

STRESSING A POINT—Erich Von Daniken addressed a full house Mon. April 23. Reportedly, three-fourths of the audience left before the end of his presentation. (Photo by Toni DiSalvo)

## Ancient Astronauts

### Author defends Creation theory

by Karen Kastner

"In pre-historic and early historic times the earth was visited by unknown beings. These visits were recorded and handed down in myths, legends and holy books."

Thus began Erich Von Daniken's presentation, Monday evening, April 23, in the Chestnut Room, Kilcawley ancient astronauts, whom he said, "created human intelligence after their own image." Von Daniken is the author of numerous books, the most famous being *Chariot of the Gods*.

Chairs had to be set up in the Brief-Eater to accommodate the audience attending the speech; second of the Special Lecture Series sponsored by the Kilcawley

Center Program Board. However, only about one-tenth stayed for the question and answer period following the lecture.

Dr. Warren Young, physics and astronomy, said Von Daniken is a former hotel manager, and has the equivalent of a high school education. Young added it is important to listen to Von Daniken's case for ancient astronauts, as well as critics' cases against the theory. According to Young, critics say Von Daniken ignores the discipline of archeology and attributes everything he doesn't understand to ancient astronomers.

Von Daniken's evidence for the visits from aliens began with two examples he feels are most often misunderstood and disputed. The examples concern the Plain of Nazca and the Great Stone of Palanqua, both in South America.

The Plain Nazca, in Peru, has been the subject of many archeological theories, which Von Daniken questions. From an aerial view, the plain appears to be an ancient airfield with gigantic animal figures that have been

worn into the ground.

The lines of these animal figures are a few inches in width, but are extremely large, Von Daniken explained. His critics claim the figures are only a few inches long.

The Great Stone of Palanqua, located in Central America, is a slab covering an ancient burial tomb. The stone is covered with Mayan hieroglyphics.

Archeologists perceive one of the carvings on the stone to be a depiction of "a Mayan priest falling into the mouth of a mythological monster." This theory is disputed by Von Daniken, who said, "This is a typical example of how things in archeology sometimes are explained in a reasonable way...and no one has the courage to attack it (the theory)."

According to Von Daniken, the "Mayan King" Maybe an ancient astronaut at the controls of a propulsion vehicle.

Von Daniken, in illustrating his statement that alien visits are recorded and handed down, pointed out two examples in the

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## Committee seeks accreditation for YSU's School of Business

by Anna Angeliadis

"We have really progressed in making great strides towards accreditation," stated Dr. Frank Seibold, acting dean of the School of Business.

Throughout their existence, YSU's undergraduate and graduate Schools of Business have never been accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

According to Seibold, several department chairmen requested this agency to inspect the School

of Business a year and a half ago.

The AACSB did not grant accreditation, however, mainly because, "We did not have enough faculty members with terminal degrees or doctorates," Seibold explained.

In order to become accredited, Seibold continued, the school must employ more full time professors and cut down the number of staff members on limited service.

"Currently, 20 per cent of our faculty members are on a part-time basis," Seibold noted.

"We have increased the number of terminally qualified in all departments," he added.

Employing individuals with doctorate degrees brings on a financial burden, however, Seibold stated.

Along with the extra cost that comes with hiring fulltime professors, the School of Business also faces a "candidate problem." Seibold stressed the difficulty each department encountered finding teachers with terminal degrees in business.

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## Macro-engineering is topic

### Past and future projects discussed

by Diana Cicchillo

"Man is an engineering animal," stated Frank Davidson, professor at MIT's Sloan School of Management, described by his colleagues as a "foremost authority in the world on macro-engineering."

Macro-engineering, defined as engineering on a large scale, was the topic of Davidson's speech given at noon last Tuesday to an audience of approximately 75 in Schwebel Auditorium. His appearance was sponsored by the School of Business Administration and the School of Engineering.

"Major engineering enterprises were necessary for the first cities," said Davidson, giving credit to the world's first macro-engineers for the development of civilization. He further stated,

"Civilization would not have come into existence without it (macro-engineering)."

Davidson explained, "Stonehenge is certainly macro." He also included the early walls and fortification system of Jericho as examples of early macro-engineering projects. Roman aqueducts, the London Bridge, and the Chinese river canals were also among the long list of the first macro-engineering projects.

"Not all great ideas are destined to succeed," explained Davidson. A "one-rail" railway as opposed to the conventional two-rail method now employed was Davidson's example of a "perfectly good idea that never caught on."

Davidson spoke of "the wildest

macro-engineering project" being a connection of England and France by way of a railway laid directly on the sea bed. The train would be above water by the use of long stilts.

Two other possible land-sea connections were mentioned by Davidson. The first he described was a connection between Europe and Africa. A bridge connecting Spain and Morocco is a possible future macro-engineering project.

The second land-sea connection Davidson spoke of would be between Sicily and the mainland of Italy. "I would watch for the Italy, Sicily bridge in the next decade or two," stated Davidson.

A subway across the U.S. which would connect all the

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## Lecture series continues; Manchester set to speak

Author William Manchester once suggested to President John F. Kennedy that he was a generational chauvinist. Kennedy laughed and said, "You're another." The author admitted it.

Author of *The Glory and the Dream*, *The Arms of Krupp*, and *The Death of a President*, Manchester is scheduled to lecture at 8:30 p.m., Monday, April 30, in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. Manchester is the third speaker in YSU's spring Special Lecture Series.

In 1932, when the narrative of *The Glory and the Dream* opened, Manchester was ten years old and an avid reader of newspapers. He has had exceptional opportunities to observe history as it has been made during his generation.

