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Junior wins scholarship

Lori MacDonald of Harmony, Pa., a junior biology major at Youngstown State University, has won a prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for the 2005-06 academic year. The award, given to 320 college sophomores and juniors nationwide, covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 a year. McDonald, a graduate of Seneca Valley Senior High School and a University Scholar at YSU, is one of 21 Pennsylvania residents to win the award. After graduating from YSU, she plans to pursue a doctorate in microbiology, conduct research and teach at a small college.

Banquet today

The Youngstown State University Women's Club wishes to remind students about the Scholarship and Installation Banquet today. There will be a cash bar at 5:30 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Boardman. The cost is \$16.50 for club members and \$17.50 for guests. Contact Mary Lou Weingart in the fine and performing arts department for more information.

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Bush outlines energy plan

President seeks refineries at former defense bases, help for nuclear industry

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, facing economic and political damage from soaring gas prices, offered proposals

Wednesday to speed construction of nuclear power plants and oil refineries and boost sales of energy-efficient vehicles.

Bush outlined his initiatives in his second energy speech in a week, reflecting growing concern

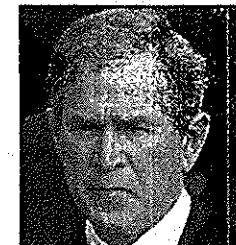
in the White House that high energy prices are beginning to slow economic growth and undercut the president's approval rating.

Speaking to small business leaders, Bush lamented that he was powerless to cut gas prices. "I wish

I could," he said. "If I could, I would."

"This problem did not develop overnight and it's not going to be fixed overnight. But it's now time

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YSU
New degree approved for College of Arts & Sciences

By Maysoun Abdelrasul
The Jambar

Youngstown State University is expanding possibilities for students who do not have a particular major in mind.

On April 21 the Ohio Board of Regents approved a new bachelor of general studies program in the College of Arts and Sciences at YSU. It will go into effect this summer.

Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Jane Kestner said it will serve students in different areas, and is intended for non-traditional students who want to come back for a degree or those who started out in a particular major but do not meet the requirements for that major.

Other target audiences include those who think a college degree would advance their current career or aid in their changing career. It also includes older students who want the personal satisfaction of having earned a college degree.

"The degree is important because it allows students with a new avenue and a new option to complete their bachelor's degree," she said.

The degree has been in the works for about two years, and Kestner said it is very common at other universities.

Just like any other degree at YSU, it requires 124 credit hours to complete. The difference is there is no major or minor. The requirement is a minimum of 18 semester hours in each of any two disciplines. The completion of 24 semester hours of upper division coursework in the concentration area and a completion of a cultural requirement are needed to graduate.

Kestner said any student in the program must take all university general education and graduation requirements.

As of Wednesday, Kestner said she had received 25 calls from interested individuals. She said she believes the program will attract new students and will be a great addition to YSU's College of Arts and Sciences. She said she expects 20 to 40 students in the program by the end of next year.

"I think that is an excellent start for this program," she said.

Call Maysoun Abdelrasul at (330) 941-1913



Piece of cake

"Easy," John Fairbanks said of his three climbs on the Army ROTC's 24-foot-tall rock wall. Soldiers handed out recruiting literature as students scrambled up the wall Wednesday behind Kilcawley Center. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

YSU
Take Back the Night inspires, empowers local women

S-NOW, others march on campus

By Cheryl Thompson
The Jambar

Despite the rain on Friday, members of Student National Organization for Women (S-NOW) held the annual Take Back the Night march on the Youngstown State University campus.

A group of about 20 women could be heard chanting, "Out of the houses and into the street, we won't be raped, we won't be beat!" as rain poured on the marching participants.

Take Back the Night is an event that YSU has been involved in for a number of years. It includes guest speakers, a candlelight vigil and a march around campus. Members of S-NOW said the march demonstrates that women can walk around freely without fear of being harassed, raped or beaten. Of the 15 members of S-NOW, three are men, and although they attended the rally, they weren't permitted to march.

"The point of the march is to say that women can walk around by themselves, it would defeat the purpose to have men out there with them," says Justin Hite, a freshman who began attending meetings last semester.

Before this year, the Women's Center sponsored the rally, but since its closing last year, the cause has been taken up by S-NOW.

Adrienne Harkless, president of S-NOW, and Jamie Anderson, the vice-president of the organization, brought the event to campus again this year. Harkless says the event has a longstanding history at YSU and hopes more people will come out to support it.

