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Professor evaluations: Valuable tool or waste of time?

By: Kelly Cole
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

In classrooms across campus, Youngstown State University students have been asked to rate their professors. But, a Jambar investigation has uncovered large problems with the accuracy, usefulness and availability of the results of these faculty evaluations.

The Jambar investigation revealed:

• Many students do not take the evaluation seriously, and instead of thinking about the questions, they merely darken the small "A—Strongly Agree" oval for every answer.

• Only few students ever look at the ratings for guidance about which classes to take.

• The evaluations — public records under Ohio law — are difficult for students

to obtain.

Sophomore Professional Writing and Editing major, Courtney DiGeorgi, confessed that she is one of the 65 percent of YSU students who has thoughtlessly marked all 'A's on evaluations.

"I've filled out all A's before, except the plagiarism one, where 'B' stands for no. I don't put a whole lot into it, unless I'm really fond of them or I hate them," DiGeorgi said.

YSU freshman Megan Letcher was equally honest about her tendency to mark all A's sarcastically replying, "Is there any other letter on there?"

Letcher said she felt the evaluations were a waste of time.

"Instead of having all the students fill in bubble sheets that I doubt the instructors even read, we could be doing something

more productive," Letcher said.

Senior David Bernard concurs that the surveys are a "general waste of time."

"We're so used to taking them, and we know they don't mean anything so why should we put any work into them?" Bernard asked.

Those students who take the time to complete surveys accurately, say that the entire process is flawed because they realize that many students do not take the surveys seriously.

Freshman Music Education major Chris Anderson said she rarely writes comments but does answer questions with thought.

"Some of my friends just pick an answer and fill out the whole survey," Anderson said.

"I would agree students don't take the evaluations

seriously. They just mark the quickest answer because they want to get through. They don't realize that they are a valuable tool that can help better our teachers and ultimately the students," Sophomore Brittany Kirsch said.

Taking it seriously While some students said they are not taking the process seriously, several professors said they rely on the data and comments to shape future courses. Ou Hu, a professor in the Economics Department, said he takes the comments as constructive criticism.

"Everything that the students ask I take into consideration, especially when they specifically do not like something I am doing. I want my students to enjoy my class," Hu said. "I have not received many com-

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Are evaluations public or private record?

According to page 37 of the Agreement between YSU and the YSU chapter of the Ohio Education Association "students shall have the opportunity to inspect copies of the student evaluation of teaching summary in the offices of academic deans. Photocopies or transcriptions of these reports, however, shall not be permitted as a part of this process."

Carol Kordupel, YSU's faculty personnel manager, said the professor evaluations are public record and can be viewed by the students without faculty permission or special procedure.

"The results of the evaluations are intended to help students," Kordupel said. "The faculty union agreement provides an avenue for students to see the evaluations. That's how it's being done currently, and how it was done in the past."

Jambar reporters, however, encountered numerous obstacles when trying to inspect various faculty evaluations — either by identifying themselves as reporters, or by merely asking for access to evaluations without explaining their newspaper affiliation.

Results showed staff identifying themselves as Jambar reporters were generally given the evaluations. Reporters identifying themselves as average students, however, were turned away and directed to other offices or officials.

When approached about viewing evaluations for a criminal justice professor in the Dean's Office at the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, secretary Grace O'Connor said she was unsure of where they were located.

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BALLOT ISSUE

Gambling could offer scholarships to Ohioans

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

A scholarship idea for the November ballot to fund students through slot machines is facing some doubts through Youngstown State University's trustees and administration.

YSU President David Sweet said he would have to find out more information on whether to take a stance on a proposed amendment to fund Ohio scholarships through slot

machines.

The Ohio Learn and Earn committee said the proposed amendment calls for slot machines in Ohio's seven racetracks, two gambling locations in Cleveland and one in Cincinnati to fund scholarships for Ohio students who attend a university in Ohio.

The Learn and Earn Committee said the amendment would make scholarships and tuition

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Photo Source: Wikipedia

Slot machines at Trump's Taj Mahal in New Jersey bring in millions. The Ohio Learn and Earn Committee hopes to pass an amendment that would use profits from slots to create scholarships for Ohio graduates.

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X-mas Day thief caught and charged

By: Maysoun Abdelrasul
FEATURES REPORTER

A suspect in a burglary case that has been on the run for approximately four months was apprehended at Youngstown State University on Sunday.

The YSU Police Department initially arrested Malcolm Gilford on April 23 in the R1 parking lot on Elm Street for an outstanding warrant.

On Monday, he was charged in Mahoning County Court for the bur-

glary and theft in several University Courtyard Apartments on Christmas Day. The burglary bond is \$50,000 and the theft bond is \$10,000.

Sergeant Rose Marsco said Gilford befriended YSU students, who invited him to parties and that was his access to the Courtyard Apartments.

Chief John Gocala said he told his officers to have extra patrol of the R1 parking lot last weekend

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NEWS BRIEFS

Suites.

Engineering students to display work
Youngstown State University's annual Engineering Careers and Student Design Displays will be held in Moser Hall Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Post-Katrina speech sponsored by YSU's Student Society of Applied History
J. Mark Southler, assistant professor of history at Cleveland State University, will be presenting "Revisiting New Orleans Preservation and Tourism: A Post-

Katrina View" at Youngstown State University Tuesday. The speech, sponsored by the YSU Student Society of Applied History, will be 4 p.m. in Room 132 of DeBartolo Hall.

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YSU SGA sponsor Cherry Monroe concert

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University Student Government Association will sponsor a free Cherry Monroe concert for students at the Chevrolet Centre for YSU students on Saturday.

"If 45-year-old Ed who wants to come in and doesn't know anyone and is looking shady, then we'd have to turn him away," Heather Baltic said.