The son of a Massachusetts social worker, he saw the sufferings of the Great Depression firsthand. At the age of 14, when Franklin Roosevelt ran for reelection in 1936, Manchester was a volunteer at Democratic headquarters in Springfield, Massachusetts. Following the World War II bombing at Pearl Harbor, he joined the Marine

Corps and was severely wounded on Okinawa.

Discharged as totally disabled, Manchester recovered in graduate school, where he wrote his dissertation on the literary criticism of H. L. Mencken. His first book, a biography of Mencken entitled *Disturber of the Peace*, was written when he was 27 and was an instant critical success.

As a correspondent for the *Baltimore Sun*, and later as a

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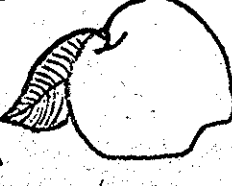


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## Teachers may strike this June; committee formed in preparation

by Chris Pruitt  
For the first time in YSU history there may be a possible teachers strike if no salary agreements are made by June 14. Dr. David Robinson, assistant professor, speech communications and theatre, has appointed an Ad Hoc Strike Committee that would "lay specific plans, to coordinate communications, set up and design communications networks in case of a strike."

The strike committee would also "set itself to the task of designing an organizational structure that would enable us (YSU OEA) to engage in a successful strike," said Robinson.

Out of approximately 402 teachers on the YSU Campus, 336 of them belong to the YSU-OEA, although all 402 teachers benefit from the associations (YSU OEA) negotiations. The purpose of the YSU-OEA is to permit the teachers to bargain collectively instead of individually for such things as wage increases, work load, and promotions.

The YSU-OEA is affiliated with the Ohio State Education Association, which is an affiliate of the national OEA. The extent of their affiliation is "such that we get a lot of services from the state and national organizations and they get a lot of advice from us," stated Robinson.

A salary reopener makes it possible for the YSU-OEA to

bargain for their salaries for the next two years, even though they have a four year agreement. The existing agreement presently has a no strike or no lock out clause that prevents the teachers from going on strike before June 14.

Robinson has the authority to appoint ad-hoc committees such as the strike committee. There also has been a Collective Bargaining Advisory Committee formed to study such things as inflation rates, consumer price

indexes and pay scales at similar institutions.

This committee makes it possible for the associations negotiating teams to know what their needs are and what the faculty will accept when they are negotiating wage increases and other benefits.

These committees give the membership valuable information which decreases the risks of the negotiating team and help make relations run smoothly.



**STRIKE COMMITTEE**—Dr. David Robinson, assistant professor, speech communications and theater appointed an Ad Hoc Strike Committee to lay specific plans to coordinate communications, set up and design communications networks in case of a strike by YSU OEA members. (Photo by Jay Borck)

**Community Forum**  
Today is the last day for registration for the Community Forum on Education, sponsored by the YSU Department of Continuing Education. The forum which features Arthur E. Levine as keynote speaker, will be held Saturday, May 5 on the YSU campus at 8:30 a.m. Fee for the forum is \$7.50.

### Accreditation

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The graduate school is presently "very close" to meeting the qualifications set by the AACSB, since the majority of its faculty members have doctorate degrees. But, according to AACSB policy, a graduate

school cannot be awarded accreditation until the undergraduate school is approved, Seibold said.

Faculty members have organized a committee to gain this approval. "When we feel

ready for another inspection," Seibold explained, the AACSB will be asked to make a visit to the school.

"With full speed ahead," he added, "we should be ready in another year and a half."

When the goal is finally reached, Seibold hopes students enrolled in the School of Business will benefit from accreditation. He commented that one of the obligations of the School of Business is to serve students in terms of quality education.

The fact that the School of Business is not accredited does not influence this quality education, Seibold stressed. Nor has it caused any difficulty for graduates to find jobs, he added.

"I have never heard of any company that has made an issue of this. We have been very fortunate that local firms hire more YSU graduates than graduates from any other school in the area," he stated.

### Projects

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large cities was another future macro-engineering project discussed by Davidson. He spoke of a connection between New York City and Los Angeles which would move faster than hypersonic flight and take a total of 21 minutes.

An understanding of the politics of business along with engineering knowledge were described by Davidson as prerequisites for the macro-engineering. He stated, "There is no direct way for engineering students to get into the act." Davidson suggested that interested students try to get summer jobs with the U. S. Corps of Engineering,

### Manchester

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magazine writer, he has held a front-row seat for the key events of our time since the late 1940's. For many years, he has also been a member of the Wesleyan University community as a teacher and a Fellow of the University.

Manchester's books have been translated into seventeen languages and braille. His latest work, published September 1978, is entitled *American Caesar* and concerns U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur.

For more information on the YSU Lecture Series appearance of Manchester contact the YSU Alumni Office, (216) 742-3496.

# campus shorts

## A PLACE

From her own background of receiving her degree as a "non-traditional" student, Ms. Stevana Wilson, R.N., B.A. of YSU Health Service will speak at 12 noon, on Tuesday, May 1, at First Christian Church, Corner of Wick and Spring. Her topic will be "Fulfill Thyself... Now is the Appointed Time."

A PLACE, primarily for older, returning students, welcomes all students to its Tuesday speaker series, with coffee and tea for those who may wish to "brown bag" it. The series, and A PLACE, is sponsored by Cooperative Campus Ministry, 743-0439.

## Board of Trustees

The YSU Board of Trustees has scheduled its next regular meeting for 9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28, in the Tod Administration Building.

