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Money for improvements

YSU trustees discuss borrowing \$58 million to help pay for \$101 million in campus projects

Jason Kelly
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The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees is planning to discuss borrowing money to improve facilities at YSU.

The proposed amount to borrow is \$58 million to help pay for \$101 million in campus projects.

The trustees' Finance and Facilities Committee will meet Thursday to discuss the project, according to Trustee John Pogue,

because the committee consists of trustees, the proposal to borrow the money will probably pass at the Board of Trustees' December meeting.

Trustee Scott Schulick said the board is considering funding campus improvements. At the meeting, the committee will prioritize and see what is the best and most important way to spend the

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—YSU Trustee John Pogue

money, he said.

Schulick said the money follows along with YSU's master plan.

YSU's master plan includes projects such as the new \$30 million Williamson College of Business

Administration. Private donations have already provided \$9 million toward the college. Schulick said almost half is likely to come from

capital funding.

Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, also a part of the master plan, was financed with \$12.1 million in donations.

Some other areas being looked into for improvement include upgrading both classrooms and parking.

YSU President David Sweet said YSU ranks low in outstanding debt as opposed to other universities. Sweet said he wants to provide

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YSU News

Who's going to apply for Who's Who?

The deadline to register for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is 5 p.m. on Dec. 1. Students must be of at least junior status and have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA. Graduate students are also eligible. Interested students can go to YSU's Web site and click on the featured link to sign up. Students can also stop in Room 2100 of Kilcawley Center.

YSU Student Health Clinic to offer flu shots

The YSU Student Health Clinic and the Youngstown City Health District will sponsor a flu clinic on campus from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 5. The flu shots are available to anyone 18 years of age or older. The clinic is located on the first floor of Kilcawley Residence Hall, adjacent to Kilcawley Center. Vaccinations are \$10 and may be paid for by cash or check (no credit cards).

Americans blame parties for increased holiday drinking



Britta Snowberger
FEATURES REPORTER

According to a survey conducted by market researcher Synovate for New Seasons Behavioral Health Care Systems, seven of 10 Americans blame increased holiday alcohol consumption on parties and family get-togethers

rather than loneliness and stress.

"There is definitely a rise in drinking over the holidays," said Youngstown State University Police Chief John Gocala.

"Most of it is probably party-related, but I wouldn't discount those who are drinking as a result of stress."

The police chief noted that the YSU Police Department encounters fewer student-related drinking incidents during the holidays, since many students are at home during the break.

"There's nothing wrong with being moderate and having a social drink every now and then," Gocala said. "It's when people

take it too far that we have a problem."

Junior Katie Torba said if she drinks at all over the holidays, it is in the presence of her family.

"I don't really drink over the holidays," Torba said. "I might have a glass of wine or egg nog with my family, but that's about it."

In agreement with Torba, sophomore Caitlin Lee said she consumes alcohol during the holiday break only during family celebrations.

"I might have a couple glasses of wine during the break, but only in social situations," Lee said.

Junior McKenzie Bedra said she plans to drink over the holidays in celebration.

"I'll probably drink during Christmas break, but mostly just at family gatherings," she said.

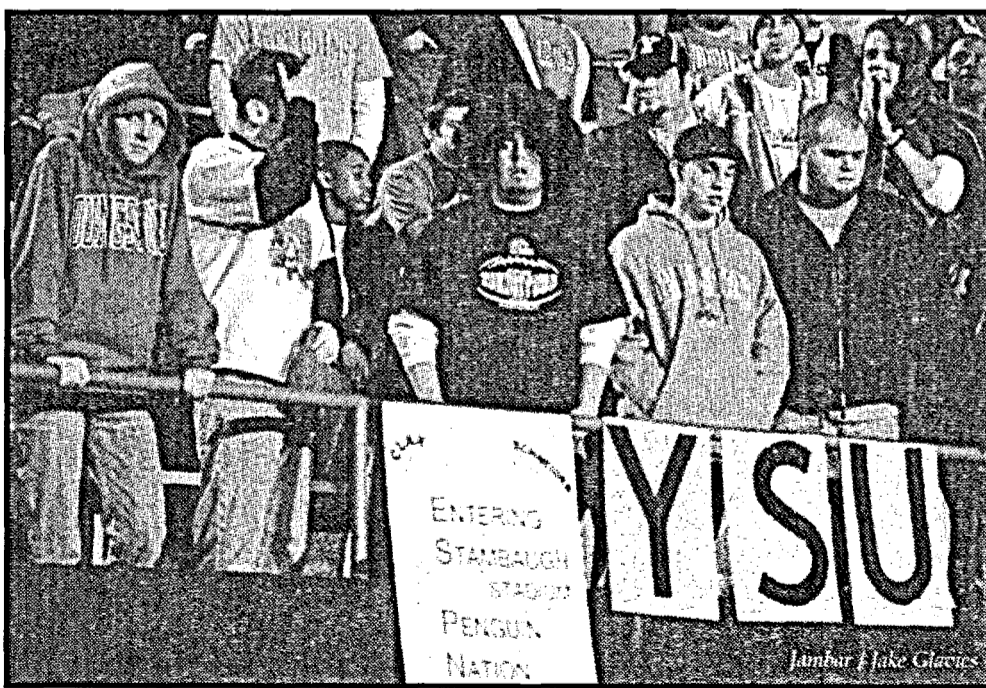
According to the Synovate for New Seasons Behavior Health



Care systems survey, 71 percent of Americans attribute the rise in holiday drunk-driving incidents to partying as well.