SGA spent a \$10,000 bulk rate for the show and has begun promoting the event through fliers, a screen in the rec center and a message on the campus marquee.

"We need to get the word out because we only have a week," Baltic said.

The show will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday and students do not need to get tickets in advance. Secretary of Campus Life, Baltic said the admittance policy will be relatively lax, allowing for greatest possible amount of people to attend.

"In other affairs, Student Affairs Committee Chair Sarah Vansuch

said the committee decided to move discussion of Ruckus, a proposed online music-downloading venue, to next year's committee to develop.

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"We need to get the word out because we only have a week."
Heather Baltic,
Secretary of Campus Life

"There were just too many issues that need to be worked out with it, too many pitfalls," said Vansuch.

The student affairs committee will also be sending out a student survey regarding downtown that will be sent to students through Cue-mail by the end of this week.

Vice President of Financial Affairs, Josh Hiznay said SGA is right on track with appropriations.

The Financial Appropriations committee granted money to 57 student organizations this year, totaling \$35,000, excluding money returned to SGA.

Hiznay said money appropriated returned from the fencing team and Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

"Any extra money will be given away to zero out our budget," Hiznay said.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Tuition and Fees Committee was not able to meet with Residence Hall Association representatives regarding the

increase in housing costs. According to the written report, the idea will be drafted for next year's committee.

To help students cope with the added stress and pressure of finals week, Maag Library will be open later starting May 1 and ending May 10, the week before and the week of the exams.

Although Jazzman's Café will not be open on the third floor this time around, there will be free cookies, coffee and hot chocolate provided.

There will also be another Pizza with the President on May 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Tod Hall Board Room and one last SGA sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive on May 4 in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut room.

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ENGINEERING Engineering students compete with canoe and bridge

By: Steve Lettau
JAMBAR REPORTER

Youngstown State University civil engineering students demonstrated two projects for an upcoming competition in the basement of Moser Hall on Friday — a concrete canoe and a steel bridge.

The projects are part of a competition with the American Society of Civil Engineers Ohio Valley Regional Conference hosted by the Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. YSU will take part in six events at the competition. The projects are fabricated by the students; something that co-captain Ryan Murphy said takes time to do.

"It's a lot of man hours," Murphy said. "We get no credit for this and it's all been on our free time."

Kevin Lynch, captain of the bridge team, said the bridge must meet specific measurements in order to compete. The bridge's dimensions are 21 feet 8 inches long, 49 inches wide and 6 feet tall.

"We cut out all the parts: the beams, trusts, the piers and the connections. We did a lot of welding and fabricating, over five months and that's just fabrication. We started designing back in September," Lynch said.

"The bridge is on a one-tenth scale or about 200 feet out in the real world," Murphy said.

Although it takes months to design and complete the bridge, students must race to construct the bridge during the competition. Once put together, the bridge will be tested to see if it can withstand 2,500 pounds. The bridge is also judged on appearance and deflection. Cynthia Hirtzel, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, was on

hand at the test runs to show how capable the college is in teaching students in this area.

"This is another example why YSU engineers are the best. These kids are awesome," Hirtzel said.

One area of success for YSU in the past has been the concrete canoe section of the conference. Last years team placed second overall but according to Murphy they are looking to top this.

Electrical engineering major Tyler Drombosky works to complete the building of a bridge in a recent demonstration. YSU will compete this weekend with the bridge West and concrete canoe against other colleges.

They were second place and the large nemesis is West and concrete canoe against other colleges. They have taken first the last 10 years or so, but hopefully with this years rule changes we can give them a good run for their money," Murphy said.

According to Murphy, the specifications of the canoe change each year, forcing each team to build a new one every year. Adam DePizzo, a member of the team, explained how a 21-foot, 155-pound concrete boat could float.

"It is 100-percent concrete. There are microscopic glass bubbles that are 10 percent the density of water," DePizzo said. "If you took a chunk of concrete out of your driveway I don't think it would be able to do this."

Hirtzel joked about the ability of the students.

"So if your stuck on a desert island somewhere, these are the guys that you'd want with you," Hirtzel said.



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Every year the boat also must come up with a theme. The theme of this year's canoe is based on the movie "Gone with the Wind".

"You see the color scheme (gray) and the cobra in the middle. It's named after the last car 'Eleanor' in the movie and if you look at the front, it has a racing stripe," Murphy said.

"The whole purpose for this is to give civil engineer students hands on experience," DePizzo said.

"It's all hands-on classroom knowledge. This shows what we are going to do in the real world. A lot of these people put long work into completing these projects," Murphy said.

Call Steve Lettau at (330)

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OUR SIDE Gambling for higher education could pay off

Gambling to pay for college. Generally not a good idea for students, but there is currently legislation that would generate money for the college-bound in Ohio through the use of slot machines.

The Ohio Learn and Earn Committee wants to put an amendment on the November ballot that would place 30,000 slot machines in 10 Ohio locations — with 30 percent of the income going to the creation of scholarships for Ohio high school graduates.

The Learn and Earn Committee consists of developers and racetrack owners and operators. The Ohio Board of Regents originally developed the plan in 2003.

A press-release from the committee estimates the amendment would generate about \$700 million a year for scholarships, with 55 percent of money going to the developers and machine owners. The remaining funds — about 15 percent — would be distributed for local and county economic development.

The scholarships would be awarded on a point-system, beginning in the first grade for any Ohio student planning to attend an accredited Ohio college or university. The first full scholarships would be available in 12 years, but the committee said the top 5 percent of graduating classes would be offered scholarships each year.

The legislation is waiting approval by Attorney General Jim Petro and then will require 323,000 voter signatures to make it on the ballot.

