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The second Student Government Association debate between the four candidates running for the office of president will be held today at 3 p.m. in Peaberry's Café. It will be moderated by The Jambar.

Applications for Homecoming Chair

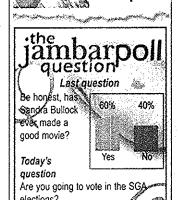
Applications are being taken from students enrolled for the fall semester who are interested in becoming this year's Homecoming Chair. Students are encouraged to submit a letter of interest along with a short resume detailing their qualifications to Greg Gulas, assistant director for Student Activities by 5 p.m. Friday, April 15 in the Student Activities office, room 2100 of Kilcawley Center.

For more information, call (330) 941-3580.

Fund drive

WYSU-FM's Annual Spring Fund Drive begins Friday, April I and will run through Friday, April 8. The campaign has a goal of \$87,000 and the funds will be used to keep top-shelf programming and help WYSU-FM keep pace with rising programming and production costs. Current members can renew their membership or make an additional gift before the drive begins by going to the WYSU-FM Web site at www.wysu.org.

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Candidates vie for SGA office





Debate

Student Government Association hopefuls faced off against one another Wednesday at Peaberry's Cafe in the first of two public debates. Presidential candidate Aaron Dagres (left) traded remarks and rebuttals with Bob McGovern (right) and his running mate Amanda Mielke (center). (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR SGA PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT



▶ Bob McGovern: Junior Political Science major/University Scholar/Two-year member of SGA/As this year's SGA Vice-President for financial affairs, he formed the ad-hoc committee for higher education funding.

Amanda Mielke: Junior Business Administration major/University

Aaron J. Dagres: Non-traditional student/Political Science

major/Served in the military tative for two months

Dagres and Diehl said they want to make the Student Government Association more accessible for students in order to remedy student

Scholar/Two-year member of SGA/Member of Zeta Tau Alpha soronty/As this year's SGA Secretary Campus Life, Mielke created online Yahoo groups for student organizations to communicate better/She has also gone to a number of 1545 communications classes to speak with students about SGA.

If elected, both said they want to help create more of a campus community for students, and will try to bring more local dusinesses to the campus area. Dagres also said he wants to create more initiatives for non-traditional and international students to become more active on

McGovern, Mielke, Dagres, Diehl debate in Peaberry's

One side touted increasing student activities, the other looked to improve SGA/student relations

By Bill Rodgers The Jambar

tudent Government Association presidential hopefuls Bob McGovern, his running mate Amanda Mielke and Aaron Dagres and his running mate Todd Diehl discussed issues affecting YSU students during a Jambar sponsored debate yesterday.

Some of the topics dis-

ter, in-class talks from SGA representatives, tuition worries dents to the university. and increasing campus involve-

In his opening statement, Dagres said he thought Youngstown State University had some stigmas from being primarily a campus school. He pointed out the recreation center will end up raising student's tuition. Dagres said with that

two dormitories to bring stu-

Dagres said he wanted to get students involved at YSU. "In order to prosper, we need an active student life,"

Dagres said. McGovern said in his opening statement that he and Mielke have had previous experience working with SGA; McGovern served as vice pres-

cussed were the recreation cen- money, YSU could have built ident of financial affairs and his major goal was to increase Mielke served as secretary of campus life.

> "In my two years of experience, I learned what SGA does well and doesn't do well," McGovern said. "I'm going to use that knowledge to make a difference now for all stu-

The two candidates were asked what their goals for office if elected. Dagres said

student activities on campus and to help give students a relief in tuition. Dagres said he would also like to merge the student resource centers such as the Reading Center, the Tutoring Center and the Center for Student Progress. Dagres said unifying the different cen-

ters would make resources please see **DEBATE**, Page 2

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Officials say electronic voting issues resolved

By Maysoon Abdelrasul The Jambar

After last year's snags with Government Association electronic voting, officials are assuring students that this year's elections will be different.

SGA presidential election officials said Wednesday afternoon that problems with the electronic voting software have been remedied, and proper precautions have been put into place to prevent glitches in the electronic voting system. SGA Vice-President J.T. Holt said he does not foresee any problems

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High gas prices irk students One YSU professor said prices will continue to increase

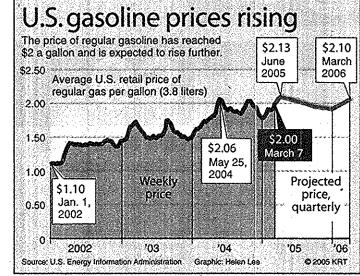
By Chrissy Downard

Thile many Youngstown State University students say the sting of gasoline prices at \$2 per gallon and up are more than they can tolerate, others say they expect their wallets - not their odometers -- to be impact-

The Jambar

Gasoline prices across the country and in the Youngstown area have spiked more than 15 cents in the past month. In the Youngstown area, gas prices. hover around \$2.07 for regular gasoline, matching last spring's record, and are expected to keep climbing in the coming months.

Economics Professor Teresa Riley said gas prices will continthe global demand for oil is beginning to increase. She said China is one of the most



demanding countries for oil. As far as prices decreasing Riley said.

soon, Riley said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is ue to rise, specifically because in meetings regarding the high pricing and exporting of gas and

"If the supply of oil goes up

eventually what will happen is the prices will slowly decline,'

Sophomore Katie Begala said the high price of gas is causing her to rethink her summer plans.

