a pilot program at George Washington University Hospital in Washington D.C., 58 percent of 1,000 ER patients offered a HIV test have accepted since the program began in September.

Most Americans know how the disease is transmitted, but few understand how deeply it can infiltrate our lives. An HIV-positive test result isn't the death sentence it was in the 1980s. The treatments available now, while expensive, are much more effective, especially if HIV is diagnosed early. However, the recent proclamation won't bring any swift results. There are several practical concerns that must be addressed before mass voluntary tests can be implemented in our nation's hospitals and doctor's offices. Concerns include immediate and future costs, the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS and tangled state law.

HIV tests are relatively low-cost, with traditional tests priced at about \$5, and rapid tests around \$15. Some tests are offered for free through government funding and support from companies like OraSure Technologies Inc. that sell rapid-result HIV tests in the United States.

Treatments are expensive, and there is no indication that government funding will increase. People with high-deductible health insurance plans or without insurance will find living with HIV and AIDS expensive. Despite the costliness, as more individuals are diagnosed, more treatments will become available.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is there really peace at YSU?

Editor:

There's been some talk on and off campus about labor peace at Youngstown State University. But does such talk have any evidence to support it? To be sure, the strikes of 2005 were resolved. Staff and faculty returned to their jobs by the first day of the academic year. Since then, the university has functioned relatively well and there has been a noticeable degree of enthusiasm for teaching and learning and providing all those support services essential for day-to-day and sustained, long-term activities of the institution. Most of us have a real commitment to our profession. And so things appear to be going well.

Consequently, in his presidential address, Sweet remarked on the progress made in labor relations at YSU, particularly with the formation of the Labor Management Council. Those and other remarks by Sweet and the noticeable enthusiasm of staff and faculty may have inspired the observation made by Mr. Bertram de Souza of the Vindicator in a recent Sunday editorial - that we are now enjoying labor peace on campus. But the going well of the institution is only a superficial appreciation of our reality.

At present, there are some sixty grievances by staff and



Cartoon courtesy of MCT Campus

faculty against the administration for a wide range of alleged violations of labor contracts - from refusal to engage in participatory governance to a failure to honor contractually mandated reassigned time and salary. One powerful piece of evidence of the real absence of labor peace on campus is the refusal by Sweet to fully implement the unanimous decision of the judge and full board of the State Employees Board of Review in the matter of the President of the classified employees, Ms. Christine Domhoff. The Board ruled that Ms. Domhoff was to be reinstated with full seniority and receive back pay and sick

leave. I understand this was a sour loss for the Board of Trustees, especially its chair, who urged litigation.

Instead of mere talk about improving labor relations, Sweet could, by a simple act of fully enacting the ruling, demonstrate his real commitment to labor peace. Many of us have come to doubt Sweet's commitment to many of the things he says - e.g., to diversity. There are police records of an incident in which an administrator referred to Mr. Ivan Maldonado, vice president of the classified staff, as a "filthy Puerto Rican." Surely anyone with any commitment to diver-

sity, or even to minimal civility at the institution, would not tolerate that behavior. But Sweet did, just as he has tolerated one of his closest assistants' repeated insults to this faculty member's ethnicity.

There is no labor peace on campus, nor will there be any until Sweet and the Board of Trustees begin to honor their words.

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez,
Ph.D. Director

Dr. James Dale, Ethics Center
Professor

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Studies

Brown's campaign ads bring him down

Editor:

The campaign season has heated up lately, and it is more than evident that the negative ads on television have come out in full force. While negativity is the norm, I have found that Sherrod Brown's campaign particularly has resorted to outright lies in its advertising, especially on matters of defense. Having said this, students have the right to know the truth in respect to the Ohio Senate race. The following can be verified by voting records supplied online, and I encourage anyone to check it out for him or herself.

Sherrod Brown is perhaps the most anti-defense congressman on Capitol Hill. Since the time of his arrival to Congress, he has voted against most budgeted military appropriations. In 2001, he voted to send troops to Afghanistan, and soon after turned around and voted against funding them by voting no on appropriations for 2002. Brown also voted against a national missile defense system. Regarding terrorism,

Brown's record has been poor since 1996 when he voted against the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act. Recently, he has been against the Patriot Act.