Voters have turned down gambling legislation twice since 1990, but representatives from the Learn and Earn Committee have seemed confident in the legislation's passing.

Ohioans are going to gamble, whether it is an hour away at Seneca Valley or Mountaineer — or at home legally. Seven of the 10 Ohio locations selected for the slot machines are racetracks, where people are already gambling. What's the harm in channeling some of this money to kids heading off to college?

This is a tax-free way for Ohioans to help provide chances at continued education for those who may otherwise be unable to pay for it themselves. While Youngstown State University and the Board of Trustees remain undecided about their opinion of the money coming from gambling, the truth is that it's not such a far stretch from the Ohio lottery providing a portion of funding for K-12 education in Ohio.

There is a need to help curb rising tuition costs before they spiral out of control. It will also help encourage Ohio high school graduates to stay in the state for college and hopefully pursue careers here, too. This amendment could provide more students with a chance to obtain a post-secondary education and boost the economy.

There's been a lot of talk about higher education reform. Helping students pay for it could be the most important step. \$700 million a year in scholarship funds is nothing for YSU to turn its nose up at.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Miller, Vansuch lay out SGA plans

By: Chad Miller & Sarah Vansuch

Having been recently elected President and Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association, we are excited to begin executing our platform for the 2006-2007 academic year. As we were campaigning, we found that almost all the students we talked with would be positively affected in some way by the initiatives on our platform, which made us even more determined to carry them out. The following is a brief synopsis of our objectives for the upcoming year; if anyone has any suggestions or additions, please feel free to contact us by e-mail (Chad: cjmill04@student.yosu.edu, Sarah: smvansuch@student.yosu.edu) or by stopping in the SGA office.

Keep YSU Affordable

With tuition hikes looming in the future, we need to work at both the state and university level to keep YSU as affordable as possible without compromising the quality of education our students receive. To make the concerns of YSU students salient at the state level, we are planning to invite the candidates for Governor of Ohio to YSU for a debate concerning issues related to public education. We also plan to lobby the General Assembly for an equitable distribution of the undistributed portion of the Fiscal Year 06-07 Operating Biennium Budget. SGA will also work to inform students about the potential consequences of the TABOR/TEL

amendment to be voted on in the November election.

At the university level, we want to create a university-wide committee to investigate cost savings measures on a large scale, and SGA will still continue to look for small ways to keep costs low without compromising quality. In order to keep textbook costs down, we plan to propose an initiative to limit the amount of new editions of books that can be required in an attempt to provide more used books and greater book sell-back prices and/or quantities.

Increase Campus-Wide Technology

Our work on bringing wireless network hotspots to campus has been successful (some newer hotspots are located in Maag library, the Kilcawley Watson-Tressel Reading Lounge, and DeBartolo Hall, amount others, with more to open up during the rest of the year). We plan to continue our efforts with the technology departments to effect this campus rollout as well as our other projects: the Student Software Initiative (SSI) and hardware discounts.

The first phase of the SSI involves making networked versions of software applications available to students. For students who need specialized software for their courses, this will give them free access to these programs through the internet. The second phase involves leveraging the volume discounts we would receive on these networked software licenses to provide students with

versions of some of these programs at a lower cost, much like students now receive with Microsoft products, but including many more programs. We also want to use our volume purchasing power to secure discounts for students on hardware such as computers. Some Dell computers are already being sold to YSU students at discount rates through this type of arrangement (see the YSU bookstore website), and we will work to expand the discount hardware options available to students.

Enrich Student Life

SGA will work to increase the advertisement of activities and events on campus through a comprehensive advertisement system. This system would house information pertaining to many types of on-campus activities that would interest students. The information would be available through the YSU website, hard copies of monthly or bi-monthly activity calendars, and possibly on closed circuit televisions in common areas around campus.

We will also work to secure student discounts at near-campus locations, especially the Chevrolet Centre. We intend to work with the City of Youngstown on development issues, possibly giving YSU students the opportunity to plan, create, and manage a business venture downtown.

Clarify Academic Requirements

The requirements of many of our programs are complicated. This, coupled with the

current GER system, can cause students to have their graduation delayed if they do not know that a given course is required or if a required course is unavailable. To clarify the requirements of programs, we will support the rollout of the DARS system, which will list the courses a given student has completed, how they apply to that student's major, and then what courses will still be required for that student to graduate. To increase course availability, we will attempt to create a survey-feedback system for students to inform their departments of what courses they are planning to take in upcoming semesters, ensuring that departments are aware of the future demand for certain courses. We have also been working throughout the year to give departments the option of including some or all of the GER Intensives (Critical Thinking, Writing, and Oral) in their programs, so that students would fulfill these requirements by virtue of completing a program rather than having to search for an Intensive course outside their major.

Again, we are excited to execute this platform, as we believe it has the potential to positively impact students at YSU in many ways. As we carry out these initiatives this upcoming year, we hope to receive the support of the student body. Together, we all can make this University a better place: both for ourselves and for students to come.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Smith was fine prof

Editor:
I learned Thursday, thanks to your paper, of the passing of Dr. [J.C.] Smith. I am a philosophy alumna of YSU, and was greatly saddened to hear of it. I took several classes with Dr. Smith. He was a tough taskmaster, to be sure. But he was one of the finest, and most brilliant, professors from whom I have had the honor to learn. I have always

described him as one of the smartest people I have ever met. He was a great teacher, and a great person. He will be sorely missed. I do not know what his beliefs were about the afterlife. But I like to think of him giving some of the greats in philosophy a run for their money. No one could ask for better.

Lisa Torrence
YSU Psychology Alumna

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ask in ages," O'Connor said.

O'Connor promised to locate the evaluations and told the student to come back the next day.

