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◀ "Million Dollar Baby" doesn't deserve the praise it will likely get over the weekend.
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HOME FINALE

Tisha Hill had many encouraging words about her seniors as they gear up for their home finale.
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French Films

Youngstown State University's French club, Les Gaulois, will be showing French films every week beginning Friday, Feb. 25.

The films will be shown for free at 4:30 p.m. every Friday in the Language Learning and Resource Center of DeBartolo hall room 565. A meeting will follow each screening.

For more information, contact Karen Anthony at (330) 941-3461.

Career event

The Youngstown State University economics club and the Career Services Office will host a career event called "Economics in Action: Economic Development in the Mahoning Valley."

The event, which will be held Tuesday, March 1 in the Bresnahan Suites of Kilcawley Center, will feature Natalya Schenck, a YSU alumnus and portfolio specialist with the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation.

The program will begin at 3 p.m. and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Christina Hardy at (330) 941-3514.

Domhoff appointed

Christina Domhoff, an administrative assistant at the Cisco Networking Academy at the Metro College in Boardman, has been appointed as the higher education representative to the Ohio Education Association's Executive Committee.

Domhoff, who replaces YSU political science professor Paul Sracic in this position, is the first non-faculty higher education representative on the committee.

Weather >> Snow showers



the jambar poll question

Last question
If you transferred schools, did you miss credit hours?
73% Yes 27% No

Today's question
Do you see self-segregation among students on campus?
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Assistant prof files appeal

Joseph Serowik is appealing his contract's non-renewal for 2005-2006

By Elizabeth Tabak
The Jambar

The forensic science professor who was under scrutiny last semester for his role in a high-profile court case is once again in the spotlight.

Joseph Serowik, assistant professor of criminal justice, is currently appealing his contract's non-renewal for the upcoming academic year.

Hugh Chatman, executive director of human resources, said he does not know why Serowik's contract renewal was denied by the dean of the College of Health and Human Services. However, he said Serowik's appeal is currently under review in the provost's office.

On Jan. 13, Serowik was sent a letter by Alice Guerra, acting dean of the college of Health and Human Services, informing him of both Guerra's and Dean John Yemma's decision against reappointing

"The letter simply stated, 'I am recommending your non-reappointment to a full-time faculty member in the criminal justice department of Youngstown State University..'"

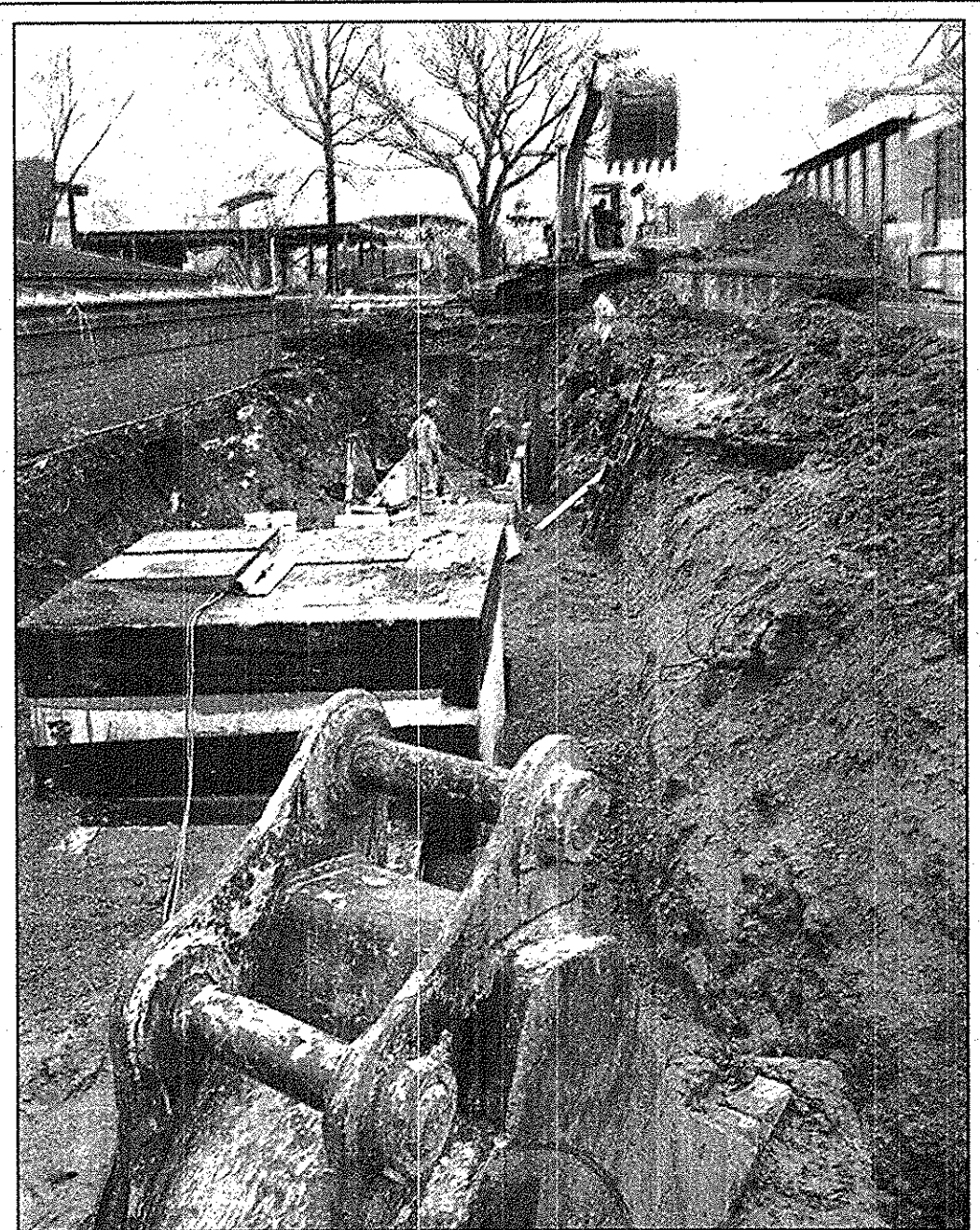
Serowik. The letter was also sent to former provost Tony Atwater.

The letter simply stated, "I am recommending your non-reappointment to a full-time faculty member in the criminal justice department of Youngstown State University." No explanation for non-reappointment was given.

Guerra could not be reached for comment. Yemma is currently on sick leave, and also could not be reached.

Serowik, who makes \$48,000 a year for his position,

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Here's the scoop

The trenches and dirt piles outside Kilcawley Center mean progress is being made on the Andrews Wellness Center. Here workers prepare an engineering tunnel between the two buildings.
(Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

YOUNGSTOWN

Nine Dems, one republican seek mayor spot

Sen. Robert Hagan and state Rep. Sylvester Patton are among the candidates

By Leonard Crist
The Jambar

With more than two months to go before the May 3 primary, Youngstown's mayoral race is already starting to simmer.