In Mahoning County alone, 246 alcohol-related crashes occurred from November to January in 2003-2005. "Our OVI [Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated] Task Force sets up a check point every other week in Mahoning County," Gocala said. "There is a fair amount of drunk-driving with company parties, which can be at businesses or individuals' homes, and family gatherings."

High hopes lead to victory



Anxious fans watched as YSU took on James Madison Saturday night. YSU won the game 35-31 after a come-from-behind victory. See full story on page 6.

Game excitement goes wrong

Renee Hardman
REPORTER

At the Youngstown State University football game Saturday, the YSU Police Department received a call that a man had fallen on the president's patio and struck his head, according to a police report.

The man, who was excited about the final score of the game, lost his balance, striking his head on a rail, causing a three-inch laceration to his head. According to the report, the man, who also had an alcoholic odor and unstable footing, refused medical treatment and

was assisted by the police department back to his home.

At the east stands of Striban Stadium on Saturday, YSU police observed a James Madison fan who was throwing a streamer from his seat into the rest of the stands, according to an incident report.

The fan was ejected from the game and escorted by officers out of the stands.

Numerous other streamers were being thrown during the game, but according to the report, officers could not identify who was throwing the objects.

YEC dean defends academics to students

Ashley Tate
REPORTER

"It's too small. There are no sports. The only good thing is lunch."

These are some of the gripes from Youngstown Early College students as they walk to the corner to catch their buses.

Youngstown Early College is an educational partnership between Youngstown State University and the Youngstown City School District.

Students as early as ninth grade have the opportunity to participate in a combined high school and college experience to earn a high school diploma and up to 60 semester hours of college credit toward either a two-

year or four-year college degree

Ebonii Clark, a 10th-grade student, said, "It's too small, the only thing I like is lunch because we can leave and do whatever we want."

Student James Burns agrees because he said they get 50 minutes for lunch and they get to eat at Christmas Dining Hall, which serves a buffet.

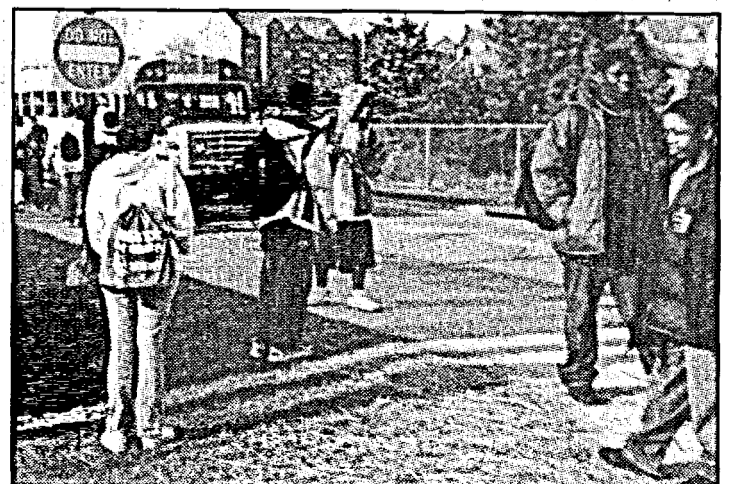
Some students expressed interest in plans for sports events and dances.

Tenth-grader Tachieka Williams also said YEC is too small.

"Everyone is in your business. There are no sports. There is nothing to do; we need to have some sports and games."

YEC Dean Larry Johnson

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Youngstown Early College students wait for the bus next to the YSU tennis courts after their school day at Fedor Hall.

YSU

Student employees react to Issue 2

Jenny Boyce
NEWS REPORTER

"I don't understand why there needs to be discussion on it, if it's now a law to increase wages."

Rick Davis
Senior

employees is \$10.

Ron Cole, news and information director at YSU, said there are discussions on how to fund not only the initial rate, but how to fund the long-term inflation that will most likely occur every year.

In the weeks following the November elections, YSU officials have been holding meetings to discuss how to raise student wages to accord to state law.

Issue 2 has changed the minimum wage rate from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.85. According to the new law, the state minimum wage will go up Jan. 1 of this year, and could go up on Jan. 1 of subsequent years, based on inflation rates.

The only employees in the state of Ohio exempt from a wage increase are employees who are family members of the owner of a family-owned business,

employees who receive tips that (combined with their wages) are greater than the minimum wage rate, and those employees who are under the age of 16.

"I don't understand why there needs to be discussion on it, if it's now a law to increase wages," said senior Rick Davis, who works as part of a set-up crew. "I'm not getting my hopes up."

Junior Jess Rogers seemed optimistic, stating that the increase might let her give up a second job with Avon.

"It'd really help out a lot, with bills, and would give me more time with school if I were able to give up the other [job]," said Rogers, a lab assistant.

YSU

Advertising speaker will offer real life advice to students

Adrienne Sabo
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Westminster College graduate, Kip Botirius has come full circle. Botirius has worked for advertising agencies in Chicago and Cleveland and returned to the area to work for Prodigal Media as Vice President of Account Services.

Botirius said, "The ironic part is I did my internship at Prodigal Media."

He will be the speaker at the American Marketing Association Youngstown University Chapter

hosted event today at 4 p.m. in the Cafaro Suite in Williamson Hall.

AMA President and YSU senior Ashley Basile said, "Speakers provide real-life advice and experience. They can assist in answering questions and providing insight into a professional career."

Botirius will speak about his personal experiences in the advertising industry, Prodigal Media and how the company operates.

