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## Scholars brave cold to raise awareness

By VALERIE BANNER  
Jambar Editor

As the temperature plunged below freezing, 85 students trekked from their warm rooms out to the wind and snow. They slept in cardboard boxes and huddled around barrels of fire.

The participants of Shantytown tried to do their part to help the homeless and raise awareness.

"Never, ever say this cannot happen to you," reminded Neil Bunkley, assistant coordinator of the Rescue Mission. Bunkley led the Rescue Mission men's choir, which performed at the event. He and others provided personal testimonies to the group.

Bunkley, who was a college-educated, married father of four children, came to the Rescue Mission when he could no longer support his \$1,500 a week cocaine

habit. Many participants felt especially moved by this part of the event.

"When I volunteered at Daybreak, [a home for troubled youth], I didn't get to interact with the homeless, but with the choir we got to see and hear what they had to say," said Andrew Pratt, sophomore, electrical engineering.

Chris Palmer, sophomore, music education, agreed.

"We got to see the people whose lives we affected," said Palmer, who volunteered at the Salvation Army.

But Vicky Nusbaum, freshman, education, said the students still don't know what it feels like to be in those situations.

"Even though we had this experience, we really don't know what it's like to be homeless," she

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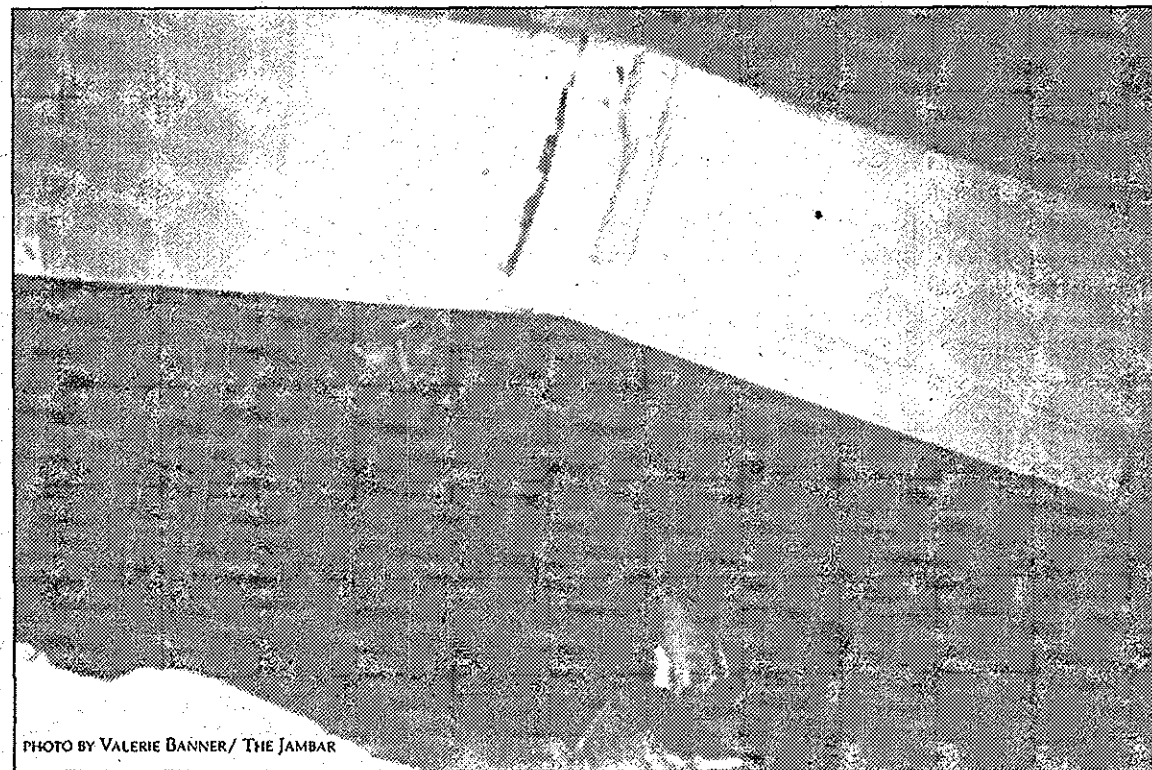


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BOXED IN: Jonathan Zacharias, sophomore, mechanical engineering, and Seth Hooker, sophomore, computer science, take part in Shantytown.

**Fast Facts on Homelessness**

- ~ Families with children constitute approximately 40 percent of people who become homeless (1996).
- ~ Children account for 25 percent of the homeless population (1998).
- ~ The homeless youth population is estimated at 300,000 each year.
- ~ 26 percent of all requests for emergency shelter went unmet due to lack of resources (1998).

SOURCE: VICKY NUSBAUM, SHANTYTOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

## Search for deans continues

The BCOE and the College of Arts and Sciences will need deans at the end of the academic year.

By AMANDA SMITH  
Jambar Editor

With fall semester almost complete, the search for a dean for the Beoghly College of Education is underway.

According to Dr. Jan Elias, assistant provost, a committee appointed to undertake the search has advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education and is waiting for response.

Dr. Eileen Morelli, coordinator of student teaching and field experiences, chairs the committee. Faculty members, students, community leaders and educators also sit on a committee.

Currently, Joe Edwards is serving as interim dean of the BCOE. The interim period began Aug. 8 and lasts until July 30. The position opened when former dean Dr. Clara Jennings resigned to take a position at the University of Massachusetts.

The dean of the BCOE must "possess an earned doctorate and achievements as both a practitioner and scholar sufficient to warrant appointment as a tenured professor," according to an announce-

ment in the Chronicle of Higher Education, which ran Oct. 13 and 27.