Nine Democratic candidates have officially thrown their hat in the ring to be the Democratic nominee. One Republican, a long shot candidate in an overwhelmingly Democratic city,

has filed with the Mahoning County Board of Elections to run for his party's nomination. The deadline to file expired last Thursday.

The candidates are vying to replace out-going mayor George McKelvey, who served two terms and cannot run again because of term limits.

The nine Democratic candidates are: state Sen. Robert Hagan (D-33), state Rep. Sylvester Patton (D-60), city

council President James Fortune, Youngstown Police Chief Robert Bush, Councilman Michael Rapovy, former council President John Swierz, Bill Flickenger, Patricia O'Connell and Diane Murphy. The lone Republican candidate is Robert Korchmak.

Jay Williams, the city's Community Development Agency director and moderator for the Youngstown 2010 public forums, is expected to bypass

the primaries and run as an independent in November. Independent candidates have until May 2 to file. One other independent candidate, Joe Louis Teague, has already filed to run in the general election.

The six Democratic candidates, with past political experience, Hagan, Patton, Fortune, Bush, Rapovy and Swierz, are in the "top tier" and have a better

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Self-segregation in Kilcawley raises a few eyebrows

A psychology professor said he wouldn't go as far to call it racism

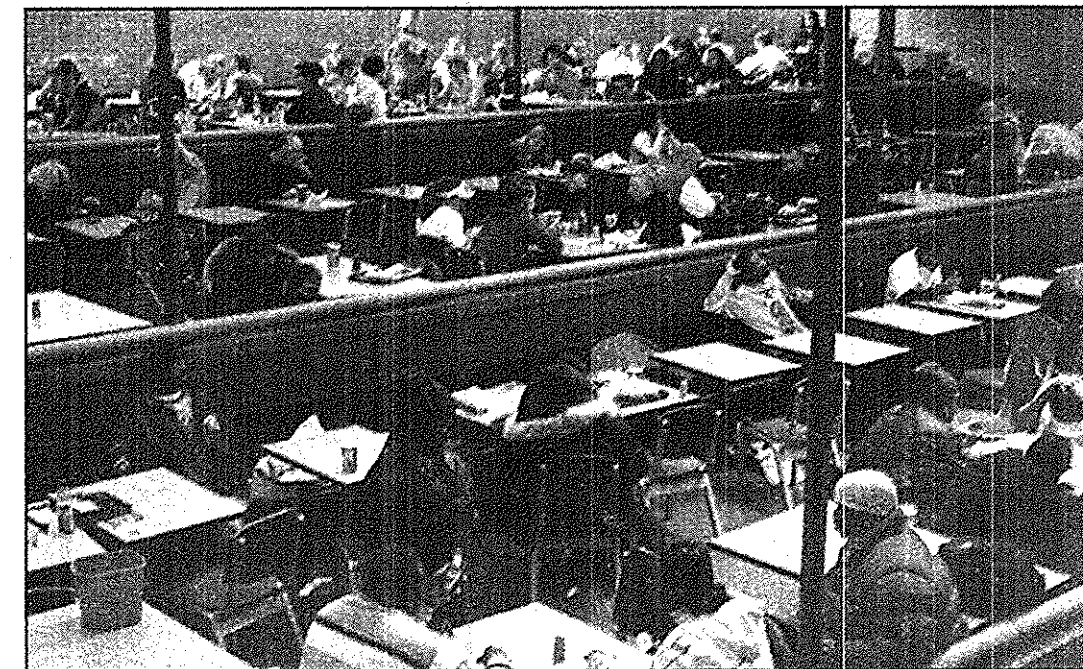
By Maysoun Abdelrasul
The Jambar

From her seat behind the Candy Counter at Kilcawley Center, junior Amanda Yeager watches much of the daily action that occurs in the bustling center of student activity.

Located across the way from the Candy Counter is the Lariccia International Student Lounge, a study lounge that is often filled.

However, Yeager said she often notices what many other students and professors also seem to see happening in the lounge: racial self-segregation.

Steve Ellyson, a psychology professor, said he has noticed the self-segregation in Kilcawley Center but said he would not go so far as to call it



Degrees of separation

Students dining at The Marketplace in Kilcawley Center tend to congregate by ethnicity in the upper and lower tiers. The middle level is often more racially diverse. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

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Three new graduate programs set

By Maysoun Abdelrasul
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University Department of Graduate Studies has announced three new graduate programs for the Fall 2005 semester.

The degrees will be a Master of Arts in American studies, a master's degree in financial economics and a master's degree in computing and information systems. The programs' coordinators said the new courses of study would give YSU students the opportunity to explore more options and be better prepared for the real world.

The Master of Arts in American studies will be a collaborative effort between a number of departments at YSU and community members. Stephanie Tingley, the MAAS coordinator, said community members would help shape the program through mentoring the students.

The interdisciplinary program will use a variety of materials from different academic departments and will be divided into two areas: a public practice track and a teaching track.

Tingley said the public practice track is geared toward applying skills to a non-profit organization.

"It highlights learning by

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doing," she said.
 She said theory in practice is part of the teaching track and teachers will use language arts and social studies teachers to teach American studies in their classroom. Tingley said she is excited about the program and is doing her best to get the word out. The teachers will work closely with the students to find where the students' interests lie in order to make it unique for each one. "The program is really flexible and gives people choices," Tingley said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

On Feb. 19 the Youngstown State Police Department was called to Lyden House. A resident said someone grabbed him by the back of his shirt and pushed him against the brick wall, hitting his head against it, and then threw him onto the bed. The subject was restrained by two people and escorted out of the room. No charges were filed.

At the NEUCOM dance in the DeBartolo Club on Feb. 19, a YSU officer found people in the kitchen area with a silver flask and a Pepsi bottle. According to the report, a 21-year-old male admitted to having alcohol. The officer escorted him out of the building, according to the police report. The flask and the Pepsi bottle were tagged as evidence.

BRIEFS

Women support group

The Youngstown State University Women to Women support group will meet at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 in room 2069 of Kilcawley Center.

The group is open to all female students, faculty and staff and encourages women through dialogue. It is also a referral source to those who may need services referring to spousal abuse, child abuse, substance abuse, childcare, employment, sexual discrimination, employment needs and housing concerns.

For more information, contact Cheryl Levy at (330) 941-2373 or clevy@ysu.edu.

Corporation awards grant

Parker Hannifin Corp. has awarded a \$100,000 research grant to Youngstown State University's Hydraulic Research and Education center for the development of an intelligent hydraulic system.

Shawn Kim, Ganesh Kudav, Hazel Pierson and Daniel Suchora, faculty members in the mechanical engineering program in the Rayen College of Engineering and Technology, will use the funds to conduct research on flow analysis and virtual prototyping of a piston pump and hydraulic system now under development by Parker.

"The collaboration effort is

a fine example of a unique and successful partnership between academia and industry," Kim said in a press release.

Parker is the world's leading diversified manufacturer of motion and control technologies and systems. It has been supporting the development of the Hydraulics Research and Education Center in Moser Hall at YSU for more than two years.