"Events like this are necessary for community awareness on women's issues. Right now S-NOW is the only real place for feminists on campus," Harkless said.

The rally has garnered the support of women's organizations in Mahoning and Trumbull counties, including the Sojourner House in Mahoning County, Helping Other Women (HOW) and

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YSU
SGA keeps busy in final session

McGovern says committee making plans for Columbus trip

By Christian Poe
The Jambar

With the last few dollars of their budget appropriated, Student Government Association members convened for the last general meeting of the year.

Though the session did not last long, SGA members were able to wrap up issues of the term and address topics and initiatives that will be carried on by next year's body.

According to its chair, week, some members have already expressed their interest in attending.

McGovern said his testimony would most likely be given when the Senate meets May 11. Consultations with Senators Mark Dann (D-Liberty) and Robert Hagan (D-Youngstown)



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McGovern said although the hearings fall during finals

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Some Place Safe in Warren. They provided information on services for women and Sojourner House and Some Place Safe featured guest speakers.

Constance Collins, a representative from the Sojourner House, told listeners that domestic violence is more prevalent than people suspect. Collins stressed the importance of services like the Sojourner House, which is a safe haven for women and children who have been abused. Collins said 1 in 8 women are being either physically, mentally or sexually abused in Mahoning County alone. Collins said if nothing is done to help then it will just get worse.

"We have had five women die as a result of domestic violence. They stayed with us and then they went back. Five women in the eight years that I've worked here, that's too many," Collins said.

Darlene McHugh knows about domestic abuse first hand and told her story during the event. McHugh said she married young and ignored the signs of abuse.

"When I got caught smoking a cigarette and he dumped me saying 'no girlfriend of mine is going to smoke' that should have raised a red flag, but it didn't, he took me back and we got married," McHugh said.

It wasn't until she was four months pregnant with her first child that the abuse worsened.

She said she did not leave the situation because her husband had belittled her so much that she felt she had no other choice but to stay with him.

"When I was 21, I asked

for a divorce. I didn't go through with it because he told me not to put myself through it.

I was old and fat and ugly and no one else would be bothered with me. At the time thought he was right," she said.

Then McHugh saw the movie the Burning Bed, she thought "This is my life." This inspired her at 28 to finally divorce her husband. She began volunteering at battered women's shelters, returned to school and got her degree in social work. Now McHugh works for Some Place Safe and shares her story with other in hopes that they will recognize signals of domestic abuse and seek help.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The Youngstown State University police department was called to Kilcawley House on April 24 in reference to an assault. The victim told police three males on the third floor of the dormitory physically attacked him. The police report said he was punched on his upper body, groin area and had chewing tobacco spit on his back. He also had a trashcan thrown at him.

