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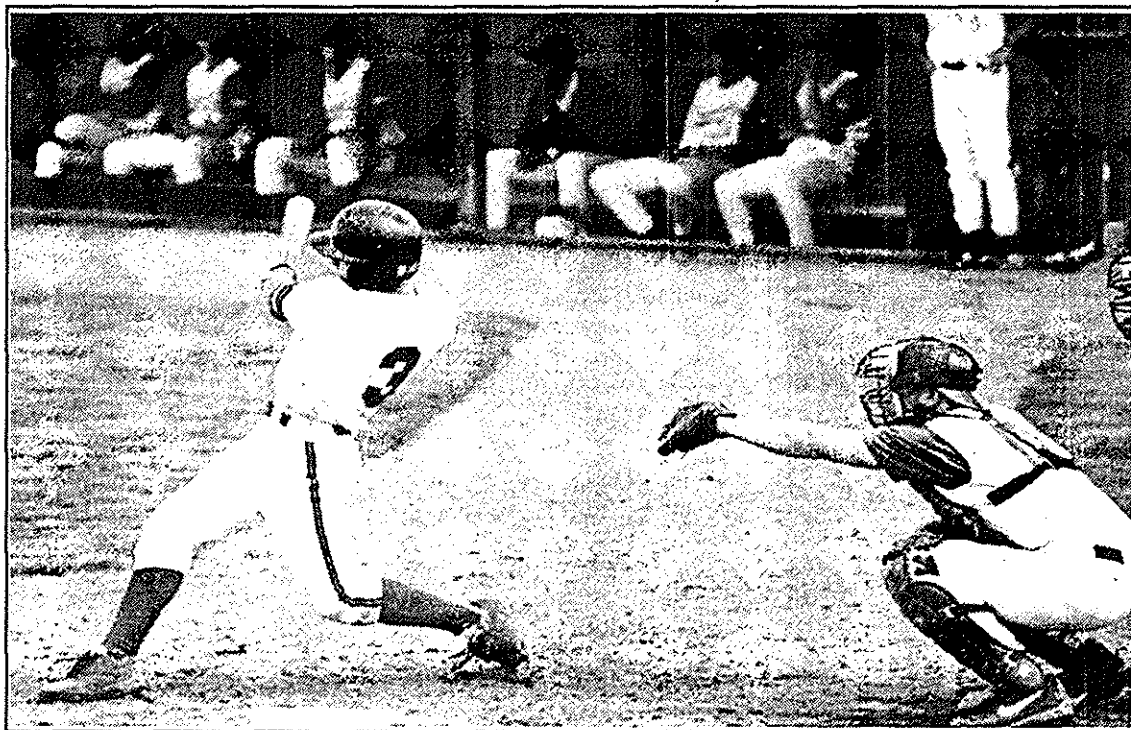
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SWING BATT!: YSU baseball player Sean Wardle (#3) connects for a hit Saturday.

Issue 2 poses threat to YSU

■ The bill's failure could cost YSU 15 percent of its annual budget.

JOE LANDSBERGER
MANAGING EDITOR

When voters decide the fate of Issue 2 May 5, the fate of YSU could hang in the balance.

Officials say Issue 2's failure could result in large financial losses for the university.

"If Issue 2 fails — or if the Ohio Supreme Court determines it's inadequate — you have to expect higher education to take a significant cut," said Dr. David Porter, political science. "It could have an exorbitant impact on every program in the university."

Porter said, if the issue fails, it could cost the university between \$5.5 and \$6 million, forcing cutbacks in various programs.

He said the construction of the new education building, the development of the electronic campus, the campus 2000 project and various other programs could be halted or forced to seek funding in alternative ways.

Porter said, hypothetically, large staff layoffs and tuition hikes are also possible.

Dr. Leslie Cochran, YSU president, said the worst case scenario is a 15-percent cutback to YSU's annual budget.

"I think [the 15-percent cutback] is pure speculation, and it won't happen," Cochran said. "I assume — and most other [university presidents in Ohio] assume — cuts won't be of that magnitude." Cochran said the university

will lose \$250,000 regardless of the results of the May 5 vote. The money will go to help fund public education.

Porter said Issue 2 is meant to fund the restructuring of Ohio's education policies.

The Ohio Supreme Court found Ohio's previous public education structure unconstitutional.

In response, the Ohio government passed a bill restructuring the public education policies. Cochran said the bill allots around \$1 billion extra per annum to Ohio public primary and secondary schools.

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Powell promotes positive programs at Powers

■ Powell outlined five goals to renew a sense of community in America's youth.

TRACIE KNIGHT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

YSU President Dr. Leslie Cochran introduced Colin Powell as "an authentic hero, one of America's most distinguished citizens and America's most popular public figure." Powell, a retired General whose 35-year military career took him from infantry lieutenant to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke in Powers Auditorium Monday as part of the Skeggs Lecture series.

Powell remarked on each of the three phases of his life — soldier, author and his current role as Chairman of America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.

He emphasized the importance of finding a new focus for America. Just as Powell was sure America could end the Cold War by "beating [the Russians] on the field of ideas," he now strives to lead America by showering its children with positive ideas and options.

Powell said, "Now that the Cold War is over, what is our new purpose? We should work on problems at home. There are 15 million young people who don't see an American Dream in their future. That group we have committed ourselves to."

America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth has established a five-part road toward making "kids successful and [getting them to] believe in themselves," said Powell.