The company has donated more than \$100,000 in equipment, including hydraulic and pneumatic trainers and an industrial-size hydraulic test stand. Last year the company provided a separate \$62,000 research grant.

Burke Davis and Greg Mazurek, graduate assistants, are working on the project and two undergraduate students, Becky Grove and Adam Brink, have been hired to assist faculty members.

Cynthia Hirtzel, dean of the YSU Rayen College of Engineering and Technology said in a press release that faculty, staff and students in the college are particularly proud of this initiative because it provides research opportunities and collaborations that benefit the community, industry, faculty and students.

Kim said the research project would run through Sept. 16, 2005 but could be extended based on the project's outcome.

YSU African American History Month Celebration

Thursday, February 3
Lecture—"Slavery: The True Cause of the Civil War"
 Dr. Paul Finkleman
 7:30 p.m., Presidential Suite, Kilcawley Center

Saturday, February 5
The African Marketplace
 Noon-6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Tuesday, February 8
Lecture—"The African American Struggle: Shifting Visions and Strategies"
 Dr. Joe W. Trotter
 7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Friday, February 11
Poetry Reading—"Rosa Parks: Then and Now"
 7:30 p.m., SMARTS Center

Monday, February 14
Concert—Jazz Performance "Horns and Things"
 7:00 p.m., Peabery's Café, Kilcawley Center

Thursday, February 17
Lecture—"The Black Family: Tracing Your Ancestry"
 Roland Barksdale-Hall
 7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Friday, February 18
Play—"The Color of Love"
 7:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Saturday, February 19
Panel—"Myths and Realities on Health Issues in the African American Community"
 7:00 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Tuesday, February 22
Panel Discussion—"Black Artistic Creations at Youngstown State University"
 7:00 p.m., SMARTS Center

Friday, February 25
Film—"The Ghosts of Rwanda"
 7:00 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Saturday, February 26
Lecture—"The African American Male and the HIV/AIDS Crisis in the Black Community"
 J.L. King
 7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Art Exhibit—"Black Artistic Creations at Youngstown State University"
 Monday, February 1-February 28
 The Dean's Suite in DeBartolo Hall and the SMARTS Center
 Panel discussion
 Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m., SMARTS Center

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Proverb of the Month:
 "When a cock is drunk, it forgets about the hawk."
 —An African Proverb

Event Parking:
 Parking is available at the Lincoln Book and at M&M's by McDonald's Restaurant.

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OUR SIDE

Masters program welcome addition

A new master's degree program has recently been announced at Youngstown State University.

The program, which will begin Fall 2005, is focused on graduate level work in the American studies program and will allow students to advance and perfect their knowledge of American and working class studies.

The program's addition to YSU's lineup of courses is being praised by professors as "unique" and a "first of its kind." It is the first graduate degree program at YSU that gives emphasis to working class studies, and it will give all students a chance to learn in a non-conventional, real-world setting.

It gives students the chance to break away from the normal, lecture-style classroom and out into the community to create educational exhibits and work hands-on with experts in the field and those in need.

The master's program comes as a great supplement to the university's already existing working class studies program, and can only allow greater opportunities for students during their time here at YSU and in their future careers. And as more students enroll in the program and become involved, it will add to the prestige of our university, faculty and graduates.

It also offers an opportunity to retain current students by giving them options for their graduate studies as well as providing an impressive program through which students from around the country can choose to attend, boosting YSU's enrollment figures.

The master's program will create a stronger group of individuals with knowledge in American Studies. It is also an imperative degree for those who live in an area so highly concentrated in the working class.

Along with the new master of art in American studies degree are two other master's degrees we feel will also enhance the rapidly growing YSU curriculum: computing and information services and financial economics.

All of these experiences and courses of study are vital to the university's hopes of remaining competitive in the world of higher education.

We congratulate those who have dedicated themselves to creating these degrees, and those who have done such hard work and research to give these opportunities to YSU students.

We hope this will serve as a starting point for other programs. The more options YSU can offer its students, the better prepared its graduates will be upon entering the real world, though there is still plenty of work to be done. We are glad to see to the beginnings of what could be a great academic opportunity.

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Magne makes 'brainless statement'

Dear Editor:
 Karl Magne's didactic diatribe critiquing letter in your Feb. 17 issue assails me as making a "brainless blanket statement that" "no Americans have morals" (and remember he's criticizing others for attacks and name calling).

Editor, please print this correction for Karl: what I meant to say was that I am the "only" American who has morals—not that other Americans don't have them. Gees ol' man!

And according to Magne the Opinion Page really should not exist. So Editor please "Grow Up" and desist with the Opinion Page now as we've all been enlightened by Karl just as the people of Germany were by Hitler in 1933.

Ted Williams

Letter missed 'one important mark'

Editor,
 This is in response to letter in the Feb. 15 Jambar referring to Youngstown's "image problem." While the author was correct in pointing out issues that cause Youngstown to have a bad reputation, his take on Youngstown's "improvements" miss on one important mark.

Everything, pointed out to show how Youngstown is improving, from the Convocation Center, 7-11 connector, the various arts and entertainment venues to even GM Lordstown have one common disturbing trend... they are all publicly funded projects using taxpayer dollars. Before you say "GM Lordstown and public money?" let's remember the state money, a \$63 million incentive package to be exact, that General Motors basically demanded to keep the plant in this area. Of course, all the while they were downsizing the workforce (through attrition) over the last 20 years.

You might say GM and the specifically mentioned public-funded projects give a shot in the arm to the local economy. Well remember, once these projects are completed and all the construction workers go home, these "image boosters" have to keep their doors open or be maintained, which all cost money; our tax dollars, not GM's mind you, they got an abatement.

Youngstown cannot have true growth until the powers that be find a way to get private investment in the community. Not just tax-abated mom and pop operations, but real corpora-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

tions that need skilled workers. Only then will Youngstown stop being left to wallow in the State and Federal hand-outs that get thrown to us every so often.

Pea Gibb

Eich 'denigrated the service of millions'

Congratulations, Mr. Eich. In two ridiculous sentences, you have denigrated the service of millions who have gone before you. Allow me to assure you, sir, that it is not "all about the stories you can tell at a bar." If you do not believe me, try asking the families of the nearly 1,500 dead troops, or the more than 10,000 permanently maimed who have returned. Either way, your statements belie just how little you actually know about what will happen to you, if and when you should land in the nation of Iraq. Assuming you survive your service there, you will find it difficult to locate someone who can even relate to what you will talk about. You will hear them tell you that they understand how you feel. Right. Service in a

"Allow me to assure you, sir, that it is not 'all about the stories you can tell at a bar.'"

combat theater is one of the few topics of conversation that absolutely requires a common frame of reference. There are limited amounts of people who will accurately understand how it feels to wake in the middle of the night, afraid and unaware of where you are. Or who will understand the dreams that your unconscious mind will generate for you. Or know the sensation of having close friends die near you, possibly even because of you. Take some advice and do with it what you will. Pay close attention to your training. It can save your life and maybe even the lives around you. Whatever decisions you make in grim situations must be the kind to save your life and as many lives around you as possible. Make sure these decisions are justifiable because some rear-echelon puke will be questioning you as to the validity of whatever you make. Maintain close ties with home. It can keep you sane. After 12 years service, split between active and reserve components, and two overseas tours, including Desert Storm in 1990-91, I am pretty certain that what it all comes down to is standing up for

a belief. I always thought Marines were about duty, honor and country. Not stories for the bar crowd.