DeWine on the other hand, has stood for everything Brown has not. DeWine's record has been flawless when it comes to supporting the military and defending America. If you compare the two candidates' voting records, there is no question who is strong on defense, and that man is Mike DeWine.

A man's voting record is an indication of his character. While Sherrod Brown would like you to be uninformed, I encourage you, the students, to be objective voters. I challenge you to go online and check my facts (something I doubt the Brown campaign would ask you to do). The site www.vote-smart.org/ is non-partisan and contains the voting records of virtually every public officeholder. When you cut away the glitz and the mudslinging, you will find the truth, and I strongly encourage you to do so.

Alex Mangie
President YSU
College Republicans

YSU drones perform little labor

Editor:

I have a suggestion that, if implemented, would bring a small measure of relief for students having to pay an exorbitant amount for textbooks every semester. When I was a graduate student at the University of Washington in Seattle, UW's bookstore made sure that everyone kept their receipts because at the end of the academic year we received a rebate based on the dollar amount of our purchases. In other words, after the bookstore determined its year-end profits, it redistributed them back to the students. If I remember correctly, we received back around 10-15%. At YSU, bookstore profits are dumped into the "General Fund," where they are usually not used for teaching, scholarship, and research but for hiring more worthless drones (aka, administrators).

In order to initiate such a change, students, student government, and The Jambar should petition the "powers that be" and convince them that this would be a nice thing to do. But to whom should such a petition be addressed? Provost Herbert is the chief academic officer of the university, so maybe you could start there. But wait! The Jambar has been trying to find him for over a month, but he has been more elusive than an ivory-billed woodpecker lurking in the swamps of Georgia. Among other things, they probably want to ask him about the demand from his previous place of employment that he "undertake immediate and protracted professional development." Did he take this "advice" and is he better because of it? If so, what was he like before? From his penchant for canceling classes that "make money for the university," perhaps he should seek more help.

Well, if you can't count on the provost, perhaps you should discuss this with Dr. Sweet, our beloved president. It turns out that he isn't very

accessible either. For at least the first six months he was at YSU, Sweet refused to talk with any member of the faculty. More recently, he was responsible for the longest strike ever by the faculty and staff of YSU. In order to see "what went wrong," Sweet put together a labor-management panel that criticized him and certain key members of his administration, some of whom are gone but not forgotten. We're still paying his buddy John Hobbitt about \$150,000 per year even though he has another job that pays a comparable amount.

For the last six months, Sweet and Herbert have been involved in a plot to remove nine faculty members from the list of new promotions, people who had already been approved by their departments and colleges. These people appealed and the president approved four additional promotions although five were recommended by the review panels. The YSU-OEA has filed a grievance that will be going to arbitration. Typical arbitrations cost the Administration about \$30,000 or more of your money because they hire outside attorneys to handle the cases. The president of the union offered to settle these grievances but Sweet "never replied to our offer of a settlement." Never bothered to reply! What a guy! Rarely have we seen such a masterful blend of arrogance and mediocrity in one individual.

Maybe you should just petition our Board of Trustees. Oops! That won't work either; they're the ones who hired these guys. Perhaps the best solution would be to demand, effective immediately, the resignations of the entire board as well as the president and provost. Perhaps a total house cleaning will save YSU from becoming a community college/high school (or from ceasing to exist altogether!) in the near future.

Ronald G. Tabak, Professor
Physics & Astronomy

Men layer it up for fall fashions

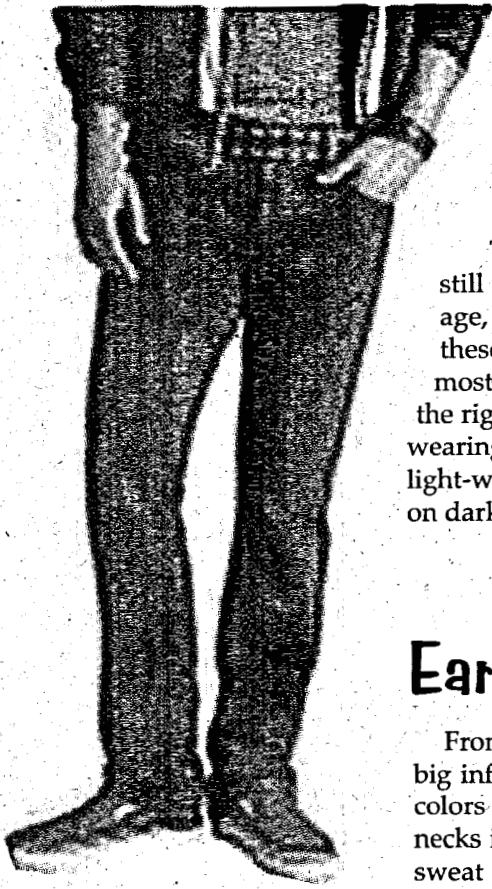
Adrienne Sabo
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The styles for men this fall suggest ease and comfort. Layering is one of the hottest looks, and with the ever-changing Northeast Ohio weather, it's good news for the guys. This season the focus is on the tighter fit of T-shirts, thermals and jeans.