"[The five points] will give children a sense of community, keep our children in play and keep them safe," he said. "We have choices — we can build our children or continue to build our jails. And my friends, it is time to stop building jails."

He spoke about five attitudes that contributed to his success that

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Colin's Goals

The goals of America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth include making sure each child has:

1. A responsible, caring, loving adult — a role model such as through Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
2. A safe place to learn and grow. This stages plans to add more boys' and girls' clubs across the country and other after-school programs.
3. A healthy start in life — Medicaid, vaccinations, dental, hearing and eye exams.
4. Access to gaining the marketable skills they need to survive in a rapidly changing economy.
5. A chance to give back to the community. Make service hours mandatory for graduation.

Students respond to rec center proposal

■ Campus official said rec center will promote campus involvement.

TELA DURBIN
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Recreation proposal is on the ballot, now it's up to the students. A mixed bag of responses were gathered when *The Jambar* solicited the campus community.

Donald Dawson, junior, telecommunications, said, "I pretty much think it is a good idea. Students can participate in more things. They can run inside on the indoor tracks in the winter rather than running outside in the cold. It will attract more students to YSU, and a big-indoor facility will make Youngstown a little more known than just as a football university."

Jack Rigney, director of campus recreation and intramural

sports, talked about the proposal.

"I favor the process the students [in the Student Rec Committee] have taken. First going through the policies, processes and Student Government and then deciding to go to referendum is responsible. The [Student Rec Committee] is making sure the students are getting what they expect to get. Getting 700 signatures in a short period of time in support of this proposal is admirable."

Rigney said the Student Rec Committee came to him, and he advised they use the old model administration put together last year. (Student Government tabled that proposal last year, and it never made ballot).

"The proposal has great merit, and it is needed on campus. If you would speak to other universities

you would see that they have rec centers, and they have to pay for it," said Rigney.

Rigney said the students on the committee still need to work out the cost issue.

Dan Johnson, senior, mechanical engineering, said, "I feel no matter what anyone says, they are going to charge an extra fee for tuition, and I am never going to see [the rec center]. I don't think we should have to petition to better the school. We should have a rec center, but [students] shouldn't have to pay for it."

Biljana Drobnyak, junior, hospitality management said, "I work for campus rec, and there are a lot of facilities, and at nighttime no

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Student study reveals YSU binge drinking

ANGELA GIANOGLIO
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Binge drinking is defined as "a drunken spree," according to Webster's New World Dictionary. However, medically binge drinking is defined as five consecutive beers. Thus 44 percent of all college undergraduates can be classified as binge drinkers.

Four YSU graduates, who will graduate from NEUCOM in May, composed a study of binge drinking at YSU. Dan Duzan, Bela Falty, Tom Hembury and Jeff Janda spent four weeks analyzing binge drinking trends and statistics at YSU as part of a senior requirement.

Phase one of the study, which

was completed in February, analyzed YSU for environmental factors that would promote binge drinking — factors such as a 33.3 percent nontraditional and part-time enrollment and a 90 percent commuter enrollment.

Duzan said these factors make it impossible for YSU to be compared to other more traditional universities.

According to the study, these factors put YSU below the national average. However, binge drinking trends such as DUIs and unwanted sexual advancements were higher at YSU.

Jain Savage, counselor and alcohol and drug specialist, provided

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formed education policy by hiking the state-wide sales tax 1 percent.

Half of the money would go to public schools. The other half would provide additional property tax relief throughout the state.

Cochran said if the issue fails the \$1 billion will have to come from current state agencies, including higher education.

"The common wisdom is higher education would be a prime target," said Dr. Tom Porter, economics.

David Porter said the issue could fail.

"Many people have very strong feelings that Issue 2 is grossly inadequate," David Porter said. "There is also anger that higher education is being pitted against K-12."

He said recent polls show a trend against the issue, but the competition is still tight.

"Most people doing polls are calling it a dead heat," he said.

"I don't think Issue 2 is a real good solution to the problem," said Tom Porter. "But the university could be hurt badly if it fails."

Tom Porter said property tax relief often has greater benefit for wealthier property owners.

"I think it's an odd way to finance a system that is supposed to help low income schools," he said.

Cochran stressed the importance of increased funding for public schools.

"Education — especially urban education — is at a real crisis point," Cochran said.

He recently published an article in the *YSU Update* calling for readers to vote yes on Issue 2.

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one uses them. Why get more basketball courts when no one uses the ones we have? If they do decide to have [the rec center], I think it should be paid for by a membership fee. There should be an optional fee to use it."

Rigney said the proposal doesn't call for any more basketball courts.

"It is a viable and workable proposal in regards to the students' needs for a rec center," said Rigney.

Matt Pavone, sophomore, business, said, "I think it's a good idea to free up space. Athletes take up space in Beeghly 90 percent of the time when I can use it — the prime time. [If there is a new rec center] I won't have to worry about athletes."

Vern Synder, vice president of development and community affairs, said he thinks the rec center proposal is a good idea and will promote more campus involvement. He also reminded everyone that the trustees still have to approve the proposal even if the students pass it in the election.

Rigney also said the rec center is not going to happen overnight, and even if passed in May, it will probably take another year to work out the specific language of the proposal.