While the advertising industry is deadline driven and intense, Botirius said that one of the advantages to working at an advertising agency is the variety. He said, "I am presented

with a different set of challenges with all of my clients. Every day is different."

He said, "The biggest piece of advice I can offer is to get experience. You can spend three to six months at an agency you will either love it or hate it."

The AMA decided to host an advertising speaker to vary the kinds of speakers they bring in. Basile said, "Advertising is a very diverse and growing industry. At some point all companies must do some type of advertising to survive against their competitors."

The session is open to all students.

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said students play sports at their home school. He also said a parent group is planning a winter dance and a Christmas party, and he added that there were previous dances for the students.

Johnson said YEC's primary focus is academics and that sports were never promised to the students.

"Of the 204 students, 80-90 of them are boys. Some of them want a football program. But they don't understand the feasibility of it. How many of them are physically able to play? Are their academics where they need to be in order to play? What about a coach and transportation?" Johnson said.

Since the students are in a college atmosphere, Johnson said they are not free to roam the campus as they

please; they are on a tight schedule that they are expected to follow.

"We have been fortunate not to experience any concerns that are out of the ordinary for high school students," Johnson said.

Johnson said YSU is responsible for the students, and being on a college campus creates challenges that are unique to the program.

"They're on their own going to college classes. It's on them to be on time and to go to their classes. This calls for a higher level of maturity," Johnson said.

The students are permitted and encouraged to participate in university activities, like attending campus plays and the diversity department meetings, Johnson said. But the program does require great academic

rigor from them.

"You have to remember that these are scholars who are as young as 13 and 14 years old who have yet to understand the importance of academic rigor and what it takes to be successful at this level," Johnson said.

Johnson said that while activities are a concern, YEC students are not on the same level of activities as a regular high school, so it is unfair to say that the students do not have any activities accessible to them.

"We are trying to prepare them for success in a very challenging and unforgiving world. Also, we cannot lose focus of the challenges of helping a scholar to be successful in this type of school," Johnson said.

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students with the best facilities.

Pogue said the idea of borrowing money isn't anything new.

"The university already has \$25 million in bonding issues that are currently being paid. So, this would just be going back to a funding source that we've used in the past," Pogue said.

According to Pogue, bonds are typically paid off over 30 years. He added that YSU has two bond issues, which will likely be paid fully within the next several years.

Pogue said there is concern among

the trustees to make sure that students don't shoulder the burden to repay the bond through a tuition increase.

"If we feel student tuition is in jeopardy, then we probably wouldn't do it," he said.

However, Pogue said he believes the project is worth the expenditures involved.

"Is there a perfect time? I don't think there is ever a perfect time [to borrow money], but I think the centennial plan is the springboard that allows us to do it."

As far as the goals of the master plan, Pogue said the time has come to move forward with them - namely a new building for the Williamson College of Business Administration.

"The improvements of campus facilities is an ongoing task that the trustees constantly deal with. There is little doubt in my mind that we need a new business school and one that will provide for them [students] to compete in the 21st-century economy. I don't believe we have one right now," Pogue said.

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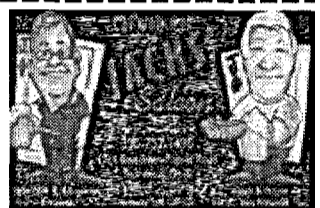
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OUR SIDE

Administration: raise 'em right

Election Day 2006 will be affecting Youngstown State University directly, and very soon. Because of the Nov. 7 results, YSU will be raising the minimum wage it pays to students.

There is no way around it. YSU must do this to comply with the new Ohio law (effective Jan. 1) requiring that minimum wage be raised from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.85.

The discussion isn't if campus minimum wages will rise, but how they will rise. Campus workers who earn \$5.35 an hour (YSU's minimum wage) will receive an hourly raise of \$1.50. But what about campus employees who make more or less than minimum wage? How will the passing of Issue 2 affect the rest of the wages for campus jobs that pay under \$6.85? Will all wages be raised proportionately?

It goes without saying that not all holders of YSU campus jobs earn the same pay. There are three common rates of pay: \$5.35/hr (which increases to \$5.75/hr after 100 hours of work), \$6.10/hr (which increases to \$6.50/hr after 100 hours of work), and the research assistant wage, \$6.65/hr.

What everyone should be carefully considering is if the wages will retain this existing 75-cent difference, or if YSU will be raising just enough to stay legal.

YSU's Student Government Association discussed this very issue at its last general meeting Nov. 20.