## Workshop on "Grantsmanship"

The department of continuing education and the Grantsmanship Institute are presenting a repeat offering of a workshop on "grantsmanship." The three-day workshop is set for May 7-9, and is designed to encompass a broad spectrum of the grant process. Registration deadline is April 27. Those eligible to attend and

benefit from the seminar range from experienced grantsmen to those seeking grants for the first time. Participants will receive help in identifying specific guidelines in grant preparation, organizational needs, funding sources, as well as receiving assistance in developing new programs.

The seminar leader will be Dr. Edward D. Leary, author of "Systems Design to Grantsmanship" and a former State Deputy Commissioner of Education.

A tuition fee of \$185 includes admission to the seminar, grantsmanship manual, notes, breaks and parking. Cancellation of a confirmed registration must be made before the April 27 deadline.

For further information, contact the YSU department of continuing education's professional development programs division, (216) 742-3358.

## Rev. Wm. Coffin, Speaks

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, currently senior pastor of the Riverside Church, New York City, will speak twice in Youngstown on Tuesday, May 1. The first address will be given in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus at 12:30. The second is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church, 3000 Market

Street. The theme for these May Day observances is "The Arms Race: What's at the Finish Line?"

Coffin appears under the sponsorship of Cooperative Campus Ministry, Central Christian Church, and Woodworth Church of the Brethren. Both events are free and open to the public.

At the noon and evening sessions Rino Angelini will participate as song leader.

Dr. Coffin obtained a B.A. in government at Yale University in 1949.

## Foreign Languages Day

"To Understand Others is to Understand Oneself" has been chosen as the theme for YSU's sixth annual foreign languages day, Saturday, April 28.

Featuring competition among area high school students, will be held in Kilcawley Center's multipurpose room. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a 9 a.m. competition and an awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Junior and senior high school students from Northeastern Ohio and Northeastern Pennsylvania are invited to participate, with competition focused on French, German, Italian, Russian

and Spanish. The competition features poster and reading contests, and group skits.

The guest speaker for the day will be Dr. Bernard J. Yozwiak, dean of arts and sciences. The Dana Madrigal Choir, directed by Dr. C. Wade Raridon, will give a musical performance at 1:45 p.m.

For further information, contact the YSU department of foreign languages and literatures, (216) 742-3461.

## YSU Biology Club-Sierra Club

Field day Saturday, April 28 at Beaver/Creek State Park.

Meeting time: 9:30-10:00 am There will be Geology, Ecology, flowers and tree walks.

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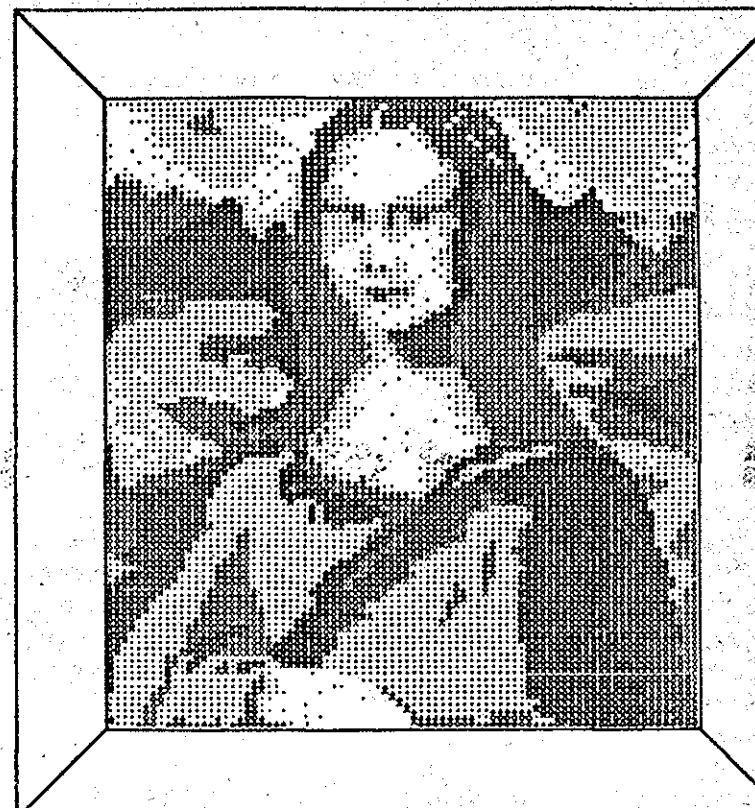
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## Winners announced

# English Festival to be enlarged

The planning committee for YSU's first annual English Festival reports it has already started work to enlarge the number of participants in next year's program. Over 600 junior and senior high school students and teachers visited the University April 20 to participate in essay, writing and book competitions.

One of the highlights of the English Festival was the presentation of the "Candace Gay Memorial Awards" of \$100 each. The awards were established by Thomas and Carol Gay, both associate professors of English at YSU, in memory of their late daughter, Candace.

The junior high division winner was Lisa Loncar, Glenwood Middle School, Boardman and the senior high winner was Debra Grove, Springfield Local High School. The awards are designed to encourage young people to recognize the importance of reading and writing.

Other competition winners, their schools and categories are as follows:

**DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY** (junior division): First prize winners—John Maxgay, Holy Name School; Angela Capone, St. Edward's; Joe Bender, Canfield High and Beth Davis, Champion Junior High.  
**DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY** (senior division): First prize

winners—Glenn Osborne, Canfield High; Ginger Hurajt, Woodrow Wilson; Eric Roorda, Canfield and Helen Beshara, Canfield.

**ANALYTICAL ESSAY** (junior division): First prize winners—Judy Mansky, Boardman High; Jim Gutierrez, Boardman High; Angela Capone, St. Edwards and Pat Duricy, Edison Junior High.