Applications for the position must be received by Morelli by Wednesday. After that, the committee will narrow the pool of applicants to about 12, Morelli said.

They will meet to further narrow the pool and will make recommendations for between three and five candidates for on-campus interviews to the provost.

The interviews will take place in late January or early February, Morelli said. An appointment to the position should be made in March, she added.

The BCOE isn't the only college that needs a dean. Dr. Barbara Brothers, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, announced her retirement earlier this semester.

Elias said the search committee has not yet been appointed to select a dean to replace her. Brothers' tenure expires July 1.

Dr. Gary Salvner, chair, English, sits on the committee that will appoint a dean to the BCOE. He could not be reached for comment.

## Business 2000 event 'a success'

By JACKIE SPENCE  
Jambar Assistant Editor

The Williamson College of Business Administration, along with the Junior Achievement of the Mahoning Valley and the Industrial Information Institute for Education, sponsored Business 2000 Thursday in the Chestnut Room.

Eight-hundred and sixty-six ninth-, 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students from 18 area high schools were invited to the three panel sessions, which included entrepreneurship, careers in business and preparing for the job market, plus 30 business leaders that offered

insight and information during the sessions.

Guest speakers included Stephanie Shaw of Sprint, Ralph Zerbosia of eboss, Ken Conklin of Second National Bank of Warren, Bruce Sherman of Sherman Creative Promotions and Barbara D'Alesandro of Butler Wick & Company.

The keynote speaker was plant-manager Herman Maas of GM Lordstown.

Students came from as far as Mohawk as well as from Trumbull, Choffin and Columbiana career centers.

Christine Shelton, coordinator of external student relations,

WCB, said Business 2000 was a success.

"About 720 students attended Business 2000. I was surprised to see so many students here. The students appeared to be really interested in what the speakers had to say. I think they appreciated this function because I heard some students say they wanted to come back in February," said Shelton.

Shelton said Business 2000 helped students to think about their careers and the business choices they want to make. She said another session, called Business 2001, will be held in February, due to Business 2000's success.

## Effects from semesters make enrollment uncertain

By ANGELA GIANOGGIO  
Jambar Editor

In a few weeks many of YSU's 11,000 students will be able to say they survived their first semester — and for many students who enjoyed the brief quarters, completing semesters is probably a major accomplishment.

However, the university still anticipates about a 10 percent enrollment drop for the spring despite efforts to boost student retention.

Bassam Deeb, director,

Enrollment Services, said it is still too early to assess the registration drop since registration was completed only Friday. However, Deeb said semesters will likely aid in student retention, not hinder it.

"One of the arguments to go to semesters was that it would create less of an opportunity to stop out," he said.

By "stop out," Deeb is referring to students who attend for one term and then stop for one because of work, family, health or other reasons, but then return

again at a later date.

Under semesters students will only have two opportunities to stop out, rather than three as they had under quarters.

Deeb also pointed out that in missing one semester, a student will miss half of the year instead of only a third, which he sees as incentive to remain enrolled.

Jonelle Beatrice, director, Center for Student Progress, said one of the main misconceptions

## NEWS BRIEFS

A trash can was set on fire at 2 a.m. Nov. 13 in Lyden House. A student smelled smoke and reported it to the on-duty officer, who extinguished the fire. According to reports, YSU Police suspect the fire was set intentionally.

A Maag Library media technician reported \$60 stolen from a cash register. The money is believed to have been taken between 10:45 p.m. Nov. 12 and 7 a.m. Nov. 13. Police found no signs of forced entry. The library employee reported to police that small amounts of money have been missing on several previous occasions.

Employees in Cushwa Hall reported \$120 stolen from Room 3049 between 5:40 p.m. Nov. 14 and 8 a.m. Nov. 15. There was no sign of forced entry. The missing money was discovered during an internal audit.

The YSU Bookstore is sponsoring a book signing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Six tables will be set up at the bookstore in Kilcawley Center. The following authors and illustrators will be in attendance to sign their works: Pamela Querin, illustrator for the book "Annika's Secret Wish"; Dr. George Beelen, creator of the video "The Peopling of the Mahoning Valley"; Dr. Rick Shale and Charles Jacques, authors of the book "Idora Park"; Robert McFerren and Paul Jagnow, authors of the book "These Hundred Years"; Dr. Sherri Linkon, author of the book "Teaching Working Class"; John R. Turk, author of the book "Musical Danas at Warren, Ohio"; and Carmen Leone, author of the book "Remembering Our Rose Street."

Ten-percent discounts will be offered on featured books, and refreshments will be served.

## In brief ...

YSU Police arrested Steven Boughner, freshman, studio art, 19, of 39 Woodrow Ave. in Boardman, Nov. 14 for importuning.

Boughner had solicited oral sex in a Kilcawley Center restroom from a juvenile who was on campus for a school field trip.

The 12-year-old had been at a urinal in the restroom when Boughner approached him. The juvenile left the restroom and reported the incident to his teacher. The police were contacted, and the juvenile positively identified Boughner as the person who spoke to him in the restroom.

Boughner admitted to police that he asked the juvenile for oral sex. He also confessed to a similar incident in October involving a YSU student.

Boughner was given an interim suspension from his classes at YSU.

He pleaded not guilty to importuning, a misdemeanor of the first degree, at his arraignment. He will be in Youngstown Municipal Court Dec. 12.

A misdemeanor of the first degree is punishable by up to six months in prison.