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YSU **Smoky Hollow** revitalization plan revealed

By Leonard Crist The Jambar

It finally felt like spring Wednesday. Though a cool breeze served as a reminder that winter recently left us, the sunshine left the air warm and full of hope.

Standing outside Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Margaret Murphy looked down over the Smoky Hollow area of Youngstown.

"I've seen the most rotten, devastated, sick neighborhoods where you would never think anything positive could happen," Murphy, the executive director of Wick Neighbors, said. "But in urban redevelopment, one thing I am sure of is

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more available to students.

McGovern said he would like to increase the communication between the students of YSU and SGA through in-class

"We need to open more communication so we can find out what the students want. then we can act on that," McGovern said.

McGovern also said he would like to expand on the government relations SGA began this year when a group of SGA representatives met with state lawmakers in Columbus to argue for more affordable tuition.

McGovern's trip

Columbus was a topic that sparked much debate between the two candidates. Dagres believed that McGovern "went over the heads" of local politicians when McGovern should have started local lawmakers before going to Columbus.

"You need to sit down with people at home first," Dagres said. "Meet with them one on one to find a solution before going to the capitol."

meet with local lawmakers such as Bob Hagan (D-33) first, and that they encouraged the SGA representatives to go to Columbus.

Dagres said he also dis-

McGovern said he did

agreed with SGA's resolution that the State needs to conduct an audit of the universities in Ohio to find ways to save

"The audit will cost money that will most likely come out of the budget for higher education. That means that universities will get less money and tuition will go up again," Dagres said.

"An audit would be an investment. It's not wise to invest money you don't have," Diehl said later in the debate. McGovern defended the

idea of the audit. "The audit would give uni-

the election for a re-vote.

money and help the state's fiscal situation. It's not a revenue problem, it's a spending problem," McGovern said.

Mielke said if she and McGovern were elected, SGA would continue to appear in 1545 Communications classes to inform students about SGA and listen to any concerns the students had. She stressed SGA would respect the class time, appearing for only five minutes at the beginning of the class and leaving contact information if students wanted to

Dagres and Diehl said they would like to see more people versities the potential to save involved in campus activities

Koont said she does not think

that will happen because of the

Help Desk workers that will be

on-hand at the voting places.

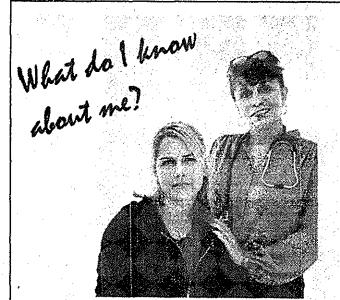
talk further.

and for campus organizations to take a role in SGA. Dagres said he would like to see a representative of the Greek community on SGA and would also encourage open forums for all campus organizations to voice

their opinion on SGA policies. A second debate between the candidates will be held at 3

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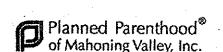
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with the voting that will take place on April 5 and 6.

"All the problems we had last year are hopefully removed this year," he said.

One of last year's major glitches was that students were unable to login with their Youngstown State University CUE-mail accounts. To assist students in logging in, the SGA election board voted to have ly. the Help Desk on hand to fix problems at the two voting locations: Kilcawley Center

and Maag Library.

Laura Canale, election board commissioner, said having the Help Desk there will be one of the best ways to handle

Along with the Help Desk workers, SGA election board members will be walking around the polls to make sure everything is running smooth-

In case the whole system would crash, there is a day scheduled for the week after

ing a role to make sure that is easy for students to vote. If there is a situation where a student cannot log into the system, Student Life will help by

Student Life is also play-

Melanie Koontz, acting associate director of Student Life, said as a last resort, students can come to her office with a valid YSU ID and vote from her computer. However,

Also, the restrictions that

were in place last year have been removed, she said. overriding the system, Canale Students registered for the following semester or student workers were not able to vote

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"It's starting to really bother me with summer classes and being that I have a 20 minute commute," Begala said. "I'm afraid it's going to put a huge damper on other things I would want to do, like concerts and stuff."

For other students the advantage of living at home keeps them from worrying too much about gas prices.

Senior Dom Lippillo said, though he does find the price hike irritating, gas prices do not affect him as much as they could because he still lives with his parents and does not have many costs to worry about.

move out and have rent and everything else to pay for, it probably will affect me a little bit more than it does now," Lipillo said. "Although it is an inconvenience when you see what money you could have in your pocket."

Freshman Amanda Maslach said she is angry about the amount of money she pours into her tank, and is rethinking going to summer classes in order to save money in commuting.

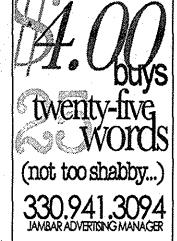
"My whole paycheck goes toward my gas tank just to get to school," Maslasch said. "I just recently downgraded from

"Once I graduate and an SUV to a smaller car and it's still outrageous."

> Then there are other students, such as freshman Kevin Seydlorsky, who say you simply have to grin and bear it.

"The high gas prices will take a toll on my wallet, but not on my odometer," Seydlorsky said. "You gotta go where you gotta go."

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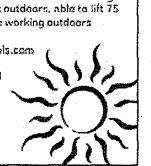
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OUR SIDE

Voting system remains flawed

veryone makes mistakes. They can even happen with the best of intentions and are usually under the guise of making a task easier and more convenient.

The 2004 Youngstown State University Student Government Association elections are a prime example of this. Instead of using paper ballots that would require the time and effort to hand count, the decision was made to use the new CUE-mail system and setup an online

Of course with technology comes with its own fair share of problems. While a few glitches are to be expected, the SGA election proved to be riddled with them.

