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Record breaking year for recycling

The Support Services' Recycling and Reuse program has announced that last year was a record-breaking year for recycling at Youngstown State University with 377 tons of material recycled, which represents 33 percent of all trash generated by campus. This amount exceeds the original goal of 360 tons. YSU is currently involved in Recyclemania, competing against other top recyclers in the college ranks. For more information concerning recycling at YSU call (330) 941-2294 or e-mail jpetuch@ysu.edu

Social work program deadline

The final deadline to sign up for admission to the social work program is 5 p.m. Feb. 15. If you are a pre-social work major intending to enroll in Social Work Methods with Individuals (SCWK 3736) for either summer 2004 or fall 2005 semester, you must complete an admissions application and sign up on the roster outside Cushman Hall, Room 3030A. Questions should be directed to Kim Sheward at (330) 941-1598.

2010 to "Unveil the Plan"

The Youngstown 2010 plan will be unveiled by Youngstown State University President David Sweet and Youngstown Mayor George McKelvey at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Stambaugh Auditorium. Information regarding the unveiling is available at www.youngstown2010.com.

Weather >> Partly cloudy
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Last question: Have you visited Federal Plaza since its recent renovation??

Yes: 67% No: 33%

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Trustee: Tuition hike imminent

The Board of Trustees is expected to approve a tuition proposal from YSU President David Sweet

By Leonard Crist
The Jambar

Tuition at Youngstown State University is expected to rise for the 2005-06 academic year, says the vice chairperson of YSU's Board of Trustees.

At a special meeting Friday, the board will be presented with, and is expected to approve, a tuition increase proposal from YSU President David Sweet, H.S. Wang, vice chairperson of the Board of Trustees, said. He said he did not know how large the proposed tuition increase would be. If approved, it would

be the eighth consecutive year student tuition has increased at YSU.

As of Wednesday evening, the official agenda for Friday's meeting was not available. University spokesman Ron Cole

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"The reality today is that every school is going to increase tuitions. I feel sorry for the students."

H.S. Wang, vice chairperson, Board of Trustees



37 troops killed as election approaches

By Jason Keyser
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. helicopter crashed in a desert sandstorm in the early morning darkness Wednesday, killing the 30 Marines and one Navy sailor aboard. Six other troops died in insurgent ambushes in the deadliest day for Americans since the Iraq war began nearly two years ago.

Only days before Iraq's crucial elections Sunday, militants set off at least eight car bombings that killed 13 people and injured 40 others, includ-

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BAGHDAD, Iraq

Iraqi elections

Iraqis will head to the polls on Jan. 30 to elect representatives to craft their nation's constitution.

What voting is for

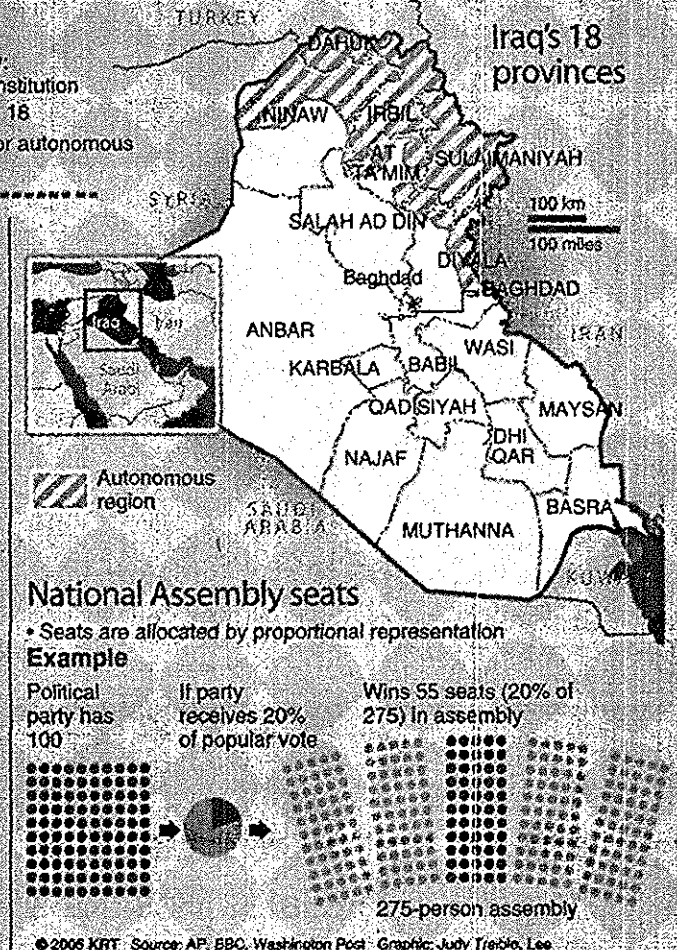
- Transitional National Assembly: 275 members elected to create constitution
- Provincial legislatures for Iraq's 18
- Kurdistan National Assembly for autonomous region in northern Iraq

Who can

- About 15.2 million Iraqis, including 1.2 million living abroad
- Turnout expected: About 7.8 million

Assembly

- 200: Elects president, two deputy presidents who name temporary prime minister, cabinet
 - Aug. 15: Drafts constitution
 - Oct. 15: Nationwide vote on constitution
 - Dec. 15: New national elections if constitution approved by voters
 - Dec. 31: Fully constitutional government takes
- Significant delay in process if constitution is not endorsed by Aug. 15. If constitution rejected by voters, new Assembly elections held by Dec. 15. One month will be allowed to draft constitution, hold election.



Students dismayed by tuition increase

By Maysoun Abdelrasul & Christina Poe
The Jambar

The news of an imminent tuition increase has some Youngstown State University students dismayed.

Wednesday afternoon, several YSU students expressed their thoughts on the upcoming tuition hike. Some said the constant rise in tuition may cause students to think twice about attending the university. Others questioned where their tuition money is going.

Freshman Randi Rotz said it is already hard for some students to pay for college and tuition increases do not help.

"I just think it's a shame that it's so much money because there are a lot of people that want to go to college but can't afford it," Rotz said.

Sophomore Kristin Manning said she is surprised tuition is reaching this high.

Even though it is going up, Manning said it would not prevent her from getting her education.

Senior Cory Blankenship agreed with Manning and said most students come to YSU because it is affordable.

Now, Blankenship said they might consider more popular universities that may have nearly the same tuition.

