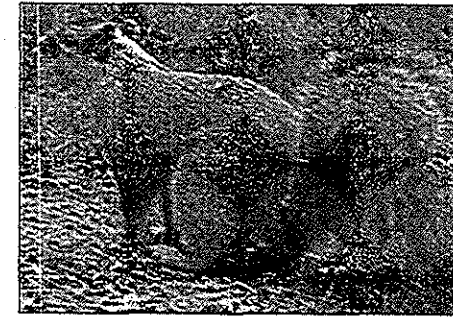


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YSU reacts to guilt of rep

By ANGELA OLIN
Jambar Reporter

Following the recent conviction of U.S. Rep. James Traficant Jr., some students and professors around campus said it could be a turning point for the Mahoning Valley.

Traficant was found guilty Thursday by a 12-person jury on all 10 counts alleged against him, including bribery, obstruction of justice and tax evasion.

U.S. District Judge Lesley Brooks Wells will sentence the congressman June 27. He could face four to six years in prison.

Some professors said the conviction will have no effect on YSU at large but will impact the Tri-county area Traficant represented. Some said it might offer a new start for the area.

Dr. Martha Pallante, chair and professor, history, said the end of Traficant's trial will have a large impact across the Valley and in the long run will have a positive effect.

"I hope that [the conviction] does something to improve our image," she said. "It may allow us to deal with some of the larger problems that affect us."

"If we look at history, it is not the first time a congressman has been convicted of a crime, not just in Youngstown, but across the country," she said. "It will be very interesting to see how all of this plays out."

Dr. Paul Sracic, associate professor, political science, agreed the conviction would not have an effect on YSU. He said this is partly because Traficant did not have a large affiliation with the university.

"As popular as [Traficant] was, it will be nearly impossi-

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New SG constitution stands

By PATRECKA ADAMS
Jambar Assistant Editor

According to Student Government's official election tally, the proposed constitution was passed by a vote of 273 to 85.

Prior to the election, many were concerned that the proposed constitution would not be allowed on the ballot because certain members of the administration had not yet

approved it.

Joe Long, SG president, was one of the biggest proponents of putting the constitution on the ballot. Long said he sees the passing of the document as very positive for SG.

"I feel like it was a good idea to put it on the ballot," he said. "No one has objected to it yet."

Long added that he thinks the people in the administration who were against putting

the proposed constitution on the ballot really were not concerned with the issue.

"The biggest reason for the whole fiasco was because they don't care either way," he said. "The fact that they didn't care when [we put it on the ballot] says they didn't care much at all."

Jeff Parks, president-elect of SG, said he's going to vigorously pursue efforts to make the constitution official.

"There's a process that has to be completed for it to become official," he said. "I'll be working to make sure it gets completed."

Parks said he wants the constitution ready for the fall semester, which is when he and his staff will assume their offices.

Parks, senior, criminal justice, said he has contacted Dr. Cyndy Anderson, vice president of Student Affairs, to

voice his concerns.

Anderson did not return a message left at her office Monday.

Parks added that if the administration wants items changed in the constitution, he would want students to have their say in the matter.

"I'd like to see students have the opportunity to [possibly vote] on the finished ver-

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DEVIANCE: Mary Ann Rufener, sophomore, sociology, above left, and Carole Cook, junior, sociology and anthropology, break unspoken dress codes in a local church to see the reaction of Sunday worshippers. Rufener and Cook, bottom, discuss reactions of congregation members after the service.

Loving thy neighbor

The students said their findings about faith and acceptance inspired them and refreshed their belief in Christianity.

By KATIE BALESTRA
Jambar Editor

Their hair glistens from raspberry-colored hair dye as loose strands spike out in every direction. Purple lipstick lines the curves of their lips, complimenting the layers of black eyeliner, gobs of thick mascara and shades of gray eye shadow.

Intricate tattoos curl around their wrists and fingers. Tiny silver hoops hang from their noses as safety pins dangle from their ears. Dog chains swing carelessly from their necks.

One is dressed in black from head to toe. The other looks like she just pulled the clothes she is wearing out of the hamper. And both are on their way to church.