**ANALYTICAL ESSAY** (senior division): First prize winners—Jeff Mauch, Boardman High; Joseph Moore, Poland Seminary High; Marianne Kuhar, Ursuline High and Shirley Berger, Austintown Fitch.

**BOOK QUIZ** (junior division): First prize winners—Jennifer Stevens, Boardman High; Carl Natale, Boardman High and Kurt Rogers, Canfield Middle.

**BOOK QUIZ** (senior division): First prize winners—Eric Roorda, Canfield High; Salvatore Aliberti, Austintown Fitch and Chris Schreiber, Canfield High.

**WRITING GAMES** (junior division): First prize team—Victor Andino, Hillman Junior High; Roger Green, St. Rose; Sergul Erzurum, Boardman High; Patty Growen, West Branch Junior High and Lisa Loncar and Mark Waldrop, Glenwood Middle School.

**WRITING GAMES** (senior division): First prize team—Julia Fields, Hopewell; Laurie Houck, New Castle High; Alicia Huff, South High; Joe Moore, Poland Seminary; Michele Motoslo, Wilson High and Dave Randall, Austintown Fitch.

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# editorial input

## Von Daniken challenged

### Accredit

Accreditation of the School of Business must be achieved with utmost haste.

It is surprising that this matter has taken so long to resolve. YSU is a state institution, supported in part by student funds. As students in the School of Business, they have a right to expect, if not demand, accreditation, or at least to be advised upon admission that such credentials do not exist. It may well make a difference.

The extra cost involved in hiring the full-time professors needed to achieve accreditation is a moot consideration. Without these professors, there will be no accreditation. The question of cost should be nothing more than an afterthought.

This is not to denigrate the School of Business. It is indeed one of the finest in the state, if not the country. If scholarly achievement, post-graduate reputation, and distinguished professorships were criteria for accreditation, there would be no problem.

It is important, however, for the integrity of the University and of the School of Business that accreditation be secured as quickly as possible. To let the situation continue as is would be an injustice to the students in the School of Business.

### Creation theory

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Bibles "Old Testament" of the "mighty gods" appearing on earth.

These visits related in the Bible by Ezekiel and Abraham were accompanied by smoke, a "trembling" and loud noise. In every passage the deity descends and "crashes", said Von Daniken. As for myself, I simply cannot imagine that the great, infinite, timeless, Almighty God needs a vehicle in which to move around. I do not think either that the incomprehensible, true God whom I accept would need such demonstration of power," stated Von Daniken.

Regarding the title *Chariots of the Gods*, then, Von Daniken refers to the ancient astronauts as "gods", and differentiates between them and his concept of an "omnipotent God."

Also, in the Bible, the prophet Ezekiel describes an extraterrestrial vehicle and its beings in "words of his time," which were inade-

quate, said Von Daniken. Ezekiel never says the commander of the vehicle is actually "God," and this indicates he had a "hunch" he was not God, explained Von Daniken.

"Modern interpretations of holy texts in many cases make much more sense than yesterday's religious explanations. Yesterday we were believers, today we try to know," he stated.

Von Daniken went on to cite numerous examples of what he feels is evidence that ancient astronauts from distant solar systems did in fact, visit numerous cultures on earth at various times.

The Kalapolo Indian tribe of Brazil, in its first contact with the civilized world, explained a ritual costume, of theirs was reminiscent of the attire of a "visitor from the universe." Von Daniken feels this costume looks like suite of modern-as well as ancient- astronauts.

"Mythology is full of similar

If Erich Von Daniken should ever decide to leave his lucrative occupation as professional victim of the scientific conspiracy-- a difficult thing to imagine, considering the great profits to be gleaned from an inquisitive and highly gullible paperback book and lecture audience--he can always step into Muhammed Ali's title spot--his footwork is, at least, that fast.

Over the years, anthropologists have spent too much of their time answering questions posed rhetorically and left so pregnant at the end of a Von Daniken paragraph. Most have been unwilling to waste time destroying his statements and those who did found themselves at a distinct disadvantage, without the support of a paperback industry to reply to such ideas.

Out of self-defense, I have had to read Von Daniken's books and early on made mar-

ginal notes on them. I'm sure I speak for all archaeologists when I state categorically that his books are calculated commercial products sold under the thin guise of non-fiction. Even a casual perusal of *Chariots of the Gods*, his best selling book, indicates that the author is totally lacking in a scientific approach. In *Chariots* there are approximately one and a half errors or half-truths per page! No one could be that wrong!

Von Daniken ingeniously employs seven non-scientific techniques to entrance his reading and listening audience and inflate his coterie of true believers:

- 1.) Invent a conspiracy and expose it, thereby discrediting the authorities in the field. This he does in the opening pages of each of his books and, true to form, this is precisely how he opened his Monday night lecture to a packed house.
- 2.) Propose a "Bold New Theory," which explains everything.
- 3.) Collect a few isolated oddities and pronounce them unexplained. This he does even when perfectly good explanations exist and are readily available.
- 4.) Give the appearance of documenting your statements. In none of his books does he bother with specific references. He throws out names and esoteric sources with reckless abandon.
- 5.) Use inflated superlatives and Hollywood adjectives at every opportunity.
- 6.) Ask rhetorical questions at least once every three paragraphs. At Monday's lecture, I stopped counting at 41.
- 7.) Establish yourself as a persecuted intellectual martyr.
- 8.) Create "facts" out of whole cloth.

I defy any of Von Daniken's followers to read any of his books with this list in front of them.

At Monday night's lecture, Von Daniken amply demonstrated his facility in all of these areas.