Freshman Nicole Carson said students who pay for their own education may not be able to afford increases and will be unable to get the degree they need to get a good job.

"You have to get a college education to get anything around here," Carson said.

Freshman Bill Ramirez said he has not seen any of the benefits of past tuition increases at YSU.

"Where is the change?" Ramirez said. "What is the difference?"

Ramirez said because his parents pay for his tuition, the raise would put a constraint on his family's budget.

Although they do not agree with the increase, some students said they do not believe enrollment will decrease as a result.

Sophomore Turie Belasco said although she thinks the increase is "ridiculous," it will not dissuade new students from attending YSU.

"It is still the closest in the please see **STUDENTS**, Page 5

Disagreement leads to Civil Protection Orders

YSU students battle landlords in court

By Chuck Rogers
Design Editor

A disagreement between some Youngstown State University students and their landlords has led to Civil Protection Orders being issued against two Youngstown men.

The Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas issued temporary Civil Protection Orders Jan. 20 against Steven Hinz and Anthony Dommenick, both of 236 North Heights, on behalf of Rachel Bice, Shelley Webber and Sarah Bobby.

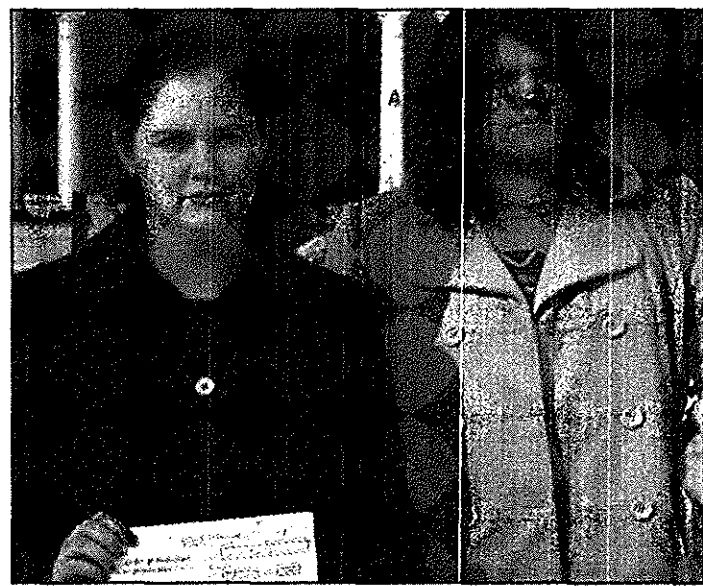
The orders have not yet been served on the men, according to the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department.

The students named in the orders are three of five students living in a house at 222 North Heights in Youngstown's North Side. The Mahoning County Auditor's Web site shows the property's owner of record is Colleen Hinz, who is Steven Hinz's mother, Bice said.

In the petition requesting the order, the women state that

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Dispute

YSU students Rachel Bice (left) and Rachel Hanni (right) say they need this Civil Protection Order to prevent further problems with their landlords. All five residents of 222 North Heights claim to have been harassed in their home. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

Search for dean will follow new guidelines

Committee to discuss applicants for the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

By Christina Poe
The Jambar

University officials will soon be implementing new background search guidelines as they begin looking for a new dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

An 18-member committee headed by Charles Singler, chair of the Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies, is expected to meet soon to begin formally reviewing applicants

for the position. Singler said committee members have already begun individually reviewing the applications.

The new Arts and Sciences dean will replace current dean Robert Bolta, who has held the position since 2002. He will be leaving YSU June 1 to assume the position of dean of the graduate school and vice provost for research at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

William Binning, committee member and chair of the political science department,

said it is still too early in the process to identify any finalists.

"We are culling out the more qualified from the least qualified, but even that has not occurred," Binning said.

Binning said a "pretty good size pool," 52 applicants, have applied for the position. The committee expects to have its final recommendations ready by early April.

Singler touched on some of the criteria by which the committee would be judging the applicants.

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William Binning, chair, political science dept.

The applicant must have a doctorate in a discipline of the college, a distinguished teaching

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ing 11 Americans. The guerrillas also carried out a string of attacks nationwide against schools that will serve as polling centers.

In Washington, President Bush called on Iraqis to defy terrorism and go to the polls despite relentless insurgent attacks. He said it was a "very discouraging" day when the U.S. death toll for the war rose above 1,400.

The CH-53E Super Stallion was carrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division on a security mission in support of the election when it went down about 1:20 a.m. near the town of Rutbah, about 220 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

The crash occurred during severe weather, but its cause was still under investigation, said Army Gen. John Abizaid, chief of U.S. Central Command. An Accuweather map showed sandstorms Wednesday in the western region of Iraq near the Jordanian border where the crash took place.

A search and rescue team was at the site. The victims were 30 Marines and one sailor, said Lt. Gen. John Sattler, the top

Marine commander in Iraq — the most American service members to die in a single incident since the March 2003 invasion of Iraq.

The deadliest previous incident for U.S. troops was also a helicopter crash: a November 2003 collision of two Black Hawk helicopters that killed 17. Before Wednesday's bloodshed, the most Americans killed in one day came on the invasion's third day — March 23, 2003 — when 28 troops were killed during the U.S. military's drive to take Baghdad and topple Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. military has not seen such a high loss of life in one day in 15 years — since an explosion ripped through a gun turret on the USS Iowa during a training exercise in the Caribbean in April 1989, killing 47 sailors.

Iraqi security forces and civilians have borne the brunt of violence in Iraq, with bombings often killing scores of people at a time. More than 180 people were killed on March 2, 2004, during a string of suicide attacks at Shiite shrines in Karbala and Baghdad.

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said numbers were still being crunched and officials were not ready to comment yet. But one top university official who wished to remain anonymous confirmed that the administration would present the board with a rate increase.

In November, Ohio Governor Bob Taft issued a warning to all state universities against raising tuition before Columbus lawmakers decide the state budget, which is set to be unveiled next month.

"I would like to make you and your trustees aware of the fact that any action you take now to increase tuition and fees that raise college costs in the coming biennium is likely to be taken into consideration by me, as governor, and the members of the Ohio General Assembly as I prepare the budget for submission early next year and as legislators subsequently consider that budget," Taft wrote in the November letter.

At the time, President Sweet said that he would "wait and see what the New Year

brings" before making and decision about raising tuition.