Polls opened later than planned and were kept open for a shorter amount of time. Many students received error messages stating they were not registered to vote. Worst of all, many votes were thrown out when YSU Computer Services discovered a glitch allowing students to vote multiple times.

Of course the important thing is to learn from the mistakes made to ensure they will not happen again. Right?

Not according to SGA. It is baffling to learn that for the upcoming 2005 election, students will once again cast their ballots through online voting system that has proven to be problematic.

Yes, online voting can offer its conveniences —when it is executed correctly.

Without better implementation and safeguards against the aforementioned problems, it is best to recognize that technology is not always the best place to turn for convenience and accuracy.

SGA officials promise voting will run smoothly this year. Has the software been tested? Has a run through been conducted to ensure every students' vote will count?

The answer is no.

For a campus the size of Youngstown State University, it is not a time-consuming task to hand-count ballots. The most ever cast in an SGA election was a whopping 784 in the 2003 election.

Last year, thanks in part to all the computer problems, only 485 votes were cast.

As far as location is concerned, there will only be two areas designated for voting: Kilcawley Center and Maag Library. If students will not even gain the convenience of voting from any computer on campus and have to report to a specified location to vote, why not just use paper ballots?

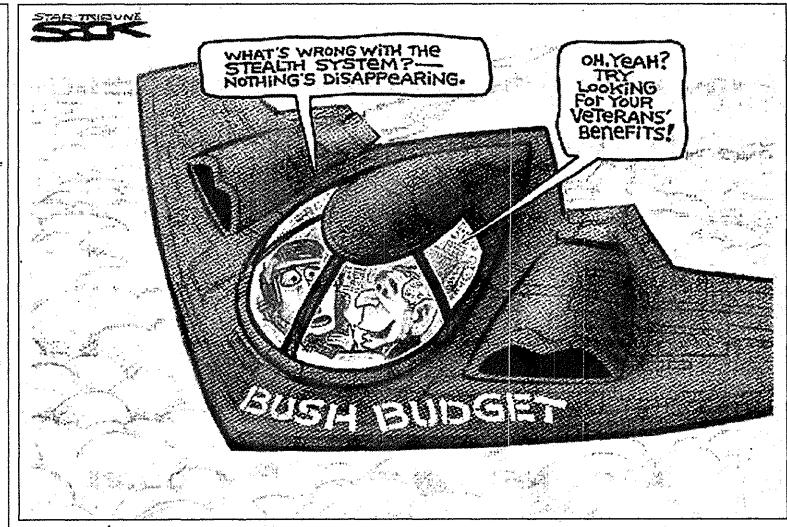
Technology should enhance, not add more of a hassle. Trying to "keep up with the Jones" should never be more important than allowing the student body to be heard.

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VCPJ need student support

The Valley Coalition for Peace and Justice (VCPJ) holds Friday peace vigils at various locales within the Mahoning Valley. Many Youngstown State University faculty and staff regularly attend the vigils but until recently student attendance has been minimal at best. Last Friday three members of the YSU College Republicans arrived at our announced location holding up signs supporting a foreign policy based on preemptive war, occupation and violence towards the innocent. I thought, "It's good to see some political activism, albeit hegemonic, by YSU students." 1 also thought it's a great country where alternative viewpoints can be expressed side by side. Trying to be a uniter, rather than a divider, I greeted the students and attempted to engage them in an informed discussion of current events. Unfortunately they were not able to go beyond parroting misinformation from cable news and talk radio. For example, one student claimed to have read in the 911-commission report evidence proving a chemical weapons related link between Osama Bin Laden and Iraq. Upon returning nome I found the paragraph the student referred to in my copy of the report. The paragraph begins with a mention that such a claim was made in an early federal indictment but explicitly points out that this indictment was superceded by a later one that removed ... any such claim. If the student had actually read the entire paragraph, he would have realized what he was claiming was false. This incident illuminates that our community needs respectful reality-based discussion of issues that affect us all. The YSU Student Chapter of the National Organization of Women recently held a panel discussion on the affects of the Bush Administration's policies on women. The panel was well attended and lots of issues were treated in an informed, respectful manner. Speakers and audience members had the opportunity to point out factually incorrect statements. This was a great start. strongly encourage student government to join together with numerous student groups to organize weekly Teach-Ins. How about Friday's at 3 p.m., preferably

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

in Peaberry's?

Thanks, Ray Beiersdorfer

Bolla shouldn't be bully

I am responding to your article about "Bolla wants chem chair out." I think it is unfortunate to "bully" someone out after they have given their life to the university. I was once a proud graduate, but I am saddened to even learn of such a tragedy. I've tried to follow up with the news through the years, mostly through friends who are still in the chemistry department, and have heard wonderful things about the leadership. The chairperson, Dr. Mincey, spent the previous year working for the FDA, making the country a safer place, and helping to promote Youngstown in doing so. I read an article on the Web site stating "a national journal has placed the university high in a survey of chemistry programs across the country. YSU awards more chemistry degrees than any other university in Ohio and ranks 14th overall on the national level, according to a recent report in Chemical and Engineering News." I don't know about you, but it sounds like he's bringing back ideas, research, and knowledge to help the chemistry department and the university as a whole. I also spoke to a former member of the football team. Who does everyone always see on the sidelines of the games taking pictures? Who attends every football game at home or on the road? Who is always seen wearing red? That's right, Dr. Mincey. I hear he holds the record for attending the most consecutive football games and it's still growing. Not missing a game in more than 10 years, what a commitment. It sounds to me like the leadership of the Chemistry department isn't the prob-

I don't know who couldn't support, from what it sounds, one of the biggest supporters of the university. I used to think that everyone should have as much pride in the penguins, but now I'm not so sure

because of this incident. That's not the university I am proud to say I attended and it's not the university I used to call home. I really hope something can be done to help Dr. Mincey and company, since they've helped us for more than 25 years. So thank you from all of us who appreciate your hard work and dedication, at least someone does.

