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## Cochran names public relations director

By CHARLIE DEITCH  
Photo Editor

James E. McCollum was appointed as the University's Director of Public Relations by YSU President Les Cochran.

McCollum has served YSU in various capacities for the past 19 years. Most recently he has served as Assistant to the President for Legal Services.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve YSU in yet another capacity," McCollum said. "I plan to continue to advance the interests of this excellent, but underrated, University."

McCollum will replace Phillip A. Snyder, recently retired, as the Director of News Service and Publications office.

McCollum said that his long service at YSU in different departments gives him the experience to excel in his new position.

"I've had 21 years of service from facilities to student services to the police department to central administration," McCollum said. "These positions have given me a considerable understanding of how things work. I have received an invaluable piece of background for this position."



CHARLIE DEITCH/THE JAMBAR

Atty. James E. McCollum

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McCollum said that he is happy at YSU.

"I believe that hard work and dedication pays off," he said. "Next to my family, this institution has had the most profound influence on my life. It would take a pretty marvelous offer to ever get me to leave here."

McCollum said that the fact that he has a law degree was incidental in his appointment to his new post, but said it will aid him in his new job.

"Legal training is a discipline that will help you no matter what field you are in.

It has a great benefit to education but it had nothing to do with getting the job," McCollum said.

McCollum will be entering his new position under the strains of University budget cuts. "We have lost one position to a lay-off. It will affect us like it will the other departments," he said.

McCollum sees his new position as a stepping stone up the University ladder. "Being a president's assistant is not a long term position," he said. "It's good to leave a staff position to a line position to go other career paths."

Although he has left a staff position, McCollum will still work with the president on occasion.

"I will continue to work on projects with the president, but in other capacities," he said.

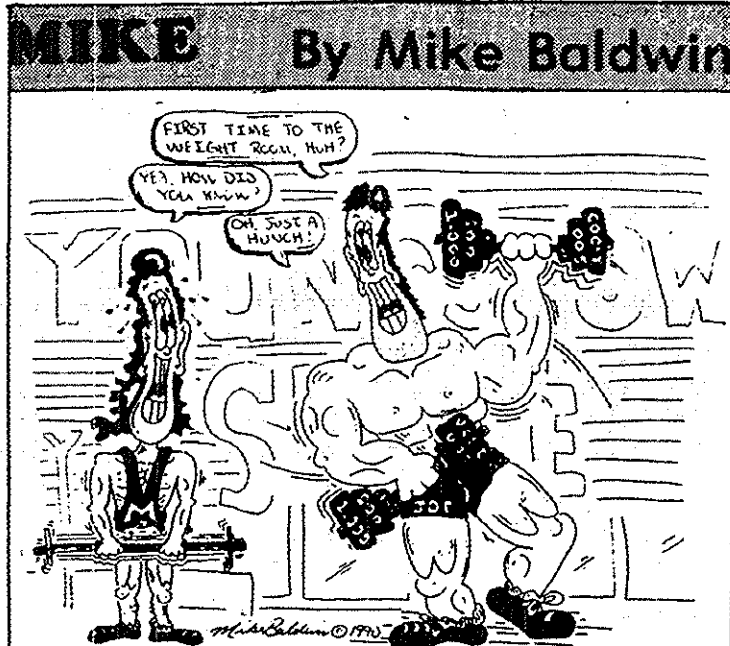
McCollum hopes that he and his new position will be beneficial to the University.

"Although YSU is not a premier research University, it is a premier teaching University."

Sending this information to the public  
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Mike Baldwin



## Student, cartoonist remembered

By DENISE BUZZARD  
Staff Reporter

On July 9, 1992, a very talented and kindhearted person was lost in a traffic accident. Mike Baldwin, 20, died due to injuries that he received last Wednesday when he tried to avoid hitting another car and struck two trees and a utility pole.

Baldwin attended YSU, after graduating from Springfield Local High School in 1990, as an art education major.

He was a very talented artist, from airbrush to pencil drawings. He drew the cartoon entitled "Mike" for the Jambar in 1990. The Jambar recognized his talent when he won YSU's Doodling Contest. The cartoon brought out the

humorous side of Baldwin that will always be remembered.