Powell

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he called "the American Dream stuff," found at the beginning of his book "Colin Powell, An American Journey." The attitudes discussed in his book focus on a

value system that includes a clear distinction between right and wrong with a sense of



shame to keep right and wrong separated and tell youths how to behave; belief in God — we are not here alone; belief in the American Dream — Powell's Jamaican immigrant parents worked hard and expected him to work hard, and they also expected him to get as much education as possible; belief in self and that self respect comes from within; and an absolute belief in America.

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much of the statistical information for the study.

She said 90 percent of vandalism and 80 to 85 percent of acquaintance rape at YSU is related to alcohol.

"Binge drinking is a problem on every college campus," Savage said. "[And] a lot of the underage drinkers do the binge drinking."

Duzan said, "It is very common for universities to assume once alcohol is pushed off campus, it is no longer a problem. Universities have to have a broader reach and assume students have involvement in the community."

In many of the studies conducted at YSU, select student populations such as freshmen, sophomores, full-time and traditional students were over represented while upperclassmen, non-traditional and part-time students were under represented.

In the study, which was phase two of the overall investigation, the NEUCOM seniors organized a survey designed specifically to address YSU's individual enrollment factors. Their result was a questionnaire 75 questions longer than the original national survey.

Now that the information has been compiled, the group intends to make recommendations to YSU about implementing a third phase that will approach the problem with the intent of finding a solution.

"To really address this issue, there must be community leaders involved," Duzan said.

The group's findings indicate there is a binge drinking problem at YSU.

Janda said community leaders, elected officials and university administration need to become involved in a coalition with the goal of creating a campus and community partnership.

Savage said there is a retreat planned for May 27 in the DeBartolo Suite. Community members and campus representatives plan to meet to discuss the binge drinking problem.

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Editorial

Issue 2 will get you coming or going

Despite all the political maneuvering, despite the petty feel-good ads begging us to invest in our children's future, despite the quasi-Nazi tactics Ohio's congress used to get the issue on the floor, despite all the confusion about who will get what and in what quantity, and despite the eerie, over-zealous vigor with which YSU and President Leslie Cochran support the bill. One thing is imperative — Issue 2 must pass.

Issue 2 must pass simply because we'll all be in a lot of trouble if it doesn't.

Cochran published his own endorsement for Issue 2 in the most recent edition of the *YSU Update*. It said if Issue 2 doesn't pass, Ohio's children will suffer. Cochran said in the article to ignore the political agendas at work behind Issue 2 and just pass it. He said to forget that the money will most likely get lost in a great political vortex, and most of Ohio's schools will be no better off after the fact than they were before. After all, "a 'yes' vote is the first step in creating a new future for the youth of Ohio," Cochran said. But that is not why Issue 2 needs to pass.

The commercials seen recently on television stations across the state — the ones with the teacher and four smiling kids wearing second-hand store clothes and looking generally poor — say Issue 2 must pass because that is what's good for children's education. It will be. That is, if you go to the good schools. Youngstown schools will still be decrepit. The buildings will still be crumbling. The teachers will still be taxed with bureaucratic clutter and insufficient resources. The commercials say Ohio will be a better place. But that is not why Issue 2 must pass.

The proponents of Issue 2 say the bill requires only 1 percent extra tax per purchase per patron per store, which isn't that much per person per patron per store. They also say the bill will reduce Ohioan's property taxes as an added benefit. That is just fine. But that is not why Issue 2 must pass.

Issue 2 must pass because the government needs it to pass to save governmental careers, and as a result have loaded it with so much political baggage that, if it doesn't pass, Ohio's education system may never recover. The public schools will get poorer. The universities will get poorer. The government will get poorer. Everyone in Ohio will probably get poorer.

When the Ohio Supreme Court declared the state's education funding system unconstitutional like many other state Supreme Courts before it, Ohio's legislators suddenly had to make up for years of stalling over education reform. They needed a quick fix, so they passed Bill 650, which restructured the system, adding about \$1 billion per year to public schools. But in all the confusion, they forgot the \$1 billion had to come from somewhere. Thus, Issue 2 was born.

Essentially, the Supreme Court decision requires richer districts to share with poorer districts. The catch is, if the voters aren't willing to take responsibility, the government will make them pay anyway. If not from sales tax, it'll come from higher education, roads and highways and every other state-supported agency. State universities could lose up to 15 percent of their annual budgets. Roads, highways and bridges could go without maintenance or repair.

In short, either the taxpayers pay 1 cent per dollar, or they pay indirectly by the slow economic ruin of the state.

So vote for Issue 2, not because we or anyone else told you to, but because you're going to pay for it regardless. Besides, the Supreme Court will probably throw it out anyway.

Staff Commentary

Sometimes fate won't take no for an answer

■ It wasn't until the third ticket passed through my hand that I finally agreed to go hear retired Gen. Colin Powell speak.

ANGELA GIANOGLIO
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

While sitting in class Monday the last thing I expected to get was a ticket to hear Colin Powell speak. But that is exactly what I got when my hand was the first to go up after my professor, Dr. Dale Harrison, said he had an extra ticket.

It didn't occur to me until after I had the ticket in my hand that I had no real desire to go to the lecture. I guess I was among the rest of YSU's apathetic population when it came to the event.

So I gave the ticket to a friend and former teacher of mine, Diane T. Murphy, who was prepared to wait in front of Powers Auditorium holding a sign reading, "I need one ticket," until someone gave her a ticket.

At the time I thought that was the destined reason the coveted ticket fell into my hands. **WRONG!**

Later that night, as I sat in *The Jambar's* office, I was offered another ticket by our Secretary, Emily Cronk. I declined, saying I was too busy when in reality I just wasn't particularly interested.