Joan M. Izzo
 Sec. Ed.

Preserve Girard Lakes

Editor,
 Girard Lakes located in Girard, Ohio, is one of the few beautiful natural resources located in the Mahoning Valley. This beautiful parcel of land was purchased by the City of Girard around 1995.

At the time, the city officials thought they had the resources available to maintain the park. The city had plans to use the lake for a source of water and provide a place for fishing and boating. The city has run out of resources to upkeep the land and is taking drastic measures to destroy one of this area's few natural resources.

The park covers about 600 acres and contains two lakes called the Upper Lake and the Lower Lake. A large forest containing many different animals surrounds these two lakes. If you were to take a walk in the woods you would think you were in the wilderness, not the Mahoning Valley.

Logging has already taken place on the surrounding forest. Trees, which measure to about 48 inches in diameter, were cut down and several clear cuts of trees have taken place.

The water in the Lower Lake has been drained which has killed many fish and devastated the land. Will the same happen to the Upper Lake?

Currently the city of Girard is discussing plans to develop the property and sell lake-side estates to improve the city's economy. Would this whole area benefit more if Girard Lakes were a state park? The truth is it would. A state park would bring people from all over to the Mahoning Valley and help revive our local economy.

This area contains few natural resources and cannot afford to lose another. As a fellow Youngstown State University student, I ask that you write to your local and state officials to preserve this beautiful natural resource before it is too late.

Albert E. Schmalzried Jr.
 YSU Student

NEWS

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chance of getting the nomination than the other three who have not held office in the past, William Binning, the chair of the Youngstown State University political science department, said in a telephone interview.

"Unless some of them have a small fortune to spend, I think we're looking at these six candidates," Binning said. He figures serious contenders will have to raise around \$100,000 to stay competitive in the primary race, he said.

Binning said normally in Youngstown, the Democrat who wins the primary goes on to easily win the general election, however, the nonparty candidacy of Jay Williams may make the November race competitive.

"Jay Williams ... is very impressive in his style [and] in his presentation. I think [Williams] represents a new generation of leadership," Binning said. However, Williams does not have any ballot experience, so there's no way to tell how he will fare in a

campaign setting, Binning said.

"There's a chance that in the general we can have a race, depending on who the Democrats nominate," Binning said, adding that candidates like Hagan and Patton are "battle tested warriors." And the battle seems to have begun.

On Monday, Hagan claimed without naming names, certain candidates had pressured city employees to make campaign contributions. Hagan told reporters gathered at a press conference such actions were improper, but not illegal, the Business Journal reported. Hagan vowed not to accept campaign contributions from city employees.

In early February, after receiving a tip, the Vindicator reported that Fortune and Patton both owed about \$200 each in back property taxes. Fortune termed the release of the information as purely political. Both men later paid off their tax bill.

"What's surprising to me is how early this stuff is coming out,"

Binning said, wondering if the campaign would remain "noisy" for the next couple of months or if it would quiet down some.

In a multi-candidate field, mudslinging can be effective at damaging an opponent, but it does not necessarily help the candidate slinging the mud—a third candidate could potentially reap the benefit, Binning said. He said he hopes the campaign will focus more on issues than on mudslinging. "I think voters will be looking to issues of economic development, crime and race relations. There are a lot of things that need to be talked about and should be aired in a campaign," Binning said. However, trying to get a message out in such a large field of candidates will be a daunting challenge, he said.

"It's why you need the money," Binning said.

Another important factor in determining the next mayor of Youngstown is the race of the candidate, Binning said. He anticipates black voters voting for black

candidates and white voters voting for white candidates, with some crossover, he said. However, because the city is evenly split between black and white residents and because of the six viable candidates, three are black (Patton, Bush and Fortune) and three are white (Hagan, Rapovy and Swierz), the outcome is a bit of a "dice game," Binning said. Williams is also black.

Youngstown has never had a black mayor.

"It means a lot to the African American community to have a black mayor, something that they aspire to see achieved, as many ethnic groups in the past have in a city like Youngstown," Binning said. "Over the history of Youngstown, the Italians wanted their turn, the Slovaks wanted their turn, and I think the African American community feels it's their turn. It's representational politics."

Call Leonard Crist at (330) 941-1989

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could not be reached for comment after several phone calls.

Bege Bowers, YSU's interim provost, said she is currently reviewing the appeal without the help of a committee. Bowers explained that under the YSU — Ohio Education Association contract agreement, a committee to review such appeals is not required.

Bowers said, though she could not comment further on the subject, her decision on the appeal would be "forthcoming at a later date."

At the time of his Aug. 9 hire, Serowik was under scrutiny for his previous position as a Cleveland lab technician.

Just months prior to his hire as a full-time forensic science professor at YSU, he was suspended and subsequently fired over allegations he gave erroneous testimony in the 1988 trial of Michael Green, who was accused of rape. Green spent 13 years in jail before further DNA testing proved his innocence.

As a result, a codicil was built

into Serowik's contract stating "reappointment contingencies individual's acceptable resolution of case audits initiated in 2004 insofar as the employee remains in 'good standing' as an expert witness as evaluated by the Courts of Common Pleas in Ohio as well as continued advanced training and skill development in the field of forensic science."

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Drew Bledsoe was introduced as a Dallas Cowboy Wednesday.
▶ **Roid rage**
Often angry and defiant, Barry Bonds defended himself Tuesday against accusations that steroids help baseball players.



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Sportswire

Information taken from the YSU Sports Information Web site (ysu.edu/sports) and wire reports

Gillespie garners Horizon League Athlete of the Week accolades

Indianapolis — Senior Aaliyah Gillespie of Youngstown State has been selected the Horizon League Women's Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for Feb. 22.

Gillespie broke her own school record in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.06 seconds to win the event at the Kent State Tune-Up on Saturday. The senior also placed sixth in the 55-meter dash at the meet, running a personal-best time of 7.29 to move into fifth all-time in school history in the event.

Softball opens campaign at EKU Invitational

The Youngstown State softball team opens the 2005 campaign with three games at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational, Feb. 26-27, in Richmond, Ky.

The Penguins open the journey on Saturday against Dayton at 10:30 a.m. and face IUPUI at 1 p.m. Youngstown State will visit host Eastern Kentucky on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Penguins ink two Ohio standouts

Youngstown — Defender Amanda Polles (Mansfield, Ohio) and midfielder Jenna Fink (Medina, Ohio) have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their academic and soccer careers at Youngstown State, Head Coach Anthony James announced.