In fact, he used to kid around with his high school art teacher that he would come back after he graduated and take his job. No matter what, he always knew how to make people laugh. You couldn't help but smile whenever he was around.

One of Baldwin's favorite hobbies was to eat. He wanted to put on weight, which is probably the opposite for most people. He would always go over his friends' houses, (of which he had many), to eat and their mothers' could not believe how much he could put away. He had a zest for life. Because of this, his family donated all his organs, bone marrow, veins and

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## Budget cuts out athletic academics

By APRIL BOTT  
Managing Editor

YSU is losing several staff members and programs due to the sweeping cuts in education from Gov. Voinovich, and the athletic department is no different. The academic athletic counseling program was forced to fold due to the cuts as it was one of the only areas which wouldn't effect YSU's NCAA status.

According to Associate Athletic Director Pauline Saternow, the NCAA requires all athletes to complete 36 hours in degree-specific classes per academic year. However, they do not require additional aid and support, such as mandatory study hours, which is part of YSU's academic program.

"It wasn't an area we wanted to cut," said Saternow, "but we have already shaved our budget all-around, and we couldn't cut a sport."

Saternow explained that YSU has been working towards the NCAA guidelines for 1994 which require YSU to not only adhere to their present collegiate guidelines for Division I, but also to add a varsity women's sport and additional scholarships. Therefore, the department was forced to make cuts without affecting their status.

The academic counseling pro-

gram, according to Saternow, became reality in 1986 because the graduation rate for athletes was going down. During its six years, the program has undergone much metamorphosis, including three different full-time advisors. At the present time, the program has an agenda which includes: monitored study hours, academic guidance, tutoring, counseling and observation of degree progress.

"The first year or two we were trying to build a program," said Saternow, "but now the program is firmly rooted and the athletes have come to accept and work within it."

Now without the academic staff, which consisted of one full-time and two part-time advisors, the athletic department is trying to find alternative ways to insure the academic stability of YSU's athletes.

"We will try to help as much as we can," said Saternow, "but it's not the same."

She said that the individual coaches will try to oversee their players' progress as much as possible and that the athletes will continue to use University resources for tutoring and advisement. However, she said she feels the ultimate responsibility will have to rest on the shoulders of the athletes.

"The kids all know what  
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# Forum

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## Editorial

### 10 ways to get U.S. out of the red

Lately, we have been focusing all of our attention on our state's money woes and the plight of Ohio's higher education. But let's take a step back and look at the big picture.

America is digging itself into a very deep money pit, soon to be an early grave if we all don't get a shovel and dig ourselves out.

Our national debt is so bad and big that it is estimated that in order to pay off the \$4 trillion national debt that we racked up would take a stack of \$1,000 bills 256 miles high. Wow!

Quite simply, this means that every man, woman and child in the nation would have to pay \$16,000 each (send cash or make checks payable to Mr. Uncle Sam). For those of you without trustfunds, have a garage sale, sell your car, house and kids, then empty your life savings account and send a lump sum check off to Capitol Hill.

There are some brilliant solutions that our great thinkers have thought up to get America out of the red. Some have called for a drastic cut in defense spending. But, eliminating the entire defense budget for next year would save a mere \$300 billion. Others have suggested raising taxes (an oldie but a goody).

However, there are some other very, very creative alternatives that have been proposed to get America out of the red and into the pink and so a top ten list has been devised. Remember, these are just proposals.

10. Have members of Congress work for free until debt is wrestled under control and cast President Bush's dog Millie to work in Alpo commercials.

9. Have American Ambassadors get sympathies from multi-billion dollar oil sheiks and beg for private large lump sum donations.

8. Allow the mafia to print \$4 trillion dollars worth of counterfeit bills.

7. Send Ted Kennedy to the race track with defense budget and double our money.

6. Rent vice president Dan Quayle out to various dunking booths at carnivals around the country and charge \$1 to dunk the dork.