Business Casual Attire

The overall theme for fall with fitted clothing extends to business casual wear. Flat-front pants in a dark color can be paired with the popular striped, button-down shirt. "It's just a more modern look overall," Hodak said.

Striped button downs can be found in a variety of stores, and one of the new looks for button downs is the white-collar shirt. These shirts were featured in Menstyle.com's 20 items that should be in every man's wardrobe. While this Hermes' shirt runs for over \$400, much more affordable versions can be found in other stores.



Slim Fits, Skinny Jeans

The rock star, super slim jean is still in for this fall. "It's the college age, younger crowd that can pull these off," Hodak said. Known to most as "girl jeans," if guys have the right body type, they can pull off wearing them. Hodak said to avoid light-washed denim; the emphasis is on darker denim this season.



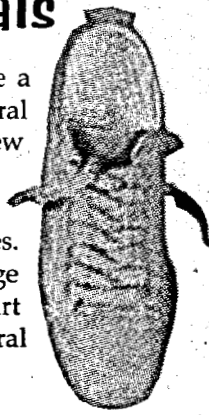
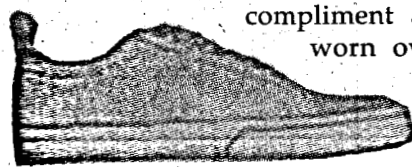
The Classic Vintage Look

The broken-in, worn-out feel of vintage T-shirts is a definite trend for men this fall.

"The number one selling shirt is anything with beer on it and number two is classic rock shirts like Led Zepplin and Lynyrd Skynrd," Hodak said. These vintage-looking shirts are softer and thinner. They have a broken-in feel to them, making them a comfortable option this fall. Layer shirts over a thermal and top it off with a screened hooded sweat shirt. Screen embellishments on the front and back of zip-up sweat shirts add to the vintage feel. "It makes the traditional sweat shirt a lot more interesting," Hodak said.

Earth Tones/Neutrals

From shirts to shoes, earth tones are a big influence this fall. Hodak said neutral colors are seen in numerous designs. Crew necks in neutrals can be layered under sweat shirts and T-shirts. Shoes are also a great way to bring in earth tones. These suede shoes in golden beige compliment a plaid shirt worn over a neutral thermal.



Places to shop

When shopping for these looks, start with stores like Macy's and J.C. Penney Co. Inc. These department stores offer a men's section full of these looks. Stores like Express for Men have a line for business attire. Macy's INC line also carries business casual clothes. Old Navy and Macy's both carry a wide array of thermals and T-shirts in solids and prints.

Battle of the bands spends a day at 'The Zou'

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

Despite the fierce competition in Saturday's Battle of the Bands, only one group could take home the \$1,500 gift check to the Guitar Center and the opportunity to have two songs mixed at the Mind Rocket Studio.

That band was local indie favorite, The Zou.

The ten judges who sat on the panel for the Battle at Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center had a lot of talent to choose from, and though the afternoon started slowly, by the time the second band started, the lawn was filling up.

First to compete was the Youngstown Brass Company, comprised of 11 people, four of them YSU students and most involved in the Dana School of Music: Maureen Connell, Marc Gusiewski, Lauren Susany and Evan Hertrick.

Dancing near the front was sophomore Lauren Hess, energized by the band.

"I've heard A Fistful of Dollars and The Zou, but I just love this music! It's fabulous and it's fun to dance to," Hess said.

Next up was A Fistful of Dollars, who delivered energy and screaming lyrics. Event staffer and Resident Assistant Brandi Veigh nodded approvingly and bounced her head to the frenetic beat.

"The singer sounds exactly like the guy from My Chemical

Romance," Veigh said.