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Dogs are assets to candidates, and the feeling seems to be engendered that if a dog loves the candidate, he can't be all that bad.  
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—Dick Gregory

## Sometimes they come back

By SUSAN K. VIRGALITTE  
Jambar Reporter

Being a high school graduate in the 1960s, 1970s and earlier was considered special. High school grads could land good jobs and be assured of steady promotions and pay raises. But times have changed.

Many "middle-aged" workers in this country now find themselves passed over for promotions because they never got a college degree. Some would like to move into a new career field, but a degree is a prerequisite. Some just always wanted to go to college, but that wasn't possible when they were younger.

So, they go back to school. Susan Kelly, junior, journalism, said she had been working in advertising sales and was no longer satisfied with doing that for the rest of her life.

"It was time for me to move on," Kelly said.

She said she always regretted not finishing her college education years ago.

"In those days — 25 years ago — it wasn't necessary to have a degree. You could obtain really fine jobs and make money without having a degree. But those times have changed, and it's no longer that way. There is a high value placed on education in the workplace," she said.

Like Kelly, most non-traditional students don't have the luxury of quitting their regular jobs or family duties, so they do a lot of juggling.

They put in a full day at work and then another full day of classes and homework. They teach their spouses and kids to help more, and they all do homework around the kitchen table.

Jonnelle Beatrice, director, Center for Student Progress, understands the special problems of the older college student. She said the Adult Learner Services section of the CSP provides some special services for non-traditional students.

Adult learners can utilize the services of a peer assistant who provides one-on-one or small group extended orientation through the first year of classes.

"[The tutor] is an adult, nontraditional student who is going through the same things they are going through," she said.

The CSP also sponsors a math class every semester for returning adult students who haven't had algebra classes for 20 to 30 years. This class is less threatening to adult students than a traditional college math class where the other students are just out of high

school.

Beatrice would like to do even more for older students. Her office has been attempting to revive the Non-Traditional Student Association.

That is a daunting task, given the typical nontrad's lifestyle. She has also been trying to find a place for a permanent lounge and gathering area just for non-trads.

Clyde Williams is another non-trad who is a YSU success story. Williams graduated *cum laude* this summer with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He returned to school as an adult because he wanted to get ahead in the workplace.

All his adult life, Williams said, he had seen people get promotions in the military and in business who were "idiots," but they had a degree.

"That put a fire in me a long time ago to do something about that," he said.

So Williams returned to school four years ago.

Williams had an even more important reason for continuing his education.

"I decided I wanted to be the best example for my children," he said.

He had been reading statistics saying that children have a much greater chance of succeeding in life if one or, preferably both, parents have their college degree.

He has spent the last few years doing his college assignments while his children did their homework at the kitchen table.

Being a non-trad at YSU was a very positive experience for Williams.

He said he liked how diverse the YSU campus is, and he enjoyed his instructors and working with other students in study groups. Even more important, his writing skills improved tremendously.

"Although I hated it at the time, English composition classes enabled me to do position papers. They helped me frame my arguments more intellectually and rationally," he said.

Williams hopes to go to law school and plans to take his LSAT exams in December. Whatever happens, though, he plans to continue his education.

For Kelly, Williams and other non-trads, returning to college is an exciting adventure.

The long hours, the sacrifices of free time they could be spending with family and the exhaustion seem well worth the goal of finally getting their degree.

As Williams said, "Having my degree makes me feel special. I feel, no matter what happens, I did something."

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## Editorial

### Test modifications are poor attempt

The Ohio State Senate is considering a bill that would modify the fourth-grade proficiency test, but the test doesn't need modified; it needs eliminated — along with every other proficiency test Ohio students take throughout their 12 years in school.

According to proposed S.B. 343, the science and citizenship parts on the fourth-grade test will be eliminated, and the State Board of Education will "designate a 'basic skills' score on the fourth-grade reading proficiency test that demonstrates, for the purpose of the fourth-grade guarantee, that a student has the reading skills necessary for promotion to fifth grade, provided the student receives intervention services in that grade."

The "fourth-grade guarantee," explained in the background portion of S.B. 343, mandates that "Beginning July 1, school districts generally will not be permitted to promote to fifth grade any fourth-grade student who fails to pass the fourth-grade reading proficiency test."

Dr. Randy Hoover, professor, teacher education, has spent more than 16 years studying standardized testing bias and recently published a report on the issue, which can be found at [cc.yosu.edu/~rthoover/OPTISM](http://cc.yosu.edu/~rthoover/OPTISM).

"Ability cannot be measured by a single pencil and paper test," Hoover said. "I am tired of legislators sorting kids into groups based on one simple test that can't come close to measuring ability."

The proposed modifications will also prove detrimental to current college students who plan to enter the field of education and will have to discard everything they learned about teaching in order to teach students how to pass a test.

As more people protest the proficiency tests, more pressure is being put on the leaders in Columbus to change the rules. Last June, parents throughout the Mahoning Valley protested their children's exclusion from high-school commencement because the students did not pass one or more portions of the ninth-grade test.

It hardly warrants prediction that similar protests will take place when bright, talented fourth-graders are held back because they choked under the pressure of having one test override their academic performance in determining whether they pass.

Granted the fourth-grade reading test will be administered three times a year, so students who didn't pass it the first time will have more chances; however, this multiple testing will take away from time in the classroom and heighten anxiety each time a student takes the test. Also, students will have their reading skills "assessed" in first, second and third grades for preparation. Teachers will be lucky to include anything in their curriculum besides test preparation.

The bottom line is, until these tests are completely abolished, teachers will be forced to spend more time assessing students than teaching them, and students' abilities will be marginalized based on test performance.

"They are trying to test people into learning, and it just makes no sense," Hoover said.