5. Invest our capital with financial genius, Tommy Wu.

4. Set up a White House garage sale then auction off oil portraits of past Presidents to the Vatican.

3. Hire master magician, David "I made the Statue of Liberty Disappear" Copperfield, to make the debt go poof!

2. Make Willie Nelson host Debt Aid on the lawn of White House.

1. Turn the U.S. into a communist country.

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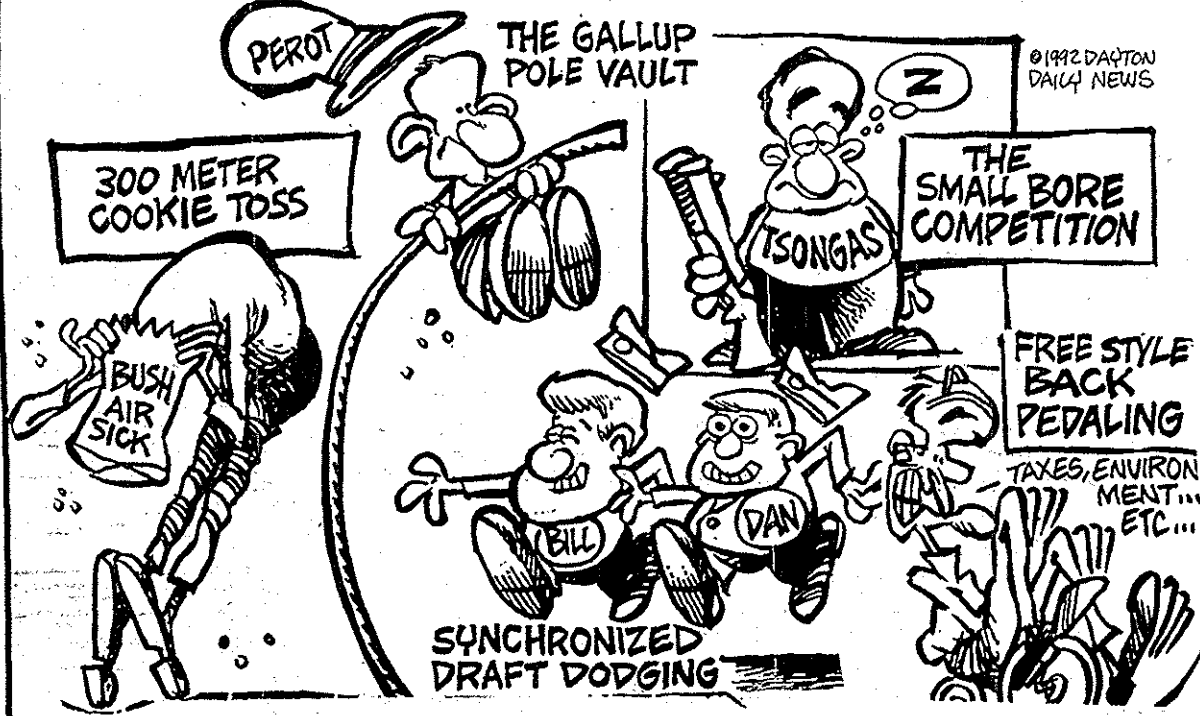
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# Presidential OLYMPICS



## Writer wants 'Results not excuses'

Steve Ranelli  
Staff Reporter

Budget cuts, budget cuts! The Youngstown area is feeling the effects of our astute Governor's version of Reaganomics.

Several people in the Steel Valley will find themselves jobless in the near future and with more cuts on the way, the future doesn't look so bright.

As an employee of YSU, I have seen the effects of the cuts first hand and have experienced the frustrations that so many state employees are feeling. While I still have my job as a student parking supervisor, the parking department is operating with the bare minimums.

Our national economy is also in disarray. While Mr. Bush and his advisors are busy dancing around the floundering economy, more people are entering the unemployment lines.

With this kind of economic climate, I wonder what the future holds for America. I

wonder when this slide toward Third World status will end. And more importantly, I wonder if it will ever end.

It seems this slide began many years ago when "We the People" lost control of our country. The United States is supposed to be a republic, our leaders are supposed to answer to the people all the time, not just in an election year. Ask President Bush why the economy is so bad and see what kind of answer he gives. Ask Gov. Voinovich what has happened to Ohio and see what he has to say. Their answers would probably resemble some dialogue from a playground sandbox. Bush blames Congress for the country's lousy condition and Voinovich blames ex-Governor Richard Celeste and his administration for Ohio's sad state.