For those who fortunately could not make it to the event a few Von Danikenism:

The Nazca marks are not Inca, as he stated two dozen times, but Nazcan. They were created, at least 150-200 years before the Incans rode to power. They are not in the Nazca Valley, but Palpa Valley. Incident-

ally, in a cavalier response to a question asked of him concerning his views on these strips he denied claiming they were landing fields. His book states differently.

A good portion of the evening was spent telling us that a literal interpretation of Ezekiel's vision can only lead to the conclusion that he was describing a spaceship. One big difficulty with this technique is that the author of Genesis wrote Ezekiel's description in Hebrew; it then passed through numerous translations including Old, Middle, and Modern English. Which translation shall we take literally?

Abraham's apocalyptic vision, wherein, according to Von Daniken, he is transported aloft in a space vehicle, suffers from the same problem. Also, a good bit was made of Abraham's failure to understand the "space language" of his captors while aboard ship, but he seemed to have no difficulty with their flawless Hebrew on initial contact.

The audience was treated to Ica stones etchings, showing a man astride a large bird! Here, Von Daniken cautioned us not to take this picture literally, but instead view the bird as symbolic (It is, by the way, interesting that Von Daniken resides in the Ica area). The point is that Von Daniken moves freely between literal and symbolic interpretation as it suits him.

His Kalapolo celebrant dressed in a straw "space suit" representing an ancient visitor from the stars, was, in fact, a participant in a ritual wherein they masquerade as animals.

His discussion on Hopi katchinas was completely at odds with the well-known facts on these religious items.

There were virtually no examples given that were not either the victim of twisting or outright contradiction.

One could go on all day battering holes in Von Daniken's "arguments". There are better ways to utilize the time.

Let me close with this note, to those individuals who remain convinced of the truth of Von Daniken's conclusions see me in the Anthropology Department, I have a real bargain on the Brooklyn Bridge this week!

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# entertainment

Movie review

## 'Syndrome' depicts realism

by Warren Young

*The China Syndrome* (Columbia) is another word for "melt-down". It's a type of nuclear accident that happens when the core of the nuclear reactor is exposed and gets too hot it melts through its casing and could theoretically eat its way through the earth to China, but once it touches the earth it explodes into a radioactive cloud. It's the type of nuclear accident which almost happened at Three-Mile Island, Pa., and almost happens in *The China Syndrome*. In the movie the suspense is that a meltdown can be prevented if information is given to the right people; but as the ads say "only a handful of people know about it."

What makes *The China Syndrome* even more engrossing, besides being a gripping thriller, is that it features an investigative reporter. Beginning with Woodward and Bernstein, through the "60 Minutes" team and the "Lou Grant" television series, the new American hero has become the investigative reporter. The investigative reporter doesn't want the public to be kept in the dark; he believes the public has a right to know everything, whether good or bad. He doesn't just report the news, he does his own research to get the full story and then reports it to the public. And that is what *The China Syndrome* is all about.

Jane Fonda portrays Kimberly Welles, a light news and feature reporter and newscaster. She uses her beauty and audience appeal as a stepping stone to harder stories and more challenging investigating, although the station manager and the other newscasters don't believe she could do the job well enough. In this vein they let her do a story on energy. (*The China Syndrome* is very chauvanistic but this aspect of the movie has been lost in the publicity of the nuclear incident.)

With the help of her cameraman, Michael Douglas, and the soundman, she tours and photographs a nuclear plant. While overlooking the control booth there is an earthquake and then a malfunction in the reactor's graph which almost causes a meltdown. Michael Douglas, meanwhile, has secretly filmed the entire incident. They rush back to air the story thinking they have a scoop, only to be stopped by the station manager who in turn has been stopped by James Hampton, a spokesman for the nuclear plant, by the false pretext that release of the information will cause a widespread panic. Fonda shrugs it off, at first, but Michael Douglas steals the film and plans to show it to the safety commission. Naturally the plant is shutdown and an investigation follows. It is

written off as human error, but Jack Godell played by Jack Lemmon who knows the plant better than he knows the back of his hand doesn't believe so.

Doing some investigating of his own, he discovers that records attesting to the safety of the plant have been falsified. He also discovers a leak in the cooling system. Jack knows that if the plant is started up again it could explode. Information must be released to keep the plant closed. Then it becomes a race to get the commission and the public. But the nuclear people use every means possible to stop the information from leaking out. They kill the soundman, chase and trap Lemmon in the nuclear plant, and even resort to calling in the S.W.A.T. team. Once they do get a chance to tell the story, Lemmon has a breakdown, the power lines are cut, the plant is turned back on and another accident occurs; this one worse than the first.

*The China Syndrome* begins very tensely during the first accident but then slows down considerably for the rest of the first hour. Then it gains momentum and leaves you breathless and biting your nails at the end.

Jane Fonda manages to do very well in the otherwise shallow role of the newscaster. A feeble attempt is made to explore her psyche in a scene where she is alone in her apartment with her pet turtle, but other than that, her role is not very deep. Fonda does come off strong and in command of the situation and can really wring the tears from the audience in the final scene.

Jack Lemmon is absolutely wonderful. He is able to play the

role Jack Godell as no one else possibly can. His emotional breakdown in front of the television camera has you hanging on the edge of your seat.

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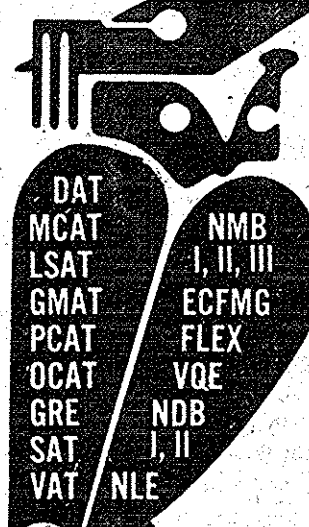
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## Women's softball sweeps Akron

by Bill Sniar

When the YSU women's basketball team participated in the state basketball tourney a few months back at Akron University, some of the women were stung by a certain remark made by the tourney director.