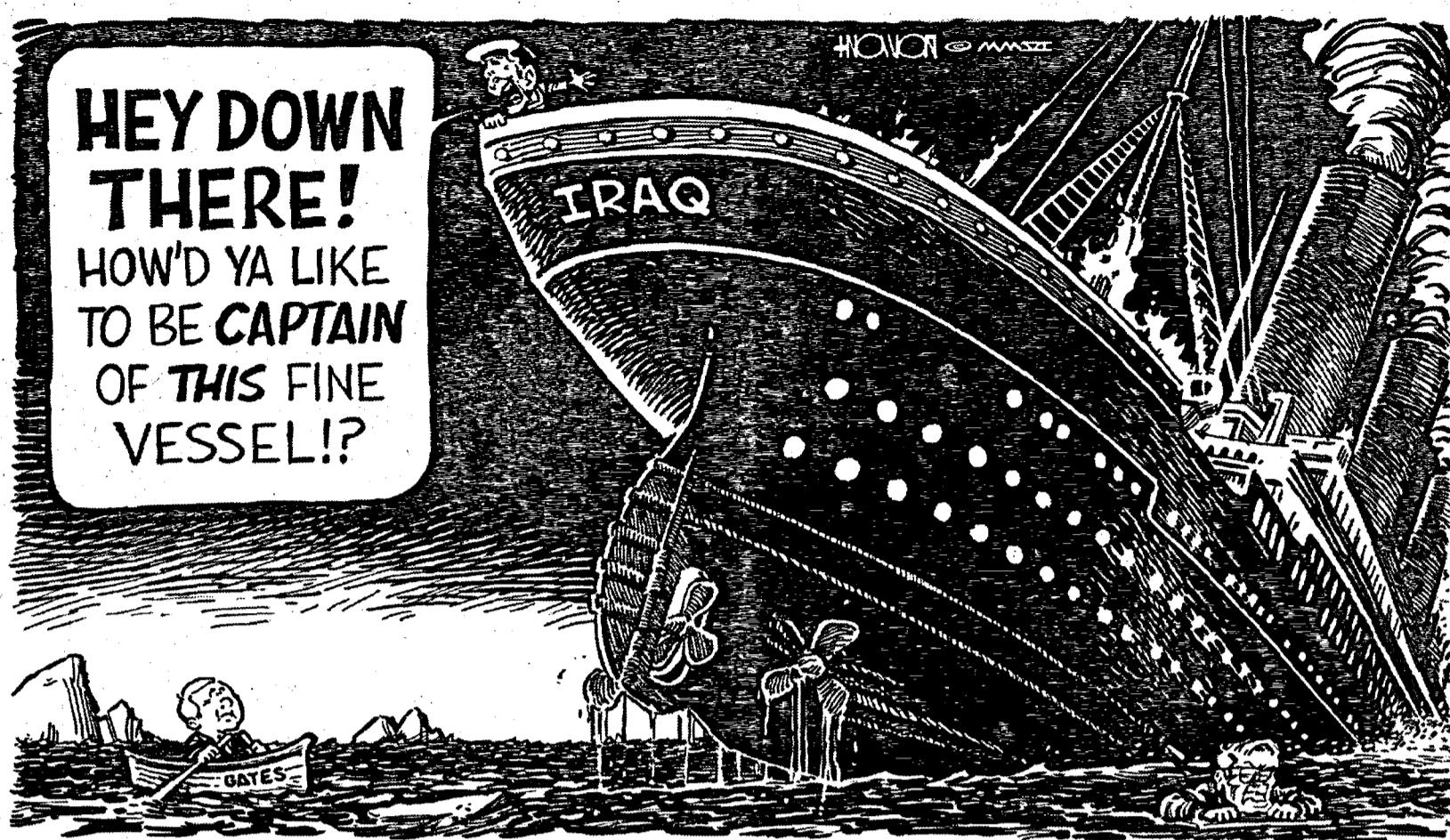
SGA approved a resolution to endorse a wage-increase schedule to the YSU Board of Trustees. This resolution eliminates the 40-cent raise student employees currently receive after their first 100 hours at the job, but increases the \$5.75/hr wage and the \$6.10/hr wage to \$6.50/hr and \$7.60/hr, respectively.

YSU can choose many courses of action, and many repercussions must be weighed also. All wage increases, whether they're the barely-legal ones, or more generous and fair increases, will be a significant added cost. If wages are not increased in sensitivity to the type of work students do, then this just isn't fair.

It is the understanding of The Jambar that wages are basically determined by what is required in the job description. YSU should continue to offer jobs with wages on a scale. YSU's jobs are not all the same. Maybe not all of the jobs are paid as fairly or accurately as they should be, but by flattening out the wage distribution, more students are treated less fairly.

SGA's resolution addresses both of the major concerns: cost to the university and fairness to students. It isn't ideal in the light of keeping costs low, or for optimizing the equal, but competitive, and fair, student-wage schedule, but the solution SGA will be recommending to the Board of Trustees is the most effective and realistic compromise between the two.

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.



COMMENTARY

Crowded malls, long lines lead to 'holiday rage'

Adrienne Sabo
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The holiday season is upon us. Every Saturday seems to be the biggest sale of the year, bombarding us with daily advertisements that boast the "can't-miss deal of the century." We're obliged to help put up the dreaded holiday decorations, spend money on those hard-to-shop-for friends, and battle the mother of all miseries: holiday traffic. So if you find yourself feeling like a Grinch this Christmas, there may be a reason, holiday rage.

There is actually a diagnosis for those who dread the holiday season. With the never-ending lines at the mall and overcrowded shopping

centers, who can blame them? holiday season.

For those who braved shopping on Black Friday, the Santa hat was pulled from angry eyes to reveal that going to the mall on the biggest shopping day of the year was not a bright idea after all. After the 10th person unnecessarily bumped, pushed or cut in line, a feeling of rage began to creep in.

The carolers dressed in Dickens-themed clothing and the Christmas music that filled every store took a back seat to the anger that began to build up inside.

If the holidays bring a sense of constant urgency or fear, the diagnosis could be what's called "holiday rage." One person interviewed by ABC News said he suffered chills, sweats and anxiety during the

There are more signs to prove the increasing amount of stress the holidays bring. According to Progressive.com, four in 10 Americans blame holiday stresses for acts of road rage during this time of year. Financial stress is another factor - the average shopper spends \$800 during the holiday shopping season, according to the National Retail Federation.