Sincerely, Edward Jones

McGovern doing great job

Editor,

I am writing this op-ed in response to an op-ed written by Brad Adair last week.

Brad, you criticize Bob McGovern for not sitting down with local leaders such as

Rep. Patton and Rep. Carano before going to Columbus to talk about higher education funding. I wonder whom you think McGovern spoke to when he was in Columbus? In case you didn't know, and maybe you should have asked someone first, Bob went to Columbus to talk to both Rep. Patton (who sits on the committee) and Rep. Carano, among oth ers. Yes, you are correct that they are already trying to do what Bob was going to ask them. Although McGovern was not going to Columbus to just protest or cry about higher education funding, he was going to present a plan.

Furthermore, thinking that "Reverend" McKelvey can do anything about this situation makes me laugh. What makes you think that a term limited Mayor has any interest in this at all. George McKelvey thinks of one person and one person only and that person is George McKelvey. He is a failed mayor and a traitor to his own party. Bob and company are doing a great job and deserve as much as much support as they can

> Jason Robinson Political Science Senior

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anything can happen. Any positive thing can happen if enough people focus on it, work on it, and believe in it."

Murphy paused for a moment. "Did that sound like a cheerleader?"

Since its birth in September 2003, the non-profit Wick Neighbors has been working toward a goal of revitalizing the Smoky Hollow area on the east side of Youngstown State University's campus. Both YSU President David Sweet and YSU's Vice President for Administration, John Habat, serve on the organizations board of trustees and the project has been in close cooperation with the universi-

Wednesday, Wick Neighbors revealed their ambitious \$250 million Wick District-Smoky Hollow revitalization plan to the public.

The plan, designed by the Cleveland firm City Architecture, calls for the creation of the threeacre Harrison Commons, which will serve as a "central park" to the district; more than 400 townhouses, drawing board, bringing the mortars

condominiums, single family homes and apartments; commercial and retail spaces; senior citizen housing; and office space.

"Your front door is Bliss Hall, the Butler Institute for American Art, the McDonough Museum of Art and Harrison Commons. It's a seamless community," Murphy

Terry Abrams, executive direc-Builders/Remodelers Association of Mahoning Valley, said there will be a number of housing options for interested individuals of all economic backgrounds, from small rental units to larger, more decadent homes for sale.

"No matter whom you are, no matter what level you're at in the socio-economic structure, there's going to be an appealing opportunity for you and that absolutely means affordable housing as well,"

Abrams said. The Home Builders Association's role in the revitalization project is to get the plan off the

and bricks and actually building the Neighbors will be responsible for new homes and commercial properties, Abrams said. The association includes 800 companies with 15,000 employees, all ready to work on the Smoky Hollow plan, he said.

"It's a project that's a long time coming and needs to be done," Abrams said. "Not only will it be an enhancement to the university and the city, but it will serve as the catalyst I think for other positive things to happen throughout Mahoning County and the Mahoning Valley."

The project will now go to the city planning commission and city council for public approval before interested developers can be engaged. The organization hopes to have ground broken on the first homes and renovation of some existing homes by 2006. The project will take at least 5 years to be com- Freeway on the north. pleted, Murphy said.

expected to cover the brunt of the opment district, Murphy said. projected \$250 million price tag.

"Somebody has to commit --and big time, big bucks — to make 941-1989 this happen," Murphy said. Wick

finding the funds to pay for \$12.5 million in infrastructure needs such as streets, utilities, water, storm and sewage lines, she said.

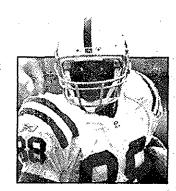
Murphy said she did not know how much money YSU would be asked to contribute to the revitalization project in the coming years. However, it would behoove the university to think of the plan as an investment, because YSU is the "anchor" of the project.

"When developers look at this area, [the university] is the major drawing card," Murphy said.

The Wick District-Smoky Hollow area encompasses about 66 acres with perimeters of Wick Avenue on the west, Andrews Avenue on the east, Wood Street on the south and the Madison Avenue

YSU currently owns about two-Murphy said developers will be thirds of the property in the redevel-

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Ronan says

things going

better than

en's tennis coach Eric Ronan said he

is proud of his team

and believes despite being

inexperienced, things are

they are to be a force in the

league when they defeated

Cleveland State 5-2, upping

the win by dominating the sin-

gles action, winning four of

six matches. Winning matches

for the Penguins were Tom

Barth, Scott Kathery and Ryan

sophomores and freshmen,

and they are playing well,"

Penguins, Ronan said, was the

play of Jason Trapp. The

sophomore won two matches

going 7-5 and 6-0 at the num-

against Cleveland State,"

Ronan said. "He played

two of three doubles matches.

Kathery and Brian Meek won

at the number one spot while

the Trapp team won in the sec-

ond spot. The win was not

startling to Ronan who knew

from the onset that the match-

es were the Penguins to lose.

mentally we were the stronger

action this Saturday when they

travel to Moon Township, Pa.,

to take on Robert Morris.

team," Ronan said.