The final straw came when *Jambar* Editor-in-Chief Tracie Knight strongly suggested I attend the event with her "for the journalistic experience."

I finally gave in and said yes. Maybe I ran out of excuses. Maybe I felt a predestined need to go. Maybe I was just bored. Whatever the reason, I am glad I said yes.

Gen. Powell gave a lecture complete with information, humor, entertainment, human emotion and down-home, apple pie American patriotism.

He reiterated anecdotes from his years in the military and working for three presidents. Each story was told in a way every audience member could relate to.

As he spoke about helping the 15 million children who are deprived a stable environment, or poking fun at Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, or telling about the book signings he endured while on tour for his memoirs, Gen. Powell kept a casual attitude and friendly persona.

Jim Powell, freshman, mechanical engineering, attended the lecture as an usher. He said Gen. Powell made very good points about helping the future of America.

"America is based on the youth, and we should concentrate on them. They will be the leaders of tomorrow," Jim Powell said, paraphrasing Gen. Powell's opinion.

As I sat in my far-left, second row seat, I counted my blessings fate did not give up on me.

I enjoyed the lecture as much as any Oscar-winning movie or championship pro sports event. It became clear to me why so many people like and respect Gen. Powell, both as a military leader and a person.

The audience was proud to be at a lecture by one of the United States' most respected military leaders. I was happy to listen to the stories of one of the United States' most likable men.

So the next time fate decides to drop me a subtle hint, I will be sure to take it without too much of an argument and appreciate the opportunity to experience an event that I just might have sadly missed out on.

Letters to the Editor

Political science majors felt snubbed by Cochran's intro to Colin Powell

Monday, during the Question and Answer portion of Colin Powell's lecture at Powers Auditorium, approximately 21 students were escorted backstage for a small "group session" with the retired general. I was fortunate enough to be part of that group, and I thank the organizers for allowing us to speak with Colin Powell in such an informal manner.

I was, however, disappointed with President Cochran's introduction of the group. Although the group was an even mix of political science students and honors students, it was collectively referred to as "members of the Honors Program here at YSU with exceptionally high GPAs."

As a non-honors participant attending with the political science department, I noticed the discrepancy and assumed our introduction would follow. It didn't. The honors' advisor was introduced, ours was ignored.

Ironically, 100 percent of the dialogue took place without one honors student participating. Every comment and question came from a political science major while the honors students sat silent.

Powell probably left Youngstown with a great impression of YSU's Honors Program. If that was the intention, Cochran accomplished his goal. It's too bad the political science students were left feeling used in the process.

Nancy Evans, senior, political science

Monday evening I had the pleasure of attending Colin Powell's speech. After his speech, 15 students including myself along with Dr. Nate Ritchey, director, University Scholars and Dr. Paul Sracic, political science, were invited backstage to meet and ask questions of Gen. Powell. Our gracious President Cochran chose only to introduce Dr. Ritchey and the students of the University Honors program. So what is wrong with this picture?

Only six of the 15 students were members of the University Scholars Program. The rest of us were chosen from the general student body. Remember us Dr. Cochran? We are the ones paying for your salary, housing and other generous perks you receive. Of the students asking Powell questions, none were University Scholars. Maybe if Dr. Cochran promoted the accomplishments of the general student population as much as he promotes the football, basketball teams and University Scholars, his goal of Campus 2000 (only 2,000 students) might not come true.

Until this administration realizes who the core constituency of YSU is, enrollment will continue to decline.

Edward Peachey, senior, political science

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YSU Theater rings in quarter with wedding bells in Spotlight

Seth Kenney
Contributing Writer

YSU Theater will stage its latest play, "The Marriage of Bette and Boo," 8 p.m. tonight in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater.

The play's director, Dr. Frank Castronovo, theater, is no stranger to play production. He is the head of YSU's theater department and has directed more than 100 plays. Castronovo said more than 25 people auditioned for the 10-role play and several factors were involved while choosing the actors.

"Most of it's a gut feeling," he said. "You just know what people will fit these roles."

Castronovo said this play, written by Christopher Durang, is a black comedy. He said it deals with such issues as alcoholism, stillbirths and abuse.

"It'll really leave the audience off balance," he said. "It's a very serious play; yet it'll make you laugh."

Two of the actors, John LaGuardia, sophomore, theater and Ryan Powers, senior, theater, shared their thoughts on the play. LaGuardia plays the part of Matt, the son of Bette and Boo. He also narrates the play.

LaGuardia said his role in the play was the most challenging of all the roles he's played. He tried out for this role because he has never done a Christopher Durang play

before.

"It's a very deep character," he said. "I practically had to read an entire novel [by Durang] so I could understand my character."

LaGuardia said he enjoys Durang's style of making serious things look funny.

"The audience will be able to relate to this play," he said. "It's just like real life."

This is LaGuardia's 10th play at YSU. Powers plays Boo's father, Carl. He described his character as a "male chauvinist pig." He said his character is also an ill-tempered alcoholic.

"It was easy for me to memorize my lines because it's so natural to real life," he said.

Powers said he had never performed in Spotlight Arena Theater, which is one of the reasons he auditioned for this role.

"I like how Spotlight brings you closer to the audience," he said. "It makes the audience feel more involved in the play."

This is Powers' seventh play at YSU.