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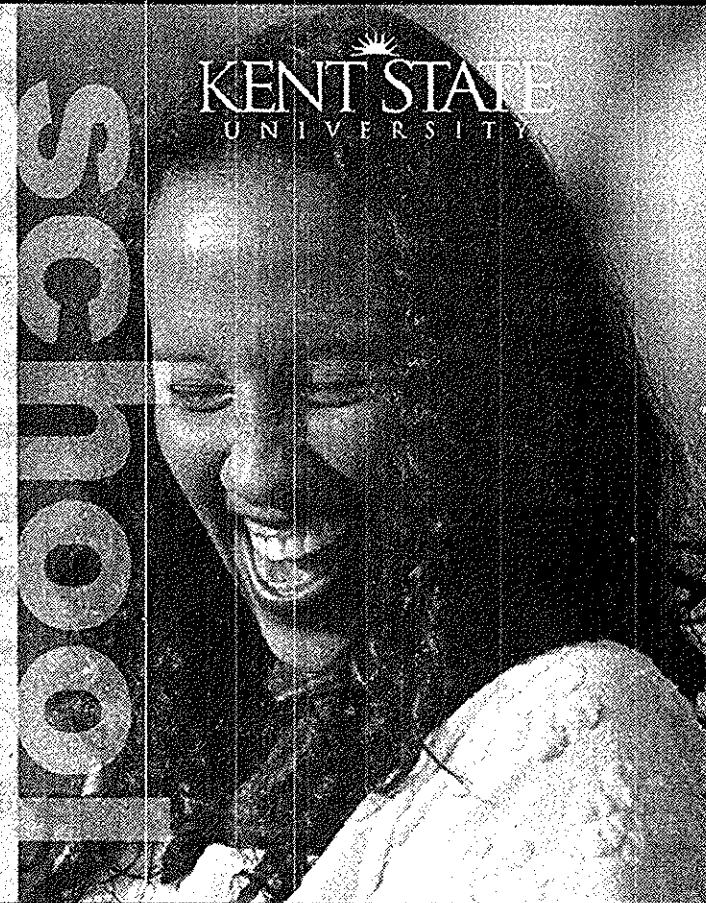
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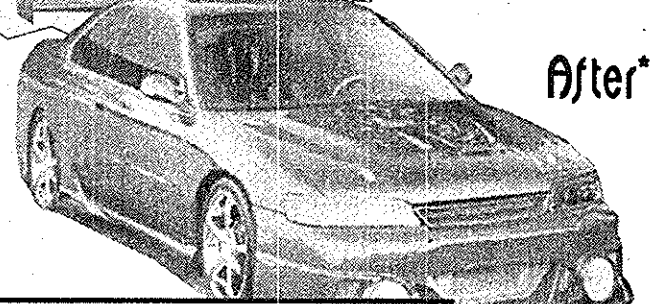
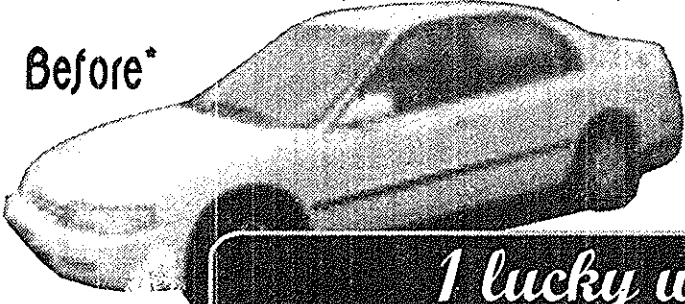
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OUR SIDE

Work study could be better

Youngstown State University is a campus of more than 13,000 students looking to make a future for themselves.

While in the classroom, each student is outfitted with the tools and education needed to succeed in their profession. Daily, teachers pound into their students' heads the premise that textbook knowledge and in-class experience is not the only thing they need to survive. Workshops, internships and some actual experience in their field are the necessary tools for finding a job in the real world.

Thus, the beauty of the Federal Work Study program. Unfortunately this program is not being used to its full advantage here at YSU.

The Federal Work Study program allots a certain amount of money to colleges and universities to fund student jobs.

The money comes from the government, and subsidizes departmental budgets to pay students instead of said department using its own funds.

The main objective of allotting this money is to give students work experience in their field of study.

For example, a student majoring in computer science and information systems could work with YSU's computer systems, or in an outside non-profit firm.

Such a situation would be the optimum, yet at YSU, very few of the 500 students using Federal Work Study money are using them in their own field. Many sit in computer labs, sweep floors and work in completely different departments than their own.

This is a problem that should be remedied.

No longer should it be allowed that students do not get the benefit of experience in their own field.

Classroom preparation only takes a student so far, and the university has the means to give students the appropriate educational tools — the university should use them to do so.

Some officials have said the funds must be used by a certain time to insure that they will retain the funds for the upcoming year. This is an understandable practice, but if outside non-profits are not contacting the university in enough time, then maybe the financial aid department should take some of their own initiative.

It would be another way to strengthen the notion that YSU is committed to undergraduate education.

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I wish I smoked...

By Bob Mackey
The Jambar

Yeah, that's right. In these days when smokers are being demonized more than ever, it's never been more appealing to me. What scientists discovered in the early 1900s and what public interest groups have been trying to keep from you since the 1960s is the fact that smoking makes you look so cool. Yet, since taking my Smoke Free Class of 2000 pledge in the second grade, (honestly this is a little early in life to be making pledges) I have not smoked a single cigarette, therefore dooming myself to a life of uncoolness. Using scientific calculations, smoking could increase my Coolness Quotient (CQ) by 234 percent!

Unfortunately whiny anti-smoking groups with significant-sounding one-syllable names like Stand, Truth, Squat and Shmup have been trying to dissuade any rumors of the benefits of smoking. A particularly unpleasant commercial for one of these groups has been infecting my TV for the past few months. The ad opens with a group of teens at a diner having some inane conversation about cellular phones. Just as you wish they would shut the hell up, a smoke ring drifts by their table, silencing the group. "Hooray," you shout, "Hooray for cyanide

gas!" Unfortunately, it's only cigarette smoke, and the teens are still alive. One of them punches a petulant little fist through the smoke ring, and it somehow transforms into some worthless activist bracelet on the teen's wrist.