For those who feel they may suffer from holiday rage, there is help. Remind yourself that there are situations that you have no control over, such as the bumper-to-bumper traffic. Most importantly, remember what the holiday season is all about: enjoying the company of family and friends.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't be fooled, Planned Parenthood makes money on abortion.

This letter is in response to the [editorial] on 10-12-06 by the Jambar titled, "Separate ad from newspaper." The writer of this article acclaims Planned Parenthood for the "unbiased information and resources regarding reproductive health care and family planning" that they provide. There is nothing "unbiased" about an organization that makes money from abortions. According to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America Annual Report for 2002-2003, Planned Parenthood gave one adoption referral for every 115 abortions that were performed. Planned Parenthood's Web site states that an abortion costs between \$350-\$575. Don't be fooled; Planned Parenthood makes money on abortion. If you have any questions or comments about what you found in "Stop The Madness," please feel free to contact me directly at campus@humanlife.org or (651) 484-1040.

Jillian Roemer

COMMENTARY

FDA's approval of silicone breast implants doesn't mean they are risk-free

McClatchy
MCT

"FDA APPROVED" undoubtedly will accompany promotions trumpeting the reintroduction of silicone implants to the cosmetic breast-enhancement market.

But so should this: "BUYER BEWARE."

The devices' return next month comes after a government imposed, 14-year ban that

caused 300,000 women annually to select the less comfortable, less natural-looking saline implants.

But the Federal Drug Administration's finding that the new silicone implants carry a "reasonable assurance" for safety and effectiveness falls short of saying they're risk-free. They're not, though they're improved over earlier models that frequently ruptured. Still, anyone who gets them will need regular MRI exams and at

least one additional surgery to replace the devices as they wear out.

Moreover, though the FDA insists large, credible studies failed to find a definitive connection between the silicone implants and cancer or connective-tissue disease, smaller, less reliable studies by other groups suggest linkages to serious illnesses. Because of that, the FDA will require the implants' manufacturers to conduct 10-year, audited studies of thou-

sands of women receiving the new implants.

The agency says nothing it approves carries definitive proof that it's absolutely safe for all people. And the silicone implants will carry warnings about possible problems.

But given the implants' troubled history and the studies still to come on their safety, women considering them should weigh whether they're truly worth the risk.

COMMENTARY

Underprivileged students shortchanged by colleges

McClatchy
MCT

It's not just the Harvards and Stanfords of the higher-education galaxy that look like stars out of reach for low-income and minority students.

Flagship public universities - the institutions that should be leading the crusade for equal opportunity - are pursuing admissions and financial aid policies that increasingly favor students from more privileged families.

"... at just the same moment when more low-income and minority youngsters are turning toward college, many colleges are turning away from them," The Education Trust, a group that promotes high academic achievement, said in a new report.

Declining state aid to colleges and universities has resulted in the schools raising tuition. Universities in turn have increased grant money to help students pay for college.

But as the report points out, wealthier students attending top public universities have benefited more from grant aid than have poorer students. In 2003, these universities gave \$171 million to help students from families earning less than \$20,000 a year. But they gave \$257 million to families with incomes exceeding \$100,000 a year.

The report correctly faults the eagerness of colleges to look good in various rankings. Lists such as those in U.S. News & World Report place a heavy emphasis on standardized test scores, which favor

privileged students who have attended affluent schools and often benefited from tutoring, counseling and test-preparation courses.

The University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Kansas can point to gains in minority enrollment over the last few years. But the Education Trust report gave both universities a "D" in promoting opportunities for the neediest students.

Numerous reports have warned that talented students from low-income and minority families are being denied the college education of their dreams.

Flagship universities should be a place of hope. Instead of becoming more exclusionary, they must take the lead in reversing that trend.

FEATURE

Kooky comedians crave campus scene

Britta Snowberger
FEATURES REPORTER

The comedy scene at Youngstown State University is underground – six feet under ground.

“Comedy at YSU is the same as the student body – disconnected and uninvolved,” said junior advertising major and comedian Murad Shorrab. “There hasn’t been any major push by anyone campus-related to ignite a scene.”

Shorrab’s roommate and fellow comedian, Ryan Clausen, agreed that comedy at YSU simply doesn’t exist. Clausen, a senior communications major, attributes the city’s floundering interest in comedy to its few available venues.

“If there’s going to be a scene, there needs to be a venue. It takes a lot of time and effort to try to do comedy seriously in a city that doesn’t have any opportunities for such a thing,” he said. “Every time Murad and I go out of town, people ask where there is to perform in Youngstown and we say, ‘Nowhere – why do you think we’re here?’”

For budding comedians, limited possibilities exist on campus as well.

“There’s no real place to perform other than Peaberry’s, and the only chance to catch random people is at noon, because nobody hangs out in Kilcawley at night,” Shorrab said. “Even then, the student has to walk into student activities and ask to book [a show]. That method isn’t going to attract comedians or help nurture new ones.”

Shorrab was committed to the joke-telling lifestyle at an early age.

“When I was in first grade, we had career day. I said I wanted to be a comedian,” he said. “My dad told me it wasn’t a real job, so

“ I wanted to be a comedian. My dad told me it wasn’t a real job, so then I changed the answer to bank robber.”

Murad Shorrab



then I changed the answer to ‘bank robber.’ I think he’s happy I chose the former.”

With a self-rated PG-13 act, Shorrab covers anything from friends and family to peeing his pants. His influences include George Carlin, Bill Cosby and, most notably, his mother.

“My mom was a nun, and then she quit that, married some Arab guy and taught school for 30 years,” he said. “Now she’s in a knitting club and works at Target.”