But now, Wang said, if YSU were to comply with Taft's request, the university would have to cut services or lay off employees, which would reduce the quality of education offered to students. Though increased enrollment at YSU in recent years has helped ease some of the financial burden, the state does not offer enough budgetary assistance to make ends meet, Wang said. He added that future tuition hikes were likely in the coming years.

"The reality today is that every school is going to increase tuitions," Wang said. "I feel sorry for the students. They don't have much choice." YSU's Student Government Association President Angela Mavrikis said while she understands tuition has to be raised sometimes, she is against the proposed increase.

"I would urge them not to raise tuition for the students here because it's been raised so

frequently over the last four years I've been here," Mavrikis said. "It's getting harder and harder to claim that we are an affordable university compared to other state schools."

Trustee Scott Schulick echoed Wang's concern about higher education funding on the state level.

"I think the university is doing everything it can to keep tuition low, given the current budget situation in the state of Ohio," Schulick said. "I think it's unfortunate that we are put in this position, hopefully only annually, to make decisions like this."

Schulick said he sympathizes with students and their families who will feel the effects of any tuition hike hard in their wallet, but Schulick was quick to point out it is not just YSU; every state university in Ohio has been forced to raise tuition.

On the positive side, Schulick said, by settling on a tuition rate for next year now, YSU can send out financial aid

packages to students sooner, which should help attract new students and increase enrollment. He said he hoped the higher tuition would not have the opposite effect of discouraging enrollment goals.

Mavrikis asked that the trustees try to remember when they were college students.

"I think that often [the trustees] lose touch with the students and what it's like to work full time and try to get a college degree in a reasonable length of time," Mavrikis said.

She added the two student trustees, Charity Pappas and Paul Walker, need to be vocal and highly active in the tuition increase discussions in order for the board to truly empathize with YSU students' situations.

On Monday, SGA approved the creation of an ad hoc committee that will lobby Columbus for higher education and analyze how YSU spends its state funds.

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CORRECTION

The Jambar incorrectly reported on Tuesday the Student Government Association deadline for student organization funding requests was changed to 10 business days before the event. The deadline has not been changed and is still 4-6 weeks before the event. The new financial path was amended to include a deadline that all paperwork must be completed after 10 business days of the event.

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OUR SIDE

If YSU's 'clean,' why the hike?

Here we go again.

Just two months after Ohio Gov. Bob Taft warned all Ohio universities against tuition increases, university officials are meeting tomorrow afternoon to discuss the specifics of yet another hike.

Though accustomed to the now-yearly event, we and other students have grown even more irritated by the effects. Moreover, we have grown sick of the constant round-robin of blame laying.

Taft continues to tell universities they must be more frugal and aware of their budget constraints as the state continues to slash dollars from education funds. University President David Sweet maintains Taft and the legislature need to make accommodations for higher education in the state budget a priority.

When Taft's letter came across Sweet's desk, he said he and other officials would heed the warning that any changes in university tuition costs would be taken into consideration when the legislature decides the new budget. He said he was "hopeful that it implies that the governor is focused on funding for higher education."

We do too. So why then have university officials chosen the opposite course of action? Back in November, Sweet said, "we'll wait and see what the new year brings" before any decisions about tuition were made.

Well, President Sweet, the new year brought YSU the good news that it has a "clean bill of financial health" from state and external auditors.

This news comes as a relief since enrollment is now up and donations are at an all-time high as well. Perhaps this is a result of, as Sweet said himself, YSU having "the lowest tuition of any comprehensive university in Ohio."

So, if it is not broken, why fix it?

Trustees and other officials say now in order to maintain the quality of education at YSU, and to accommodate the growing enrollment, tuition must go up again. They reason that it is with the student's welfare in mind that they continue to ask for more money.

This seems counterintuitive.

We ask the Trustees to consider the following: a tuition hike cannot be student oriented when the students may not be able to afford it. Further, it does not serve to accommodate growing enrollment when the inflating tuition cost may deter prospective students from applying in the first place.

We also ask that the Student Trustees, Paul Walker and Charity Pappas, speak up at tomorrow's meeting. As our student representatives, it is imperative you make your voices and the voices of the students heard.

If it is money that the university needs, we ask that the administration and the Board of Trustees look at all of the other alternatives before picking students' pockets again.

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Leonard Crist...



declares total thermo-nuclear war...

A lot of people say a lot of mean things about Youngstown. "It's a dirty, corrupt, crime ridden, mafia laden, polluted, economically depressed, dying town," people often say, name-checking fallen congressmen Jimmy Traficant as a prime example of why Youngstown sucks.

"There's nothing to do here," students occasionally remark. "Once I graduate from You Screwed Up, I'm moving away."

People don't seem to bat an eye twice before bashing Youngstown. It's just not fair. Youngstown isn't really all that bad, especially compared to the neighboring township of Boardman, Ohio.

Now, it may be totally irrational, completely classist and simply petty of me to say this, but I

This week, on Boardman

hate Boardman. In fact, I believe that Boardman is the physical manifestation of all that is wrong with America today.

I get more depressed and angry looking at all the chain stores, parking lots and SUVs along route 224 than I do driving through the worst neighborhoods of Youngstown.

While Youngstown struggles to draw commerce downtown (one recent "success": bringing ultraright wing telemarketing fundraiser InfoCision to the Phar-Mor building in exchange, of course, for tax abatements), Boardman has no problem attracting every single big box retailer in the nation to its strip, which kills local business and siphons money out of the valley and straight into the pockets of multi-national corporations. But the evils of corporate America are a whole other ball of wax that I don't have the time or space to get into right now.

Youngstown is vital to Boardman's survival: those minimum wage service jobs at chain stores need filling. But all that Youngstown seems to get in return is a vast disparity of wealth.

Laying the bare facts down, the United States Census Bureau

shows, based on figures from the year 2000, that 50.9 percent of Youngstown's 82,026 citizens are white.

Youngstown's per capita income is \$13,293 a year with a median family income of \$30,701. Sixty-four percent of Youngstown's homes are worth less than \$50,000 and only 3.3 percent of homes are worth more than \$100,000.

Compare that to Boardman, where the Census Bureau shows 95.4 percent of the 42,164 people living there are white. Boardman's per capita income is \$23,779 a year with a median family income of \$54,106. Only 3.1 percent of Boardman's homes are worth less than \$50,000 while 51.3 percent of homes are worth more than \$100,000.