In the Dean's Office at the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology, one worker said the dean was in Washington, D.C., and she was unauthorized to show students such information.

When requesting access to an instructor in the English Department, a reporter was told that to see the statistical results of evaluations she should visit human resources, but to see the actual evaluation forms, permission was needed from the instructor. While reporters were not refused access to the evaluations, the process was a difficult one.

Twenty-five YSU students walking through campus were asked if they were aware that evaluations were public record and available for students to view. Only two were aware that the results of professor evaluations were public record and available to students who visit the deans' offices.

Despite the fact that the

evaluations are public record to university students, getting a hold of one is certainly not a simple task.

Kordupel said there could possibly be changes in the evaluation process in the future.

"The evaluation tool, at some point, may be on the Web where the students can evaluate the faculty," she said.

Kordupel said viewing the results of the evaluations online is beneficial to students.

"I know other universities do that already, but YSU is not at a point where that would be done here. I don't think the item has ever been explored, not that I know of. The fact that we still don't do the evaluation online would make it a more difficult process to put the results on the site," Kordupel said.

Amanda Mielke, executive vice president of the Student Government Association, agreed that easy online access to the results could be helpful, but also feels it could unintentionally bias students trying to choose a professor.

"I think that it would be

nice in a way that you'd be able to know that your peers feel the same way you do," Mielke said. "But, I think also on the opposite end of the spectrum it may pressure students to think things they wouldn't have thought [about a professor] before."

Mielke said if students bring up the issue, SGA would help in whatever way it can.

"We could definitely have a part in it since it's an academic issue. If students think it's important to them, of course we'd have to play a part in it," said Mielke.

Julia Gergits, president of the faculty union, said she is familiar with the teacher evaluations and that they serve the purpose of aiding the university, not the students.

"They [the evaluations] belong to the university, but we [the faculty union] as a unit don't control them," Gergits said.

She also said the task of putting thousands of evaluations online would be difficult, and right now isn't sure whether the administration has the staff to take on this task.

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plaints, and I think it's because I have good students and good classes."

Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts Joe Edwards said the evaluations are reliable if viewed across several years, and are most beneficial for an instructor's formal evaluation. Edwards said he looks for instructors who are progressing in key areas or if they are remaining at one certain level.

"Each answer allows me to draw some general sense of how a faculty member is growing," Edwards said. "If they stay at the same level, they need to be prodded to pay attention to these questions and the responses."

The narrative portion, the space left for comments, was not originally a part of the evaluations. It was added because the students wanted a way to express themselves more articulately. Edwards said this portion is most helpful to faculty in terms of growth and curriculum design, and also encourages students to speak up about inconsistencies they feel need to be changed on the evaluations themselves.

"Overall, I think the faculty and chairs benefit greatly from the process, and some instructors, if not

most, appreciate the candid comments of their students," Edwards said. "This was meant to be a formative tool of evaluation and, as such, has met that goal."

Michael Theall, director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning at Youngstown State (CATALYST) and an associate professor in the Beeghly College of Education, is a bit of an expert on the subject of faculty evaluations.

When properly done, research has shown that faculty evaluations are reliable, valid and useful. Theall said. However, "if they are done poorly, they can be terrible."

Theall noted that any evaluation system can be improved. "That includes the one we are currently using," Theall said.

YSU's current evaluation system could be improved if the university conducted careful analysis of the data collected, Theall said, though the current faculty contract does not allow such analysis.

Jeremy Lydic, Emery Boyle Scott, Jessica Taaffe, Megan Anderson, Laura Neely and Cristina Byce contributed to this story.

More News

Nursing research to be presented in symposium

A nursing research symposium will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center. More than 250 people participated in last year's event.

Achievement gap to be focus of discussion

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning at YSU is sponsoring speaker Mano Singham Wednesday. Singham is the author of "The Achievement Gap in U.S. Education: Canaries in the Mine." Forums with education experts are set for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Bresnahan Suites I and II.

Dana concert showcases students

The Dana School of Music will be performing its 16th Annual Showcase Concert Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the New Ford Family Recital Hall in the DeYor Performing Arts Center. The Dana Wind Ensemble, the Dana Chorale, Opera Workshop and the Hard Bop Jazz Quintet are scheduled to perform. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased through Ted Perkins by calling (330) 941-3646.

Students honored with awards

More than 100 students and faculty will be honored at YSU's annual Student Award Banquet Thursday, April 27 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center at 6 p.m.

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because of prior criminal misconduct. Officer Wilbur Drayton saw Gilford and walked up to his vehicle. A background check revealed he was a wanted person from Boardman and a suspect in the burglary at the Courtyards, records indicate.

According to police reports, Gilford was arrested and transported to the Mahoning County Justice Center on the warrant according to the police report. Marsco said YSU-PD were obligated by law to arrest him because of the outstanding warrant.

Before transporting Gilford to the county jail, he was searched by a YSU police officer and a small amount of marijuana was found, according to police reports. He was issued a summons for marijuana possession.

Since the Courtyards are privately run, there is no specific desk for YSU-PD like the dorms, Gocala said. He said a police officer walks around outside and inside occasionally.

A follow-up investigation and review of security video revealed two males acting

suspiciously, according to the police report. One male was seen entering the northeast doors and his vehicle was seen in the parking lot with the trunk open. Seven minutes later he was seen carrying what appeared to be two computers.

Four seconds later, the second male was seen exiting the same door with handfuls of items with wires dangling according to the police report.

On Christmas Day, four screens were damaged on the north side of the Courtyards on the ground level. Gocala said Gilford was looking for an open window to gain easy access to the Courtyards.

According to the police report, computers and various DVD equipment were stolen from three rooms. The room residents were on Christmas Break and not at home during the time of the burglary.