Polles, a four-year letter-winner and a three-year starter at Mansfield, received first-team all-conference honors and was named Honorable Mention all-district as a senior. She was also selected to the NC District All-Star team. As a junior she was a first-team North District selection and a second-team all-conference selection. As a sophomore she received Northwest District honorable mention honors.

"Amanda is the typical player who is expected to come in and battle for everything that comes her way," said James. "She is extremely quick and athletic and will be a very good defender."

Fink was a four-year letter-winner and two-time team captain at Medina High School. She led her club team, the Cleveland Futbol Club, to six consecutive state championships from 1999-2004. She was named Rookie of the Year as a freshman and was a Pioneer All-Conference team selection as a junior and a senior.

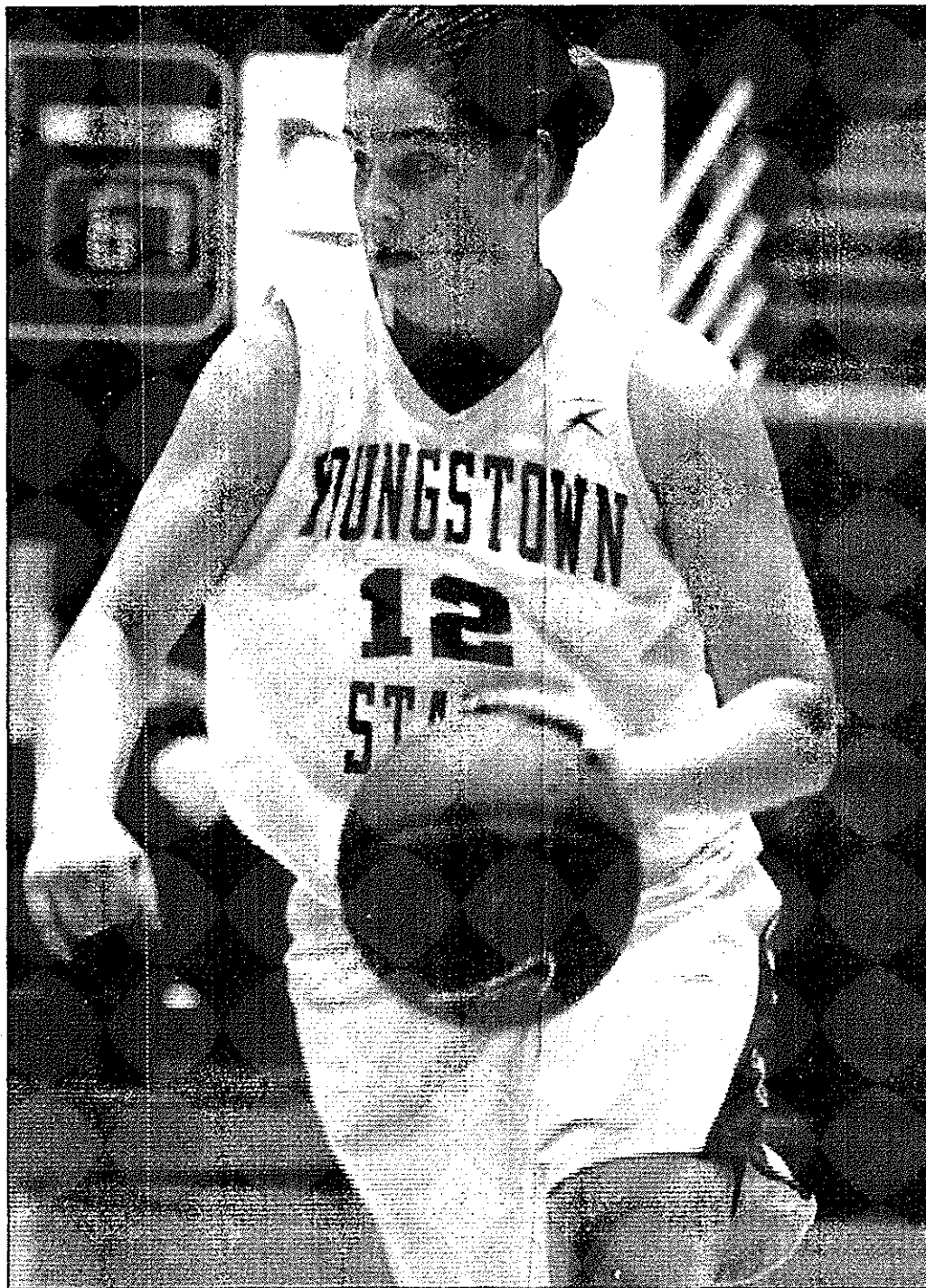
"Jenna is a great addition to the Penguin program," James said. "She has all the tools to develop into a dominant player at this level."

Polles and Fink join Kaitlin Messer, Nina Pannoni and Carrie Wack in the 2005 YSU recruiting class.

YSU

Seniors prepare for final home game

Head coach Tisha Hill praised the squad for its efforts against Wisconsin-Green Bay



Senior night

Senior Cathy Hanek scored 11 points Saturday to help the Penguins defeat Wisconsin-Green Bay 60-56 on their home court. Hanek is one of five graduating seniors who will be playing their last YSU home game Thursday. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

At Tuesday's press conference, Lady Penguins Head Coach Tisha Hill praised the work the team has done since their Saturday victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay, 60-56.

She also reflected on the seniors' upcoming final night and what they have to do to prepare for it.

"Their chins are up," head coach Tisha Hill said Tuesday. "They're walking around campus and they are very proud, and they should be."

The Penguins earned every right to be proud as they broke Green Bay's 55 home game winning streak against Horizon League opponents. Green Bay was formerly ranked 23rd in the nation.

The win, which lifts the Penguins to 10-15 overall, was due in large part to Penguins' shooters seniors Barb Fabianova and Cathy Hanek. Both nailed three 3-pointers and recorded 11 points in Saturday's game. Senior Jen Perugini also led the team with 12 points.

As a team the Penguins hit 10 3-pointers and shot 55.6 percent, much to Hill's delight.

"It's important for our outside shooters to be hitting," Hill said. "Perugini has been consistent all year around. She's going to be a force inside and can step out. But our shooters with Barb, Christy Gaudiose and Cathy, those players have got to be able to

knock down shots for us."

The senior Penguin contingency of Hanek, Perugini, Fabianova, Tara Fleming and Melissa Tarrant will play their last game at Beechly Center Thursday against Detroit and will be honored before the game.

Hill, currently in her second year as the Penguins head coach, said she has developed a special bond with the group of seniors. She praised them for their leadership and endurance.

"This is a special group," Hill said. "They've done some special things, that's for sure."

The only concern Hill has about the senior night festivities is that the Penguins may get caught up in the emotion. She said she hopes the group will put their "emotion into what they have to do on the court after those ceremonies."

"I don't want to add any more emotion to it then they already have built up. They are an emotional group," Hill said.