She wasn't the only one impressed by the band, which engaged the crowd in the short time allotted for its performance.

Following the hard-rock act was the winner and local favorite The Zou. Cheney High School students and sisters Crystal, Rochelle and Lauren Beiersdorfer were excited to see the band.

"We've seen them around," Crystal explained, while Rochelle nodded. "We really like the Zou, we saw them at the Oakland once."

Lead singer Kahled Tabbara interacted heavily with the crowd, encouraging people to move closer to the stage, throwing flying discs and CDs into the audience.

Penteberry Jam took the stage after The Zou. The non-vocal group played eclectically

"I'm not gonna have to make a speech out on the field am I? This is so cool!"

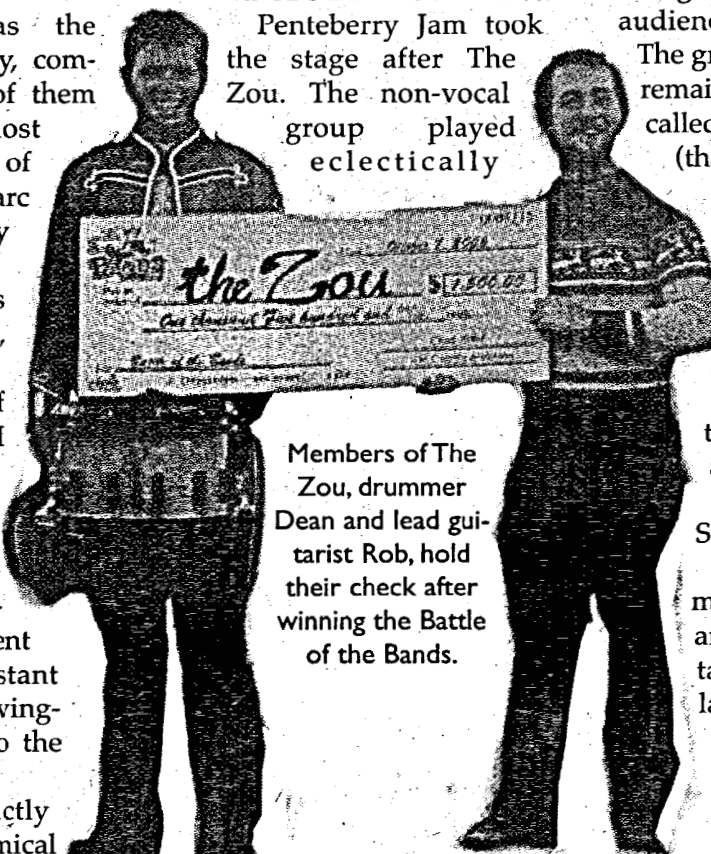
Rob Thorndike, The Zou guitarist

impressive music. Penteberry Jam had a little bit of funk, jazz and rock, along with a steady energy that flowed through its whole set.

We Famous rounded out the Battle, playing hip-hop and rap with a live band. Though some of the crowd had filtered out for the football game, We Famous still got the audience going with sing-alongs. The group used humor to reach the remaining audience, with a song called "Rather Have A Groupie" (than a girl like you). Senior Christin Shullo laughed when she heard the lyrics.

"I'm glad I stayed ... I heard that they were really good, and it was true," she said.

The Zou was announced as the Battle of the Bands winner and presented with the \$1,500 check at halftime of Saturday's YSU football game. "I'm not gonna have to make a speech out on the field am I? This is so cool!" Zou guitarist Rob Thorndike said, laughing.



Members of The Zou, drummer Dean and lead guitarist Rob, hold their check after winning the Battle of the Bands.

Photo courtesy of Rudi Whitmore

Upcoming Events

Peaberry's

Tuesday, Oct. 10 - Zach (acoustic pop), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., free admission.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 - The Zou, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., free admission.

Thursday, Oct. 12 - Comedian Bill Scott, 11:15 a.m., free admission.

The Cellar

Saturday, Oct. 14 - Eric Ryan Productions presents The Huckin' Fillbillies, Doors open at 9 p.m., show starts at 10 p.m., 18 and over, \$5 tickets available at the door.

Nyabinghi

Wednesday, Oct. 11 - Karaoke, 10 p.m., 18 and over, free admission.

Thursday, Oct. 12 - Dead Girl, 10 p.m. 18 and over.