Mary Ann Rufener, sophomore, sociology, and Carole Cook, junior, sociology and anthropology, were assigned by professor Beverly Gartland at the beginning of spring semester to "violate a social norm" for their social deviance course and report the results and reactions to the class.

The women decided they would dress this way and head to church to gauge the

reactions of fellow worshippers.

Gartland, associate professor, sociology and anthropology, said the deviant act Rufener and Cook performed worked well for the assignment.

"They violated the norm for appropriate dress in a church," Gartland said. "Church members might see that as sacrilegious."

Rufener and Cook said their findings about acceptance and faith in Christianity both surprised and inspired them.

The two dressed in "Goth attire," consisting of black leather jackets, chains, piercings, tattoos, rings and dark makeup, for an unsuspecting Methodist congregation.

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Officials appoint dean, director

Meredith Young was previously Admissions head at Notre Dame College of Ohio.

By JAMI BONINSEGNA
Jambar Reporter

On Monday afternoon, Provost Dr. Tony Atwater announced that the new dean of the Beeghly College of Education had been selected.

"In Phil Gineti we have a most capable leader with an intimate knowledge of the college's history and it's opportunities for advancing to the next level of academic excellence," said Atwater.

Dr. Philip Gineti will be the next dean of education at YSU. Gineti was previously a professor and the assistant dean in the College of Education.

Dr. Richard McEwing, professor of education, headed the committee that performed the search for the new dean, which began months ago.

Atwater said, "Dr. Gineti has an impressive background as a former P-12 teacher and principal. He has also established an impressive record as a professor and associate dean of education at YSU."

On the same day, a new director of Undergraduate Admissions started her new role at the university.

Meredith Young joined the staff of YSU. Young topped the national search for director of Undergraduate Admissions.

Young, a Cleveland State University graduate, was previously the director of Admissions at Notre Dame College of Ohio.

Organization starts Dump and Run on campus

By LINDSAY SINKOVICH
Jambar Reporter

Ever wonder what happens to all the leftover "junk" in the dorms during spring move-out?

Jim Petuch, YSU Recycling Program manager, said, "100 cubic yards of material is discarded annually during YSU move-out — enough to fill an 18-wheeler in just three days."

Among the materials discarded are reusable items such as blankets, linens, clothing

and shoes, which should never end up in a landfill, said Petuch.

Traditionally, Bill Sperlazza, associate director of Housing Services, rents large rollover bins from the BFI at an estimated cost of more than \$800 to rid of all of the items left over from move-out.

This year, Petuch and Sperlazza are working with the non-profit organization Dump and Run to plan a comprehensive reuse and recycle campaign for the May 2002 move-out.

Dump and Run is a national environmental organization founded by Lisa Heller. Heller started the organization while she was a student at the University of Richmond. The organization's goal is to recover the reusable materials left over at residence halls to reduce the amount of solid waste that pollutes landfills.

Petuch said the organization then sells the materials for reuse and donates all proceeds to local charities. Any material leftover is donated to such

charities as Goodwill and Meridian Services.

YSU is the first university in Ohio to work with Dump and Run. Other participating universities include Columbia University of New York, Acadia University in Canada and Appalachian State University of North Carolina. "YSU is around the 20th university to participate," Heller said.

She said some of the more unusual items left behind included "a kitchen sink and a

red spandex shirt with fake fur cuffs."

Andrea Sand, junior, nursing, and resident of Bucchner Hall, said, "I think it is a great idea, but what about valuable items the students may forget?"

Jennifer Martin, junior, music education, and resident assistant of Kilcawley House, said, "During move-out, everyone is helping out to make sure nothing valuable is

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Woods wins once again



BY BJ LISKO
Jambar Editor

Can anyone beat Tiger Woods? From the looks of things this weekend at Augusta and from the looks of most of the tournaments in which Woods has recently played, the answer is most definitely no.

When Woods bears down and seriously concentrates, it seems he can knock out phenomenal shots at will. It's almost as if he fiddles around

for the first 36 holes, keeping his opponents amused, before he makes an unstoppable run to blow away the field.

Not since Bobby Jones, perhaps, has the golf world seen a player in the likes of Woods' caliber. If Woods can keep up the pace he's on, he will undoubtedly come out the best golfer the world has ever seen.