Castronovo offered a little advice to anyone interested in auditioning for university plays. "Go for it," he said. "If you get rejected, try again."

"Acting is a business where a one-out-of-25 success rate is good," he said. "If you can't handle rejection, don't get involved in theater."



CHAD HOLDEN, THE JAMBAR

GETTING MARRIED: (from left to right) Todd Krispinsky, senior, theater, Tracy Schuler, senior, theater and (top) Brian Douglas, sophomore, theater star in "The Marriage of Bette and Boo." The play opens 8 p.m. tonight in the Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall. Call 742-3105 for ticket information.

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Dangers arise in backstage theater work

Patricia Rolland
Contributing Writer

In YSU's theater department, the technical staff of stage developments has to stay on top of things to avoid any dangerous situations. Professors and students who work behind the scenes shared their thoughts on backstage hazards.

John Murphy, assistant professor, theater said, "The most dangerous thing behind the scene is human error."

Murphy talked about the shop where students build props. He said, "There are a lot of things that can hurt you, like saws and stuff like that. About three years ago a student used a radial arm saw. He skinned his knuckle and got a good shave. He was hurt, but it could have been worse."

Gregory Clepper, theater technical director, remembered close call in Ford Theater.

"I had scenery in various stages of being finished. It was hung, but it was not capable of moving. I had not com-

pleted work on it and during rehearsal the actors tried to move scenery that wasn't ready to move," Clepper said. "It actually came loose from the pipe and crashed to the ground and put a big hole in the floor. We were lucky no one got hurt."

Murphy had his own tale to tell about the dangers of moving scenery.

"The rigging system to move scenery — if it's not done properly Dr. [Frank] Castronovo described it as, 'Life in the bottom of an elevator pit.' It's dangerous to the people on stage," he said.

Clepper added, "In Ford Theater we fly a lot of scenery. We have 25 pipes we can fly our scenery on, and a lot of times the scenery is in excess of a 1,000 pounds of weight that are flying over peoples' heads. It takes time and planning to hang it and make it safe."

However, Clepper said the performances in Spotlight Theater are easier. The next performance is set up

arena style.

"We have a water leak that occurs every time the ground gets saturated. If it rains [during] the days of 'The Marriage of Bette and Boo,' we will have to close [the back] section off from the audience sitting there," he said.

Lydia E. Wickizer, junior, theater and a technical assistant said, "The Spotlight Theater needs a lot of renovation. There are about 76 different instruments hung overhead for ['The Marriage of Bette and Boo']. There are only 36 circuit setups, and we had to add a second board — a traveling board to add more circuits," said Wickizer.

She added this will cause a lot of work for the lightboard operators as they unplug one circuit to plug into another.

To avoid problems and accidents, both Murphy and Clepper said they take the time to teach student workers and they plan ahead.

“The most dangerous thing behind the scene is human error.”

John Murphy

Assistant professor,
theater



Rising costs of movie tickets not likely to cease

Matthew Leicht
Contributing Writer

By now movie theaters should have roller coasters in them. For the amount of money the average moviegoer pays for a ticket these days, there should be some extra perks. The movie usually isn't one of these perks, either.

Locally ticket prices are in the \$7 range for first-run feature films. In New York City and Chicago, tickets are as much as \$8 for matinees. So why do movie tickets seem so expensive?

Surprisingly the movie studios have no effect on ticket prices. Phil

Zacheretti, vice president of marketing with Regal Cinemas, said in a telephone interview, "The studios will take 80 to 90 percent of ticket sales during the opening weeks of a movie, since this is when most of the money is made. We make up for it through the concessions. After the first couple of weeks, the percentage levels off to about 55 [percent]."

The increases in ticket prices "are a natural thing," said Zacheretti. Regal Cinemas—which locally owns Cinema South in Boardman and the Boulevard Centre in Niles, among others—decide ticket prices annually. The process goes market-by-market, and prices will generally be increased anywhere from 25 cents to 50 cents once or twice a year depending on

the market. "The price reflects the cost of living going up. As the minimum wage increases, the work force becomes more expensive," said Zacheretti.

This is the reason for ticket prices changing from community to community. Theaters spend considerably more to operate in a metropolis as opposed to a small suburb.

Discount theaters show second-run movies for \$2. They are able to do so because, by this time, the studio only takes a percentage of 40 or 45. Randy Sharp of Austintown Cinemas (a discount theater owned by Regal Cinemas)

said, "After [the movies] make their way through the first-run theaters, they come to us."

Discount theaters are becoming more popular, especially with younger audiences. A discount cinema will typically feature films after their fourth or fifth week of release.

When you put down your \$6 the next time you see "Titanic," don't blame the \$200-million-plus budget. Studios may make the most from ticket sales, but they are not the ones dictating the price increases. No, the little extra you give every year is to help redecorate that mall cleverly disguised as a movie theater.

"The price reflects the cost of living going up"

Phil Zacheretti
Regal Cinemas

On Screen

Mike Hurayt
Contributing Writer

Major League Back to the Minors



When "Major League" came out it was highly popular, especially in Northeast Ohio since it was about a fledgling baseball franchise known as the Cleveland Indians. The Indians were bad in the movie and worse in real life at the time, so it was something of a pipe dream come true when the movie Indians won their division. Most watchers probably snickered at the idea of a Cleveland baseball team being good or even decent, but years later the movie has proved to be prophetic.