At the time of break-in the alarm system was not in operation but has been restored since, according to the police report.

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grants available to all graduates of Ohio public and non-public high schools who took core and advanced academic courses and who participated in college readiness programs.

The committee said the program would take 12 years to fund. Until then, scholarships would go to students who graduated within the top five percent of their graduating class. In all cases, the scholarships could be used at any Ohio public or private not-for-profit college university approved by the Ohio Board of Regents, a press release said.

The group said the Ohio Board of Regents first proposed the idea in 2003 when it was introduced as Senate Bill 99. The bill was introduced, but not approved.

The Learn and Earn Committee expects \$700 million a year from the proceeds of slot machines. When the project is fully funded in 12 years, scholarships would be available to any Ohio student who completes points toward his or her scholarship. The committee says the points would be earned through completion of Ohio

primary and secondary curriculum.

The Ohio Board of Regents would control the funds, which couldn't be touched by the Ohio legislature. The scholarships could be used at all accredited Ohio colleges or universities.

The proposed amendment has some opposition from the Ohio Roundtable, a group opposed to the increase in the role of gambling in Ohio. Rob Walgate, of the group, said that Ohio Roundtable was opposed to gambling for economic and social reasons.

"People that live in lower-income neighborhoods go to casinos to try to strike big to solve their problems. It can also lead to an increase of crime," Walgate said.

Walgate said slot machine gambling was the most addictive kind of gambling and that the amendment was introduced to make more money for Ohio's gambling owners.

President Sweet and YSU Trustee John Pogue said they had reservations about the idea but liked the idea of funding scholarships. Both said they would have to wait

until they knew more about the issue to take a definite stance on it.

"I guess it's the classic love-hate relationship," Pogue said. "I'm not wild about gambling money underwriting college tuition. On the other hand, we clearly need the money."

Sweet said he was interested in the scholarship aspect of the amendment but would need some time to discuss the impact of the amendment before he took a stand on it.

"I'm not a big fan of gambling," Sweet said. "I am a big fan of improving scholarship dollars to residents and students of Ohio and of the valley. One always has to make tradeoffs."

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favorite parts of the 1990s were its TV shows. Burazer, who won first place in the open show category, performed a keyboard medley of theme songs from "The Simpsons," "Fraggle Rock," "Friends," "The Golden Girls," and "Full House."

Confused whispers could be heard throughout the audience, as Sig Tau's Murad Shorrad jumped out of a horse costume dressed as medieval court jester and gave a theatrical Moulin Rouge's "Elephant Love Medley." Shorrad sang the medley of love songs, which included "Up Where We Belong," by Jennifer Warren and Joe Cocker and "My Heart Will Go On," by Celine Dion.

In the movie "Moulin Rouge," the

Elephant Love Medley" is a duet. So was Shorrad's version, sort of. Shorrad serenaded a girl version of himself, which was projected on a giant screen, who reacted by calling him fat, ugly and poor.

Shorrad, who won first place in the open show competition last year, said this year's performance was more theatrical.

"I did this so I can show everyone how much I love myself and YSU. YSU mostly. I also did this because I knew President Sweet would be in the audience. I figured he'd remember me if he saw me on a big screen," Shorrad said.


The performance had the audience in stitches and earned Shorrad second place in the open show category.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon tied for second place by resurrecting the boy band. The fraternity reenacted the music video for "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)" by the Backstreet Boys. The spectacle included brothers dressed as classic monster movie characters who staggered around a giant coffin and tombstones.


Alpha Xi Delta sorority also placed second. Their performance was tribute to '90s hip hop, performing "Free Your Mind," by En Vogue, "Whoop There it Is," by Tag Team, "American Woman," by Lenny Kravitz and "Rockafeller Skank" by Fatboy Slim.

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YSU

YSU mourns loss of former coach

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown State University has been blessed with athletic tradition rivaled by few.

From legends such as coach Jim Tressel, who guided the Penguins to four national championships, to Dike Beede who invented the penalty flag, the Penguins gridiron past is a veritable Who's Who of the college football world.

None, however, rival the legend that was Bob Dove, a man who never played a single down as a Penguin.

Dove, a Youngstown native, former All-American at Notre Dame, and former Chicago Bear, passed away last week at the age of 85.

"Dover," as he was nicknamed, came to join the Penguin ranks in 1969 as an assistant coach and remained a mainstay on the Penguin's sidelines until 1991. Dove holds the honor of having coached under the first four head coaches in YSU's history, ending in 1991 under Tressel. YSU also honored Dove, when he was named Coach Emeritus in 1987, forever linking the Youngstown icon and the university together.

Dove was named Man of the Year by the Penguin's Club twice and was inducted into the Penguins Hall of Fame in 1989. A year later, Dove was honored by Street and Smith's magazine as one of the top collegiate players in the past 50 years as a member of their Dream Team.

Greg Gulas, the assistant director of student affairs and who worked previously in the sports information department, said Dove was more than just a football guru — he was YSU.

"Bob Dove is a guy who reached out to all athletes," Gulas said. "The one constant you always had was Bob Dove."

"Everybody seemed to go to Bob Dove and he always had some wisdom to impart," Gulas said. "You never went to see Bob if you were in a hurry. If you went to see him you were ready to spend some time with him."

Wisdom was something Dove had in abundance to coincide with his years of experience on the playing field. Following a standout prep career at South High School in Youngstown, Dove went on to have a stellar career in South Bend Indiana as a member of the Notre Dame football team where he twice was honored as an All-American. Dove capped off his Notre Dame days by winning the Knute Rockne award in 1942. The award is given to the nation's top lineman.