Therefore, I believe I can factually conclude that Boardman is full of rich white people with expensive homes. Anecdotally, I can add that all of those houses look the same.

This is not to say that every single person who lives in Boardman are rapidly homogeneous. I'm sure there are plenty of nice, tolerant, worldly people; they're just vastly outnumbered. [

am smirking as I type this and mean nothing personal to anyone reading this who may be offended. However, if you ever found yourself afraid to walk to the Sunoco on Fifth Avenue, or if you honestly believe that going near Wick Park at night will result in you getting mugged, raped and/or murdered, then maybe I am talking about you.]

If Youngstown is anything, it's real. The Boardmen and Boardwomen living in their lavishly identical cookie cutter homes at the end of cul-de-sacs are surrounded by nothing but artifice. The plastic bubble they are inside may protect them from big bad Youngstown, but it's not the real world.

So I think it's time for Youngstown to fight back. If Yompton isn't ready yet to compete with Boardman economically, they can at least talk trash like they were DMX feuding with Ja Rule for frontin'.

Sure, DMX isn't very reliable (or mentally stable) and Ja Rule sells a lot more records (and gets to hang out with J-Lo), but at the end of the day, who's keepin' it more real?

Youngstown is.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YSU will get full amount in pledges for center

Editor,

This summer, YSU will celebrate the opening of the new Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. While other universities have constructed similar facilities through significant increases in student fees, YSU set a goal from the start to build the center with private donations. In the nearly four years since, during difficult economic times both locally and nationally, the university raised \$12.1 million in pledges from a wide-ranging pool of generous donors. As with any multi-million dollar project, especially one dependent on donor pledges, financing is complex and requires careful and short-and long-term planning.

Simply put, the center will cost \$12.1 million, and the university raised \$12.1 million in private pledges. The university expects to receive \$8.2 million of the pledges by the end of this fiscal year. The remaining pledges will be received

over the next seven years. Since the recreation center is moving into the final phase of construction, there is a temporary funding gap of \$3.9 million. (In addition, the university has opted to add equipment that was not included in the original proposal.)

Public discussions about the need for a financing plan to bridge this gap date back more than a year, as evidenced by formal board action in December 2003. Such financing is a common method that universities regularly use to fund projects of this type. Rather than seeking an outside loan, which could cost YSU as much as \$600,000 in fees, interest and other charges, the university has developed a method to bridge the gap internally by using state capital improvement funds, state capital component funds and funds from the university's general operating budget. As the remaining private contributions are received, state capital component funds will be repaid. Funds from the university's general operating budget also will

be restored and used for other campus capital improvements.

Called for by students and funded by the university's committed supporters, the recreation center's opening in August will be a proud moment in our history and be another YSU success story.

Sincerely yours,
John L. Habat
Vice President for Administration

Apartments don't need extra money

Editor,

After reading your story on the University Courtyard Apartments raising rent \$15 for next year, I had a few questions and comments in regards to where that money is going to go, probably won't go and different ways of collecting it. \$15 a month may not seem like a lot, but in a 12-month lease, it adds up to an additional \$180 per person, bringing the total cost of living there around \$6,000 when you include

grocery money. My questions are:

1. Is that extra \$15 going to go toward putting carpet in the hallways, or do we have to continue to live in what resembles a basement?
2. Other University Courtyard Apartments have balconies and a swimming pool. It even has rules regarding the balconies and pool in the lease I signed last spring. Is the \$15 dollars going toward the balconies or pool?
3. Why don't you collect the money by ticketing people who continually park in the handicapped spots instead of charging everyone else? I live in an apartment that costs \$1,720 a month for four people to live in. You cannot tell me that you need to raise rent making that kind of money a month off of all your apartments. Oh, one more thing. Keep denying you that you fined me, Courtyard Apartments. I have the letter you sent to me and my roommate tacked to my wall where you charged both of us \$25.

Paul Gromen
Junior, Geography

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Steven Hinz and Dommenick engaged in "verbal abuse involving repeated calling and text messaging," "banging door and house window demanding myself and others to let them enter our home," and "enters our home without permission."

Repeated messages left on the Hinz-Dom, LLC, telephone and Dommenick's home telephone were not returned. The five women moved into the house in November 2004. Under the terms of their lease, they agreed to pay \$500 per month and to each work 60 hours per month for the landlords' company, Hinz-Dom LLC. The payments included all utilities.

The required work included cleaning, painting and repairing other rental properties owned by Dommenick and Hinz. The terms of the lease agreement dictate that each of the residents, if they fall short of the 60 hours of monthly labor, are required to pay the landlords \$10 for each hour missed.

Webber said the alleged trouble began at 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 10. While she was at home alone, she

said she received five text messages from Steven Hinz telling her to turn off the lights.

At about 9:30 p.m. she said she heard a loud knocking at the window. She said she saw Steven Hinz outside, who used profanity and yelled at her to turn off the lights.

Another resident, Rachel Hanni, said the following night all of the residents were together at home watching a movie, and each received a text message from Steven Hinz telling them to turn out the lights.

When they complied, they received another text message saying "thank you."

Hanni said she felt like they were constantly being watched.

On Jan. 16, Hanni said things got much worse.

When she and Webber were napping, they heard knocking at the door followed by the doorbell ringing and then a loud bang.

She said they did not answer the door because they were afraid.

"Then Shelley's cell phone rang," Hanni said, "and it was Tony [Dommenick] and he was screaming 'Why the f is the f'ing

garage door open?'"

Hanni said she and Webber barricaded themselves into Webber's bedroom. She said Dommenick then said "that's it, I'm coming in," and entered the house.

She said Dommenick came up to the second floor, but left when Webber said she was not properly dressed and she was calling the police.

Bice and Hanni said they filed reports with the Youngstown Police Department against Steven Hinz and Dommenick for that incident and a second one that happened on Jan. 19.

The other police report was made when Steven Hinz, Dommenick, and another unidentified man came to the house at 9 p.m. to change a light bulb, Hanni said. She said Dommenick called about an hour before the men arrived.

"On Shelley's voice mail," Hanni said, "he [Dommenick] left a message saying 'I'm on my way down, I'm coming in whether you like it or not.'"

Hanni said the men unsuccessfully tried to open the front

door, which was chained from the inside, and appeared to leave. The men later chased one of the other residents from the driveway to the front door. The resident got in before the men got to the porch, she said.