It's a start that the tests are under review, but strides need to be made to eliminate the tests completely, not just modify them.

A few token changes to the fourth-grade test do nothing but tell the public that the state of Ohio is more interested in waving test scores like battle flags than helping its students.



BY ANGELA GIANOGGIO  
Jambar Editor

I was introduced to an up-and-coming Web site called *Questia.com*.

This new site, scheduled to open in January, will likely become a college student's new best friend. The site will contain 50,000 complete textbooks online. By 2003, the number of books is expected to increase to 250,000.

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### New Web site is double-edged sword

century, being able to highlight passages from sources and import the chosen passages into your paper with little more than a mouse click.

And don't forget that *Questia* will also provide you with a complete bibliography in whatever style you choose.

As much as this commentary sounds like an advertisement, it's not. And although you're probably watering at the mouth for such a life-saving Web site, be careful what you wish.

I'll never forget people in the generations before mine saying how technology would solve all our problems. It would free up so much time, and people wouldn't work as hard because computers would do everything in half the time.

Well, that didn't happen. In fact, Americans work harder today than ever before because instead of giving us more free time, technology has just raised the bar on the

amount of work we can complete in a given amount of time.

I see *Questia* as an extension of the effect.

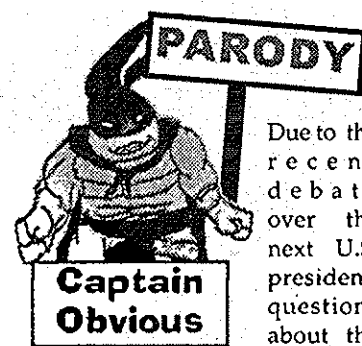
Granted, students will be able to get perfect bibliographies and citations in a fraction of the time, but what happens when professors find out and suddenly require 15 to 20 sources per paper instead of 10 when we did research the "old-fashioned way"?

I know *Questia* will be a wonderful aid for academic performance. Students will be able to change from MLA to Chicago style writing in minutes in order to serve various audiences with the same paper. Also, being able to access a library after hours will be a life-saving convenience.

But don't be fooled by the more-for-less line. With the ease technology brings, higher standards and more expectations usually follow.

*Questia* will probably not be any different.

### Student calls for revote on campus



This article is not to be taken seriously.

Specifically, some voters have recently come forward to confess that, when voting, they became confused by the ballot and may have accidentally voted for more than one candidate in the "king" category.

These voters say they were unable to discern where the male names ended and the female names began. This caused some confusion, which ultimately resulted in the disqualification of several ballots.

There were also questions as to the directions. It was vaguely stated that voters could choose two candidates, and while most people felt confident that one should be male (king), and one should be female (queen), other students felt this was a discriminatory policy and therefore voted for the two candidates they felt best represented them, whether male or female.

These voters rationalized that "to say a queen or king must be of a certain gender closes that door of opportunity to half of the popula-

tion."

Voting officials, nonetheless, threw out these "double-vote" ballots and thereby disqualified even more voters' opinions.

Recently, litigation has been filed which may allow for either a recount of the votes in general, statistical analysis to be performed by Student Government to determine where the misguided voters intended to place their marks, or a simple re-vote altogether.

As of right now, our fearless king may keep his crown, but he must be prepared to give it up should these new developments prove to change the election outcome.

Michelle Morley  
junior, PW&E

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Student says all freshmen need help

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you concerning the article "Diversity needs work," which was printed on the front page of the Nov. 9 issue of *The Jambar*.

Upon reading the article, I felt I needed to respond because the article really upset me. I am a freshman at YSU, and I feel much of this article, which dealt with the difficulties black freshmen encountered as opposed to white freshmen, was unfair to myself and other white freshmen, who are, as quoted in your article, "the norm."

I understand a majority of the students here are white — and was actually shocked to see what a low percentage of students were African-American — but I would

never expect someone "of the minority" to "be quiet and not speak up." I believe everyone has their own opinions, and they should have a chance to express them. More importantly, I wanted to address the issue of confusion black students seem to have at YSU, as stated in your article.

I understand that when entering college, these freshmen have trouble using resources available to them because I am a freshman also. We are all confused when we get into a new setting such as this, and just because a student is black doesn't mean he or she is any more confused than a white student, an Indian student or any other race for that matter.

I didn't feel comfortable at YSU either at first. I had no idea

what to expect from college, and I didn't know many students. I mean, I left behind something I had grown accustomed to over the last four years and was thrown into a totally new environment, just like everyone else.

I think the big picture was missed here. Many students I have talked to about this column agreed with me; they too are very confused about where to turn for help. Rather than focus on how to encourage only black students to become better accustomed to university life, I feel YSU should devise a plan to make ALL freshmen more comfortable here or campus.

Adam Vukovic  
freshman, biology

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# Student censorship goes too far — again

By BREANNA DEMARCO  
Jambar Editor

The Fort Zumwalt North High School band lifted their instruments, and the crowd at the football game was transported to the psychedelic '60s as the melody of the Jefferson Airplane song "White Rabbit" wafted through the air.

The lyrics, which are about drug use, were not sung, but nevertheless, a parent complained to school officials who, in turn, censored the playlist the band performs.

The case got some attention and went to court, where Judge Rodney Sippel, citing the 1988 *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* case, ruled in favor of the school district.

The Hazelwood case, for those unfamiliar, upheld the right of

school administrators to censor a high school newspaper if an article threatened order, safety and a stable learning environment.

Judge Sippel said the censorship was legitimate because the song had an association with drugs that might endanger the learning process.