My reply to their answers is "RESULTS NOT EX-CUSES!" Perhaps Bush would like us to elect a Democratic president to match the Democratic controlled Congress. Or maybe Gov. Voinovich would give his job back to Mr. Celeste. Then there is always the option of electing a Texas billionaire with no party affiliation to the White House; maybe

he would use some of his own money to balance the budgets across the country.

Unfortunately, none of these options are likely to make any difference in the near future. It seems our only alternative is to begin to take a much closer look at what our elected officials are up to in Washington and in our own backyards. We must make these men and women accountable for their actions. How can we do this you ask? There is only one way.

We must vote to insure responsible government. We need to be more selective in choosing our local political leaders because they can insure that our voice is heard by state officials.

Our state officials will then be more in touch with the people whom they represent, and this will be the ladder by which "We the People" are heard in the Oval Office and on Capitol Hill.

If we would only think of our political system as a ladder and our elected officials as rungs on that ladder, we can then begin to make sure our voices are heard as well as bring to an end our country's steady decline towards mediocrity.

### Letters, commentaries/submissions

The Jambar encourages letters and opinion submissions. All letters must be typed, double-spaced, signed and must include the writer's telephone number, which is used for confirmation purposes and will not be published. Proper identification is needed when submitting materials. The Jambar reserves the right to reject or edit any or all submissions. All submissions must be delivered to the Jambar offices by noon Tuesday for Thursday's edition.

# Students should orient themselves

By DENISE BUZZARD  
Staff Reporter

You've put so much time into your college career and it feels like you'll never graduate. After years of hard work, the time has finally come to prepare for your graduation. But there's a problem. You find that there's a class that you still need to take. This puts you back a quarter and totally ruins your plans.

Many college students leave it to their academic advisors to see that they take the classes needed to graduate. However, it's up to you to take the initiative to find out what classes you will need and fit them into your schedule.

Take the time to orientate yourself. Find out about the program that you are in, the classes you need, the amount of hours in upper and lower division required for graduation and even make a trial schedule for each quarter until you graduate.

I transferred to YSU two and a half years ago from the University of Akron. When I first met with my advisor, I asked her what classes had transferred and what classes I still needed. What helped me the most was the curriculum sheet that she gave me. I followed it like it was the college Bible and if I didn't understand or wasn't sure about a class, I would ask my advisor. Asking questions is one of the best ways to help orientate yourself. Don't expect your advisor to tell you everything.

A fellow student, who also transferred from a different college, was getting ready to graduate this past winter, but when she filled out her senior

evaluation sheet, she found that she never had taken the very first class in her program. However, the head of her department realized that she was never told to take it, because they had assumed that she already did at her last college. In this case, they just wrote it off and let her graduate. Not all students are this lucky.

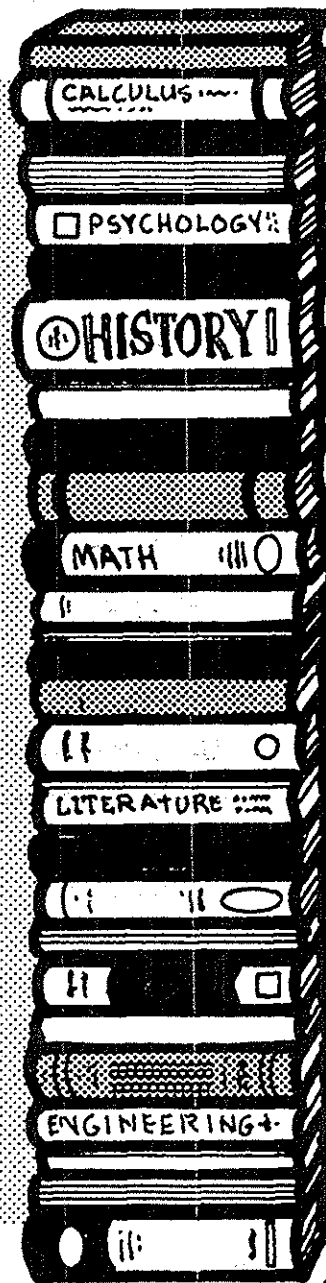
Patty Nolasco, a senior English major, feels that the University should offer a workshop for students that would help them manage their college career. That way the students familiarize themselves with their major, understand their curriculum sheet and even know what classes are required in the general studies area.