Saturday, Oct. 14 - River's Edge, Bestowed and Audion, 10 p.m., 18 and over.

Fine and Performing Arts

Wednesday, Oct. 11 - Dana Faculty Potpourri Concert 12:15 p.m., Butler Institute of American Art, free admission.

Sunday, Oct. 15 - Dana Vocal Society Recital 4:00 p.m., Bliss Recital Hall, free admission.

Funny Farm Comedy Club

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14 - Dennis Regan, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., 21 and over, Call 330-759-4242 for \$13.50 tickets.

EDUCATION

VangoNotes offer alternative for auditory learners

Ashley Tate
REPORTER

Students walking around campus with their beloved MP3 players may not be listening to music; they just might be studying.

VangoNotes, audio study guides linked to Pearson textbooks, can be downloaded onto MP3 players to coincide with music playlists.

"Pearson Education is the global leader in educational publishing, providing research-based print and digital programs to help students of all ages learn at their own pace, in their own way," according to the International Society for Technology in Education.

VangoNotes work on over 200 MP3 players, including Apple iPods, and incorporate concepts for each area of study, such as practice tests and audio "flashcards" to help review any key terms.

For students whose budgeting is an important factor, each chap-

ter is \$2.99 and all chapter reviews are \$19.95.

Junior Brandon Thomas said it's a good deal for someone who is a strong auditory learner, instead of paying \$50 for a book.

"For me it would be reinforcement, I'd rather have a book. If I was going to class and had a test I would listen to it, but I wouldn't just buy it," Thomas said.

Thomas sees the benefits to VangoNotes.

"It helps when I read things aloud and hear it," Thomas said. "We are so used to teachers, PowerPoint and lectures, but if we were to raise the next generation on audio learning, then maybe down the line they would like this."

Junior Shalea Thurston agrees that VangoNotes would be reinforcement. Considering herself a visual learner, Thurston said she probably wouldn't purchase VangoNotes.

"It wouldn't be my main way of studying," Thurston said. "I'd probably forget I had it. I'd rather

go back and reread what I read. Even though I could listen to the notes, I want to be able to see it in my head. And what kind of voice would it be? It might be a weird voice or monotone."

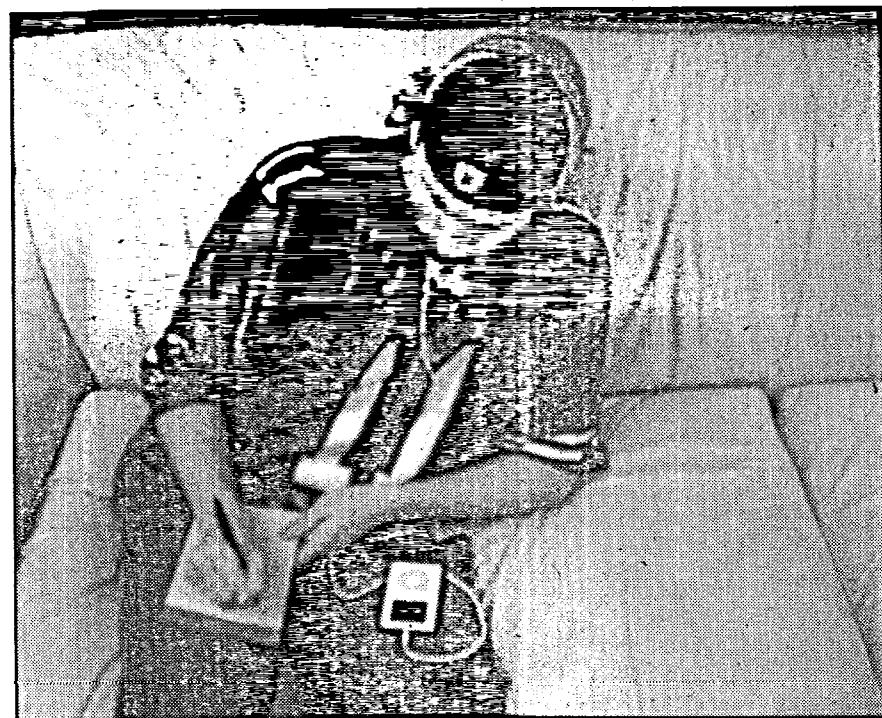
English Professor Dolores Sisco agrees with Thurston. The voice plays a major role in listening, because it could be a distraction.