Now, after seeing this commercial so many times, I've come to two possible conclusions:

The teens are sitting next to Gandalf or some other high elf/wizard, and he is merely showing them fantastic smoke tricks.

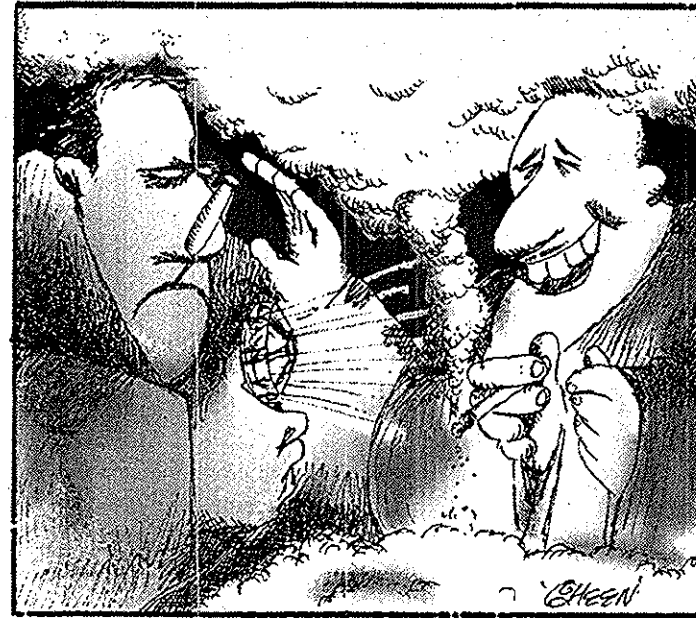
One of the teens has the power to turn smoke rings into worthless "I care" wear; a useless skill, but interesting nonetheless.

Or, it could just be a failed attempt at a deep and meaningful statement. Whatever it is, these groups are concentrating on the bad, and overlooking all the good that smoking can bring.

This myopic behavior from these activists really needs to stop. Yes, with smoking you'll get yellow teeth, camel breath and eventually cancer, but nothing can stand in the way of your coolness! Let's take a look at fiction. Smoking has become shorthand for "badass," and rightly so.

Every lazy writer knows that if you want to make a character "edgy," you need to put as many cigarettes in his/her/its mouth as possible. My estimation is that by the time Die Hard 4 comes out, Bruce Willis's character will be

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smoking so much that his presence in the movie will be that of a thick billowing cloud of danger and action.

Although it probably won't turn you into an action star, smoking can help you meet new and interesting people.

Smokers are notoriously social with each other, having been cast out in the cold with their peers to congregate. What better introduction can you make than by lighting a lady's cigarette? For non-smokers, this is an impossibility; I've offered many times to light things on fire for women and my propositions have only been met by strange looks and police encounters.

The real linchpin to what makes smoking so cool is the fact that something on fire is hanging

out of your mouth. It's true. Try walking around with an unlit cigarette in your mouth and see how long it takes before someone kicks your ass. Sadly, other things that hang out of your mouth cannot be lit on fire to increase their coolness. For example: a sucker. After that stick burns away, you're left with a choking hazard and the exact same amount of lameness you started with. Ultimately smoking is a great way to develop a personality for you without really having one!

People will take one look at you and say, "Hey, that person smokes." Smoking is a wonderful decision that you should make while you're young, and then regret when you're older.

I'd never start smoking though; I'm too cheap.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health care outrage

Here's my health care outrage for Cover the Uninsured Week, slated for May 1-8.

Republicans and social conservatives of both major parties have played the family values card successfully for decades. Why is it those same Republicans and social conservatives shove God and civil order aside to let the Big Insurance and Big Medicine power bosses decide what a family is for getting health care?

Here's a small family living under one roof: Grandma is 64, Pop is 45, Mom is 45, Bub is 26, Bub's wife 22, their son 1, Sis is 19. All except the youngest work. All are related by blood or marriage. Their home is a Yankee magazine saltbox; their Thanksgivings Norman Rockwell.

How many employer-paid commercial health insurance family plans are needed to insure this family? Two? Five? Don't insurance "family" plans insure families?

Credit an unsung 1930s PR snollygoster with first applying the term "family" to an insurance actuary's selection protocol and risk pool of subscribers and covered persons linked to subscribers by documentable, durable relations. He used the word operationally, the way Joe's Family Restaurant was named because it didn't serve alcohol. Joe's Family Restaurant serves diners, not families; commercial health insurance beneficiaries are subscribers and other covered persons, not families. The White Star Line could have named the Titanic's lifeboats a "family" evacuation plan without ever intending to rescue a single family.