Perhaps what's even more amazing is, even with his domination of the sport, he still is frustrated much of the time with his performance.

"G—damn," and "s—!" frequently spew from Woods' mouth on television, yet he still comes away a four-shot winner and a three-time Masters champion.

The real question should be, "Can anyone beat Woods but Woods himself?"

Maybe former Masters champ Vijay Singh could give

him a run, and Phil Mickelson always seems to be nearby, but both have to play their best golf consistently to be in the running with Woods when it seems Tiger is playing sub-par.

It's not even so much a matter of Woods being totally on his game. Tiger wins when he's truly focused. It doesn't matter if he's not playing totally to his ability. When he's focused he comes up with the shots that separate him from the rest of the pack.

It's scary to think of what Woods will do in the future. At only 26 years old, he has a very long career ahead of him, and he's already ripping into the PGA record books. Sunday's Masters victory was his seventh major and his 31st career victory.

Woods is a phenom and has only begun to amaze PGA fans everywhere.

Earth Day comes to university

Earth Day is coming to YSU from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. The event will include involvement from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and NASA.

The day is dedicated to caring for the planet, and 20 different environmental organizations' displays will be set up in front of Kilcawley Center.

For more information, contact Jim Petuch at (330) 742-2294.

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sion," he said. "It wouldn't be right to just change the constitution that they voted on and not give them a chance to [accept or reject it]."

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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think

Traficant's term should be ended

A guilty verdict times 10 has not been able to silence the most passionate defenders of U.S. Rep. James Traficant Jr.

The nine-term congressman, convicted last week by a jury of his peers on 10 criminal counts ranging from bribery to racketeering, says he still will seek re-election as an independent in November.

And if he does, political opponents and analysts say he still will draw considerable support. Comments of locals sympathetic to the criminal congressman usually include sentiments such as, "He just got caught" or "He still has done a lot for us."

Not only do these defenses of Traficant prove to be weak and embarrassing, they prove to be wrong as well.

First, yes, Traficant did get caught. Not just caught — nailed on 10 different federal crimes. Many of his defenders have taken a "so what" stance when interviewed.

So what? Because Traficant is a public official, you — the taxpayer — are paying Jim Traficant's salary.

And according to a jury, not only have you paid Jim Traficant's salary, you have paid a host of others to work on a farm you've never seen.

It was your money that paid former Traficant staffer George Buccella to work on the congressman's private farm rather than his public office.

It was your money that paid Traficant staffers higher salaries, which they in turn kicked back to Traficant.

You should be mad, not defensive of your congressman.

Second, the argument that Traficant has done a lot for this area is not supported by more than a handful of legislative actions the congressman has made since 1985.

The harsh reality of the Mahoning Valley is that it is a job-strapped, cash-strapped region still struggling to adapt to the loss of steel mills that closed before Traficant even set foot on Capitol Hill.

If Traficant or his defenders want to claim success in the last 17 years, they must also take responsibility for the continued plight.

That's not a record on which you win re-election.

If for no other reason, without a committee assignment in Congress and with his own party leader calling for his resignation, Traficant must go.

At any rate, the 10 women and two men who found Traficant guilty on all counts Thursday in Cleveland did something the voters here have been afraid to do for more than a decade: hold Traficant responsible.

There are honest leaders out there.

There are those who don't accept bribes to buy boats and those who care more about your income than increasing their own.

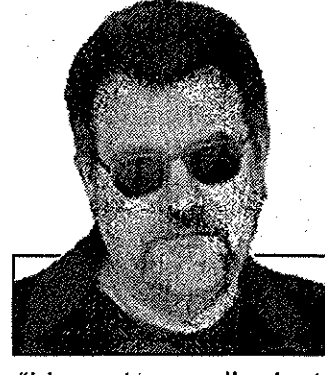
What You Think

What are you doing with your tax return?



KEIR JOY
sophomore,
civil
engineering

"I'm not getting one. I have to pay."



ROBERT MELCZAK
senior,
secondary
education

"I have to pay. I'm just about to mail it."



JOSH MACMILLAN
senior,
education

"Same as everyone else. Pay my bills."



KANDIA BARNES
sophomore,
political
science

"Spend it. I want the new Kobe Bryant's."