"When you're listening to the book, you have a third person in between you and the text. If it's a book you've been assigned for class, I wouldn't recommend it. I couldn't see where it would help you," Sisco said.

Senior Crystal Moore said she would buy it, just to try something different.

"If my grades improved, I would keep downloading the notes, but if they stayed the same or dropped, I wouldn't continue with it," Moore said. "It wouldn't be my primary way of studying, it would be reinforcement."

Like Moore, Sophomore



The Jambar/ Brian Cetina

Russell Howell studies while listening to notes on his MP3 player

Richard Lampley II said he wouldn't mind trying something new.

"Plus I always have my phone [with an MP3 player] with me, so if I was at work and didn't want to bring my book I could just listen to it on my phone," Lampley said.

Lampley agreed with the other

students, saying he would rather use a book for studying and taking notes.

"You can actually see what's going on and have an imagination. I can take it line-by-line or word-by-word, as opposed to rewinding to what I want to hear. I can go at my own pace."

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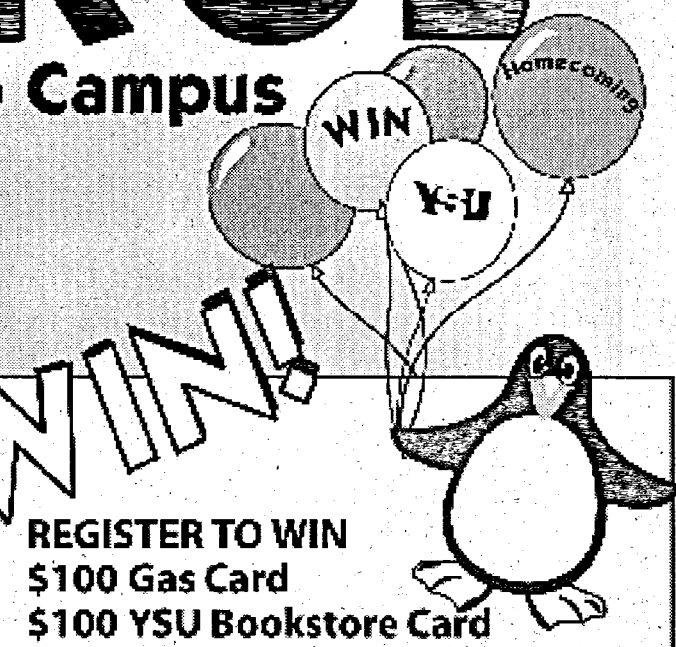
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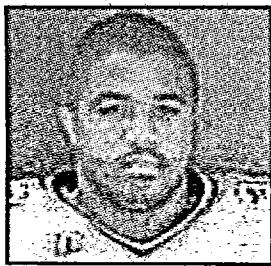
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- (3) HINT: Many "lucky" winners last year were spotted with shakers, pennants, & fun props!

Prize winners of gift cards will be notified on Friday, October 20th, by email and/or phone. Winners must be able to pick up their prize at Kilcawley Center on or before October 27th, 2006, or unclaimed prizes will be awarded to another contestant.

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Marcuse Mason is our "Jambar Penguin Player of the Game" for his performance in YSU's 55-17 victory over the Indiana State Sycamores. The senior running back finished the game with a season-high 197 rushing yards and two touchdowns. His first score came on a 13-yard run, while his second was a result of a 56-yard sprint in which he was untouched.

Season stats: Rushing - 122 attempts, 652 yards, 5.7 yards-per-carry, 9 touchdowns
Receiving - 1 reception, 15 yards

FOOTBALL

Reams is long on talent in Penguin win



Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

With the door to the Youngstown State University locker room clogged with fans, Justin Reams stood signing autographs after Saturday's 55-17 win over Indiana State.

His trademark long dreadlocks tied back, the running back from Miami, Fla. had just come off one of his biggest games as a Penguin.

Still Reams was modest as to why he was asked to sign. "I think it's more my hair than anything ... I think they just like my hair hanging out my helmet," he said.

Seeing his first extensive action of the season, Reams was having a near perfect game until he fumbled away the ball with 1:45 left in the third quarter.