I worked a midway grab joint one summer for Kissel Brothers Amusement, a traveling carnival, so I appreciate the Barnumesque majesty of this long grift. "Family" plans don't cover families. Maybe a W. C. Fields look-alike playing Phineas Barnum himself could be enlisted to pronounce on our medico-insurance despoils: "M'boy, they're suffering end-stage platiudinitis aggravated by a severely prolapsed jive." Watch that iceberg.

Longtime public health advocate George Silver reminds that 1965's Medicare legislation was bought in a Faustian bargain with commercial health insurers and the medical establishment. Older Americans would get extraordinary medical purchasing power. Congress would turn its head as health insurers and medical elites inadvertently contrived to re-direct medical disparities from newly empowered senior citizens to cash patients, who were to become our medically uninsured.

Steamship owners after the Titanic's sinking discovered the cure for too much ice was to have enough lifeboats to rescue all passengers. Sometimes the cure for too much government, as Medicare may be thought of, is enough government to do the job right. That's what universal health care is all about, and that's what the proposed Health Care for All Ohioans Act is all about.

Jack LaBusch

Williams' editorial amusing

I always look forward to Mr. Williams' editorials for a bit of humor in my life, yet I must correct him on a couple of things he stated in his letter. Sexual abuse is a horrible and devastating act and should never be done to any person let alone a child. Yet he blames the Catholic Church for this offense, and although Mr. Williams has fallen into the media trap, the evidence still remains that Catholic priests are not the only ones that have been convicted of sexual abuse, just as Catholics have not been the only ones to do this horrible act. That is in no way excusing them, for what they did is horrific and they will or have already reaped the consequences of their actions. Yet to blame all Catholics is unfair, and not true or educated. The Catholic Church has always stated that sexual abuse is wrong, and should be condemned, and has itself condemned sexual abuse, yet what would you have had them do? Just condemn their priests before the charges could be proven or would you rather condemn them based on evidence from an unreliable witness? That would

Joe Ilesue

Leonard Crist rules

I feel that it is about time Leonard Crist gets some applause. Leonard's pieces are the only thing, other than the occasional ignorant letter to the editor, to look forward to when reading the Jambar. Without Leonard Crist the Jambar is dead to me. Yes, his writing may be extremely sarcastic but at the same time it is so true. Wal-mart is flat out wrong. Coke's practices are cruel. Total thermo-nuclear war should be declared against such evil, wrong doers. With that being said I have created a Leonard Crist fan club on My Space (because Facebook is lame). I encourage all of you that appreciate Leonard's work to join. Let us declare total thermo-nuclear war on Leonard Crist haters.

Jason Robinson
Senior

Mackey confused

While I find the mockery of a man who has selflessly dedicated his life to serving God as funny as the next guy, I do think that Mr. Mackey is a bit confused in his ideas about the Hitler Youth. This was not some Nazi equivalent to the Mickey Mouse Club. The purpose of the Hitler Youth was to indoctrinate and train German boys in the ways of the Third Reich, with rigorous physical, mental and psychological training. Basically, they were trying to create the next generation of Nazi soldiers and officers.

Membership was made compulsory in 1939. This means that in 1941, the year he became a member, 14-year-old Joseph Ratzinger did not have a choice in the matter.

It's too easy for us, in the comfort of 2005 America, to say that we wouldn't have gone for any of that; we would have fought the power. But back there, in a time and place where the machinery of the Nazi state crushed anyone or anything that resisted, we might have felt a bit more sympathetic about the decisions that young men like Ratzinger were forced to make.

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HEADLINES

► *Straight up mad*
Paula Abdul's lawyer is firing off a letter to ABC warning the network to back off unsubstantiated allegations about the American Idol judge in its upcoming expose Fallen Idol.