SHANNON DILLINGHAM
sophomore,
telecommunication

"Pay bills."



SANDRA LAMANNA
freshman,
studio arts

"I'm not getting a return. I work for myself, so I end up paying."

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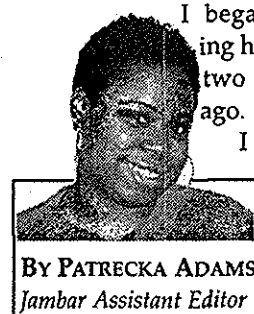
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Nature sings to campus in spring



By PATRECKA ADAMS
Jambar Assistant Editor

I began noticing him about two weeks ago.

I usually spot him at 12:15 p.m. on the patch

of earth between Beeghly Center and Kilcawley Center.

He's always there digging in the dirt, though snow may coat his furry back or rain may slick down his brown coat.

I've nicknamed him "Mr. Cheeks" because his fat little jaws are the first things I see when he notices me.

This squirrel and other sights around campus have subtly alerted me to the fact that it's springtime once again — and what a beautiful campus we have.

"Nature is beginning to envelop campus, and it's providing a lush backdrop for relaxation and relief at the close of this semester."

I think the university shines the most in the spring.

Rolling green grasses nourished by sprinklers sway to and fro as they border the paved concrete walkways that crisscross the campus core.

Tall, crimson-hued foliage breaks through the topsoil and stretches toward the sky in giant white planters near DeBartolo Hall.

Looming shade trees take

bud in front of Kilcawley, as they prepare for studious pupils to take refuge under their cooling branches.

Flashes of brown, black and tan are all one sees as busy chipmunks scurry across the concrete and disappear into the bushes that grace Cushwa Hall.

Nature is beginning to envelop campus, and it's providing a lush backdrop for

relaxation and relief at the close of this semester.

I see the effect spring has on students, too.

Two young men practice baseball swings in the grassy patch between the Sweeney Welcome Center and the tennis courts.

Feet and toes, sometimes painted all shades of the rainbow, come out of hiding and reveal themselves in the fronts of sandals.

Capri pants and shorts replace wool blend slacks and jeans, and sweaters, scarves and turtle-necks are substituted with short-sleeved tees and tank tops.

So as I admire Mr. Cheeks hastily filling his jaws, I am reminded of just how exquisite the beauty of this campus is.

And I'm instantly thankful for having the chance to enjoy nature's song.

Letter to the Editor

Reader: Daily dental duties beat disease

Editor:

Hewing to Patrecka Adams' counsel in "Take my breath away," of the April 9 edition of The Jambar, I'll become better acquainted with my toothbrush (Crest #74, "Triple Effect," full-size head, soft, UPC 373650, cost: about \$2.99) and toothpaste (also Crest, mint, with sodium fluoride, UPC 373060, 8.2 oz. tube, cost: about \$2.29).

Also, my mouthwash (K-Mart's house brand, mint, UPC 7200017182, 50 fl. oz. bottle, cost: about \$2.99), yes, and paper cups (Dixie, 3 fl. oz. size, UPC 4200043900, 200 count, cost: about \$2.99).

And floss and its two-handed sawyer's strokes I never warmed to, nor motorized brushes, nor with rare exceptions, a frequency

greater than once daily.

Every six months my dental résumé is joined to our collective dental biography in the person of one man: the redoubtable Dr. Mark Betz.

Who'd think it wise of me to eschew five millennia of dental history and inexpertly pack my carious cusps with an expedient stuffing?

Cost per appointment: about \$75, and cash accepted. Total annual dental expenses: about \$190.

Happy dentistry gives way to lugubrious medicine when hygienist Diane Craft refers to gastrointestinal origins of chronic halitosis.

What now — a family practitioner or gastroenterologist? No matter.

One of four Valley residents will find recourse in every man's default practi-

tioner: himself.

Meet Dr. John Q! Chronic halitosis? Treat symptomatically, perhaps with breath mints or freshening strips. Cover one's mouth when speaking near another.

Deny etiology. Cultivate a willful ignorance of gastroesophageal reflux disease. Seek relevant gray-market prescriptions from friends.