The "Major League" movie franchise has proven to be a decent moneymaker. So naturally, complying with Hollywood's rule book that says sequels will be made until they start losing money, yet another sequel is pitched to us.

This time the Indians are nowhere to be seen since it's not acceptable to poke fun at a winning team. Now we get the Buzz—the minor league team of the Minnesota Twins. The team offers more stupid shenanigans, hopeless misfits posing as players and jokes that have about as much life as a 77-year-old pitcher.

Scott Bakula ("Quantum Leap") is an aging hurler who's got less life in his pitches than a ca-

daver. Given an offer to become a minor league manager by the Twins' owner, (Corbin Bernsen) he jumps on it only to find out the Buzz is a batch of losers with personalities that could make the guests on "The Jerry Springer Show" look mild.

With squinting eyes and a calm demeanor he whips the Buzz into a decent team. With the help of a few ex-movie Indians players such as Cerrano and Taka, (obviously desperate to work in anything) they gain the respect of the minor league. In a publicity stunt, they play against the pathetic major league Twins for Minnesotan supremacy. The game ends suspiciously, but they'll meet again.

I loved the first "Major League." I remember getting physically sick while watching the sequel, and when I heard a third was being filmed I figured why bother? It's not funny to make cracks about a winning team and where else could the series go? So now they pick on another down-in-the-dumps team.

The idea of the little guys versus the big guys does work for this movie, although it's hardly a new idea—remember "Hoosiers?"—and most of the jokes are of the slap-forehead-and-groan variety although a few might make you laugh. Bakula is decent, and Bob Uecker and the Twins' manager are funny, but the rest of the cast overacts severely. Someone is bound to lose an Actor's Guild membership from this.

If you like sports it might be worth a look, but if you're looking for cool baseball footage matched with real jokes, stick to "Sportscenter" on ESPN.

On Disc

Joseph J. Poschner
Contributing Writer

Van Halen III



This is not the Van Halen we knew growing up with David Lee Roth on lead vocals. It's not even the Van Halen we knew with Sammy Hagar on lead vocals.

Now Van Halen has a new singer—Gary Cherone, formerly of Extreme—along with a new album, III.

While Cherone's vocals cannot be compared to those of Roth or Hagar, his voice adds enthusiasm to this album. As usual, Eddie Van Halen plays the guitar with speed and grace as he has on all of the band's prior albums. He is one of the best guitarists of this generation, and he definitely displays it on this album, both in the harder songs and the softer ones.

As on prior albums, Eddie's brother, Alex, sits behind his drum set and performs each song with precision, and bassist Michael Anthony does an excellent job of bringing out the bass—which is usually hard to hear—so fans hear all aspects of the music.

Once fans get used to Cherone's voice, this album will please everyone just like the band's prior albums have done. Van Halen fans should definitely check this album out, and any rock fans should check it out as well.

Mike Bunch
Contributing Writer

Iron Maiden Virtual XI



Run to the hills, Eddie and the boys from Iron Maiden have called upon the number of the beast again to bring the world another spell-binding album of fantastic tales and metal magic called *Virtual XI*. *Virtual XI* sets Maiden apart from its mid-'90s slump in the form of *The X Factor*. That album was downright depressing and awful. Too long and boring to listen to repeatedly, it seemed like an album from a band that was on its way out.

Maiden is now millions of miles away from its small '80s successes in the United States. Even with bands like the Deftones and Metallica praising Maiden for its influential early work, the interest in Maiden's crafty hooks is prob-

ably at an all time low in the mixed up late '90s.

Nevertheless the machine rolls on. *Virtual XI* is the album of the future. Not the future of music mind you, but the whole concept of the album's lyrics revolves around computers, science fiction and what the world will become. Definitely a far cry from Maiden's preoccupation with old war stories.

Musically it's the same old Maiden. The guitar solos ring quite fresh, and Steven Harris' bass booms with new life. The album isn't too long either—it clocks in at just under an hour, so you won't be saying to yourself, "When is the next track already?" The songs ring true in the old Maiden tradition of catchy lyric hooks as in the songs "Futureal" and "When Two Worlds Collide."

Blaze Bayley's voice has improved since *The X Factor*, but he still lacks the charisma Bruce Dickinson had. As far as this album being on par with today's hard-edge metal, it's not even in that league. The album grooves quite well and is not hard on the ears. It's one of the those albums that can take you away to another world.