It seems that the director just happened to be the coach of the women's softball team at Akron and when she was

thanking the people who helped make the tourney a success, she thanked the "best softball team in the state (Akron) for all their help." The YSU women, some of whom are on the softball team, did not forget that remark Monday.

The women increased their record to 5-1 for the season by topping the "best team in the state", 4-1 and 6-3, at

Akron.

The combined hitting efforts of Vicki Lawrence, Lorie Cermuga, Andrea Zbydniewski, and Linda Papagna led the Penguins to victory. Penguin pitcher Jill Hammon extended her personal winning streak to four in a row by winning both ends of the twin-bill.

"We played a very good defensive game and held them

when we had to," stated Penguin coach Pauline Noe. "Akron may have been over-psyched for us, but we completely frustrated them."

The Penguins suffered their first loss of the season, under some very unusual circumstances, last weekend as the women split a doubleheader with Cleveland State, winning the first game 10-3 before dropping the nightcap 6-5.

Because of scheduling conflicts, YSU was forced to play the game at Volney Rodgers field rather than their usual home field of Rocky Ridge. "Volney was terrible," stated Noe. "The outfield looked like a tractor had gotten stuck in it and a football game had been

played there. On top of that, there was no security so people just strolled across the outfield anytime they wanted to."

That bad outfield is what really killed the Penguins. A bad hop on a base hit to left center caught outfielder Donna Tinkey in the throat, causing her to lose her breath. Because of this, she was unable to make a throw and the visitors used the miscue to score three runs for a 6-5 lead they never relinquished.

"The play happened in the fourth inning so I'm not going to use it as an alibi," said Noe. "But it seemed to take the stuffing out of our team." Linda Sikora's five RBI's led the Penguins to victory in the first (cont. on page 7)

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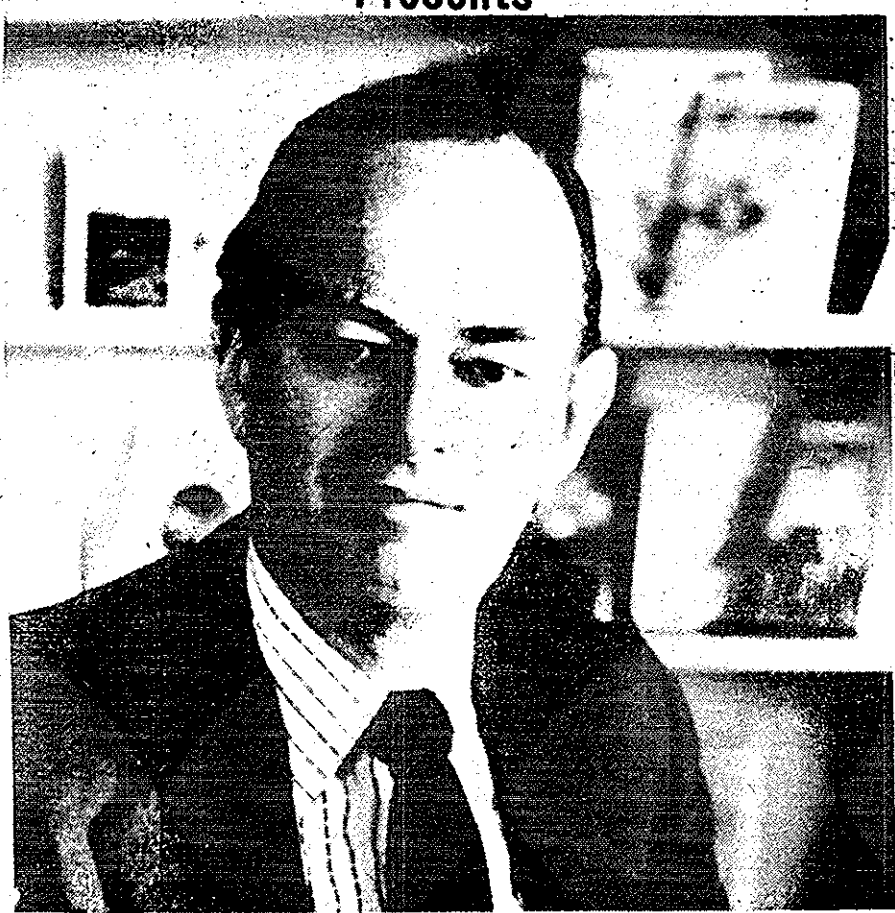
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## Sports Profile

### Andrea Zbydniewski



and runs batted in (20). She accounted for 34 of the team's 138 runs and had 27 hits in 61 at bats.

Zbydniewski graduated in 1975 from South High School in Cleveland, where she earned three letters, two in volleyball and one in basketball.

At the end of her sophomore year in college, Zbydniewski transferred from Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland to YSU. At Cuyahoga, she lettered in basketball her sophomore year. This is her second year on the YSU team. As a Penguin, she has started every game since joining the squad.

"Coach Noe keeps the team together," remarked Zbydniewski. "She's got us ready for the season through conditioning. Since January, we've been lifting weights three times a week and running sprints."

Noe has switched Zbydniewski from third base to shortstop this season, due to the graduation of last year's shortstop, Cindy Burafer. She explained that Andrea has a good throwing arm and is the best player on the team for the shortstop position.

Last year defensively at third base, Zbydniewski was a wiz with the glove, expressed Noe. She added that Andrea made defensive plays that the average third baseman did not.