"I thought physically and

The Penguins return to

"Jason upped his game

The Penguins also won

"We are very young, all

A bright spot for the

and Jason Trapp.

Ronan said.

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their record to 3-5 overall.

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STRUTHERS

Penguins sweep doubleheader

YSU dropped the Duquense Dukes Tuesday 7-0 and 4-3



Shutout

Freshman pitcher Lucas Engle threw a six-inning shutout in the first game of Saturday's double-header match against Duquesne striking out a career high of six hitters The Penguins won 7-0 in the first game and 4-3 in the second. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

Penguins baseball fans had twice the reason to cheer Tuesday as they won both games in a double header they hosted against Duquesne at Cene Park in Struthers, Ohio.

The Penguins swept The Dukes by scores of 7-0 and 4-3.

Game one saw Penguins' first baseman Erich Diedrich knock one out of the park in the first inning for a three-run homerun, which set off a chain reaction of Penguin bats.

On the mound for the Penguins, Lucas Engle allowed only three hits in six

Lucas was relieved in the seventh by the long absent Josh Wells, who saw his first action since coming back from surgery stemming from an injury he suffered nearly a year ago.

Head coach Mike Florak said the play

of Wells was important for both the junior pitcher and the team.

"Josh is a great person and a

hard worker, but we wanted to put him in a spot where there wasn't much pressure," Florak said. Wells went one inning preserv-

ing a 7-0 lead and helped the Penguins record their fourth shut out of the season, the most shut outs in a season since 1996.

The second game tested the mettle of the Penguins as they fell behind 3-0 early and struggled to get the bats swinging.

The Penguins got the score within two when with bases loaded, the Dukes pitcher beaned a Penguins' batter, bringing one home.

The Penguins knotted the game at 3758

three in the bottom of the fifth inning when Jim Phillips drove home two on a two out double.

"Jimmy is just a clutch performer and he is as tough as nails, he always performs in the clutch," Florak said of Phillips.

The Penguins won the game in the seventh inning with one out and Penguins' Brian Dill on third base. First baseman Brent Parks hit a deep fly ball to center field for a sacrifice fly, leaving Dill to saunter into home plate with the winning

The Penguins, who at one point were 1-10, have improved their overall record

struggled to get the bats swinging.

The Penguins got the score within two en with bases loaded, the Dukes pitch
The Penguins resume action at 1p.m. Saturday at Cafaro Field in Niles when they host IPFW.

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Ohio State increasing warnings on benefits

By Rusty Miller Associated Press

mbarrassed by accusations that boosters have given money to athletes, Ohio State is trying new ways to educate fans that gifts aren't allowed and to make sure players get the message.

sure players get the message.

"There's always an assumption that everyone has the best interest at heart," associate athletic director Richelle Simonson said. "Maybe now we're a little more jaded."

After quarterback Troy Smith was suspended for two games for taking about \$500 from a football booster, the athletic department is sending compliance office workers to speak to booster groups around the state and outside Ohio.

An announcement was read before home basketball games this season cautioning fans about the limits the NCAA puts on boosters.

"Ohio State reminds you, 'If you don't know, ask,' and help the Ohio State department of athletics to stay in compliance with NCAA rules," the announcement said.

The school sent two pamphlets detailing NCAA rules for alumni, fans and friends with this year's mailing to football season-ticket holders and intends to pass out cautionary brochures at athletic events starting in August.

Coaches and compliance officers have spoken to players for years about not accepting money and gifts from boosters. Now more time and effort has been devoted to that process.

Still, it comes down to the message sinking into the athletes.

Most sports programs have one or two people who ignore the warnings, reflecting poorly on the majority of players, football linebacker Bobby Carpenter said.

"People look at it and say, 'Well, their school is rotten, they recruit the wrong type of kid. They have no quality people there. Their character level is low," Carpenter said. "But in reality, we've got a lot of guys on this team. Guys make mistakes. Now we've got a chance to put all of that behind us."

Football coach Jim Tressel said he put extra emphasis on the dangers of boosters and agents when speaking to his players.

"I've probably talked about it more with the kids this year than I have in the past," said Tressel, in his fifth year at Ohio State.

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger, who is retiring, has referred to an "underworld element" surrounding college athletics that includes agents, boosters and memorabilia collectors who sell auto-

Smith was suspended by Ohio State in December after accepting money from booster Robert Q. Baker. The NCAA

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More than 50 candidates apply for job

More than 50 candidates have applied for the men's head basketball coaching vacancy created when Athletic Director Ron Strollo announced early this month he would not renew John Robic's contract.

The candidates span nearly every level of the game, ranging from high school coaches to NBA assistants. Some of the candidates include former Eastern Michigan head coach Jim Boone; former Cleveland Cavaliers assistant coach Robert Donewald; Orlando Magic scout Tom Conrad; Wake Forest assistant coach Jeff Battle; former Brigham Young University head coach, and current Phoenix Suns assistant Roger Reid; Portland Trailblazers assistant coach Daniel Panaggio; Northwestern assistant coach Craig Robinson; North Carolina assistant coach Larry Hunter; Ohio State University Special Assistant to the Athletic Director Rick Boyages; as well as current Youngstown State University assistant coach Dolph Carroll.

The seven member committee which will name the next Penguins head coach is expected to narrow down the field after meeting today, and will look to invite a final pool of candidates to campus sometime next week.

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My attempts to truly describe the Lord of the Yum Yum show are futile at best, so I left that to Velat.