Dove was selected to the College

Bob Dove A Legacy by the numbers

1940 Dove became the first Notre Dame sophomore to win starting position since 1933.

Consensus All-American in both 1942 and 1943.

Washington Touchdown Club awards Rockne trophy in 1942 for top lineman in country.

Started pro career with Chicago Rockets after having been drafted by Redskins.

Played for Rockets, Chicago Cardinals and Detroit Lions from 1946-54

Retired as an active player in 1955.

Assistant coach at University of Detroit 1955-57

Assistant coach for the Detroit Lions 1958-59.

Assistant coach for the Buffalo Bills 1960-61

Head coach at Hiram College 1962-68

Assistant coach Youngstown State 1969-1991

Named to Street and Smith Magazines best players list since 1940.

Inducted into College Football Hall of Fame in 2000.

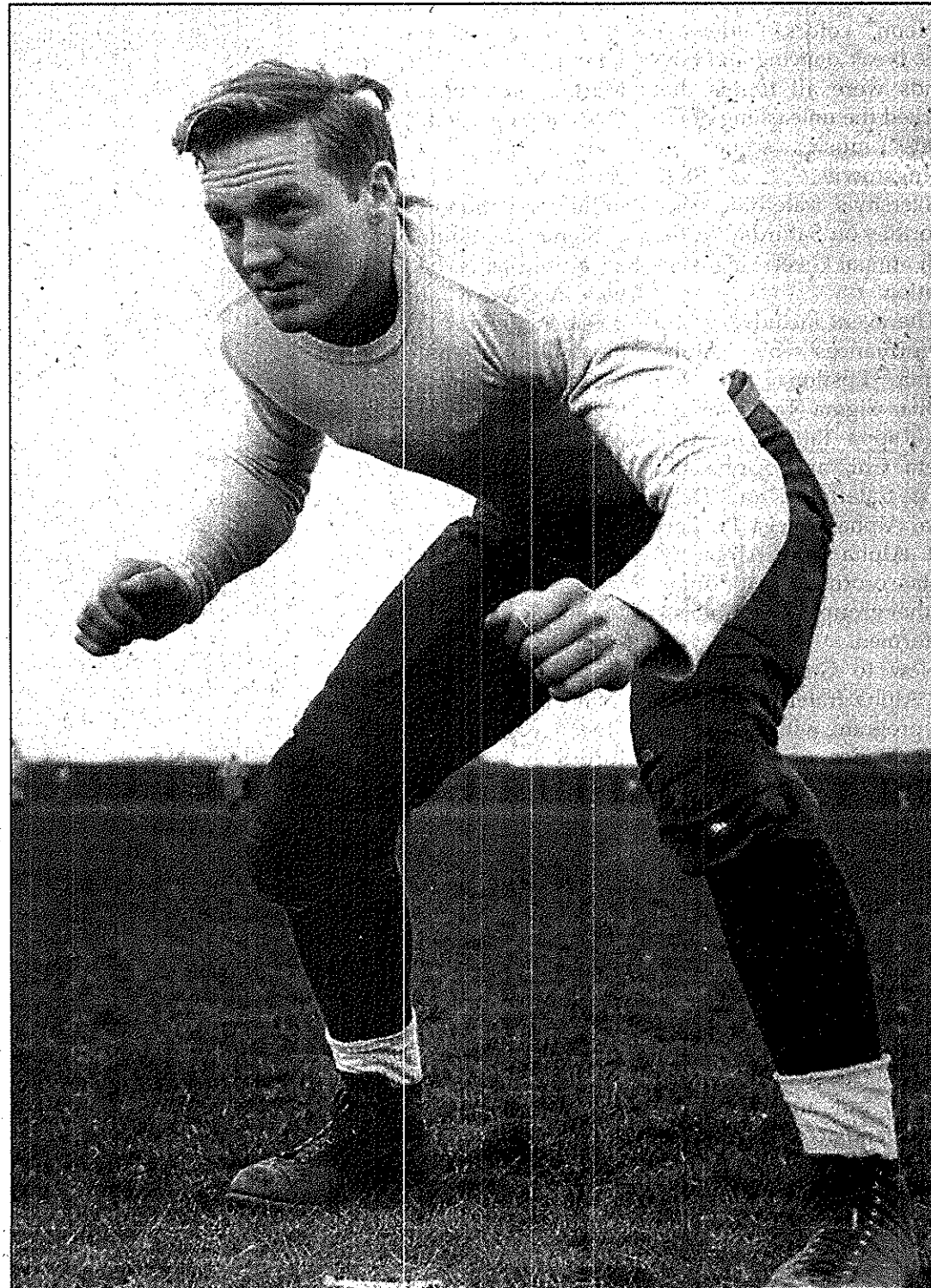
Football Hall of Fame in 2001 in South Bend.

Dove's professional career was nearly as impeccable as his college days; winning two championships with the Chicago Cardinals before being traded to the Detroit Lions in 1952. In Detroit he won two more championships in 1952 and 1953. This was all done remarkably after a stint in the Marine Corps during World War II, when he served as a Captain.

Despite having a career on the field that was nearly unrivaled, Gulas said part of what made Dove a YSU icon was his never ending loyalty to the Mahoning Valley and to the city of Youngstown, which was his home for 70 years.

"He could amaze you with stories from Notre Dame and his time in Chicago, but he never forgot his roots," Gulas said.

"You have only one alma mater and one



Source: Notre Dame Sports Information

This archive photo shows Bob Dove in his college days at Notre Dame. Dove was an assistant football coach at YSU from 1969-1991. A Youngstown resident for 70 years, Dove was inducted into the Penguin Hall of Fame in 1989. He passed away last week at the age of 85.

hometown; he remembered both of them," he said.

Dove himself spoke glowingly of his hometown.