Try herbals. Maybe the complaint will resolve itself. No treatment may be needed. After all, who's ever succumbed to chronic halitosis?

Physicians scoff at this compost of wishful diagnosis, considered self-delusion, stoic denial of symptoms, banking upon spontaneous remission, to which may be added religious faith, hardness of character, cracker-barrel medical wisdom, etc.

Seventy-five million Americans practice this primitivist therapeutic foraging.

Who would deny its existence? Who would refute the atavistic power of patient and practitioner in the same person?

Historians a century hence may say of the Americans banished from Hippocratic medicine by lack of insurance, "They survived," mimicking the Abbé Sieyès' reply when asked what he did during the Reign of Terror with which the French populace was inoculated by that instrument of revolutionary prophylaxis, Robespierre's Committee of Public Safety.

Jack Labusch Support Services



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SERMON: Left, Rufener and Cook attend church dressed in their "normal" clothes. Above, Rufener delivers a sermon about acceptance to the Mahoning United Methodist Church in Austintown.

Maag archive helps preserve Valley history

By SCOTT SEELEY
Jambar Reporter

Religious artifacts help tell the story of the Mahoning Valley.

The Sacred Landmark archive at Maag Library can help those interested in history understand more of this story through the preservation of religious vestiges.

The Sacred Landmark archive is a collaboration among YSU, Cleveland State University, Kent State University and the University of Akron.

Composed of local religious institutions in cooperation with YSU, the purpose of the Sacred Landmark archive is to pull together the communities surrounding the university in an effort to preserve local history.

Central Christian Church, 3000 Market St., made the first major contribution to the local Sacred Landmark archive.

Thomas Atwood, executive director of Maag Library, said he was delighted by the donation.

"Students doing historical research on [the Mahoning Valley] will want to check this out," he said.

Atwood said the information donated by Central Christian and other local religious institutions is important because of the vast amount of change in the Mahoning Valley

throughout the past few decades.

"People want to find out information about their past. Churches are a way to do this," Atwood said. "If you get the churches involved in the university, you're getting the people involved in the university."

Norma Stefanik, YSU Center for Urban Studies, runs the local Sacred Landmark project and has created a list of more than 350 sacred landmarks within the Mahoning Valley.

"[The Sacred Landmarks archive] helps preserve and disseminate our cultural and religious heritage," Stefanik said. "It makes [the information] available to a broad spectrum of the public."

University President Dr. David Sweet was a part of the program while at Cleveland State University and said he continues to support its efforts at YSU.

"The kind of program being conducted on these hidden treasures within the Valley can be of importance to the entire community," Sweet said.

The materials donated by Central Christian included a musical composition written for the church, a list of charter members and the acts of incorporation for the church.

They will be catalogued and preserved for future reference. The materials will soon be available at the Maag Library or through its Web site.

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Gartland said the two could have expected a number of reactions.

"Some people will look, but they probably won't do more. Some church people may group together to 'save them' so they can see the error of their ways."

As Rufener and Cook walked into Mahoning United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 7, the two looked less-than-conservative with their purple hair and dark dress, but, to their surprise, the congregation didn't seem to notice.

Several children stared on in disbelief as Rufener and Cook strutted down the aisle, acting as though they owned the place.

Church members paused while looking in Rufener and Cook's direction - Cook slouching in one of the pews as her foot rested on her opposite knee and her arm extended over the back of her seat, looking as if she was preparing to watch a movie.

But all was quiet as the sermon commenced, and most people ignored Rufener and Cook as the worship began.

When it came time to shake hands during the sermon, Rufener and Cook said they were surprised at the number of people who came up and greeted them.

"I was shocked," Cook said. "At

greeting time, people came over to us the whole entire time. People were making eye contact with us and shaking our hands - even with our black nail polish," she said.

"And the older they were, the more receptive," Rufener said. "I really thought it would have been the other way around."

Cook said one man in particular stood out to her because of his kindness and willingness to stand close to them.

"An older man came over to us and asked us where we were from. He said, 'Welcome. Welcome. And please come back any time,'" Cook said.

Both women agreed they definitely stood out within the group and that they were violating unspoken norms within the society of the church.