"I would say that it's maximum happy feelings embodied in grind/scat/beatbox vocal versions of familiar classical pieces — cut up and regurgitated via electronic live loopmaking, all fueled by a wireless mic and pastel colored ruffle tuxedos --- it is the new rock alternative," he said.

And with that, Lord of the Yum Yum reigns. But questions still remained. What could inspire such unconventional entertainment genius?

"Vocalists, instruments, and something else all serve as

super extreme influences on me and my extra stupid style," Velat said.

"I like Bobby McFerrin and a Swedish vocalist/improviser named Jaap Blonk. These dudes are amazing and serve as some inspiration. I also like to mimic instruments and use traditional pop, indie rock and rap music song forms. But most of all, I get my ideas for improvisation from sound that is usually ignored — like construction site rhythms and those amazing situations when there are two different styles of music playing simultaneously. I get off on that."

Most musicians can't even come up with a decent band

concept, let alone the sheer absurdity that the Lord of the Yum Yum pulls off. For Velat, the idea all started in college.

"Naturally, I was studying at the University level when it came to me," Velat said. "How are you going to use this stuff after you graduate?' I asked myself. I then decided that quotation was the answer -but it wasn't till later after I saw a guitarist playing with live loop making that I got the idea I could use this technique in a vocal setting and it might be kind of cool. My brother gave me the suit around this time as well, and it was only then that I realized

Even with his destiny in tact, Velat knows his schtick isn't for everyone. A run in with a few hostile punk rockers almost brought the Lord of the Yum Yum down in a blaze of

glory. "Sometimes I think people are not ready for something so childlike and honest," Velat said. "I played a show at Piano's in New York City, and before I started there were around 75 to 100 people in the room. While I was playing, I cleared everyone out till there were only five, maybe six people in there. Another other horrible show I had was opening up for 'the Demolition Dollrods. Their fans wanted

their '77 style rock 'n' roll and wanted me off of the stage at whatever cost. They threw bottles and lit cigarettes at me."

Most shows, however, for the Lord of the Yum Yum have been pleasant, and with a constant touring schedule, gigs from hell like those described above have been few and far between. Velat will bring his Lord of the Yum Yum performance to the Nyabinghi Saturday.

For more information, as well as mp3's of Lord of the Yum Yum, visit www.lordoftheyumyum.com.

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catch on to and they'll stick with you for a while after you listen to the song.

Allen also has some great lyrical skills, a talent he said he learned from listening to Tom Waits. Allen writes some inspired lines that fit well with the sound and feel of the band. The rural feel is definitely present in the lyrics and can be heard best in the upbeat "Gasoline" and the desolate 'The Ghost of Emerald Hope."

Their mix of influences gives Rosavelt an interesting shifting sound, but it also works against them on "The Story of Gasoline." Their influences tend to show through in some songs to the point where you'd almost expect they're covering someone else's work.

Still, Rosavelt will be a show to get excited about. Cedars, located in downtown Youngstown with its close and down-to-earth feel, will be the perfect

place to host this act.

Interview Chris Allen, Rosavelt's singer was outside of his Cleveland home yesterday enjoying one of the first tastes of warm weather Ohio had in a while.

"This weather will all be gone in a day or two when we pack up for 'n' roll, you know?" Youngstown," Allen said.

Cedars expect to hear on Friday?

Allen: "We played in Cedars before, it's a really good-sounding room. We're going to play as long as they let us. We're going to throw some newer stuff in there and some cover

J: When are you going back in the studio to record your new CD? Will you lyrics. I love Waits' music, I can't get music." be continuing the same sound from the my hands on it fast enough." last one?

time set for the recording, just sometime in the next six months. We need to play the newer songs live to see how they sound. The new CD will continue the work we started. There's going to be some different stuff of course, but it will always be four guys who play rock

J: What musicians influence your Jambar: What can the crowd at writing? I heard a Tom Petty sound in some of your songs, who do you draw your inspiration from?

Allen: "Tom Petty was actually the first concert I ever saw. I also like songwriters like Bob Dylan and Tom Waits. I really like [Waits'] songwriting, it's not reflected in the CD as much but I try to take his approach to writing

J: What was your reaction to win-Allen: "We don't have a definite ning "Best Rock/Pop Baud" in the 3758

Cleveland Music Awards?

Allen: "We've gotten a lot of good press and the people of Cleveland have always been supportive of us. It's an honor when that happens and it's always nice to be recognized."

J: You're billed as 'mid-west rock.' How much has living in Ohio influenced your music?

Allen: "I understood our connection to Ohio more once we did some traveling.

We toured Europe and I began to realize that what we do is very midwest. It's a place I'm proud to be from. There's this unpretentiousness that gets ingrained in you from living here and that's something that shows up in the

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notified Ohio State on Monday that Smith will be reinstated if he repays the amount of money he received to a charity opener on Sept. 3 against Miami (Ohio). Smith also missed the Buckeyes bowl game in December because he accepted the money.

ketball and football programs. Former football player university." Maurice Clarett charged last summer that players received are a step toward combating money from boosters and fre- abuses by boosters. quently were given high-pay,

One of the pamphlets mailed to football season-ticket holders is 20 pages long and details the many things that mitted to do for a student-ath-

lete or a recruit.