This turnover will weigh heavily on Reams and Jon Heacock, head football coach, as the team prepares for next week's game. "I thought he had a good per-

formance until he turned the ball over ... Justin is a talented guy, but we have got to take care of the football. We have got to hand that ball to the official on every snap," Heacock said.

Playing with a manner all his own, Reams put in a 100-yard, two touch-down performance.

"I don't really know what my style is. I just go out there and I play with my heart. I play with my heart first and that's kind of why I messed up today ... Every time I touch the ball I'm trying to save the world," Reams said.

After logging only 18 carries through the first five games of the season, the senior may have been a little rusty. He showed no signs of it, though, as he broke loose for a 25-yard run on only his second carry of the game.

Four plays later, Reams went in for a 2-yard touchdown, his first of the year.

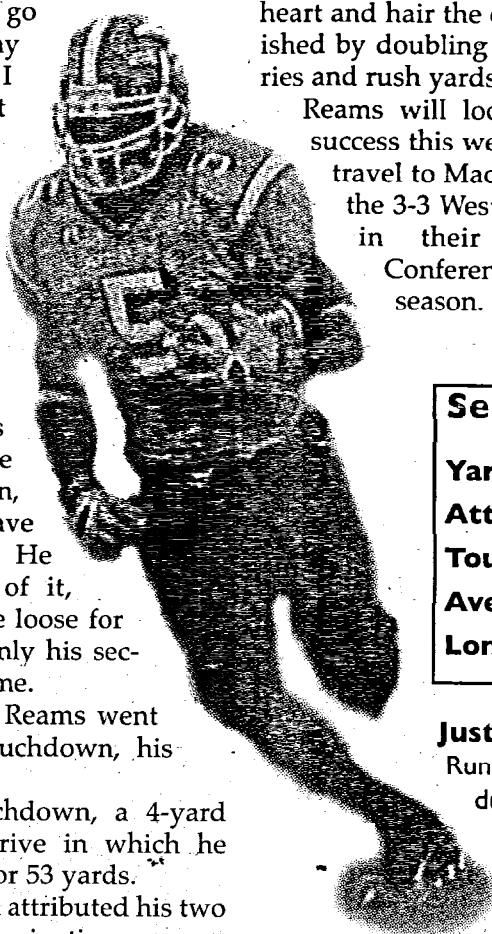
His second touchdown, a 4-yard run, came on a drive in which he rushed nine times for 53 yards.

The running back attributed his two scores to sheer determination.

"The first one, I was so close it was one of those things where they're not stopping me from getting in. It was mind over matter ... The second one, I saw a light so I just kept going. I always learned to just stretch out and you'll get there. Sometimes it's just pushing yourself," Reams said.

After running with a plethora of heart and hair the entire game, he finished by doubling his number of carries and rush yards for the season.

Reams will look to continue his success this week as the Penguins travel to Macomb, Ill. to take on the 3-3 Western Illinois Salukis in their third Gateway Conference match-up of the season.



Season Stats

Yards: 155
Attempts: 36
Touchdowns: 2
Average: 4.3
Long: 25

Justin Reams

Runs the football during the game Saturday against Indiana State. YSU beat the Sycamores 55 - 17

Photos by Jake Glavies

For more pictures of Justin Reams big game please visit us on the web at www.thejambar.com



YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF

Penguins on Gateway list

Senior cornerback Jason Perry earned his third consecutive Gateway Player of the Week award for his 64-yard punt return for a touchdown in the Penguins 55-17 win over Indiana State. Perry totaled 93 yards on punt returns, good for sixth in school history, and also contributed one pass breakup en route to the special teams award. Running back Marcus Mason earned offensive honorable mention for his 197-yard, two touchdown performance against the Sycamores. Senior linebacker Marty Hutchinson was also included in the defensive honorable mention category for his team high 11 tackles. This was the fourth game this season in which he recorded double digit stops. The Penguins will travel to take on Illinois State University this Saturday.

Women's tennis plays well in W.Va.

The Youngstown State University women's tennis team completed play in the Martha Thorn Invitational, hosted by West Virginia University, Sunday. No official team scores were kept for this event. Among the Penguins earning wins in the singles category were Michelle Fuleky, Emily Thayer, Gina Peretti and Nicole Haralampobolous. Freshmen Tanisha Welch and Kelly Culbertson also picked up wins in singles play. Two pairs also earned wins in doubles action as Peretti and Haralampobolous, and Thayer and Fuleky took home victories. The Penguins will conclude the fall season Oct. 19 at the ITA Rolex Regionals.