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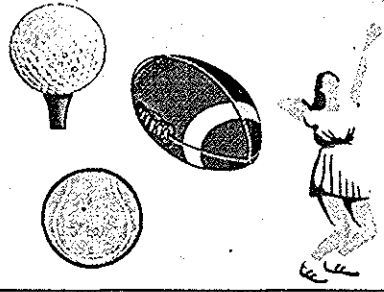
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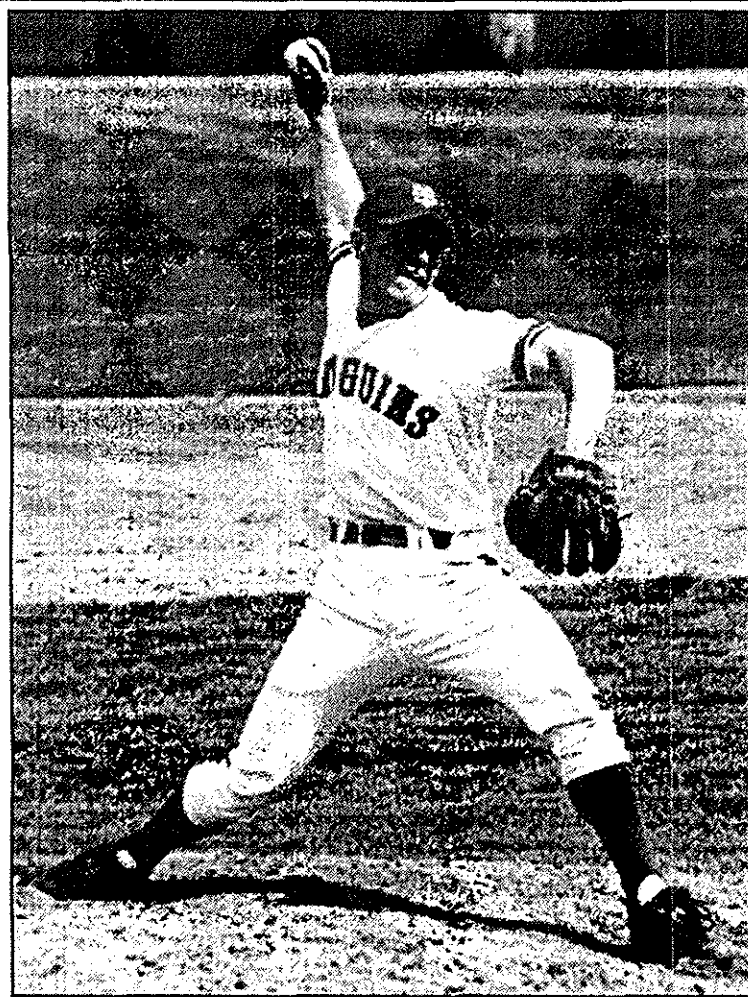
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Sports



Men charge ahead at YSU Invite



DAVE LONG, THE JAMBAR

READY, AIM, FIRE! Senior John Scudder gets ready to release a pitch during the Penguins' win over Duquesne.

Baseball team extends winning streak to five

JAMIE LYNN REESH
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's baseball team extended its winning streak to five games as it belted 25 hits in their two wins over Duquesne, 11-7, 10-5 Tuesday.

The Penguins got out to a 2-1 lead by the third inning, then blasted a seven-run inning in the fifth. Two runs in the sixth were enough to hold on for the 11-7 win.

Freshman Steve Mefferd went a perfect 2 for 2, while scoring two runs and batting in three RBIs. Senior Ray Farcas batted 2 for 3, crossing the plate once and driving two runs in.

Senior Dan Salomone hit 2 for 4, clobbering a home run and hitting in two RBIs. Senior Chad Shultz went 2 for 5, bringing in two Penguin batters and scoring a run.

Senior John Scudder picked up

the win on the mound, pitching 5.2 innings, dusting six batters and walking three.

YSU continued its success at the plate with 10 hits in the 10-5 victory over Duquesne.

Freshman Todd Santor batted 3 for 3, while scoring twice, and sophomore Andy Clough cracked a home run and batted 3 for 4. Clough drove in five RBIs and crossed home plate twice himself.

Farcas hit in two RBIs and scored a run, while going 1 for 4. Shultz and sophomore Eric Jones each scored two runs.

Seniors Brad Habuda and Barry Dagget pitched for the Penguins, with Habuda getting his first win of the season. He tossed for 4.2 innings, striking out five of his 23 batters faced. Dagget sat down three of the nine batters he faced.

YSU moves to 11-25 and will face the University of California Pa. today at 3 p.m.

Men's golf team ties for fourth at Xavier

CINCINNATI — Bill Lowry fired 145 to finish in a tie for fourth place as the YSU men's golf team placed third at the Kroger Xavier Invitational Monday.

YSU finished with 593 total strokes, while Xavier won the meet with 578 and Purdue was second at 583.

Lowry fired 73 on the first 18 holes and 72 on the back to finish just two strokes out of third place. Walter Keating played well, shooting 146 to place in a tie for eighth, including a 70 on the second round of 18 holes. Jesse Wilkin tied for 19th when he shot 149 and Patrick Clememte tied for 26th with 151.

YSU will compete at the Mid-Continent Conference Golf Championships Monday at Oral Roberts. Last season the Penguins finished second behind Troy State.

Softball streak snapped

JAMIE LYNN REESH
SPORTS EDITOR

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — The Lady Penguins' softball team had its winning streak snapped by Central Connecticut, 2-1 Saturday, but turned things around with a 4-0 win in the second game of the doubleheader.

Junior Tammi Schmalenberger was the lone scorer for the Red and White, while hitting 2 for 3. Freshman Mistine Hamilton went 2 for 3 and batted in one RBI.

Senior Michelle Gongwer pitched six innings for the Lady Penguins, giving up two runs and striking out three.

In the second game the Lady Penguins went to work, as did junior Melanie Pangallo on the mound. She tossed seven innings, giving up only three hits.

Schmalenberger belted two of her four trips to the plate, while scoring a run and knocking on two RBIs.

Sophomore Holly Royal went 3 for 4, scoring and batting in a run. Junior Kris Johnson scored two runs for the Lady Penguins.

Back at home Monday, YSU split a doubleheader with Cleveland State, falling 2-1 in the first game and crushing Cleveland 7-1 in the closer.

"We should have won both games, we were off with our hitting in the first game," said Head Coach Julie Croft. "We came back and hit in the second game."