Shorrab, who has performed in comedy clubs from Cleveland to Pittsburgh, hopes his comedic pursuits culminate in the form of a career.

“I’m looking for a career in comedy,” he said. “I’d rather go down swinging than end up with a dream I never tried for.”

Striving for the same dream, Clausen began performing stand-up following high school.

“I’ve always loved making people laugh,” he said. “My father does impersonations, and my whole family has a great sense of humor.”

Influenced by Jim Carrey, George Carlin and Mitch Hedberg, Clausen gives his act an R-rating for language and adult humor. Gathering his material, which ranges from current events to celebrity impersonations, is difficult for Clausen during the semester.

“Comedy is an incredibly time-consuming and sacrificial business. I barely have time to clean my room,” he said. “I’m trying to market myself, and I don’t want to lose opportunities. Sometimes I have to skip a quiz or two at college and miss making money at work. It’s not easy.”

Although Clausen is absent from class occasionally, his comedic actions are acknowledged when he is present.

“Ryan Clausen was by far the class clown,” said Adam Earnhardt, com-

munications professor. “When students were asked to share their research with the class, he handed out typed abstracts as instructed. However, he wrote special notes to each student, in crayon, on the back of the abstracts. That did it. I knew there was something wrong with him.”

Shorrab and Clausen hope to

spark student interest with a future YSU-based comedy competition – the YSU Student Stand-up Search Spectacular – scheduled for Feb. 22 in Peaberry’s Café.

“YSU students will have an opportunity to perform in front of a panel of local celebrity judges and fellow students, friends and family,” Clausen said. “The winner of the contest will get recognition from local radio stations and newspapers, and will receive a \$500 prize package as well as a paid gig – opening for a professional comic – at the Funny Farm Comedy Club.”

The competition was brainstormed by Clausen, Student Activities Director Greg Gulas, Funny Farm owner Dave Robich and geology professor Ray Beiersdorfer.

“The outlook [for YSU comedy] is so bright, you’d better wear shades,” said Beiersdorfer, who will emcee the stand-up contest. “I’d like to see the YSU Student Stand-up Search Spectacular become an annual event that gets so big we move it to the Chestnut Room and then to Stambaugh Auditorium.”

Shorrab said even though the YSU comedy scene is struggling, the upcoming stand-up contest could give the scene a much-needed boost.

“The competition is a good start, but it can’t end there,” he said. “We just need to keep the ball rolling on the momentum gained from a hopefully successful February competition.”

Tryouts for the competition will be in January, according to Clausen. Students interested in participating should prepare a five-minute stand-up routine for the auditions.



Photos courtesy of Ryan Clausen and Murad Shorrab

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Ryan Clausen

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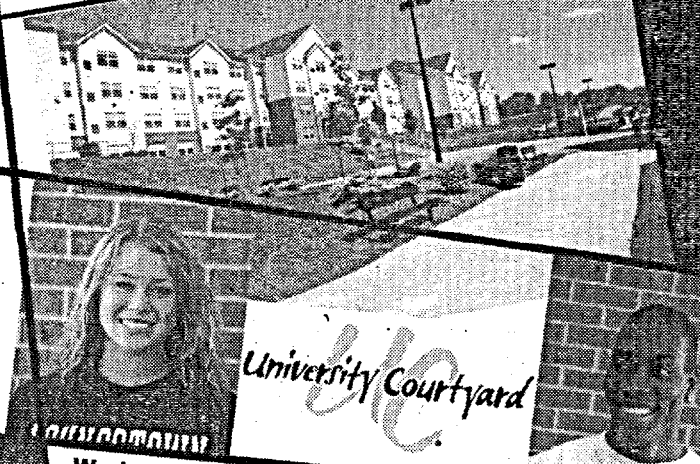
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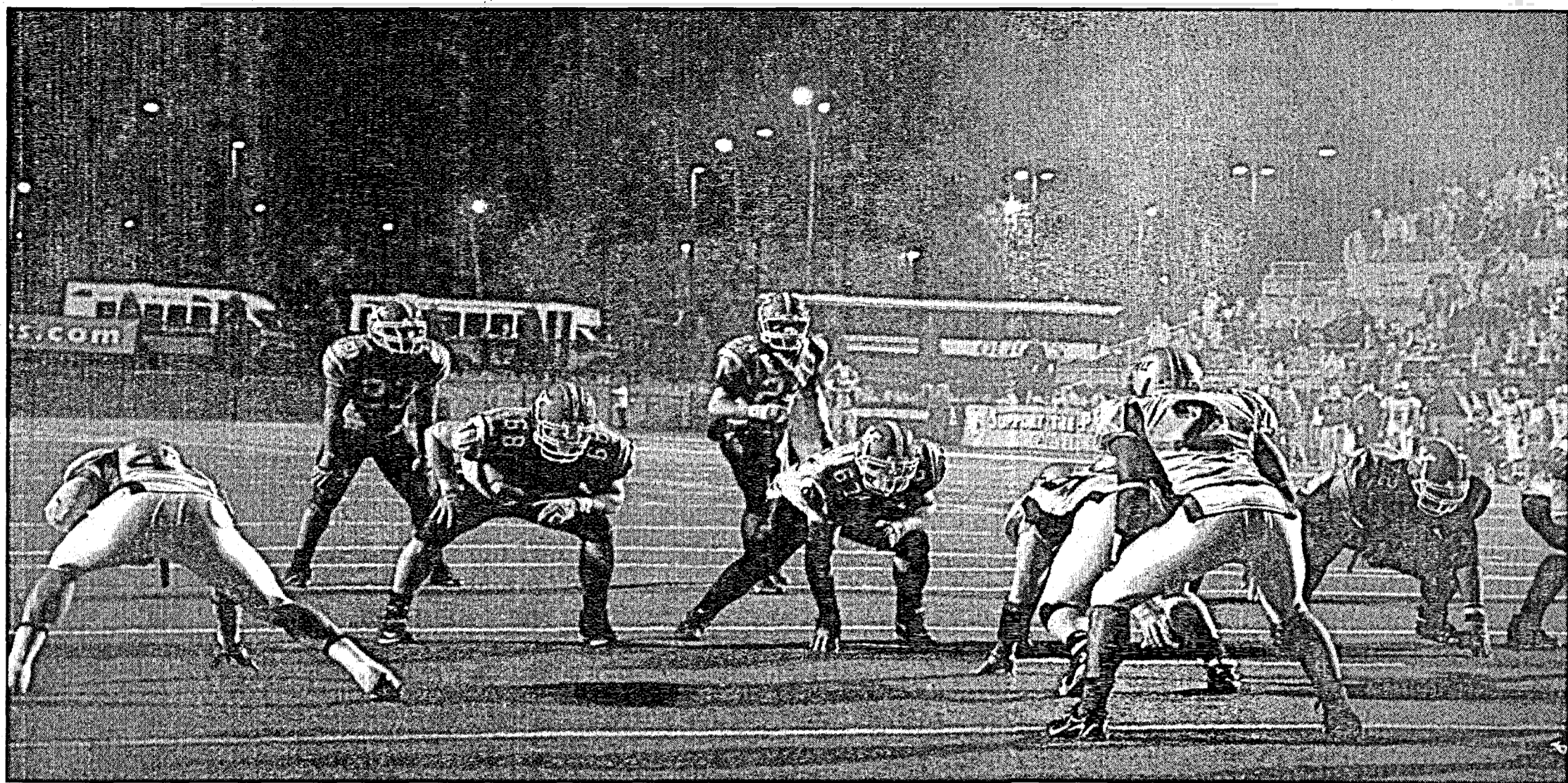
Tom Zetts is our "Jambar Penguin Player of the Game" for his performance in YSU's 35-31 playoff victory over the James Madison Dukes.