The main focus for the team right now is Detroit, who defeated the Penguins 67-43 in their last game, and utilizing practice days. While the Penguins are coming off a huge win for the program, there is still work to be done, Hill said.

"We've got to keep our momentum going," Hill said. "How do we do that? We do just what we did today. We come in and we work hard in practice and again hope that that hard work pays off."

Tip off is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Beechly Center.

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YOUNGSTOWN

League has high hopes for hockey

By Shawn Buskirk
The Jambar

Owners and participants of Youngstown's new AA expansion hockey team say they are optimistic about the team's role in the Mahoning Valley.

The SteelHounds will be the 18th team of the Central Hockey League, a AA hockey league operating from Phoenix, Arizona. The league currently features 17 teams, nine of which are located in Texas. Other states that have CHL franchises are Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado and Mississippi.

When asked if travel would be an issue for the league, Steve Cherwonak, vice president of communications for the CHL, responded, "We have addressed that issue to the other teams prior the announcement of the new franchise in Youngstown."

Cherwonak said to ease the traveling costs and wearing out of the players, the league will create a unique schedule for the SteelHounds. Other teams in the league will be limited to one trip to Youngstown and will play two games in a span of two to three days. Also the SteelHounds will travel to play four to five games on an away stand and hit a couple different arenas in a local area.

"In most cases, instead of

riding a bus, the teams will be flying," Cherwonak said. "This way the guys will be more rested."

The SteelHounds will begin play this November for the 2005-06 CHL season. Their home arena will be the new Youngstown Convocation Center.

"Eight to 10 years ago we had to go into a city with an existing arena. Now we are able to come into a market like Youngstown, and build a state-of-the-art facility," Cherwonak said, adding that the new arena will be used for much more than hockey.

Global Entertainment Corporation operates the CHL and played a major part in the construction of the Youngstown Convocation Center. International Celiscums Company, a partner with Global, joined the City of Youngstown in efforts to create the new arena. The Convocation Center, which will hold up to 5700 fans for games and will feature events such as concerts and family shows, is set to open in November 2005.

Brad Treiving, president of the CHL, complimented the facility and the new team.

"We have built a state-of-the-art facility for the city," Treiving said. "The team has extremely strong ownership, and there is one word to describe this ownership — class."

Phil Colucci, a 20-year-old

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Steve Cherwonak, Vice president of communications, CHL

sophomore, expressed his opinion on the CHL's move to Youngstown. Colucci said he feels the first-hand hockey experience will be better for the city of Youngstown than watching it on television. He added it will also bring needed revenue into the city.

"The NHL wasn't really a big factor in this area, so the introduction of hockey here in Youngstown will get people excited," Colucci said.

As captain of the Youngstown State University Hockey team, Colucci said he feels the new AA team will help the school and the promotion of YSU hockey.

"We [YSU Hockey] are looking forward to working with the SteelHounds as we've done with the [Youngstown] Phantoms," Colucci said.

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racism. "It's human nature to be comfortable with what is most familiar," he said.

Youngstown State University is a diverse university with many different races and ethnicities making up YSU's total enrollment of 12,396 students. Many say despite the university's ethnic makeup, most students are seen with people of their own race.

Senior Jairus Ford has been at YSU for about four years and said he has rarely seen the different races join together. He said the separation is apparent when looking in the International Study Lounge in Kilcawley; black students frequent the lounge while white students are hardly seen.

"It's sad to see it that way, but that's the way it is," Ford said.

The senior said he noticed

as more and more people come to YSU, they become a part of what already exists instead of attempting to go outside of their comfort zone. Being diverse is important but not at the cost of breaking out of common ground, Ford said.

Yeager agreed with Ford, and said she believes much of self-segregation occurs because students enjoy "hanging out with people from their high school."

"But it can be a good thing if you have a fear of meeting people," Yeager added.

A place where students say self-segregation cannot be missed is at the Marketplace in Kilcawley. Yeager said when she walks into the dining room, she very rarely sees interaction between different races and ethnicities.

Ford said people are accustomed to their own cultures and

does not think students will collaborate as one in the near future.

Ellyson said YSU has many culturally diverse people and it would be ideal for everyone to expand their horizons, but it is hard for many to do that. He said he has seen some students take up to four years to begin meeting people of other ethnicities.

Graduate student Ty-Juan Young agreed and added coming together as a whole is not something that can happen right away.

"Trying to make small steps is something we can do," Young said, adding that there are a number of stereotypes that exist on campus that he believes may make it more difficult for students to come together.

Junior Cristina Horkey said she believes to avoid the stereotypes Young spoke of, there

needs to be more interaction among the university's different cultures, religions and ethnicities. Horkey added if people understood each other's backgrounds better there would not be as much self-segregation as there is now.

"I have friends in a lot of different groups and they do not intermingle," she said.

Horkey said she agrees with Ellyson's theory that people are comfortable with people that speak the same language, have the same background and share a common religion.

Ellyson said he thinks society has opened up a little bit in the last 50 years or so. Differences are important and useful to grow as a person, he said, and he hopes eventually people will be color-blind.

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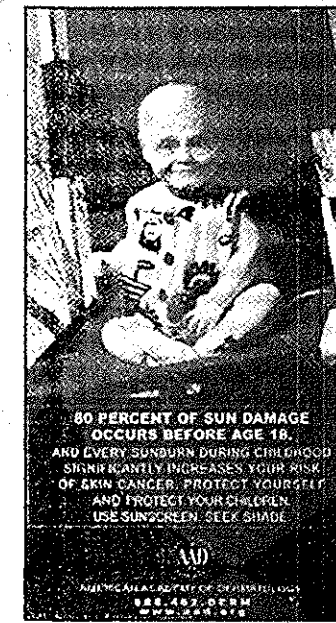
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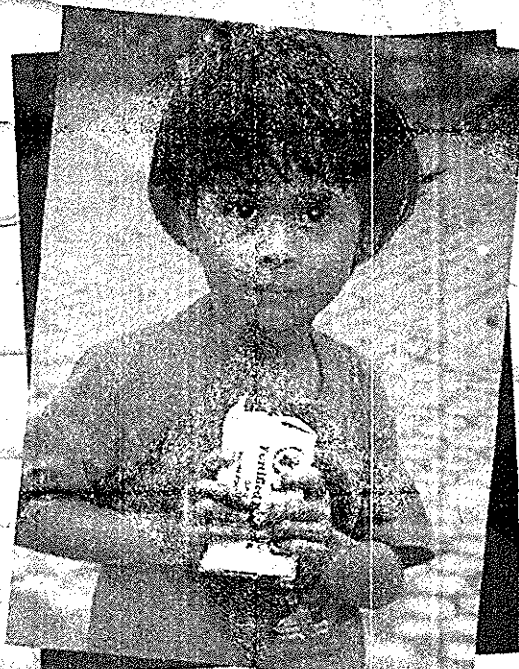
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'Anything Goes' in latest play

By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

Big-band jazz numbers, expertly choreographed dance scenes and a timeless storyline will all be found in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater as it opens its doors this evening.