It baffles me that America, as a whole, feels the First Amendment can be hacked, slashed and torn in two, all for the sake of protecting people.

It was necessary to censor a song that has been around for three decades because it made references to drugs, and we all know that all of the children exposed to the music, not the lyrics of a song, will all run to their nearest crack house.

I find it sad that I live in a culture that is so paranoid, so deluded, so puritanical in its thinking,

that we won't let the kids in uncomfortable polyester uniforms carrying heavy instruments the right to play bars of music.

I find it frightening that we find it necessary to think for the collective whole, that we are not unique little snowflakes but rigidly stamped molds that will be the ramrod straight, upstanding, Third Reichian-cloned school systems and judicial courts.

I say I should, they should, we all should be able to determine what is right and wrong, what is morally reprehensible and what will corrupt the minds of children.

I say that listening to some Jefferson Airplane will not threaten the security of our schools and our nation but rather our schools, our nation, our society will threaten the security of us all.

# Don't shop Nov. 24

By ELLEN SIMONSON  
The Daily Cougar (U. Houston)

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — It can't be denied that America is a consumer culture. After all, the rest of the world has us to thank for such concepts as Styrofoam, Wal-Mart and McDonald's.

The average American, whether he or she is, watches between 50 and 100 television advertisements a day, according to the Center for a New American Dream. Add newspapers, magazines, radio, billboards, catalogs and the Internet, and you could reasonably say Americans spend most of their time surrounded by encouragement to buy stuff.

Shopping, we are told, is a benevolent, healing activity. Comic strips like "Cathy" and magazines like *Glamour* perpetuate the stereotype of shopping as therapy, a way of getting in touch with oneself — particularly for women.

Buying the right product, we're told, will make you much more content and self-aware. It will make your children adore you and your spouse appreciate you.

Those are the messages advertisers try to convey. Of course, they aren't 100 percent successful — what man watches an ad for light beer and truly believes that the purchase of a six-pack will bring him stampeding horses and scantily clad ladies? Who, for that matter, really believes that McDonald's honestly cares whether or not we smile? McDonald's loves to see us eat.

The problem isn't in why we're told to buy; it's in the fact that we do buy and that we do so at an alarming rate.

Our culture tends not to question the belief that consumption benefits everyone involved. It's good for you, your loved ones, the economy and the world, we're told.

Step back for a minute, and think about that. Is it really good for anybody? In 1998, 1.4 million people filed for personal bankruptcy. Overcoming Consumerism reports — that's one person in every 67 households. And *bankrate.com* reports that the average undergraduate student owes \$2,200 in credit-card debt.

Experts predict that the world will run out of fossil fuels in the next 30 to 50 years, yet sport utility vehicles, with their horrendous gas

mileage, are still selling like hot cakes (even in Houston, the nation's smog leader).

Products are declared obsolete soon after they're introduced. Remember slap bracelets? Everything's disposable. The American brand of continuous consumption isn't good for your pocketbook. It isn't good for the environment. And many people would like to assert it isn't good for your soul.

A society called Adbusters ([www.adbusters.org](http://www.adbusters.org)) celebrates Buy Nothing Day every year on the day after Thanksgiving, which is traditionally America's biggest spending day of the year.

In past years, participants from more than 30 countries have registered their disenchantment with consumer culture. One demonstrator outside a mall carried a sign reading, "America has more shopping malls than high schools" (and it's true; we do, according to Adbusters). Outside another mall in Seattle, participants set up a credit-card cut-up service to protect shoppers from themselves.

Others got permission to set up booths in a third mall, but they were kicked out when it was discovered that they weren't selling anything. Rather, they were offering shoppers alternatives to holiday spending, such as making donations to charity.

Such drastic measures, though, are not at the heart of Buy Nothing Day. As its name indicates, the "holiday" merely asks people to take one day off from spending money.

We're told our houses, our cars, our assets should grow and grow without end — it's the American dream. "He who dies with the most toys wins," as the bumper sticker says.

I don't buy that, and you shouldn't either. Adbusters says Americans constitute 20 percent of the world's population and consume 80 percent of its resources. Those resources aren't infinite, and our rate of consumption is endangering the whole world, not just us.

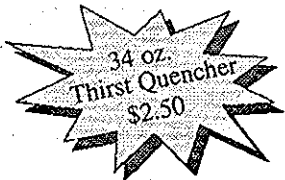
There's another bumper sticker with a much smarter message: "Live simply so that others may simply live."