YSU Police Chief John Gocala said that the Civil Protection Order is not in force until a Mahoning County Sheriff's Deputy serves it on the men.

Gocala said his department's actions, if called, to enforce the order, would depend on the exact language of the order and the situation found when officers are on the scene.

Gocala said ultimately a county judge or magistrate would have to determine there was a violation of the order.

Violation of a Civil Protection Order could result in contempt of court charges, Gocala said. A full hearing on the Civil Protection Order is scheduled Feb. 8 before Mahoning County Magistrate Robert W. Bannon.

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 The "American Idol 4" premiere drew 33.5 million viewers. Off-key auditions are music to Fox execs' ears, as the network attracted its third-largest audience ever.

Toothpick spans genres on 'Time Travelin' Couch'

He will perform Saturday night at The Cellar in Struthers

By Laura Cagley
 The Jambar

When I first heard I would be reviewing a CD by a man they call "Toothpick," who will be performing Saturday night at The Cellar in Struthers, I couldn't wait to see the album cover to discover just how huge and burly he actually was. He must be at least 400 or 500 lbs. The name surely was a clever misnomer. Turns out he's just really skinny. Who knew?

Furthermore, his real name is Doug Ray and was the former front man of the band Bad Ronald. With the introductions behind me, I sat down and gave Toothpick my full listening attention.

The album's first and title track, "Time Travelin' Couch," is a cute story about Toothpick on his couch that can travel through time. "It's a dream machine everything you see/ And you could be whoever you choose to be." The music is light and airy, upbeat with just a hint of rap influence. And I think I tasted nutmeg. What I thought I had in front of me was some fun fluff music.

So note my confusion when the second track, "Scars for Entertainment," came through my speakers. Gone was the light-hearted mood. Gone was the irrepressible urge to shake my booty. It was instead replaced by sad

and soulful lyrics with melodies reminiscent of mid-90s "white-boy" rap. Toothpick painfully croons lyrics such as "So scared I only sleep in the daytime/ And even then I can only close one eye.../ I'm a collection of scars for entertainment/ Deep cuts and I wonder where the pain went."

In fact, I would soon learn that the album's entire style is hard to classify into any one specific genre.

There are identifiable elements of rap, pop and folk all through, many interspersed in the same track, with moods undulating from peppy and upbeat to remorseful and angry. In a vain attempt to label Toothpick, imagine Ben Harper and Everlast had a skinny lovechild.

The songs all have a very full instrumental sound to them. Horns, bells, whistles, turntables and various other background sounds mix well with the great guitar work of Toothpick, adding to the eclectic sound of each track. Most of the album's offerings come off as catchy little dance tunes with funny lyrics to boot.

Other tracks are only brought down by their heavy political overtones. "Green Monster," for example, deals with the nation's dependence on various medications to get through the day.

In a press release, Toothpick discusses the inspiration for "Green Monster" and says, "instead of appreciating the

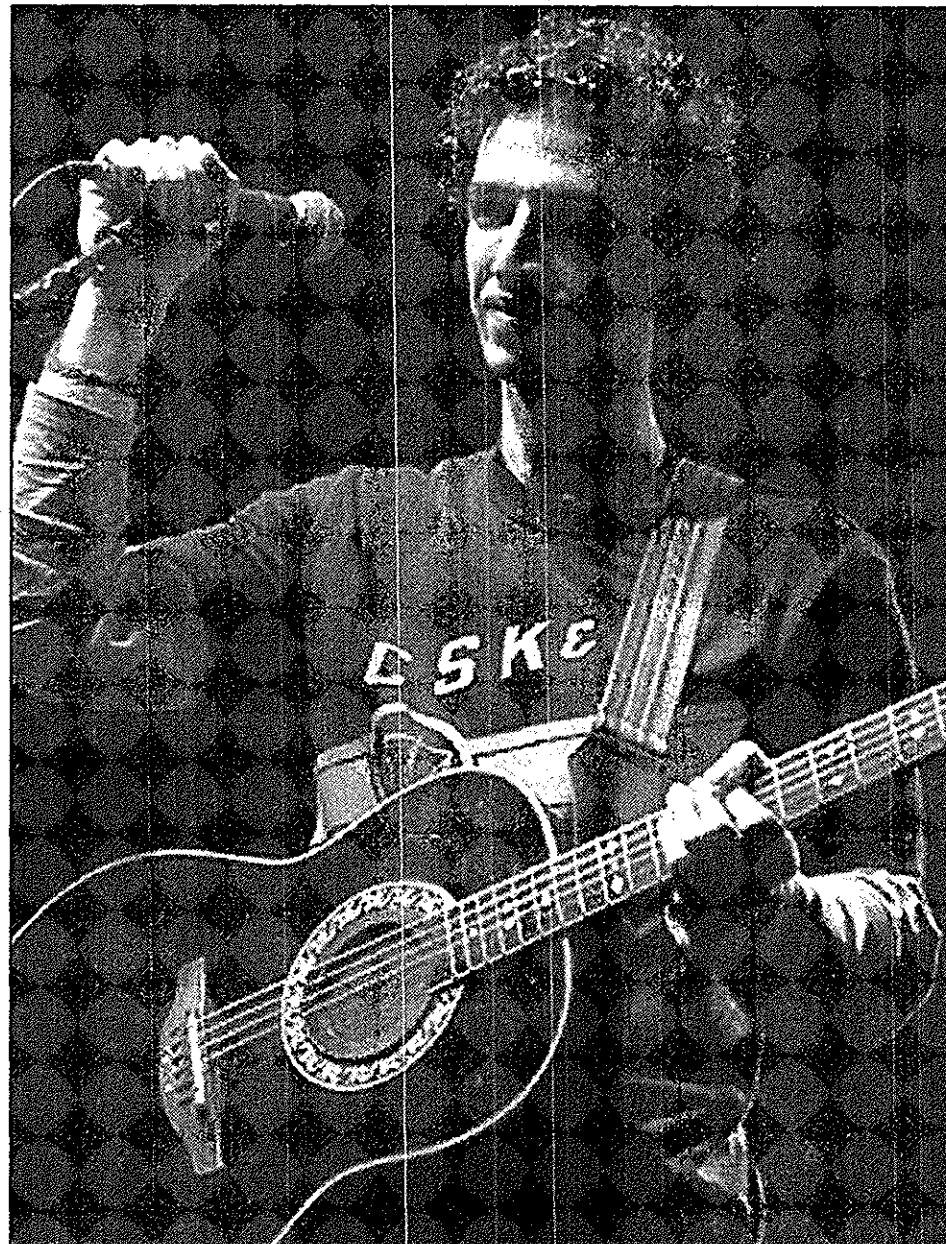
eccentricities in people's personalities, we choose to over-medicate people and make them fit the norm."