"When Andrea tried out for the team last season, she looked like a natural third baseman. It was the first time she ever played in the infield," noted Noe. "As a fielder, she rarely made a bad throw."

"Shortstop is the leader position in the infield," said Zbydniewski. "I try to keep things together such as when the pitcher is in trouble I'll talk to (cont. on page 7)

by Ed Menaldi

"Andrea is the best all-around player I have ever coached," stressed YSU women's softball coach Pauline Noe.

The player she is talking about is senior shortstop Andrea Zbydniewski.

"The team morale depends a great deal on Andrea. The team knows they can count on her both defensively and offensively," Noe remarked. "If she was out of the line up tomorrow it would dramatically affect the team; although, there are people on the bench that can move into the line up and pick up the slack."

According to Zbydniewski, this year's women's softball team is stronger than last year's due to the team having better substitutes on the bench. Last year the Penguins captured the state championship with a 12-2 record.

Coach Noe commented that Zbydniewski is "a consistent hitter, she hits to all fields and often". During batting practice in pre-game warm-ups, Andrea watches the opposing defensive team, looking for weak spots in the defensive positions. In a game situation she directs her hits in the area where the defense is hurting the most.

Batting clean up (fourth) in the line up last year, Zbydniewski lead the team in batting average (.443), homers (7)

**Baseball**

**Pitching keys Penguin wins**

by Ron Anderson

During one of last weekend's doubleheaders, YSU head baseball coach Dom Rosselli reached another milestone in his distinguished coaching career. Rosselli recorded his 400th victory as head coach of the Penguin baseball team.

A record like this is hard enough to achieve when a person is responsible for coaching just one sport, but when a person is both the head coach of the basketball and baseball teams it makes the record even more appreciable.

Since the weekend the Penguin baseball squad has been adding to coach Rosselli's victory total with a double header sweep of Robert Morris College on Monday, and a single victory against Hiram on Wednesday.

The first game of Saturday's twin-bill with Robert Morris was the first extra-inning contest of the season for the penguin squad.

The penguins, winning the game 2-1, pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the tenth on a walk to Mike Hardy, a stolen base, a walk to Rick Zuzik, a sacrifice by Joe Iacabucci, and an error by the Robert Morris pitcher.

Pitching was once again the key in another Penguin victory as starter Lee Rudibaugh went the first seven innings allowing only one run, on three hits while striking out nine and walking nobody. Bill Sattler pitched the

last three innings picking up the victory while allowing no hits.

In the nightcap, the Penguins won 3-1 once again on a strong pitching performance, this time by starter Bob Haseley.

Haseley started and went the distance giving up just one run on four hits while striking out three and walking none.

Iacabucci and Sattler each had two hits for the Penguin attack, with Sattler scoring two of the three Penguin runs.

A 4-1 victory over Hiram on Wednesday has now raised the Penguin mark to nine wins and two losses for the season.

The Penguins scored all four of their runs in the second and third innings as they were able to combine five walks, an error, two stolen bases, two wild pitches, and only one hit, a double by second baseman Andy Saxon, to produce all four tallies.

A fine combined pitching effort by Sekora, Coles and Moliterno limited Hiram to only one run on just two hits over the nine inning span.

Although the Penguins had a light hitting attack against Hiram with only six hits, the hits came when needed. Iacabucci was three-for-four for the winners and Andy Caxon was two-for-four with a pair of doubles and two runs batted in.

The Penguins will be back in action this Saturday as they travel to Geneva College for an afternoon doubleheader.

**Tennis**

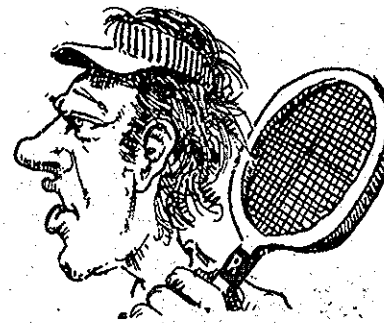
by Melinda Ropar

The YSU tennis team, under the guidance of first-year coach Steve Edwards, extended their undefeated streak to five matches Tuesday as the Penguins defeated Case Western Reserve 9-0 at the Hubbard Racquet Club.

Butch Thomas and Kurt Kamperman paced the Penguins by sweeping their opponents in straight sets in singles matches (6-0, 6-0). Other singles victories were turned in by Bill Dunn (6-1, 6-2), Brian Hunter (6-1, 6-1), Rob Adsit (6-3, 6-1), and Scott Miller (6-1, 6-0).

The three Penguin doubles teams of Bill Dunn-Rob Adsit, Butch Thomas-Kurt Kamperman, and Brian Hunter-Dave Huboda posted victories during the match.

Last weekend, the Penguins also dominated Slippery Rock, 8-1, on the opponents' home courts. On their way to victory, YSU swept five of six singles matches and all three doubles matches.



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**Zbydniewski**

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her."

"The other players respect Andrea's opinions," observed Coach Noe. "She helps her teammates in making corrections in their batting stances. If a player is having a problem, I could rely on her to help that player."

Zbdniewski always tries to improve herself. When she doesn't improve her play on the field from game to game, she becomes very unsatisfied observed teammate Renee Wearsch, pitcher.

"Andrea is very knowledgeable in softball. She helps her teammates by making suggestions to improve their game," remarked Wearsch. "She helps me to improve my game. When I'm pitching she encourages me by talking to me from her shortstop position."

Zbydniewski stressed, "My teammates accept me as a friend. They appreciate that I could play. And I appreciate that they could play."

Besides softball Zbydniewski has also been a member of the YSU women's volleyball team, where she has earned two letters in the past two years.