"I've been fortunate enough to see many people from all walks of life, and quite frankly, none are bonded together as strong as those from our area," Dove once said.

"Dover" has already been immortalized at Youngstown State for his work with the university that has adopted him as one of their own.

Currently YSU holds an annual coach's clinic in his honor as well as a luncheon preceding the annual spring game.

Athletic director Ron Strollo who played football for the 'Guins in the early '90s was

never coached by Dove, but said that his impact can still be felt.

"My impression was that he was happy to be home; he felt it was important to come home," Strollo said. "Clearly him being back created more memories."

Some of those who knew "Dover," like Gulas who played baseball at YSU, said they feel blessed to have had a great athlete and, more importantly, a great person connected to the school.

"Youngstown State should feel lucky a guy like Bob Dove passed our way," Gulas said.

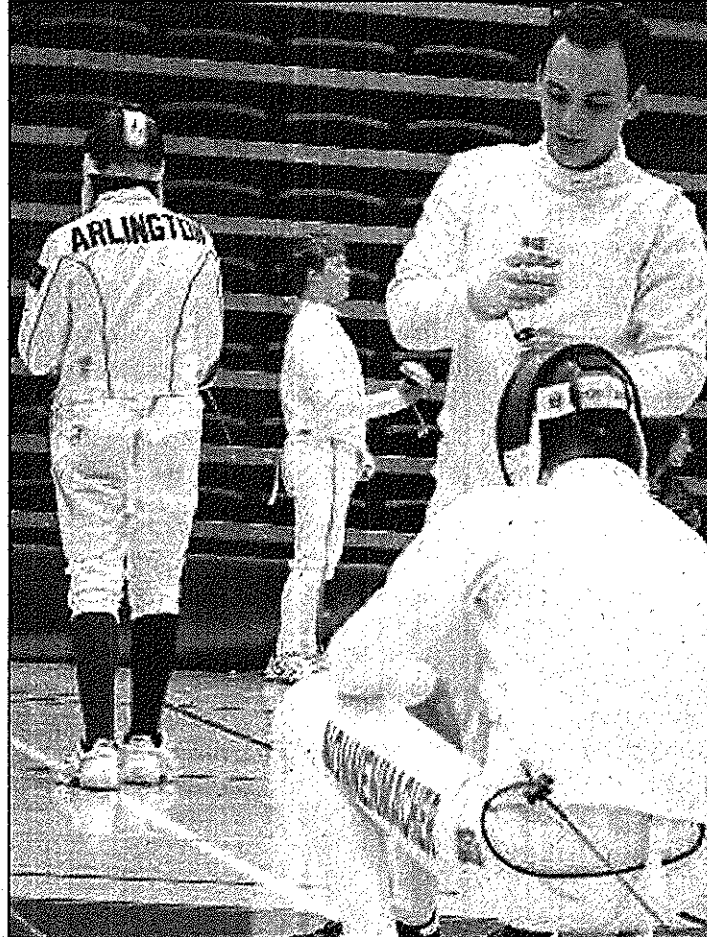
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En guard!



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LEFT: Khoa Dao, president of Youngstown State University's fencing club, battles Vincent Cianciola, who traveled from Geauga County to compete in the YSU club's first tournament, held Sunday in Beeghly Center. Dao said approximately 40 to 50 fencers competed, including 6 from YSU. **RIGHT:** Cianciola prepares to referee a fencing match.



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YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF

Penguins fall to Wright State

Wright State's Erich Schanz allowed two runs in 6 2/3 innings and Youngstown State stranded 11 runners as the Raiders claimed the series finale 4-2 on Sunday afternoon at Nischwitz Stadium.

The victory allowed the Raiders to take two of three games this weekend and split the overall season series at 3-3. The loss drops Youngstown State to 17-23 overall and 8-10 in the Horizon League, and Wright State improves to 21-16 and 12-9.

Penguins softball drop series finale at Detroit

Sophomore Becky Hibner went 3-for-3 with a home run, two runs scored and

two runs batted in but the Youngstown State softball team (14-18, 7-6 Horizon League) stranded 10 runners in a 7-6 loss to Detroit (12-24, 8-5 Horizon League) on Sunday afternoon.

With the game tied at 6-6 in the bottom of the sixth inning, a two-out double by Detroit's Amanda Bley gave the Titans the 7-6 win.

Women's Tennis Places Third in HL Championship

The Youngstown State women's tennis team defeated Wright State, 4-2, claiming third place in the Horizon League Championship on Sunday morning. The Penguins finished the season with an overall record of 9-9.

The UIC Flames won the title for the 10th straight year and earn a berth in the 2006 NCAA championship.

Source: ysusports.com

GREEK SING

Cowabunga: 'Ninja Rap' top performance

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Neon colors, sideways hats, break dancing and boy-bands were all trends that marked the unleashing of the 1990s music scene by Youngstown State University's fraternities and sororities on Saturday in the 54th annual Greek Sing competition.

The event included group performances by Alpha Sigma Epsilon, Phi Mu Alpha, Sigma Tau Gamma, Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Chi, Theta Chi, and Alpha Phi Delta fraternities and Delta Zeta, Alpha Omega Pi, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta sororities. In addition to the groups, five soloists performed.

New to Greek Sing, Phi Mu Alpha fraternity opened the program with a spirited performance of "Zoot Suit Riot" by the Cherry Poppin' Daddies. The number harkening back to the mid-'90s swing dance craze, popularized by the movie "Swingers" and Gap ads featuring "Jump Jive and Wail" by the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

Not only did the Phi Mu dress in brightly colored button-up shirts, suspenders and derbies, but an eight-piece swing band accompanied the performance and earned the musical fraternity a second place win.