The junior quarterback finished the game 24-of-40 for a career high 314 passing yards and one touchdown.

His only score came in the fourth quarter on a 6-yard pass to T.J. Peterson to make the score 31-28 in favor of JMU.

Season stats: Passing - 253 attempts, 147 completions, 1790 Yds., 11 TDs, 10 interceptions; Rushing - 68 attempts, 299 Yds., 3 TDs

FOOTBALL



Jambar/Jake Glavies

Before the smoke could clear after this fourth quarter touchdown Youngstown State University quarterback Tom Zetts threw for a two-point conversion to wide out T.J. Peterson making the score 31-28 in favor of James Madison. YSU went on to score with 3:29 left in the fourth quarter, putting the Penguins up 35-31 and sealing a victory over the Dukes. Facing a potent run defense the Penguins were forced to switch from the ground game to the air attack. Zetts enjoyed a career day, completing 24-of-40 passes for 314 yards and a score. YSU will face Gateway Conference foe Illinois State in the second round of the playoffs at 6 p.m. Saturday at Stambaugh Stadium.

Zetts marches Penguins to win over JMU

Jake Glavies
SPORTS EDITOR

Tom Zetts couldn't have wished for a better day.

Playing in front of over 11,000 fans at Stambaugh Stadium and millions across the country, the junior quarterback led his team to its first playoff win since 1999, while compiling the best passing day of his career in the process.

After a gut wrenching 35-31 victory over James Madison, that will send Youngstown State University to the second round of the playoffs, Zetts was grateful for being given the chance to play such a large role in the game.

"It was a lot of fun. It's just a great experience and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to participate in something like that," he said. "To be put in the position — thank

god for that — I had the opportunity and when I was given it we made some plays."

Heading into Saturday's match-up Zetts was averaging a mundane 134 yards per game while also throwing seven interceptions in his last five contests.

But the signal caller that took the field against JMU Saturday played far from ordinary.

Completing 24-of-40 passes for 314 yards and a touchdown, "Zetts 2.0" more than doubled his season average through the air and shattered his previous career high of 291 yards.

With those 24 completions the Youngstown signal caller spread the wealth, targeting seven different receivers, including his only touchdown pass to senior wide out T.J. Peterson.

His biggest throw came in Youngstown's final drive of the game. Down 31-28 with 4:16 left to play Zetts hit Peterson for a 30-yard gain on third and 15 to keep YSU's

hopes alive.

Yards, completions and touchdowns aside, the most important stat for the quarterback: zero interceptions.

Zetts' performance turned the heads of even the James Madison coaching staff.

"Going into the game we thought [YSU's] quarterback was under rated ... We thought he was a very talented quarterback," JMU Head Coach Mickey Matthews said. "The kid played a great game."

The Dukes fourth ranked run defense — which held Marcus Mason, the nation's fourth leading rusher, to only 72 yards on 26 carries — paved the way for the new-look Penguin offense.

"We felt like going in that there were some success areas there [passing] if we could fine them ... We had a handle on what we were seeing on film and how many guys they have committed to the run on every play ... so we felt like [passing] was something we were going to have to

do," Head Coach Jon Heacock said.