"Anything Goes," a screwball comedy and musical that dates to 1934 opens tonight at Bliss Hall's Ford Theater. The play features music from the 1930s along with tap dancing and big choreographed dance numbers.

"It's an old-style musical that's been pleasing people for more than 70 years and it still works," Frank Castronovo, professor of theater and the play's director, said.

Castronovo said the cast rehearsed the play for 3-4 hours a night for 7 weeks. He said he was happy to work with the 27-member cast.

"This is a good group of people," Castronovo said.

Youngstown State University's production is a 1988 updated version of the classic musical written by Cole Porter. The play has enjoyed a lot of success over the years. It was the fourth longest-running musical of the 1930s and even spawned a feature film in 1936 starring Bing Crosby and Ethel Merman. The play includes such famous songs, such as "Anything Goes" and "You're the Top."

The entire action of the play takes place on a luxury ocean liner called the S.S. American that's bound for England from New York. The cast of characters includes Reno Sweeney, a sexy evangelist turned night club singer; a foppish fiancé, a solicitous bishop and his two Chinese converts, public enemy number 13 and a pompous Wall Street broker.

Castronovo said the play is a feel-good comedy.

"It's a very gratifying play. Everyone gets what they want. Boy gets girl, girl gets boy; it's a very enduring plot," said Castronovo.

Junior Liz Rubino plays the female lead of Reno Sweeney in YSU's production of the play. She said she fell in love with the music from "Anything Goes" when she first heard it at the age of 12, and playing Reno was a "dream role."

Rubino said she had some goals for the play's opening night tonight.

"I want the audience to have fun. I want to have a blast being this woman up on stage. I want to sing the hell out of this part," Rubino said.

Castronovo said the play's big draw is its dancing and musical numbers. Christine Cobb, assistant professor of human performance and exercise science at YSU, choreographed the play. Assisting her were two YSU students, Alecia M. Starkis and Richard Bell.

Cobb said the play featured eight dances, including two very large production numbers, which were built from the ground-up by Cobb and her assistants.

"This is a big show and a great production. I expect audiences will be entertained and have a lot of fun," Cobb said.

Directing the music for the play is David Stiver. Castronovo said the play had plenty of syncopated Jazz rhythms and period music from the 30s, penned by Cole Porter. Castronovo said the play's music had a lot to do with the play's success over the years.

"Cole Porter was an American pop music genius," Castronovo said.

The play will be showing at the Ford Theater in Bliss Hall at 8 p.m. from Feb. 24-26 and on March 4-5; it will be showing at 3 p.m. Feb. 27 and March 6. Tickets are free to YSU students with a valid I.D., \$10 for adults and \$5 for non-YSU students, senior citizens, alumni and groups of five or more.

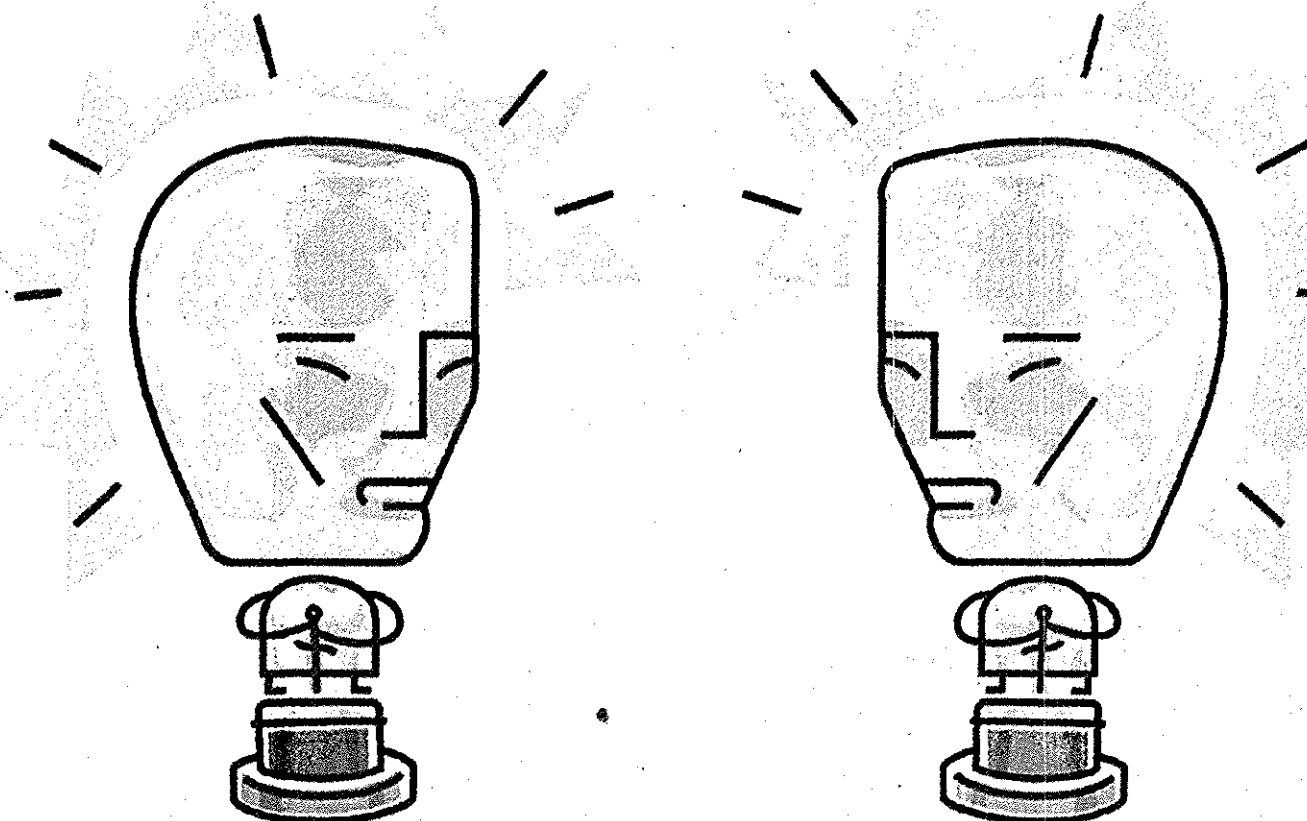
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OSCAR PICKS

'Million Dollar Baby' is million dollar flop

Not from the box office perspective, but it's more of the same from Hilary Swank



By Mark Stevens
Special to The Jambar

Best Picture:

What's going to win: "Million Dollar Baby"
What should win: "Ray"

The skinny: In an era when remakes and movies about famous people that attempt to tell us things we never wanted to know about them, "Million Dollar Baby" is a bad example of neither. Frankly, this idea that every movie that is dark and gritty is something of a cinematic achievement is disturbing. I'm not sure I saw the same Clint Eastwood movie as the critics. I saw a movie based on a bland premise with a predictable ending and the most drawn out, boring last 45 minutes I've ever seen on screen. At least "Ray" was well-acted and inspiring.