Royal was the Lady Penguins lone run scored, while batting 1 for 3. Senior Chris Notareschi hit in an RBI.

Gongwer topped the mound, facing 27 batters and striking out four.

The Lady Penguins blasted a six-run inning in the fourth inning to take a 7-1 win in the second game.

Schmalenberger led the way with two runs scored, while going 1 for 4. Royal connected on two of her four trips to the plate, scoring a run and batting two in.

Sophomore Rachel Zehnder was a perfect 2 for 2, while scoring a run.

Pangallo went the distance, giving up seven hits in 29 batters faced.

Traveling to Columbus, the Lady Penguins were handed two losses from the Buckeyes, 8-0, 6-4.

"We did hit well, we didn't get hits when we had runners on base," said Croft.

The Red and White registered only three hits in the opener, courtesy of Royal, Hamilton and junior Chris Maynard, who each went 1 for 2.

Gongwer pitched four innings, dropping her record to 8-11.

YSU attempted a comeback in the sixth inning, scoring four runs, but it was not enough to surpass the Buckeyes.

Notareschi went 3 for 4, batting in an RBI, while Hamilton hit 2 for 3 and crossed the plate once.

Schmalenberger, Royal and Banfield each scored for the Lady Penguins.

"We are really starting to come on," said Croft. "We'll be fine."

The women stand at 15-22, and will play at home Friday against Northeastern Illinois at 3 p.m.

Signed Letters of Intent

Men's basketball
Albert Crockett of New Mexico Junior College

Rickie McClanahan of Allan Hancock Junior College

Women's basketball
Angela Burnham of Akron Central-Hower High School

Women's golf
Stephanie Matesek of Boardman High School

Penguins place at YSU Invitational

YSU sophomore Christian Hattow won three events at the YSU Outdoor Track and Field Invitational Saturday at the YSU track.

Hattow won the long jump and the triple jump with leaps of 20-foot 4-inches and 42-foot 2-inches, respectively, while his time of 11.50 in the 100-meter dash gave him top honors.

Sophomore Dave Purins had an outstanding day, winning the 200-meter and 400-meter runs in 22.57 and 49.99, respectively, while Mike Stanton won the discus with a throw of 133-foot 6-inches and the shot put with a toss of 46-foot 10-inches.

On the women's side, sophomore Suzy Thompson was victorious in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.15, and finished second in the 400-meter run in 1:00.41, behind teammate Jennifer Rizer, who won the event in 58.57.

YSU will run again at the Penn Relays National Invitational starting Thursday.



DAVE LONG, THE JAMBAR

LEAP FROG: A Lady Penguin prepares to land during the long jump at the YSU Invitational Saturday.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Spanish Club full-membership meeting at 9 a.m. in DeBartolo room 505. Plan activities for remainder of academic year. For more information call 480-6190.

LGBT meeting from 1 p.m. - 1:30

p.m. in Kilcawley Cardinal room.

FRIDAY

Alpha X Delta Sorority X.Man competition at 7 p.m. in Kilcawley Pub. Philanthropy to raise money for Tri-County Autism Society children. For more information call Sabrina Schroeder at 534-1297.

TUESDAY

Sponsored by the Williamson College of Business, Guest speaker: Dr. Peter Titlebaum - The Sports Industry. Williamson Hall, Cafaro Suite from 11 a.m. - noon, noon - 2 p.m.

and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Topic: Sports Industry, Where are the jobs, and how do I get mine? Appeared on Good Morning America.

Youngstown Student Education Association will hold elections for the 1998-99 year. All members are asked to attend this meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Media room of the Curriculum Resource Center in the basement of Fedor Hall. Persons interested in joining for the 1998-99 year are welcome to stop by the CRC anytime to get on our mailing list.

MAY 1

YSU Psychology Club meeting at 1 p.m. in DeBartolo Psy. dept. Conference room. Club meeting open to public.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Special Education Program is offering a practicum for IEP students with learning disabilities between ages 6 and 14 during the spring quarter. The program is free of charge to parents and it is held two nights a week at the university. Anyone interested should contact Patricia Miller at (330) 742-3251.

Job Opportunities in Student Publications

The Jambar ■ The Penguin Review

The Student Publications Committee is seeking interested students to apply for positions on the student publications (*Jambar*, *Penguin Review*). The positions are open to all full-time YSU students who are in good academic standing as of Spring 1998. Most positions are paid a quarterly stipend. Additional information about the positions, and application forms can be obtained at the Office of Student Life in Kilcawley Center or the *Jambar* office in Kilcawley West. Applications will be accepted no later than May 1, 1998 at 5 p.m. The positions available are described below.

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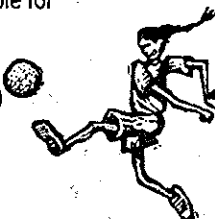
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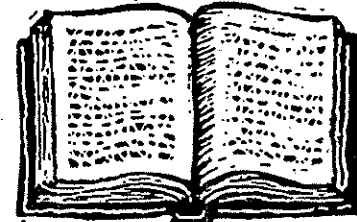
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*Stipends are based on 1997-1998 tuition figures.



Applications are available at The Office of Student Life, Room 2100, Kilcawley Center and at The Jambar Office, Kilcawley West. **Deadline to Apply is Friday, May 1, 1998** Applications must be returned to the Office of Student Life, Room 2100, Kilcawley Center.

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