Volleyball team loses at Butler

Freshman Roth Boscaljon's team-high 10 kills weren't enough to power the Penguins to victory as YSU came up short losing 30-16, 30-25, 31-29 at Butler on Saturday afternoon. With this loss the Penguins drop to 8-14 overall and 0-6 in the Horizon League. Also contributing in the match was sophomore Ebony Barbosa, who posted nine kills and 10 digs, and freshman Allison Heinz with eight kills. Janelle McDonald, a senior defensive specialist, had a team-high 16 digs. YSU will return home to face Cleveland State Friday at the Beeghly Center.

Cross country teams finish strong

Youngstown State University senior Nick Kruse finished 39th with an 8K time of 27:03 to lead the men's cross country team to a 19th-place finish at the All-Ohio Championships held Friday. Also posting impressive finishes were freshman Justin Dickman with an 88th place showing, Dan Nemer gut in 114th, J.D. Sheppard placed 146th and Sean Finnerty rounded out the Penguin field with a 148th-place finish. Senior Marielle Glanz was the top finisher for the women's squad, as she placed 106th with a 5K time of 20:34. The women's squad finished 27th, ahead of Horizon League opponents Wright State and Cleveland State. Lisa Lee was the second Penguin to cross the finish line on the women's side with a 153rd-place time of 21:31. Other top finishers included: Laura Yamsek in 163rd, Madelyn McGhee in 173rd and Amy More who finished 181st. The Penguins will compete at the Falcon Invitational Saturday.

FOOTBALL

YSU gets competitive on national stage

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

A slew of big-time match-ups and a number of highly touted recruits have allowed Youngstown State University to explode onto the national sports scene.

Those athletes that contributed to the Penguins' success in the late '90s and early part of the current decade have again added to the university's accomplishments - this time in the form of an impressive student-athlete graduation rate.

The NCAA's most recent data, from 1998 to 2003, showed that YSU amassed a student-athlete Graduation Success Rate of 70 percent.

The GSR examines all athletes who enter the university in a given academic term and graduate within six years. It also factors in new transfer students, while removing from the equation those athletes that leave the university.

Ranking slightly below the average Div. I-AA GSR of 73 percent, Youngstown has only outperformed one of its peers from the Horizon League and Gateway Conference.

Although the university is an underachiever among its athletic conference foes, it has surpassed many larger schools in the category, such as the University of Oklahoma, the University of Alabama, Birmingham and the University of Southern California.

Elaine Jacobs, associate athletic director, feels YSU's success has been a combined effort.

"Our coaches recruit students that have a

likelihood of academic success. Also, our academic support staff has an excellent rapport with the athletes. They try to make sure that all student-athletes are doing well. They have a lot of contact with the Center for Student Progress and they try and get help for those students that need it," Jacobs said.

Among Youngstown's athletic programs, the football team boasts a highly competitive 67 percent GSR, which ranks third in the

and eighth among all Div. I Top 25 teams.

Posting a similarly impressive rate, the Lady Penguins basketball team ranks seventh in the Horizon League with an 80 percent GSR, but 15th among last season's Top 25 squads.

Tisha Hill, the woman's head basketball coach, feels as though the team's success is due to its self-motivation.

"We haven't done anything out of what I consider the norm. We put a goal in front of them to attain and provide the support and guidance for them to achieve it," she said.

Source: NCAA

In addition to this calculation, YSU achieved a 92 percent graduation rate among student-athletes who exhausted their eligibility, but remained in school to obtain a degree by August 2004.

With a national average of only 85 percent, the Penguins have shown great initiative in aiding athletes in their quest to graduate.

According to Jacobs, YSU's competitive graduation rates notwithstanding, the university is always looking to improve.

Gateway Conference Graduation Success Rate

University of Northern Iowa - 81%
Southern Illinois University - 77%
Indiana State University - 76%
Illinois State University - 73%
Western Illinois University - 72%
Youngstown State University - 70%
Missouri State University - 63%

Horizon League Graduation Success Rate

Butler University - 90%
University of Wisconsin, Green Bay - 90%
Cleveland State University - 84%
Loyola University of Chicago - 83%
University of Detroit Mercy - 81%
University of Wisconsin - 81%
Youngstown State University - 70%