Alpha Omega Pi sorority sashayed across the stage during a sultry performance of "Cup of Life" and "Livin' La Vida Loca," by Ricky Martin, a remnant of the late '90s Latin invasion. The well-choreographed display earned the sorority first place in the competition.

Sigma Tau Gamma revisited a time when bad fashion was in. Sigma Tau Gamma president, Jeremy Payne, said his fraternity wanted to go back to when rat tails, race-tracks and flattops were the hairstyles of the day and high-top Reebok sneakers were all the rage.

Their performance included breakdancing to Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby" and "Ninja Rap" with graffiti laden walls. After the DJ flipped the record, cueing up "Ninja Rap," from the movie "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2: The Secret of the Ooze." Sig Taus, dressed as the heroes in a half-shell themselves, Leonardo, Donatello, Michaelangelo and Raphael, arrived on the scene to break dance and show off their ninja moves. They won first place for their rad rendition.

Not only did the program include the popular music that was being played on boom boxes across the nation; music from movies and television was also included.

In a brave move, Phi



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ABOVE: Members of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity perform "Ninja Rap." They won first place overall for fraternities in Saturday's Greek Sing at Stambaugh Auditorium.

RIGHT: Brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon bring back the boy bands for one night, with their performance of "Backstreet's Back."

Kappa Tau fraternity traipsed around in green tights and brown vests to authenticate selections from the movie "Robin Hood: Men in Tights."

Fred Burazer, a member of Phi Mu Alpha, said one of his

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COMMENTARY

Contract guarantees summer love

By: Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

Summer is fast approaching, and with it comes the entrance for many of us into the real world. For some, this involves getting what's called a "summer job," which is really just an exercise in the depths of human dignity. Whether it's trying to push "Entertainment Weekly" subscriptions on customers who are only buying batteries, or asking the violently obese if they would like to triple their meat for just 39 cents, we can all agree that these retail workers are more

animal than man, and should be hunted as such.

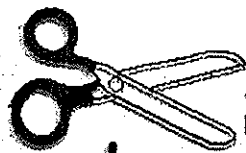
Other students will choose to stay at Youngstown State University this summer, enduring lectures in rooms so hot that many faculty members can be found drying jerky on some of the stray desks along with unidentified human skeletons. There are also some students — let's just call them suckers — who will find themselves graduating and being forced into a world where book knowledge is about as useful as a highly evolved sense of ethics. But who cares about them?

The point I'm trying to make here is that summer is going to be hot, and boring. And for some, it will be a first-hand preview of the job market's cruel preference for those who aren't dangerously unqualified. It's true that summer does offer a little downtime, but it's only a novelty until the point where your mind is given time to wander to places where it shouldn't go, like the area of the brain that regrets you never became a "Solid Gold" dancer.

This is especially worse for the single, and obviously terrible for the devastatingly single. To combat this, I decree that those

miserable people not in relationships should enter temporary summer couplings, if only to distract themselves from the quicksand of heat and human misery that is the summer season.

I know meeting people is hard, and doubly hard for those too terrified of rejection to dare talk to a member of their preferred sex. That's why I've taken the liberty of writing the following contract. Cut it out, and find that special guy or gal to enter a legally binding relationship with. I'll even notarize it for a fee that will be discussed under pressure.



I (your name), hereby enter a relationship with (name of person reluctantly agreeing to sign this) which will last from this date until the first day of the Fall semester:

For each party, the following concessions will be granted:

Women: You may inflict up to three (3) episodes of "Mad About You" on your partner per week. Optionally, these viewings may be traded in exchange for the following program: "What Not to Wear," "Gilmore Girls," and/or "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Under no circumstances is "The Phantom of the Opera" to be viewed with your partner, except in cases of extreme inebriation or in exchange for one-hundred (100) American dollars. Finally, all discussions about feelings will be limited to five minutes per day, or when your partner's mouth is legally full of marshmallow fluff (this happens more often than you would think).

Men: You are allowed to introduce as many geeky/nerdy hobbies into your partner's life, but outrage at your partner's lack of knowledge of said hobby may only be expressed on alternating days [ex.: What do you MEAN you've never seen Mystery Science Theater 3000?! Did you grow up in Amish Country?!]. You may also show callous indifference towards acts of kindness exhibited by your partner. Finally, pawing at your partner like a piece of meat is encouraged, as it is a good way to pass time within the framing period of this contract. However, the lights must be off so the both of you can pretend one another are different people. This is the way romance works.

Upon signing this contract, both parties will establish a superfund, which will pay for all dates, restaurants, and errata [tools for high-society jewel heists, etc.]. No other money will be spent by either party under the realization that this is a short-term investment. To avoid actual attachment, both parties must avoid using real emotions, and instead pretend to love each other. This will also help your fake relationship resemble real ones you may have seen on television. Despite the lack of actual emotions involved, public displays of affection are to be activated as much as possible in order to make the single people around both parties feel even more unwanted. Both parties should remember that this relationship is formed purely out of spite.

On the day of breaking up, all possessions will be transferred to their rightful owners. In the case of accidental pregnancy, a plate of cookies is to be baked by the inseminating party, as a display of "no hard feelings." To complete the relationship experience, each party may spread one vile rumor about the other, but they must be limited to the following subjects: sexual promiscuity, lack of sexual promiscuity, chronic badgering, mysterious odors, or lack/abundance of body hair. After this, both parties are required to acknowledge each other in public, but with the understanding that behind the smiles is nothing but venomous hatred.

With the signing of this contract, both parties admit they understand that this relationship may cause emotional damage that not even the baldest, fattest, most-mustached TV therapist could possibly remedy. But at least you won't be bored this summer.

Bob Mackey was so aggravated by hot weather that he once tried to fight the Equator. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.