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Mackey lends artistic talents to staff

By Bill Rodgers
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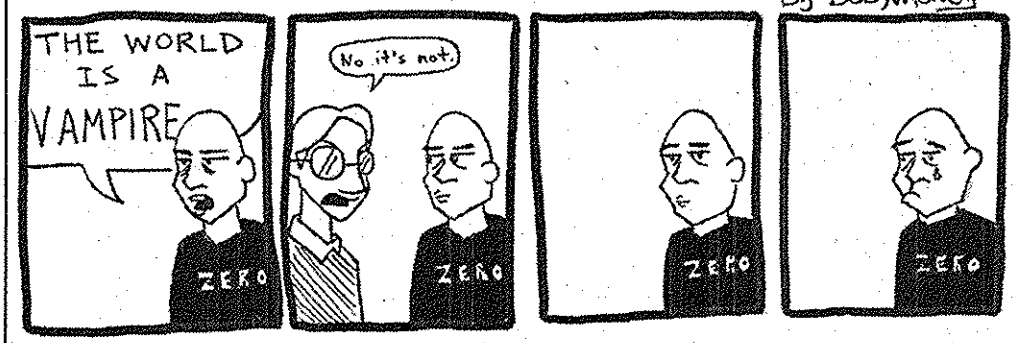
After the original pope editorial ran in The Jambar, a war between conflicting viewpoints was fought on the Op-Ed section of the paper. Points were made, insults hurled and opinions scoffed at. Letters flowed into the mailbox. Key staff members were missing and feared dead for several days.

Out of the destruction, however, came a hilarious commentary that had folks laughing amidst all the brouhaha.

Bob Mackey, a senior English major, submitted his own opinion piece about the pope. It ran on the Op-Ed page and it was, as nearly as we can define such things, a success.

In short, The Jambar asked Mackey if he'd mind being a regular contributing writer and he agreed. Over the next year, you can expect to

the real life adventures of
BILLY CORGAN, ROCK STAR



see more columns and some cartoons coming from Bob Mackey, the rail-thin gangly kid who works in the Arts and Science Department office.

Mackey said he writes nearly every day, usually about topics that seem funny or unusual to him.

"I like to write. It's a self-indulgent hobby for me. I usually write about stuff that's either funny to me or bothers me," Mackey said.

"The piece on the pope was different. I usually don't write about topical humor. It

was a piece about my own lack of caring and observations coming from someone who wasn't catholic," Mackey said. "It was an outsider's look. Like the white smoke, for example, I think that's weird."

Mackey said he was a big fan of humorous essays, citing Mike Nelson, formerly of the comedy show Mystery Science Theater 3000, David Sedaris and Dave Barry as writers he enjoys reading.

Mackey also draws his own comics, a hobby he says

comes from a lifetime of watching cartoons.

"I take pride in drawing badly," Mackey said.

"I don't like newspaper comics where one character says something, another character says something and it leads up to some lame-ass punchline."

Mackey said he wants to be an English professor. He also said he'd be thrilled to get paid to write.

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NEWS

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to fix it," he said. Bush said the problem is that energy supplies are not growing fast enough to meet the growing demand in the United States and in other countries.

"See, we've got a fundamental question we got to face here in America," Bush said. "Do we want to continue to grow more dependent on other nations to meet our energy needs? Or, do we need to do what is necessary to achieve greater control of our economic destiny?"

America has not ordered a new nuclear power plant since the 1970s. Bush said that France has built 58 plants in the same period and today France gets more than 78 percent of its electricity from nuclear power.

"It's time for America to start building again," he said.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid called Bush's initiatives "little more than half measures and wrongheaded policies that will do nothing to address the current energy crisis or break the stranglehold that foreign oil has on our nation."

He said Senate Democrats will offer a much larger package of tax incentives — double the \$8 billion approved by the House — and funnel more of the money to renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures.

Bush urged using closed military bases as sites for new oil refineries. The Energy Department is being ordered to step up discussions with communities near such bases to try to get refineries built. He said the United States has not built a new oil refinery since the 1970s.

Bush also called on Congress to provide a "risk insurance" plan to insulate the nuclear industry against regulatory delays if it builds new nuclear power plants. And he endorsed giving federal regulators final say over the location of liquefied natural gas

"It's time for America to start building again."

President George W. Bush

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Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who is trying to put together an energy package that can pass the Senate, said he welcomed some of the president's proposals. He is "making it clear that energy remains a top priority of this president," said Domenici in a statement.

Bush's support for giving the federal government clear authority in locating LNG terminals comes after the House included such a provision in the energy bill it passed last week. Some lawmakers strongly opposed the measure, arguing it would deprive states and communities of a say in locating LNG import terminals, even in heavily populated areas.

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should prepare the committee as well, McGovern said.

McGovern said the committee would also be conversing with student leaders from other Ohio universities planning to attend the hearings.

Since their last trip to Columbus, McGovern said the committee has expanded their knowledge and created a few new ideas.