"The dress [we wore] is not a norm," Cook said. "People would think it's an angry look. And it's not always true that a church practices preaching acceptance. Being a Christian, I had high hopes [about the reactions], and we were ecstatic with the outcome."

Rufener and Cook both agreed the reaction they received was refreshing.

"The one older gentleman called us

'ladies,'" Rufener said with a laugh. "What an experience!"

Rufener, who said she thinks the idea for the class experiment came to her from God, is studying to be a minister in the Methodist church. Her "mentor" during her schooling is the pastor of the church in which she and Cook performed the deviant act.

The following weekend, with the permission of the pastor, Rufener gave a sermon on acceptance to members of the congregation.

At the beginning of the sermon, Rufener said to the congregation, "Who in this church has seen me before?" Not one hand raised.

"I was sitting in that same pew last week," she said. "But that was a scary person sitting there, wasn't it?" she asked as eyes widened and mouths dropped around the room.

During the sermon, Rufener shouted out, "Thank you! What a witness you have been to me. How welcome you made me feel in God's home. You shook our hands and welcomed us."

"Our hearts were just warmed. We looked so strange, but you saw what was in our hearts. Thank you for accepting us."

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ble for him to be reelected in November," said Sracic.

He said it will be especially difficult for the congressman to obtain votes from people of Portage and Stark counties, who will have the chance to vote for him for the first time in November.

"This has opened up Valley politics; it looks like [Traficant] is going away. We'll see what someone else has to offer," he said.

Some students disagreed on whether or not they would vote for Traficant in November.

"Whoever would vote for him, especially after the circum-

stances, is so incredibly weak minded and naïve. It's hard to fathom how someone could be so idiotic," said Tim Crowe, sophomore, business management.

John Leach, senior, telecommunication, said he would vote for Traficant again in November because he is pleased with how he represents the area.

"He represents the working-class citizens of Mahoning County," he said. "I would vote for him again because we have something in common; I'm a truck driver's son, also."

Dr. William Binning, professor and chair, political sci-

ence, said he hopes the conviction will be the end of a long story for Youngstown.

"In the short term, it's not positive news, but with all of the indictments these past five years it would be good for the local economy for all of this to end," Binning said.

Students across campus agreed the guilty verdict will not affect YSU, but some were happy to see the trial come to an end.

"It's about time," said Crowe. "The outcome was justifiable, and our legal system did great this time."

Leach said he was sur-

prised by the jury's verdict.

"He was guilty, but I can't believe he got all 10 counts," he said.

"I think justice was finally served, and it showed people to see him guilty on all counts," said Melissa Kmetz, junior, education.

"I think the students here were happy, and it serves as an example to us all. He can't be trusted. He's our congressman and should be a leader in our community."

Michael Balala, Jambar reporter, contributed to this article.

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left behind. The rooms are checked by other roommates, and the RA's go around with a checklist."

Heller said, "[We] have a system to take care of that. In my experience only one or two students have contacted [me], and they have had immediate access to their things."

The project holds numerous environmental advantages of reducing solid waste; Petuch said he hopes to "save trash-handling costs for the university while instilling the "reuse" ethic into students and

the YSU community."

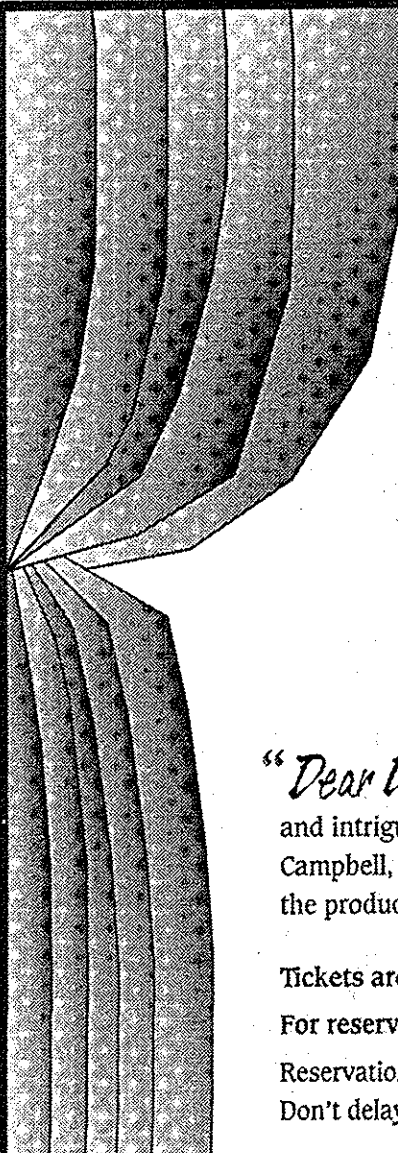
Sperlazza said, "In joining the campaign with Dump and Run, the \$800 price tag of BFI will significantly decrease."