Nolasco took the initiative to fill out her senior evaluation sheet early, which really helped when she found out that she still needed to take a language course. "I switched from one major to another," said Nolasco, "and when I did, they didn't tell me that I needed one more language course in order to graduate." She then had to rearrange her schedule to fit the class in. To graduate when she had expected to, she had to go full-time this summer. Moneywise, this was a little troublesome.

Don't leave it up to your advisor to see that you're on the right track. The advisor advises many other students, too. Orientating yourself makes you feel more confident in your college career, leaves you without hassles when it comes time to finally graduate and is the best way to complete your college career in the minimum amount of time.

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### Baldwin

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even his pretty, blue eyes so that he could continue to live on in others. "Michael always wanted to help people," said his mother. "He would've wanted us to help others live."

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### McCollum

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is what McCollum hopes to accomplish.

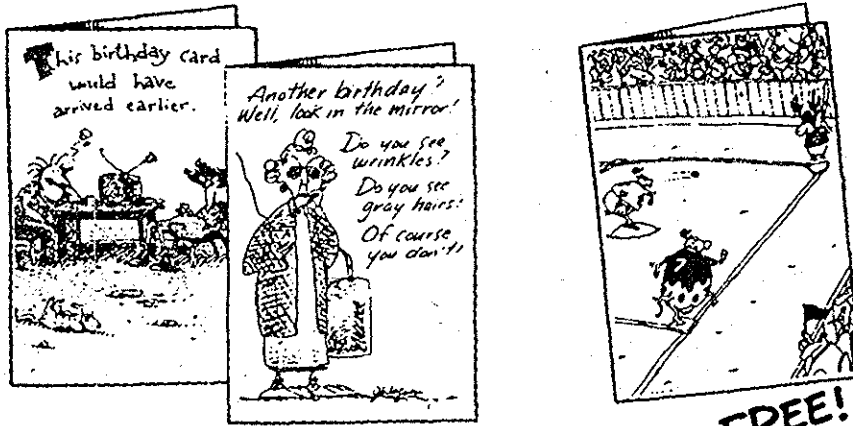
"I want to continue the good job done by the staff in the past," he said. "Hopefully more resources will be available to allow us to go in more directions."

"We have to get the message out that this underrated University is a premier urban University that offers everything conceivable to offer a student looking for a quality education," McCollum said.

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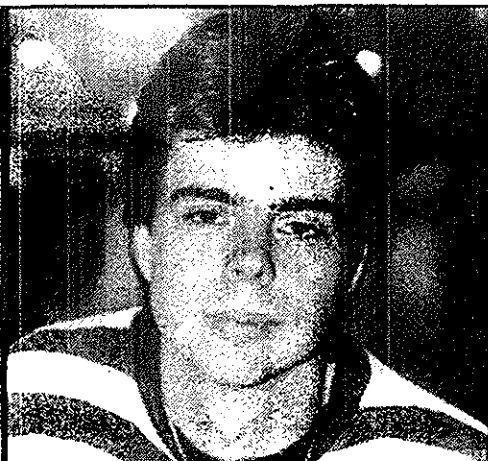
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"Bush. I didn't like how Perot referred to blacks as 'you people.'"  
MICHELE MUSSLER  
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"Perot. We need someone who knows the economy."  
LEN McDERMOTT  
Jr., Advertising and Public Relations



"Bill Clinton. He represents younger people better and I think he could really help the country."  
KARI CALAVRIA  
Soph., Criminal Justice



"Bill Clinton. The country needs a drastic change and he is the only one with new ideas."  
BOB JAKUBOVIC  
Sr., English

### Album Review

## Black Crowes need to improve songwriting

By MICHAEL CERVONE  
Staff Reporter

The Black Crowes new album, *Southern Harmony and Musical Companion*, is a good example of a great performing band in the need of a great songwriter.

The band has a good basic sound and two fine guitarists mixed with an impressive rhythm section. The lead vocalist's voice is a little weak but certainly expressive, and the keyboardist fills out the sound.