McGovern said higher education does not seem like a high priority to the Ohio legislators, making student voices even more important.

"If we get our word in now, I think we can have an impact on this budget,"

McGovern said.

McGovern, also SGA president-elect, said information from Vice President of Administration John Habat should clarify some figures for the committee.

Habat is providing figures for the cost of YSU's 2001 audit, which McGovern said will help the committee estimate a more accurate cost of this service statewide.

SGA President Angela Mavrikis urged the body to prepare their favorite memories to share at next week's transitional meeting.

"Think of your favorite memories, moments or meetings so that when we pass the

gavel for rep remarks, you will have something to share with the body," Mavrikis said.

Arts and Sciences representative John Vogel extended Mavrikis' request and suggested the body prepare ideas about what they want to accomplish next year.

The body also elected their candidates for homecoming king and queen - Secretary of Technology Jonathan Jenyk and Health and Human Services representative Heather Baltic.

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HEADLINES

◀ **Phil Kobe to meet**
Phil Jackson is scheduled to meet with Kobe Bryant in Los Angeles later this week to discuss the possibility of Jackson returning to coach the Lakers.
▶ **Schilling on DL**
Red Sox ace Curt Schilling will miss at least two weeks because of a bruised right ankle.



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CLEVELAND

Indians extend Sabathia's contract through 2008

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — C.C. Sabathia signed a two-year, \$17.75 million contract extension on Wednesday with the Cleveland Indians that will keep the All-Star left-hander with the club through 2008.

Sabathia's extension, which includes the Indians picking up their \$7 million club option for 2006, is the third significant move made this spring by the club to keep its core of young players together. It's the same blueprint the Indians used in the 1990s when they emerged from decades of losing to get to the World Series twice.

Earlier, Cleveland signed catcher Victor Martinez to a five-year, \$15 million deal and designated hitter Travis Hafner got a three-year, \$7 million contract.

Sabathia, who could have become a free agent after next season, will make \$8.75 million in 2007 and \$9 million in 2008. His salary for 2006 can increase to \$9 million if he reaches performance incentives and finishes among the top two in Cy Young voting or in the top five for MVP.

Sabathia can make a maximum of \$11.75 million in 2007 and 2008 with similar bonuses.

The Indians scheduled a news conference at Jacobs Field to announce Sabathia's signing before Wednesday night's game against Detroit.

Since the Indians drafted him in the first round (20th overall) in 1998, Sabathia has been on a fast track to stardom, and his new deal solidifies the 6-foot-7, 290-pounder as not only Cleveland's ace but one of the AL's top pitchers.

The Indians had been negotiating the extension with Sabathia's agents since spring training, but talks stalled when he strained a side muscle while warming up for an exhibition game on March 6.

Sabathia began the season on the disabled list and made his debut on April 17 against Minnesota. He got a no-decision against the Twins and got his first win last Friday in Seattle, holding the Mariners to one run and seven hits in seven innings.

Sabathia, 55-35 in five seasons, went 17-5 as a rookie in 2001. He won 13 games the next two seasons before going 11-10 in 2004, a season in which personal problems weighed on Sabathia.

He lost his father, uncle and a close cousin while trying to anchor Cleveland's young pitching staff. A hamstring injury ended Sabathia's season a few weeks early. Still, he made 30 starts and became the first Indians pitcher since Bob Feller to make 100 career starts before turning 24.

Sabathia's weight has been an issue with many Cleveland fans, and it became one for him this winter, too. With guidance from a trainer sent to his Vallejo, Calif., home by the Indians, Sabathia dedicated himself to a strict workout regime and diet and came to training camp in the best shape of his career.

Cleveland Indians pitcher C.C. Sabathia signed a two-year, \$17.75 million contract Wednesday with the tribe. (KRT Campus)



PENGUIN DRAFT



Spring game

Tailback Monquante Gibson (above) was the second pick for the Red-White Spring Game draft held Tuesday in Stambaugh Stadium. Wide receiver Kyle Smith of the Red Team (below, left) named Perry after first choice was determined by a coin toss. White Team spokesman Aaron Marshall selected fullback Demetrius Ison as his first pick. The game will be played Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Stambaugh Stadium. (Jambar photos by Chuck Rogers)

YSU holds draft

Penguins gearing up for annual spring game Friday

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

The Youngstown State Penguins football team held their 2005 draft Tuesday morning at Stambaugh Stadium. The draft, which divides the team, is held before the annual spring game that will be played on Friday.