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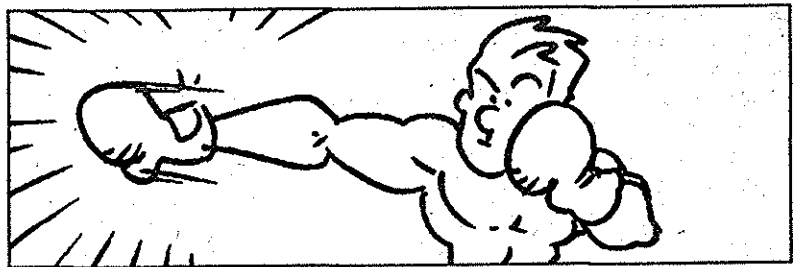
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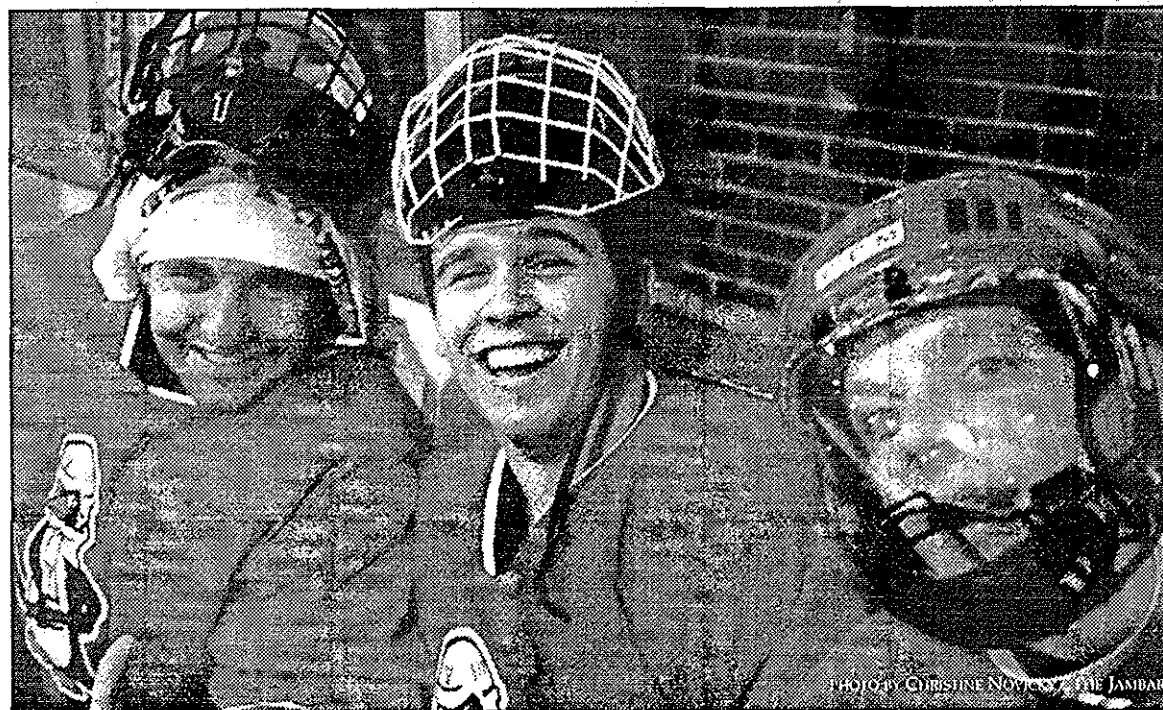
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# Sports & Recreation

## YSU Hockey: A scene to see



TRIO IN THE BOX: Three YSU hockey players chill in the penalty box.



### SCENES FROM A GAME:

To the left, the ever fearful mascot of YSU tries his hand on the ice while on the right, the Penguin players prepare for victory.

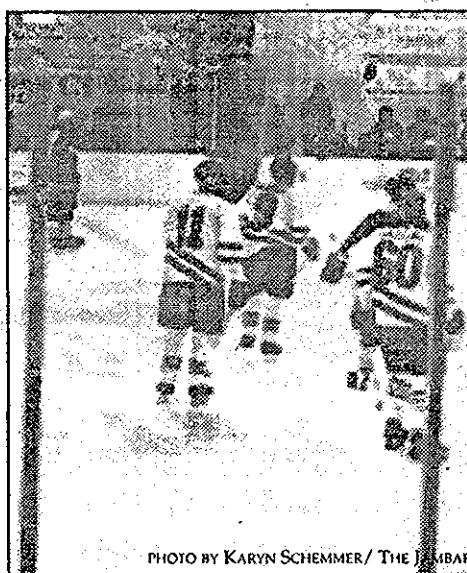


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## Cross-country season finishes at NCAA regional meet

By SUSAN L. DEVANNY  
Jambar Reporter

The YSU men's and women's cross country teams competed in the 2000 NCAA Division I Cross Country Great Lakes Regional Championships at the Eagle Crest Golf Club/Cross Country Course last Saturday.

There were 31 teams competing from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin.

The Great Lakes is one of nine regions used to determine the teams and individuals that compete at the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

The men's race showcased five of the nation's top 25 teams.

They included No. 6 Wisconsin, No. 15 Indiana, No. 18 Eastern Michigan, No. 20 Notre Dame and No. 23 Michigan State.

The cold, blustery winds, muddy footing and the long 10K (6.2 mile) course took its toll on all the competitors.

When the race was over, Wisconsin, Eastern Michigan, Notre Dame, Indiana and Ohio State qualified for the National Championships to be held Monday in Ames, Iowa.

The YSU men ran a great race to finish 18th out of the 31 teams. It was the second-highest finish in YSU history.

The men were led by Adam Belmonte, junior, who covered the 10K course in 33:11.

His time earned him an 84th place finish.

Following Belmonte was Matt Paullin, freshman, who was 92nd in 33:30 and Brian Laraway, senior, who was 97th in 33:42.

Jeri Hull, senior, crossed the finish line in 33:58 (114th).

Jeremy Riehm, freshman, and Matt Schaffner, sophomore, pushed each other to finish in 34:15 (124th) and 34:16 (125th), respectively.

Jon Krezczowski, freshman, put forth a solid effort to cover the course in 35:08 for 159th place.

Analyzing the men's last race, Schaffner said, "We really stepped it up as a team after racing 8Ks all year then going to a 10K. We really finished the season on a high point. I wish it didn't end."

On the women's side, No. 3 Wisconsin, No. 10 Michigan and No. 21 Marquette were expected

to contend for team honors.

All three teams upheld their rankings to finished 1-2-3 and qualify for the National Championships.

Despite injuries and illnesses to some of the team's runners, the YSU women finished 29th overall in a tough region.