Despite his best intentions, Toothpick just comes across as preachy, especially since the next track brags about his use of marijuana and his crazy antics while under the influence. I just want to ride on your magical, time travelin' couch, Toothpick, don't be so heavy.

Of course his social agenda does work well in "Super Size Me," which appeared as the title track of the documentary detailing the nation's problem with obesity and dependency on greasy fast food. It's high-paced, up-tempo and rap-a-rific.

"Monkey," a later track on the album, is another of Toothpick's humorous, body-moving anthems that seem to work so well for his musical stylings. The lyrics are quite catchy and I sang along to "It hurts to be so good/ It hurts to be so sexy," on each repeat of the chorus. It's just nice to finally find someone who understands my daily plight.

Toothpick's first solo project definitely gets an "A" for effort. He has blurred the lines between so many musical varieties on an album that includes some great folksy lyrical story telling. It also made the No. 3 spot on Rolling Stone's editors' "Hotlist," which is all the more reason for you to give him a try.



The skinny on Toothpick

Singer/songwriter Toothpick will perform Saturday at the Cellar in Struthers. His latest album spans many genres and styles. (Photo courtesy of www.toothpickmusic.com)

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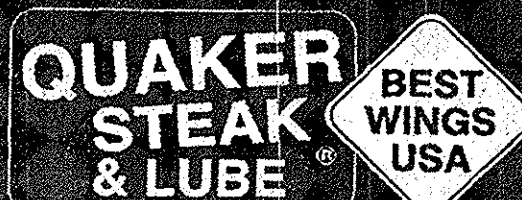
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when parents Terry and Monika were on hand as Jen was honored before the start of the Loyola game to a large Beeghly Center applause.

"It was nice because they don't come to very many games, but my parents have helped me a lot.

My dad used to help a lot with basketball at home — shooting, dribbling. My parents are my mentors," Perugini said.

As Perugini closes in on the end of her season, her attention has begun to shift toward the future, and basketball it seems will still remain a large part of life.

Perugini, who is a physical education major, wants to coach younger kids who are starting out the same way she did.

"I want to coach high

school or middle school — I don't think I would want to coach at the college level," Perugini said laughingly.

Second year Penguins head coach Tisha Hill believes the transition from player to coach for Perugini will be an easy one.

"She is a phenomenal person, ask any of her teammates," Hill said. "She is the one you turn to. I think she would be tremendous."

Perugini seems to enjoy the area and has no plans on moving back to Canada.

"I like it around here."

However, those plans will have to take a back burner for the time being, as Jen and the Penguins still have goals left to accomplish.

"Something I want to achieve is playing in the tourna-

ment, and playing past the first round," the confident Penguin said. Perugini realizes though it will take a team effort for those goals to be met. It will be more attitude and moxie than scoring and rebounding to get the Penguins over the hurdles.

"First we have to keep working hard, and we have to go strong."

Jen seems unfazed by the challenges and is eager to take the burden on her shoulders and lead as a senior.

"I think I bring a positive energy that we need to succeed, and I think I bring a leadership to the team," Perugini stated. "I am a senior now and people look up to you."

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area," Belasco said. "It's still too expensive to go away to college."

Carson agreed and said

students would prefer staying closer to home because it would put less strain on their personal budgets.

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**2005-2006
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Stop by one of our tables for information on financial aid for the 2005-2006 academic year. The priority deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Renewal FAFSA or FAFSA on the Web and the Institutional Aid Application is **February 15, 2005.**

The following is a list of places, dates, and times when staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

Monday, January 24, 2005	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Kilcawley Center, 1st Floor across from the bank
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	5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Maag Library-Main Lobby
Thursday, January 27, 2005	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Kilcawley Center, 1st Floor across from the bank DeBartolo Hall, Lobby

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tract extension. After that, they can only negotiate with Ilgauskas until the end of the season. If Ilgauskas, who has overcome serious foot injuries to become an All-Star and one of the league's premier big men, remains a free agent on July 1, his salary cap "hold" would tie up about \$21 million, preventing the improved Cavaliers from pursuing other free agents.

Ilgauskas has had recent conversations with Gund, who has agreed to sell his majority share of the Cavaliers to Detroit businessman Dan Gilbert for \$375 million. However, Ilgauskas has not been offered a deal yet.

"I've had a few talks with Gordon," said the man known simply as "Z" in Cleveland. "As of right now, nothing's happening. Everybody hopes it gets worked out. For now, we're just going to play out the season and put it on the back burner."

Ilgauskas' status is sure to be one of the major topics of discussion this week as Gilbert,

Gund and general manager Jim Paxson hold state-of-the-Cavs meetings to map out the team's plans.

Gilbert reportedly has reservations about committing another large contract to the 29-year-old Ilgauskas, who has overcome a history of foot problems to play 264 games since his last serious injury. If Gilbert decides not to re-sign Ilgauskas, the team could choose to trade him before next month's deadline, but they may have trouble finding a deal that fits financially because of Ilgauskas' salary.

The engaging Lithuanian remains loyal to Gund, who stuck by him while he was hurt. Ilgauskas doesn't want to leave Cleveland, but he's seen so much change since joining the club in 1996 that he knows anything is possible.

"Whatever happens, happens," Ilgauskas said at the possibility of being dealt. "I can't worry about that. The important thing is to focus on this season and help us get to be as good as

we can. We're halfway through the season and we're eight games over .500."

Finding a suitable replacement for Ilgauskas would be tough. He's averaging 16.1 points and 7.7 rebounds, numbers that compare favorably to the league's elite centers like Shaquille O'Neal, Yao Ming and Ben Wallace. There are games, though, when Ilgauskas struggles. He did Monday night, when he scored 11 points with four rebounds before fouling out in a loss to Washington.

Still, Ilgauskas presents many opposing teams with severe matchup problems. He's also the only Cavs player who can draw a double-team, tilting the floor to take pressure off star LeBron James.