The only problem that this band has is the songs on this release are second rate at best. There is very little contrast to the album's selections as far as tempo and dynamics are concerned, and the lyrics

leave much to be desired both in contrast of subject matter and sensibility.

The best track the Chris and Rich Robinson duo could come up with is their current single, "Remedy." The execution of the song is what makes it worth the listener's time and not the quality of the lyrics.

The major problem with the tracks, like "Sometimes Salvation," stems from the demands put upon them by lead singer Chris Robinson's voice. The song begins too high and loud in the voice and only leaves him one option at the end of the tune, blatant and painful screaming. This forces the listener to cringe until the next tune comes along.

This happens again in "Good Luck Blue Eyes Goodbye," which, until that

point, is a reasonably good effort.

It is unfortunate that bands are subjected to the Bob Dylan, "I have to write it and sing it" mentality. The last song

on the release, "Time Will Tell," which was written by Bob Marby, is an example of what this band can do with good material. The vocals are a challenge for C. Robinson, but he handles it well without that mind-splitting noise that is present in the tracks listed above. There are few words to this tune, but the constant changing of instrumental combinations makes it interesting.

The Black Crowes have a commendable mix of southern color in most of their tracks. The addition of the two

women, or "choir" as they are listed in the liner notes, and the B-3 Wuritzer show that they can produce a good album.

The band also provides the listener with an interesting live sound mix by giving each of the guitars its own channel giving both the back-up vocalists their own channel and giving the illusion that C. Robinson is right up front by mixing his voice in both channels.

The band has some good ideas. The music is very performable in a concert setting and you can tell that this band executes very well as a group. They just need some new compositional ideas which will highlight their exceptional production prowess.

### Academics

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is expected from them," she said. "We can't make the program happen; it's up to them."

In addition to losing the academic counseling, Saternow

explained that a lot of other areas in athletics have also been effected. Three scholarships being set aside in anticipation for the 1994 NCAA guidelines had to be relinquished. Also, a full-time football coaching position will remain vacant as well as the loss of some part-time depart-

ment personnel.

Although the athletic department's budget is extremely large compared to other departments on campus, the overhead costs are also more considerable.

"It's difficult to compare athletics with other services and departments," said Saternow,

"because travel is such a large portion of our expenses."

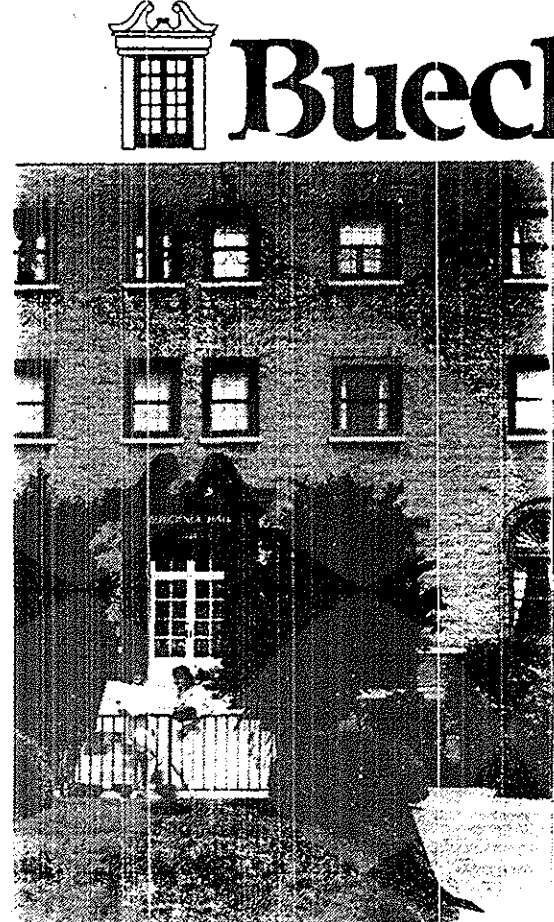
And, with the addition of a new varsity sport, these projected costs will likely increase.

Saternow said that the athletic department is still in the early stages of deciding on a new varsity sport, taking into con-

sideration the cuts and the availability of a feasible schedule. She said that they

would welcome any suggestions from students, staff or faculty on

what they would consider as a good women's sport to implement at YSU.



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