Ohio State President Karen Holbrook writes in an introduction to the pamphlet and sits out the Buckeyes that compliance "is essential to ensure the proper integrity and ethics in our programs. .. Failure to uphold the rules of the NCAA and the Big Ten jeopardizes not only the eligi-NCAA investigators are bility of our prospects and stulooking into Ohio State's bas- dent-athletes but also impacts negatively on the image of our

Tressel said the pamphlets

"We've had those pamphlets as to the do's and don'ts for boosters for years and years," he said. "I think the impetus to distribute them more broadly has been on the boosters and fans are not per- heels of some situations and

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speaker for the event, Ruth W. Messinger, an activist and humanitarian, will speak about the contributions the Jewish community could make to suffering people in developing nations, including the victims of the tsunami and the people of Darfur.

"It's not right for us to be

"We can celebrate our heritage as Jewish any meaning it comes with a fortunate. We have an obligation to help," Friedman

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event will highlight possible ate students will also conways the Jewish community tribute to the festival by could make a difference in unveiling a photo exhibit the lives of the people that traces the history of the

engagement," Friedman said. Another speaker at the

Geffen is the executive

Americans, but we need to director of the Center for view, 250 reservations had be aware that for that to have Jewish History in New York City. Geffen also worked for price. The price is being Dr. Martin Luther King as a responsible for those less civil rights worker in South Carolina in the 1960s.

> posers who have contributed to American Jewish culture. Historical

Friedman said part of the Preservation class of gradulocal Jewish community.

"I'm very impressed with the work the students did," Friedman said. Friedman said there

Jewish food. Friedman says

believes that the event is already a success. At the time of the inter-

been made for the festival. Friedman says he believes the final number of

reservations will be closer to 350, if not more. The festival will be held at 4p.m. Sunday, April 3 at

Butler Institute of the American Art. The event is free and

open to the public, but reservations are required. To make a reservation

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Messinger will speak about.

"It's a challenge and an

event, Peter A. Geffen, will completely happy while peoperesent a historical overview—would also be a table of ple in other countries are suf- of Jewish contributions in refreshments with traditional fering," Friedman said about America since 1654, when a the serious side of the cele- small group of Jews landed in New Amsterdam (now New York City).

> The event will also feature a musical interlude from Yiddishe Cup, a traditional Jewish band from Cleveland. The Cleveland Free Times named the band the "best ethnic/world act" in 2000. Yiddishe Cup will play a mix of traditional Jewish music as well as pieces by com-

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YSU SGA shows no signs of slowing in final weeks

By Christina Poe The Jambar

Tith the end of the year drawing closer, Youngstown State University's Student Government Association showed no signs of stopping as they discussed important issues and passed legislation.

A number of topics were talked about at their Monday meeting, including university policy, higher education legislation and extended Maag Library hours for finals week.

The Academic Affairs committee reintroduced a resolution dealing with YSU's academic grievance policy given to them by the Academic Senate for SGA suggestions.

Representative Justin Truitt, committee chair, said the resolution has a few factors the old policy does not con-

Truitt said the old policy states students can only file a complaint if the professor deviates from his or her syllabus, which overlooks such grade-effecting factors as lack of office hours.

The resolution gives students more chances to contest a professor's decision if they choose to do so, Truitt said.

"It addresses the rights of student's say in their grades if the teaching falls short," Truitt said.

SGA President Angela Mavrikis agreed and said the resolution would allow the policy to broaden its conditions in a way that would benefit all students.

Representative Hiznay said the open-ended policy could pose a problem and suggested conditions be proved grievable by the college dean. The resolution passed and

will be sent back to the Academic Senate's Student Academic Grievance commit-SGA Vice President for

Financial Affairs Bob McGovern updated the body on the future of a post-Columbus higher education ad hoc committee. McGovern said his com-

mittee would be looking into House Bill 132, which was similar to the resolution SGA presented to legislators over spring break. Parliamentarian

Taylor said the bill does not address higher education and is something the committee will keep in mind. "It's an example of some-

thing that we want to accomplish," Taylor said.

McGovern added his committee is also planning on visiting the Ohio Senate later this semester.

With finals week looming ahead, Vice President for Student Affairs Shivani Jindal brought up extending the hours for YSU's Maag Library during finals week. Jindal said her committee

is close to expanding last year's week of extended hours until Tuesday or Wednesday of finals week.

Jindal said the director of Maag has agreed that the library will fund the extended hours, but that SGA will have to provide refreshments on their own.

Jindal said she is meeting with Vice President for Student Affairs Cynthia Anderson to discuss the issue.

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Entertainment

HEADLINES

 Britney bites back Britney Spears, who's been dogged by pregnancy rumors of late, lashed out at "false tabloids," including Star, and US Weekly and calling their employees "liars."

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YOUNGSTOWN

Vocal virtuoso to perform Saturday at Nyabinghi
2005 Lord

> By B.J. Lisko The Jambar

t's pretty safe to say that classical musicians like Bach. Beethoven and Mozart are in the upper echelon in the history of music. Even today their material is still pretty unbelievable. You may think you're a songwriter with your Les Paul knockoff and Gorilla amplifier, but you would've been lucky to be a shoe shiner for any one of the aforementioned artists.

It's not often that a musician comes along that carries with him or her, the epic genius possessed by the greats of classical music of yesteryear. And I'll even admit I didn't think it was even possible in today's bogged down world of Britneys and

But I stand corrected.