Petuch and Sperlazza urge students to volunteer for the actual move-out from May 9 to 11. Volunteers can work as little as an hour a day or as much as several hours each day.

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Notices:
The Student Social Work Association is selling Spring Basket Raffle tickets to benefit the Donald McLaughlin Foundation Fund. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for an arm's length and are available until April 25 in the Department of Social Work in Room 3030A, Cushman Hall. Tickets will also be on sale between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today in the lobby of Cushman Hall and between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. April 25 in the Presidential Suite, Kilcawley Center. The drawing will be held at 1:45 p.m. in the Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center. For more information contact Salima Dunn at SalimaDunn@aol.com

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Sports & Recreation

Fore!

The YSU men's golf team struggles as its season nears a close.

By DAVE DEVERUEX
Jambar Reporter

The YSU men's golf team's performance this spring has been sub-par. Unfortunately that means most of the scores have been well above.

After an impressive run of three consecutive top seven finishes to close out the fall season, a five-month layoff has resulted in a second half marred by inconsistency.

The Penguins' shaky stretch in March included a team score of 980 at the Florida Gulf Coast Invite and a 923 at the Johnny Owens Invitational in Lexington, K.Y.

Both were 54-hole events, with the Penguins finishing in the 12th and 18th places, respectively.

YSU team captain Jonah Karzmer led the club at the FGCI with a 24th-place finish. Karzmer shot rounds of 81-77-75 en route to a 233 (17 over-par). Senior Brian Newell finished 36th with a 241 (77-87-77), and junior Ryan Harmon placed 46th with a 248 (86-79-83).

At the Johnny Owens Invitational, Harmon was the top YSU performer, finishing 45th after posting a 224 (73-75-76).

In a 36-hole meet at Eastern Kentucky University, the Penguins managed a 13th-place finish after scoring 625 in the team competition. Karzmer, a junior, shot a 153 (77-76), giving the Boardman native a team-best 25th-place finish.

Although several players have occasionally posted low rounds this season, the inability to do so at the same venue creates a legitimate concern heading into the final few weeks of the season.

Head coach Tony Joy said he attributes his team's lack of continuity this spring to uncooperative weather.

"We've been struggling as a team," Joy said, as his club prepared for the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic in Morehead, Ky. "We haven't been able to string together practices; we never got our timing," said Joy.

Recently, at the 36-hole Robert Morris-Duquesne Invitational in Pittsburgh, the

Penguins began showing signs of a possible late-season surge, as the team finished sixth overall after tallying a score of 641.

Sophomore Dan Traeger rode an opening-round 72 to a team-high 149. Traeger finished fourth overall just two strokes off the pace.

Karzmer mentions Traeger as one who has elevated his level of play as of late.

"Dan has been playing real well. Everything is clicking for him right now," he said.

"It's a good group," Karzmer said. "... a fun team that knows when to get serious out on the course."

Joy, in his 18th season as coach, reconfirms the close-knit camaraderie that exists on the team.

"A lot of these players played juniors together, and they came to YSU to play together," said Joy.

Although golf is often considered the most individualized sport, Karzmer says his team balances the mental challenge that lies in playing golf on a college team.

Harmon said the emphasis is still on winning as a team.

"Nobody can help you out there, but you can help the team by knowing when to take chances and knowing when to be conservative for the good of the team," he said.

With three tournaments left on the slate, the Penguins are pursuing a climactic finish, which includes capturing the Horizon League Championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals.

"Right now we just need to keep practicing, and we'll be ready in three weeks," said Karzmer. "If everyone plays their game we'll be competitive," he said.