The teams are split into the red and white squads with seniors and linemen placed on each team initially.

One player at a time is then selected for each position until each position is no longer on the board. True to form, cornerback Jason Perry, who sports the no. one jersey during the season, was picked first by the red team's senior wide receiver Kyle Smith. The white team's first pick of the day was fullback Demetrius Ison.

Drama emerged in the 2005 Penguin Draft when the red team selected punter Joe Bishop much to the chagrin of the white team, who believed specialists would play both ways.

The white team quickly saved face as they snatched up kicker Brian Palmer with their next pick. The only Penguin who will pull double duty for the spring game will be Tanner Dunlap, who will be long snapping for both teams as he has



done in previous years.

Following the draft, each team was given one minute in which to discuss trades but neither team reached terms.

However, head coach John Heacock said that if there needs to be changes made in terms of balancing teams, he along with the other coaches would make an "executive decision."

After the last name came off of the draft board, Heacock, white team defensive end Brandon Brown and Smith spoke about the draft and the upcoming spring game that culminates spring sessions.

With the teams split up, neither team felt they had any weaknesses and both were excited to finally suit up on Friday and play.

"I don't think we have an Achilles heel, but we are really strong up front," Brown said of his white teams interior seven.

Smith, who earned Honorable Mention Gateway

Conference accolades, also said that the momentum built during the spring and Red and White game can be instrumental in shaping the season.

"This whole spring camp sets a tempo," Smith said.

"It's very competitive," Brown said of the spring game. "We love to compete so it is going to be intense, it's on the up and up." Heacock said while the game will be intense, the important thing for the Penguins is to remain healthy and to build on what happens during the game and to have fun.

"I think it has been an enjoyable time," Heacock said of the spring practices so far. "I think the big challenge is to make that vision a reality."

Missing the spring game due to injury are Tim Dewberry, Josh Cayson, Erik Claxson and Pat Walker.

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YOUNGSTOWN

An interview with YSU senior golfer Gina Abruzzino

By Nijma Awadallah
The Jambar

Youngstown State University golfer, Gina Abruzzino, is finishing up her senior year by participating in the conference tournament.

Last year she was named co-Horizon League Golfer of the Year and finished fourth in the Horizon League Championships with a 252. Optimistic in life, she views the glass half-full and said she wishes to fulfill her dreams of becoming a teacher.



ABRUZZINO

Gina sat down with a Jambar reporter as she spoke of her times at YSU as a Penguin.

J: Where are you from?

A: I am from Niles, Ohio, but went to Warren JFK High School.

J: What is your major?

A: Middle education; English and science.

J: How do you like playing for YSU?

A: I love it. I love our coach and the team. We are all a big family; there are about eight of us girls and we get along really well. I just have really enjoyed playing for YSU.

J: It's your senior year — what are you going to miss the most?

A: I love golf, so just competing. I'll try to be in some tournaments after college. Obviously I'll just miss competing at the college level and getting to meet all the people and all the friends.

J: Finishing out your senior year, what would you like achieve?

A: At our Conference Tournament I would really like to place. Hopefully our team would win, but if not maybe an individual honor like last year — place in the top three.

A: Is playing pro one of your goals?

J: I'd like to get my teaching card; I don't think anything with the pros. Maybe be a high school coach, or golf coach for little kids. I definitely want to give individual lessons.

J: If you have a chance to describe yourself in one word what would it be?

A: Probably "adventurous." I'm always ready to do something. I just can't sit there; I always want to do something, go anywhere and if someone says, "let's go here!" I'll go.

J: You received the honor of Horizon League Golfer of the Year, how did that make you feel?

A: I was very excited. I knew going in there I probably had one of the best averages of the Horizon League. First two days of conference I played really well, and I was tied for first. Then the last day I didn't play very well. When they gave me the award I felt I didn't deserve it, then they explained it to me that it was decided from over the whole year. Looking back I was really excited and it's a cool trophy that my parents have. I'm very proud of that.

J: Who would you say influenced you the most?

A: Probably my father. He's a teacher and so is my mother, so that is how I got involved in wanting to be a teacher. My dad also loved to golf and my brother played in high school so I wanted to follow in their footsteps and golfing was just the right choice.

J: What is your favorite food?

A: Pizza, plain cheese.

J: What would you like to say to the team?

A: Just that stay in there, keep practicing. Try your best — that's all you can do and it will come. Golf is a game and it comes and goes everyday. Stick with it and if you really love the game you'll be fine.

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