Zbydniewski, a criminal justice major who is presently on the

Dean's List, plans to become a police officer after graduation. She also plays for the Parma Women's Majors a women's major softball league in Cleveland during the summertime.

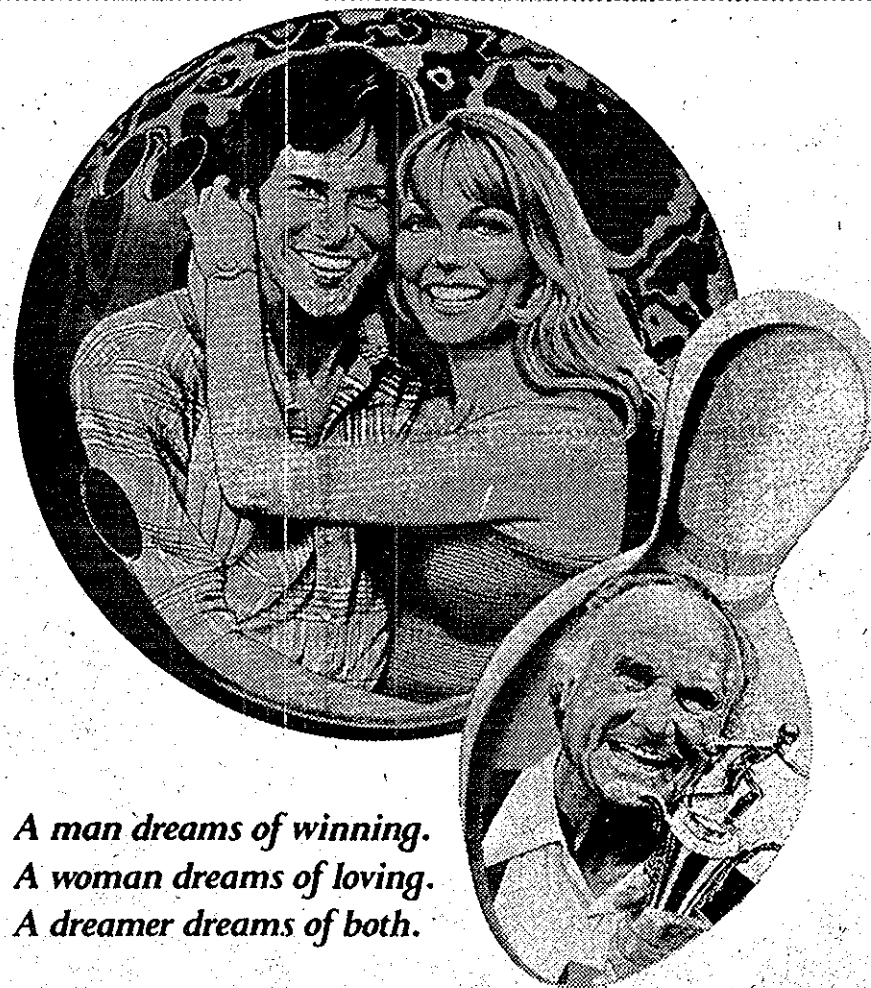
When Andrea Zbedniewski graduates, her offensive and defensive skills will be missed from the Penguin line up, but her presence as a friend will be remembered.

**Softball**

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game. This weekend, the Penguins will be playing in the Akron Invitational Fournery with the host team, Cleveland State, and Baldwin-Wallace. Because of injury problems and other conflicts, the Penguins will be without the services of Linda Sikora, Leslie Ingram, and Andrea Zbydniewski, three starters. "Akron has to rate as the toughest team considering our problems, but I have to like the basic ability of my team," stated Noe.

The Penguins will face Cleveland State in the first round. YSU has won the tourney title three of the last five years.



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Coach Duke Barret and his YSU Penguin golfers will travel to Penn State this weekend to play in the Penn State Invitational.

The Penguins are coming off a very busy week in which they played in three tournaments over a four-day span. In a match with Hiram and Mt. Union, the Penguins took top honors with a

385 score.

In the two-day Griffin Motors Invitational at Allegheny College, the Penguins were runner-ups to Allegheny in a 10-team field. Allegheny had a 765 total, YSU was next at 788.

This past Monday the Penguins participated with nine other squads at Kent State and finished in sixth place with 789 score; Bowling Green was first firing at 734 total.

Senior John Zebroski has led the Penguin assault, averaging 74.6 stroker per 18 holes. In the match with Hiram and Mt. Union, he had a double-eagle two on a par-

five hole. Junior Mike Kowalczyk is averaging 78.8, junior Don Dean 79.9, sophomore Ron Sedlako 79.9, and junior Rick Jones 80.3.

The Penguins record, including tournament play, stands at an impressive 34-9-1. The Penguins have been playing good golf and coach Barret explained, "With each match or tournament, the team has improved. We have been playing some real good golf and we should continue to get better."

**Basketball Recruit**  
YSU's basketball program has gained some height and rebounding strength with the announce-

ment that Chris Tucker, a 6-8 junior college forward, has signed a national letter of intent to attend YSU.

A starter at Cumberland (Tenn.) College, Tucker averaged 9.8 points a game and eight rebounds for the Bulldogs. In the process, the sophomore earned all-conference and honorable mention all-state junior college honors.


"We're so pleased to sign Chris Tucker, who we hope will give us some additional help on the boards," stated YSU basketball coach Dom Rosselli. "Chris has good jumping ability and

speed, and definitely should be an asset to our program. In addition to being a good player, he's also a fine student."

Under coach Mickey Englett, Cumberland captured both the conference and state junior college titles, while finishing third in the Southern Region junior college tournament. Overall, Tucker and his teammates posted a 25-7 record this season.

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