They were led by Annabelle Hunt, senior, who completed the 6K (3.75 mile) course in 23:49. She finished 139th overall.

Next for the Lady Penguins were Lori Ruggles, senior, and Andrea Bardy, freshman, who finished 148th (24:02) and 151st (24:05), respectively.

Jen Gavala, sophomore, and Courtney Houck, junior, also worked together to finish out the Lady Penguins' scoring.

Gavala and Houck crossed the finish line in 192nd (25:39) and 195th (25:45).

Lindsay Frontz, sophomore, followed closely behind in 201st place for a time of 26:15, and Erin Treece, freshman, covered the course in 29:11 for a 210th place finish.

Some of the athletes began to look forward to the 2001 cross country campaign.

Belmonte said, "The meet was a great experience for all of us and gives us motivation for next year. YSU is on the way to being a very competitive Division I program."

Paullin agreed. "I had a whole lot of fun this season! I can't wait till next year!" he said.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, the last race of the season also marked the end of five athletes' cross country careers.

Senior captains Annabelle Hunt, Lori Ruggles, Jeri Hull, Brian Laraway and Sean Voorhies have all laced up their cross country spikes for the last time.

Laraway looked back and said, "It's been an amazing couple of years. I've been able to meet so many people and travel all over the nation. This cross-country season has been the most memorable, but I still have indoor and outdoor track left. I plan on taking advantage of those seasons as well."

Fear not, track fans!

With track practices beginning next week, all five senior athletes will be competing in the indoor and outdoor track seasons.

## YSU football season ends with a win and the playoffs

By BREANNA DEMARCO  
Jambar Editor

Mustang Stadium, home of the Cal Poly Mustangs and the battleground of a 22-point victory for the Penguins.

In front of 4,178 fans the Penguins garnered their final victory of the regular season (9-2) and moved onto the playoffs, the first seed being in Richmond Saturday.

Quarterback Jeff Ryan made the record books when he threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Pedraza and became YSU's all-time leader in career touchdown passes.

He broke the records of both Keith Snoddy and Trenton Lykes.

At the end of the first quarter, PJ Mays scored a four-yard run, putting the Penguins ahead by 14 points.

The YSU team was ahead 21-0 at the half when Ryan and Pedraza went for a 10-play, 80-yard touchdown run.

In the third quarter, Cal Poly's quarterback, Kevin Cooper, who was replacing concussion-adled

Seth Burford, and Kasim Osgood went for a successful 17-yard touchdown pass.

In response, Penguin Eric Lockhart forced his way into the endzone on a one-yard play, but with 1:31 left in the third quarter, Osgood caught a 31-yard pass. The extra point was no good and the Penguins led 28-13.

In the fourth quarter, YSU managed to hold Cal Poly at bay, and with an interception by Bob Sivik for 37-yards and a one-yard run by Mays, the Penguins won.

This game signals the ninth time in 15 seasons that the YSU Penguins, under Coach Jim Tressel, have won more than nine games in the regular season.

As a result, the Penguins will play in the Division I-AA playoffs ranked as the ninth seed and will play in Virginia against the eighth-seeded Richmond Spiders 2 p.m. Saturday.

Both schools finished the regular season with a 9-2 record, and this marks the first time the two schools have played.

The winner of the game will advance to the quarterfinals, taking on either 16th-seed Eastern Illinois State University or the top-seeded University of Montana.

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## Professor offers year-round Africana studies colloquiums

By CAROL WILSON  
Jambar Assistant Editor

African culture and its contribution to YSU and the community is the focus of future area events scheduled around campus.

Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, associate professor, philosophy and religious studies, and director of the Africana studies program, is partially responsible for bringing to the community distinguished guest speakers in what he calls "colloquium" and "roundhouse" discussions.

"This is another way of educating the community about African-Americans' contribution to the history and culture of western civilization. Lectures by keynote speakers on the subject of African-American studies should not be limited to just February, when traditionally events of this kind are celebrated because of Black History Month.

"This is an opportunity to educate people about the minority population and their contributions on a year-round basis," said Wan-Tatah.

The first colloquium session took place at the Youngstown Playhouse in October, and more

are planned well into the 2001 season.

For a preview of the upcoming programs scheduled by the Africana studies department, Dec. 3 has been set aside for an "open house" gathering, which will take the place of the regular monthly colloquium.

Guests from the university and community will meet in the DeBartolo Stadium Club to dine on traditional African cuisine and discuss, among other related topics, future colloquium and roundhouse speakers due to lecture in the next year.

Deidre Bedajo, chair, Pan-African studies at Kent State University, is the keynote speaker scheduled to deliver the evening's lecture.

With the beginning of next year's schedule, in addition to the planned monthly colloquiums, the Africana studies program, in conjunction with community advisers, has several events planned for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s memorial celebration in January.

"King's birthday celebration on the YSU campus had been stopped several years ago, but I am reinstating it," said Wan-Tatah.

In celebration, Dr. Frank Hale from The Ohio State University is

scheduled to speak at noon Jan. 17. At 7:30 p.m. the same day, Dr. Steve Thomas from the University of Pittsburgh, an expert on minority health, is scheduled to lecture.

"And later on that same evening an awards ceremony will take place to honor those recognized for their work toward justice and who encourage others to dream the way King did," said Wan-Tatah.

"King used the words 'drum major' when referring to fellow advocates for a better future, and recipients have been awarded 'Dr. King's Drum Major Award' and will be recognized on this day as agents for justice," he added.

Dr. Barbara Brothers, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, was instrumental in having Wan-Tatah named director of the Africana studies program.

"He brings vitality and commitment to the role of director of

"This is an opportunity to educate people about the minority population and their contributions on a year-round basis."