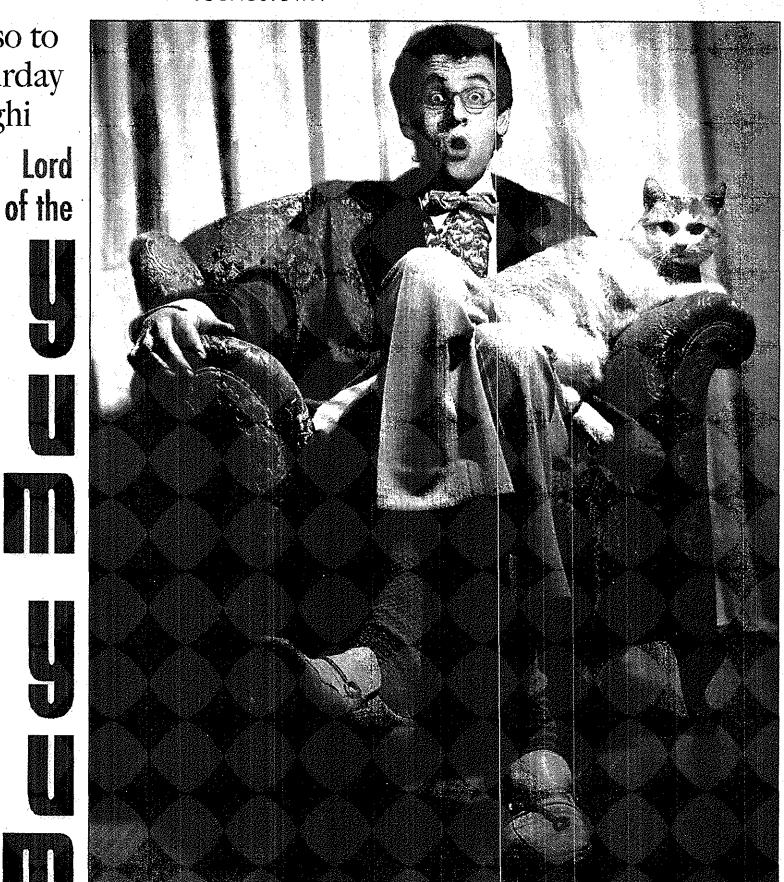
Paul Velat, known in the mythical sense as Lord of the Yum Yum, is a modern day musical genius. The most fascinating thing about it is he doesn't even play an instrument.

The first time I witnessed Lord of the Yum Yum in full splendor, it was a concert of epic proportions. Not in grandeur of attendants witnessing, or even in a sight and sound spectacle ala KISS or (insert dinosaur rock band here).

No, this epic consisted of an awkward man, in a ruffled baby blue suit looping vocal sounds in a classic music cover concert that easily rivaled the likes of the Philharmonic Orchestra, Morman Tabernacle Choir or well, sorry those are all the references I can come up with, and they're probably not even accurate.

Nonetheless I was impressed.

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Lord of the vocalists

Paul Yelat, aka, Lord of the Yum Yum will perform his unique brand of vocal stylings Saturday at The Nyabinghi. (Submitted photo by Josh

Roots rockers Rosavelt set for Cedars Friday night

Cleveland natives Rosavelt will play in support of their 2004 release "The Story of Gasoline"

By Bill Rodgers The Jambar

"Met her on a railway station, The one before the beat, In my mind I call her lover, But in real life I call her Gasoline"

That's the first verse sang in the song, "Gasoline," by Cleveland rootsrock band Rosavelt. The song begins from far away with muffled drums and guitars, sounding as if you're listening to it from outside the band's garage. A few more seconds and the volume of the song kicks up and you're introduced to the band's catchy rough-hewn music.

Rosavelt will be making the short trip from their home base in Cleveland to Cedars in Youngstown to perform a show tomorrow night at 11 p.m. Tickets to the concert are \$5 and the doors open at 8 p.m.

The band is playing in support of their 2004 album "The Story of Gasoline" and to drum up some excitement for their upcoming album, which they'll begin recording sometime soon. Their first album earned the band the title of "Best Rock/Pop Band" at the 2004 Cleveland Music Awards. Rosavelt also toured Europe last fall with Tim Easton.

Rosavelt has a sound that is made up of equal portions of grit and pop rock with a little bit of country (but not enough to give off a scary hillbilly vibe). Audiences can expect to hear a stew where sounds of roots, country has a sound with texture, a sound supand The Clarks are blended and the ported by rough guitars and the cracked on Rosavelt's "The Story of Gasoline." singing head of Tom Petty floats to the voice of lead singer Chris Allen. They're blended to the point of bounc-



Roots rockers

Cleveland natives Rosavelt will perform at Cedars Lounge Friday night. (Submitted photo)

surface occasionally.

The band's promoters bill Rosavelt as "vintage mid-west rock." Rosavelt

They're also a sound with a location. It's easy to mentally tie Rosavelt to the landscape of rural Ohio.

The mix of sounds is put to work

ing off one another. In "Broken Little Heart," one country-style guitar riff is immediately answered by a rock one. The melodies in the songs are easy to

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YOUNGSTOWN

Jewish life celebrated at **Butler Art** Institute

By Bill Rodgers The Jambar

celebration of Jewish culture through music, activism and a light "nosh" will be part of a day of commemoration. "350 Years of Jewish Life in America Past, Present, and Future," a festival organized to focus on Jewish achievements in America will also look at future contributions the Jewish community could make to the world.

A number of organizations, including the Judaic and Holocaust Program of the Youngstown State University department of history, the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center, sponsor

Saul Friedman, one of the festival's organizers, said the event would go beyond simply celebrating Jewish heritage in America. He said the festival would have a "serious and celebratory atmosphere."

Friedman said the keynote

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