Joy adds, "Like any sport, you shoot for the conference championship."

"It's a competitive conference, but we have as good a shot as anyone else."

Harmon said the team is focused and looking forward to its upcoming tournament in Morehead.

Harmon said, "This is one of the best fields. It should be a good tune-up to see where we are heading into the final two tournaments."

Following this weekend's Greg Palmer Eagle Classic, the Penguins will play at the Cleveland State Intercollegiate on April 21 through 23 and will prepare for the Horizon League Championships, which are April 28 through 30 in Green Bay, Wis.

Penguin Sportswire

Track/Cross Country

Sophomore Kurt Michaelis and freshman Emily Schmitke both set school records Friday in the 1,500-meter run at the Tennessee Sea Relays, recording times of 3:47.17 and 4:39.05.

The YSU men's and women's track teams will next compete at the Penn Relays, Thursday through Saturday in Philadelphia.

BATTER UP



BJ Lisko / The Jambar



PLAY BALL: Sophomores Amanda Berry (above) and Amber Smith (left) step up to the plate during the first game of their doubleheader Monday against Butler. The Lady Penguins (8-19, 1-3) dropped both games to the Bulldogs by scores of 10-2 and 3-1. YSU will next face Robert Morris on the road at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

YSU baseball hits halfway mark

By JOSEPH SIMON
Jambar Reporter

After a rocky start, the YSU men's baseball team (8-13) is beginning to hit stride. The team started the season 0-4 but has recently begun playing much better baseball.

The resurgence seemed to stem from a vital four-game series against the conference-leading Flames (19-5) of Illinois-Chicago, where the Penguins split a hard-fought series 2-2. The Flames were predicted to win the division, so the split was a great way to start conference play.

"No question about it UIC's a good team, but when we use our brains we can beat those [better] teams," said head coach Mike Florak of the recent split.

Florak didn't cite any physical problems to improve but said he believes the team members need to continue playing with their heads.

"At times we've played well, and at times we haven't played very smart," said Florak. "We just need to grow up."

In the 13 games the Penguins have lost they have committed 28 errors, an average of more than two errors a game. On the other hand, in the eight games won by the webbed footers, they've cut that fig-

ure in half, averaging just more than one error a game.

26 of the 39 errors came in the first part of the season, and the Penguins, with the exception of a five-error catastrophe against UIC, have just eight errors in their last five games.

The team appears to be doing just what Florak wants, "growing up." With 20 of their 24 conference games in the second half of the season, the Penguins seem to be progressing at the right time.

Pitching woes have also hampered the Penguins thus far. In the first nine games of the season they had given up 79 earned runs, nearly nine runs a game.

However, with the help of Florak and assistant coach Dan Stricko, the Penguins have improved significantly. In the last 12 games, the Penguins have given up only 50 earned runs, a mere four runs a game and a five-run handicap to the first half numbers.

Florak said that at the beginning of the year the team set a goal "to get better every day." As recent statistics show, the team is fulfilling its objective.

The only area in which there has been a slight decline is in the batters' box. The Penguins' bats have diminished, to some extent, since their hot start in the beginning of the season.

They started the year out strong, averaging just about five runs a game, but recently have been struggling with just 33 runs in their last 10 games, compared to the 67 tallied by their opponents.

However, Florak said he isn't worried. "Our team has a lot of guts and is full of heart," said Florak. "If we can start to think the game better, the guys will mature quickly, and we'll be fine."

The Penguins' batting leaders are very young, including freshman Tim Stacey and sophomore Kendall Schlabach. Stacey leads the team in three home runs and batting average, .387 (sixth in the Horizon League).

Schlabach leads the team in 14 runs batted in, 26 hits and is second in average at .342 (seventh in the Horizon League).

Florak said the team needs to "play smart baseball" in order to be successful in the second half of the season by pitching better and reducing the amount of errors it commits; the team is beginning to do just that.

With the Penguins sharpening their beaks defensively and on the mound, they are a force to be reckoned with in the Horizon League.

And in just their first year in the league they have a great chance to contend for the conference crown.

Girls & Sports

by Julie Porus and Andrew Feinstein

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