"We depend on him to carry us inside, and that's what he's done," said Cavaliers second-year coach Paul Silas, who benched Ilgauskas last season and has demanded more defense and rebounding from him.

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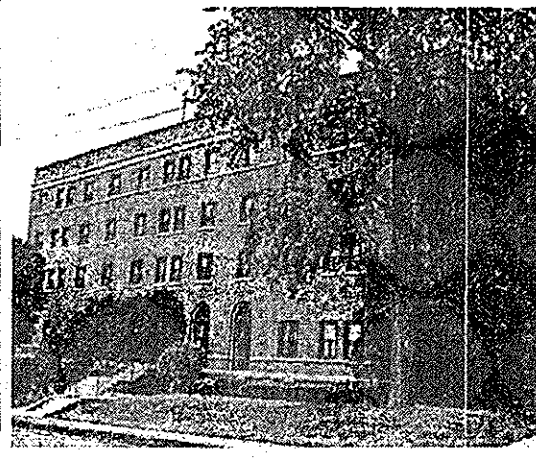
Singler said the committee has met with representatives of the Department of Human Resources and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity about the review process.

The committee will be following the newly-adopted guidelines for conducting employment background searches during their reviews, Binning said.

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All-Academic Team
YSU volleyball player Abby Ettenhofer and cross country runner Emily Schmitz were named to the 2004 Horizon League All-Academic Team.

HEADLINES

Big Ben's toes healthy
Steelers' head coach Bill Cowher denied earlier reports that quarterback Ben Roethlisberger played the AFC Championship game with broken toes



TALL ORDER

YSU senior standout Jen Perugini has reached numerous milestones in her career; the most recent: 1,000 points

Milestone

YSU senior Jen Perugini recently hit the 1,000 point mark for her career. Just the 16th Penguin to do so in school history. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

JEN PERUGINI BY THE NUMBERS

Freshman year

- ▶ 24 starts
- ▶ Named 2002 Horizon League Newcomer of the year
- ▶ Led league with 9.2 rebounds per game
- ▶ Set YSU Freshman rebound record of 239
- ▶ Set YSU Freshman blocked shots record with 30
- ▶ 6th highest in points scored for a freshman with 270

Sophomore

- ▶ 26 starts
- ▶ Led team in scoring 12.7 per game
- ▶ Led team in rebounding with 8.1 per game
- ▶ Ranked eighth nationally in Free throw percentage at 89%

Junior

- ▶ 10 starts (foot injury)
- ▶ Averaged 6.7 points per game
- ▶ Averaged 5.4 rebounds per game
- ▶ Free throw percentage of 75.9%

ON PERUGINI

"She is a phenomenal person, ask any of her teammates."

— Penguins head coach Tisha Hill

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

It has been a long trip for senior basketball standout Jen Perugini, but what a rewarding journey it has turned out to be. After 101 games in her career, Perugini has etched her name amongst some of the best to ever don the 'red and black,' as she recently became the 16th player in Penguins' history to record 1,000 points in a career.

However, Perugini, who said the 1,000-point mark was not one of her main goals this season, is not worried about numbers and accolades. Instead, the Ontario, Canada native said she is looking forward to helping her team toward Horizon League Tournament play, and eventually coaching other basketball teams.

Perugini has traveled nearly 600 miles to find her new home away from home here at Youngstown State University, a journey that started in seventh grade when she first started playing basketball for fun.

"I like it here, it's very family oriented and the girls are all great," Perugini said of the school and her teammates.

Even playing college basketball was a tough road for the Penguins' forward, who had to become her own promoter after her days at St. Mary's high school, where she was a four-year letter winner and a senior captain.

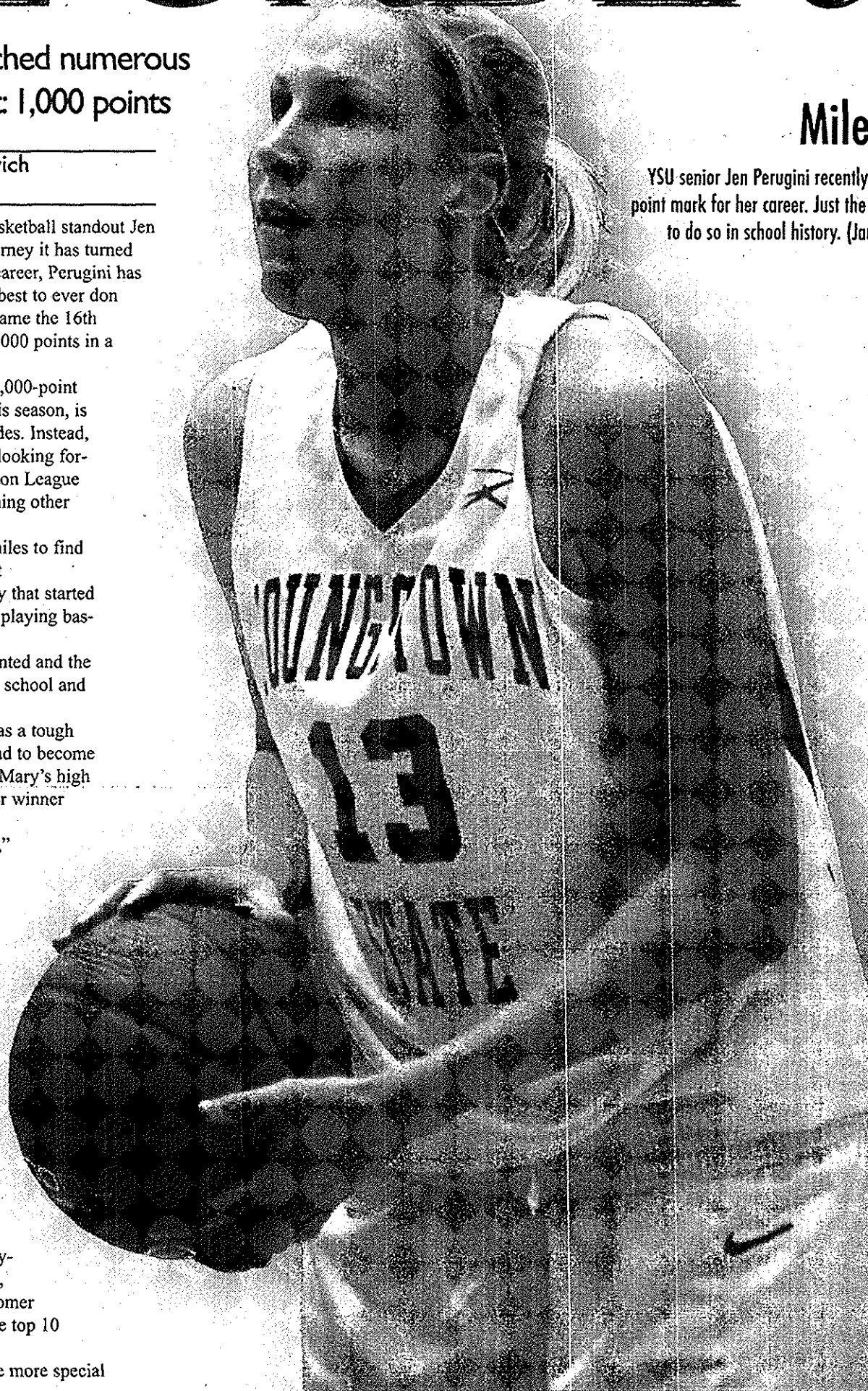
"In my city, sports are not that big," Perugini said. "They never took stats, so I had to record my own when I wanted to pursue playing in college."