Best Actor:

Who's going to win: Jamie Foxx, "Ray"

Who should win: Don Cheadle, "Hotel Rwanda"

The skinny: Tough call. Both actors provided terrific performances and it's tough to pick between them. As long as Leo doesn't win for "The Aviator," everything's fine here.

Best Actress:

Who's going to win: Hilary Swank, "Million Dollar Baby"

Who should win: Kate Winslet, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"
The skinny: You know, all of the critics of Keanu Reeves say that he's the same person in every role he plays. Where are the same critics when it comes to Swank? She plays the same thing, too. Winslet's turn alongside Jim Carrey in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" was eclectic, interesting, intriguing and intelligent.

Supporting Actor:

Who's going to win: Morgan Freeman,

"Million Dollar Baby"

Who should win: Jamie Foxx, "Collateral"

The skinny: Not to take anything away from one of the greatest dramatic actors in the history of cinematography, but Foxx did such a remarkable job with a pretty easy to screw up role in "Collateral" that the recognition has to go to him instead of Freeman.

Supporting Actress:

Who's going to win: Cate Blanchett, "The Aviator"

Who should win: Cate Blanchett, "The Aviator"
The skinny: It's pretty tough to go wrong here, and even though I have to pick against a remarkably deep performance by Natalie Portman in "Closer," I'd have to say Blanchett did a wonderful job balancing against Leonardo DiCaprio's ego in "The Aviator." There should be Nobel Prizes for things like that.

YSU

Mad About the Arts goes Caribbean style

By Christina Poe &
Chuck Rogers
The Jambar

Attendees of the ninth annual Mad About the Arts fundraiser event will be swept away from Youngstown's snow and wind to warm sunshine and hot Caribbean beats.

At the suggestion of Something New Florists, Youngstown State University's McDonough Museum of Art will be transformed into a Miami nightclub.

Proceeds from the benefit will be split between the museum and WYSU-FM, who are co-sponsoring the event.

Gary Sexton, Director of WYSU, said Bohemian band Rudy and the Professionals will be drumming out island rhythms on stage from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sexton said the Professionals are part of a plan to provide patrons with new surprises each year to "keep it interesting."

He said another goal of the event is to get patrons to recognize the connection between the museum, WYSU, the fine arts and the growth of the Youngstown community.

"The arts have been the leader of the revitalization of downtown over the past few years," Sexton said.

Michele Grant, development officer for WYSU, said for the first time, patrons will be able to dance the night away as they sip various wines, eat hors d'oeuvres and sample desserts.

Grant said Ballroom... with Style, a Boardman dance studio,

will be on hand to instruct attendees in the art of the salsa and cha-cha as they groove to the Professionals.

Grant added a wine-tasting event will be held an hour before the show and will only be open for Friends of the Arts, who have bought special tickets.

Leslie Brothers, director of the McDonough, said the museum's half of the funds will go toward its exhibitions programs and other related events.

Brothers added she hopes the addition of dance instruction will attract both old patrons and new ones. "This is our ninth year and we look forward to this event as an opportunity to both share and develop new audiences," Brothers said.

Senior John Noga, a student worker at the McDonough Museum, said the focus of this year's event would be the dancing.

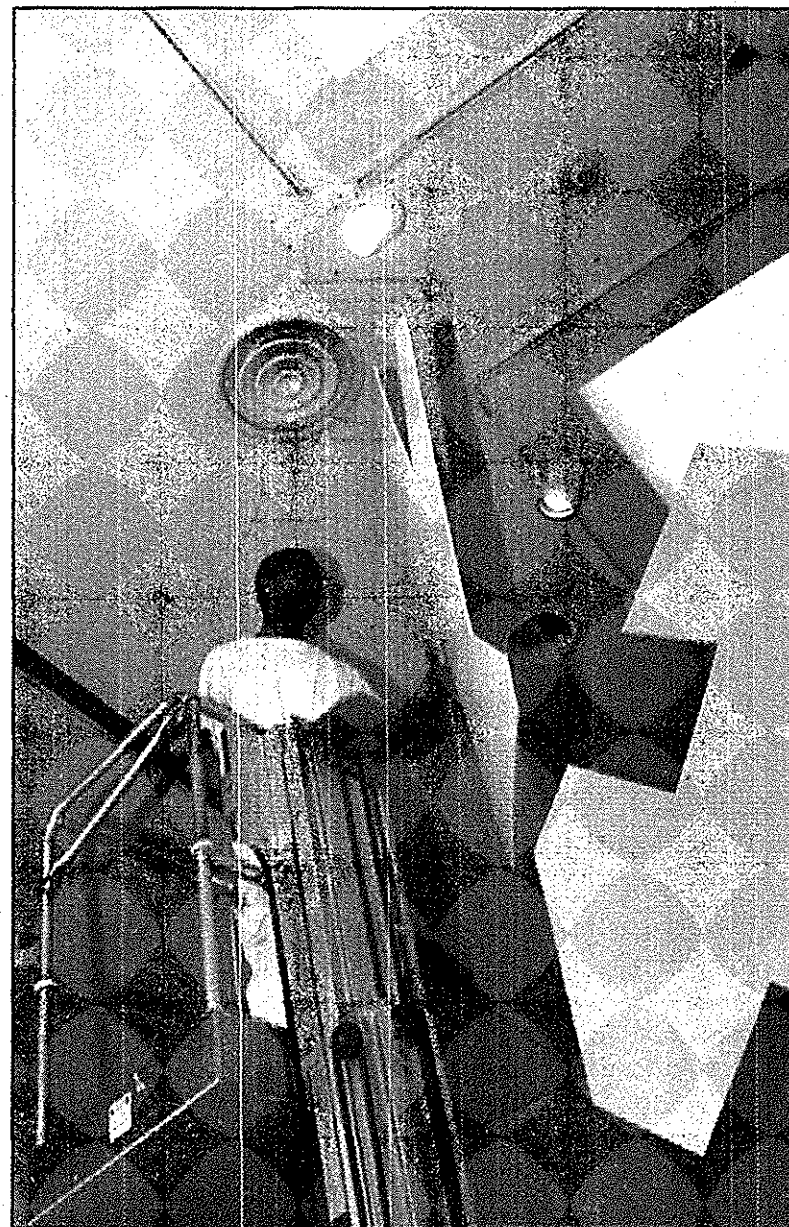
Noga said 300 to 400 people are expected to attend and added the new element of the event could change the way it is planned in the future. "I think the museum will have a different feel than in years past," Noga said.

Costs for the tickets will be \$40 for regular admission, \$75 for Friends of the Arts and \$30 dollars for WYSU and McDonough members, Fine Arts alumni, YSU Faculty, staff and students.

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Miami heat

Irregularly-shaped panels suspended from the McDonough Museum of Art's lower gallery ceiling will help create a Miami-nightclub atmosphere for dancing. Jason Lee, a student worker at the museum, uses a lift to hang the decorations two stories above the floor.