— DR. VICTOR WAN-TATAH  
Director of Africana studies

Africana studies. He's brought faculty together as well as members of the community by planning a full year of activities, and I'm especially happy with the work he's doing with the students from the Youngstown City Schools," said Brothers.

In addition to scheduling informative lectures and events, the department of Africana studies will be sponsoring a monthly newsletter whose first publication date is set for Dec. 8.

"We are committed to focusing on the affairs and issues of minority students at YSU and people in the community. Most of the news stories will be covering the lives of the ethnic population who attend YSU, and we hope to create a better awareness about African-Americans and their role here and in the community," said Louis M. Orioha, sophomore, computer science.

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about retention is thinking the primary reason students drop out is academic problems.

"Employment concerns are the top reason [at YSU], as well as family and health care," Beatrice said. "However, we have students with multifaceted lives, and I wouldn't want to put it down to one reason."

The Center for Student Progress works to help keep students enrolled by offering social and academic support mainly to freshmen.

Peer Assistants work with all incoming students, and they attempt to stay in touch with the students throughout the year.

Tutorial Services also offers help for students struggling in classes.

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**BOXING:** Sarah Grove, sophomore, math, and Jessie Grazier, sophomore, nursing, take part in Shantytown.

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said. "Many people don't have the option of coming in to use the bathroom or take a nice warm nap after spending all night in a box."

Shantytown is an annual event sponsored by the Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars. The scholars and other participating students spent Saturday volunteering at the Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Second Harvest Food Bank and other organizations.

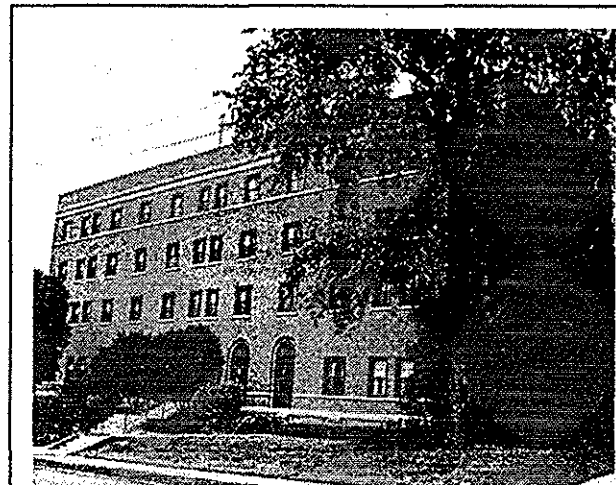
Mollie McGovern, junior, telecommunications and geography, said helping out at those

places was the most beneficial part of Shantytown.

"What we did before the event, at the Rescue Mission and at the Salvation Army, was just as important, if not more so," said McGovern, who was on the Shantytown planning committee.

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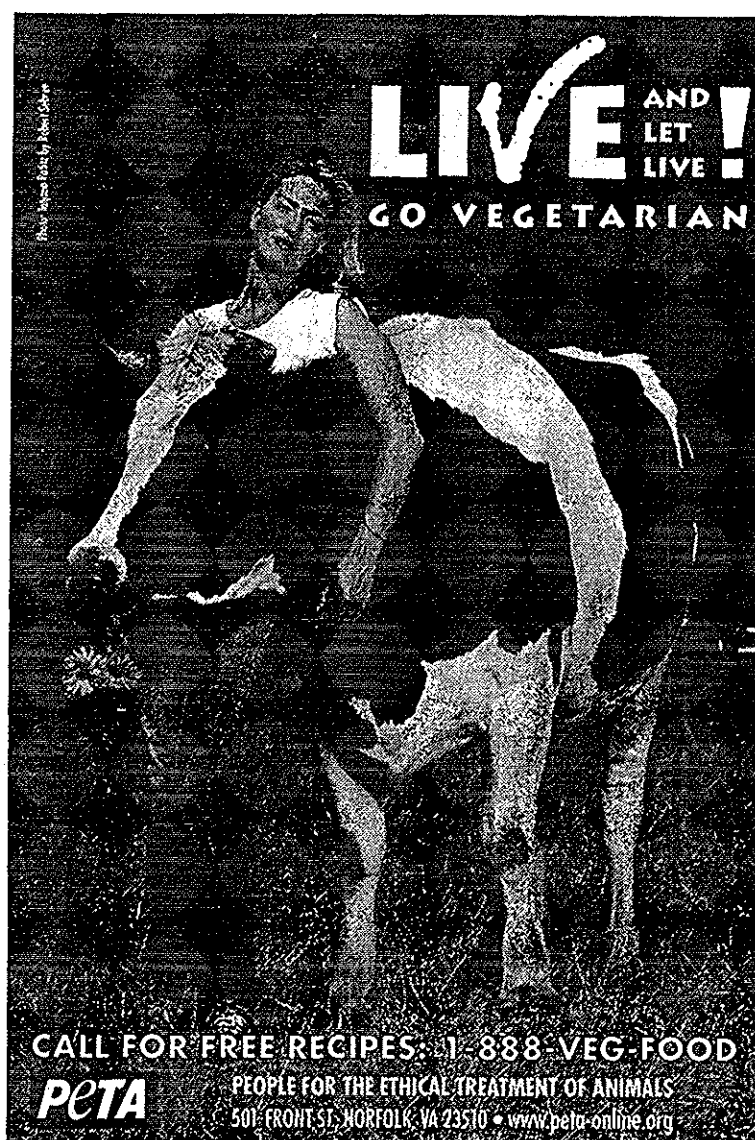
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