It also helped YSU's cause that Canadian colleges do not offer athletic scholarships, Perugini noted.

Finding the right place for Perugini to continue her basketball career was vital, since unlike many college students, she was entering an entirely new country far from family.

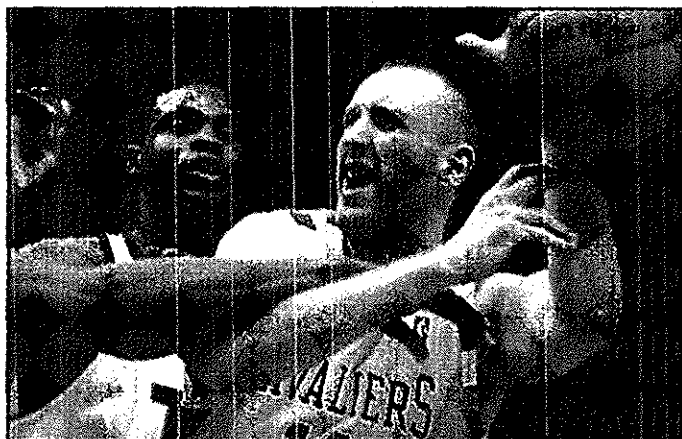
Her career thus far has turned out to be nothing short of great. In her four years as a Penguin, Perugini has set many benchmarks which future players can strive to match. As a freshman, she was named Horizon League Newcomer of the Year and she ranks in the all time top 10 in both rebounding and blocks.

The 1,000 points were made all the more special



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CLEVELAND Cavs have big decision on 'Z'



Cleveland's Zydrunas Ilgauskas, right, battles for a loose ball against the New York Knicks on Saturday, Jan. 8. His six-year contract will expire at the end of the season. (KRT Campus)

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Along with soon-to-be minority owner Gordon Gund, the Cleveland Cavaliers posed for their team picture on Tuesday. Zydrunas Ilgauskas hopes he's around for the next photo session.

With his six-year, \$71 million contract set to expire after this season, Cleveland's 7-foot-3 center can't be certain about the near future of his

NBA career. However, he does know where he wants to finish it.

"I would love to win a championship here," he said, "in Cleveland."

For that to happen, the Cavaliers must first decide if they want to re-invest in Ilgauskas, who will make \$14.6 million this season and is eligible for free agency this summer. The Cavs have until March 1 to sign him to a con-

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Penguins finalize deal with Panthers for '05

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

After weeks of speculation, it is finally official: the Youngstown State University football team will clash with BCS eligible and 2004 Big-East champion Pitt on Sept. 24 at Heinz field in Pittsburgh.

The game will be the first against a Division I A school since 2003 when the Penguins lost to Kent. Currently YSU has a 17-17-1 record against Division I A schools.

"We are very happy we were able to work a contract out with Pittsburgh to play against a great program in one of the most beautiful stadiums in college football," Athletic Director Ron Strollo said in a press release.

This will also mark only the third time the Penguins have faced a Division I A opponent not from the Mid-American Conference. The last time this happened was in 1998 when the Penguins traveled to the University of Central Florida to take on a Daunte Culpepper led Golden Knights team.

The Penguins also played Cincinnati from 1981-1985.

The match up, which will be the first between the two teams, was brought about by the sudden exodus of the University of Miami Florida and Virginia Tech to the Atlantic Coast Conference,

"This is a great opportunity for the young people on our football team, our university and our community."



Jon Heacock, YSU football head coach

leaving Pitt with glaring holes in the schedule.

YSU had an option to play the University of Maine, but opted rather for the regional game against Pitt.

Athletic Director Strollo believes this game can be a positive for not only the football team, but for the Youngstown community and the large YSU fan and alumni base in Western Pennsylvania.

"Geographically, the trip is perfect for our fans from the Mahoning Valley to travel to the game. Also, with a solid alumni base in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, this gives those fans a chance to see Youngstown State play in their own backyard."

Along with providing fans a chance to see the Penguins play a top opponent, the game may also provide a viable recruiting tool into a talent rich western

Pennsylvania. This year's roster alone includes five players hailing from just east of the Ohio state line.

While this will be the Penguins first time playing up a division since 2003, this will be the Panthers second time in as many years playing a IAA opponent.

Last year the Panthers squeaked out a win in overtime against Furman by a 41-38 score.

Pitt finished the year with an 8-4 mark losing in the Fiesta bowl to Utah.

However the Panthers will be under new leadership, as former NFL coach Dave Wannstedt will look to improve upon the team's Associated Press final ranking of 25.

Among others anticipating the first ever meeting is fifth year head coach of the Penguins Jon Heacock.

"This is a great opportunity for the young people on our football team, our university and our community," Heacock said in a press release.

The game will prove to be a good test for the Penguins, who finished their 2004 campaign winning two of its three final games to give optimism for its run for the playoffs in 2005. The Penguins will return key starters such as quarterback Tom Zetts and tailback Josh Cayson, among others.

The start of the game along with the remaining schedule will be announced in the near future.