Another telling stat for the Penguin passing game: zero sacks allowed.

The JMU defense came into the game with 47 take downs on the year but was unable to find Zetts, a credit to the Youngstown offensive line.

"The fact that our line played so well today protecting, I don't know that I got hit even after I threw the ball today. So much credit to them," Zetts said.

His successes notwithstanding, the junior must play smarter if YSU is to advance in the playoffs; his two delay of game penalties, one of which came on the Penguins final drive, could prove to be more costly as the stakes begin to rise.

The Penguins will look to continue their four-game winning streak when they take on Gateway Conference foe Illinois State (9-3) in the Div-I Football Championship quarterfinals at Stambaugh Stadium Saturday.

INTRAMURALS

Water polo to make splash in line-up

Andrew Berry
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

After nearly a 12-year absence from Youngstown State University, one of the more non-traditional intramural sports will be brought back for the spring semester.

Joe Conroy, coordinator of intramurals for the Department of Intramural Sports, said the decision to add water polo to the spring 2007 lineup was inspired by reemerging interest in water polo.

"I attended a few seminars and discovered there are many colleges adding water polo," Conroy said. It was also not a hard decision to make because equipment is readily available and no extra funding would be required.

What will make the game experience even more unique for YSU competitors is the inclusion of inner tubes.

The traditional water polo setting requires players to be very athletic to compete. Without the aid of an inner tube, players must constantly tread water while fighting off opponents for position and ball control.

The use of the flotation devices will allow students of all athletic ability to compete in the game, which Conroy describes as "more of a leisurely activity than competitive."

Conroy said using inner tubes makes for a more fair game because the extreme physical contact normally seen in water polo is eliminated.

"The inner tubes create more of an equal advantage," he said.

The game of water polo can be best described as a melting pot of other, more traditional sports. It includes elements and concepts found in soccer, rugby, basketball, hockey and, of course, swimming.

A team consists of six field players and one goal keeper. Each team has a center forward, two wings, two drivers and a "point" player. The center forward is the most coveted position because they swim closest to the opposing goal and usually score the most points individually.

The other five perimeter players are responsible for executing offensive plays throughout the game. The point player provides passing and communication to teammates, similar to a point guard in basketball.

On defense, players keep the same positions and either defend their goal in one-on-one or zone formations.

The goalie has many privileges the other players do not. A goalie can hold the ball with both hands and may strike it with a clenched fist. They can

also stand in the pool if depth permits it.

In conventional water polo, a player holding the ball is susceptible to being pulled, held, and even tackled by defenders.

With inner tubes in place, players can use less energy and not be required to have the same remarkable stamina often showcased by established water polo athletes.

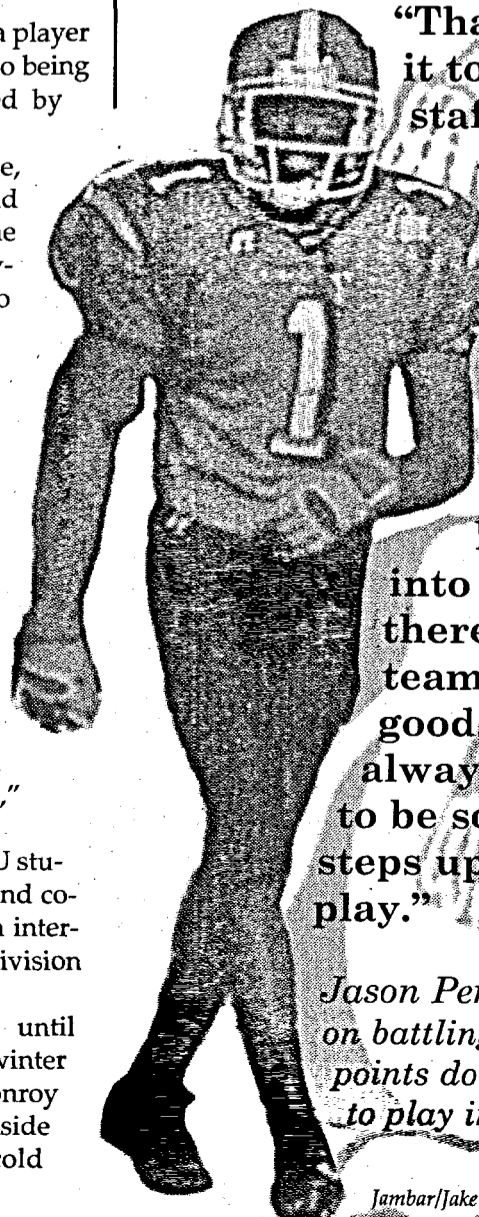
While the sport will be played in inner tubes at YSU, Conroy says the rest of the rulebook is still a work in progress. A team of six players is ideal, but the department will most likely instate a minimum of five to participate.

"Anything less than five players doesn't make for much of a game. We'll go by the traditional rules, but I think we might have to modify some," Conroy said.

The sport will be open to YSU students and faculty with men's and co-ed divisions. If there is enough interest, Conroy said a women's division would be added.

Potential participants have until Feb. 13 to sign up. As the winter weather begins to take over, Conroy said water polo is "a great inside game to play during the cold months."

Penguin Talk



"That's just a credit to this coaching staff and the whole team. Everybody put their hearts in it. That's what we talked about all week, we knew coming into the playoffs there's no bad teams, everybody's good. There's always going to have to be someone that steps up and makes a play."

Jason Perry, on battling back from 11 points down with 14:41 left to play in the fourth quarter

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