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**FUNNY HYPNOTIST**

◀ Comedian/hypnotist Flip Orley headlines The Funny Farm Comedy Club this weekend. See page 6.



**KARAOKE SPECTACULAR**

Seven days with Simply Ed, rules of karaoke, total vocal debauchery. See pages 4-6. ▶

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## Bomb threats rain down on Kilcawley, Rec Center

YSU police are investigating the incidents

By Christina Poe  
The Jambar

An emergency on campus has sparked an investigation by the Youngstown State University Police Department.

According to a police report, Kilcawley Center and the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Construction site were the focus of two bomb threats Tuesday morning.

The report stated a Fire FOE Corporation employee, who relayed the threat to the Youngstown Police Department, received the first call at 6:55 a.m.

It was then that the YPD contacted YSU and advised them that a bomb was reported to be at the Wellness Center construction site.

"A search was conducted

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## Diversity tree

Students and university officials gathered to cut the ribbon on the Youngstown State University diversity tree Wednesday afternoon.

Diversity Council President Jaymin Patel, above left, led the ceremony and said he was happy with their accomplishments with diversity the past year. "The student initiative is growing," he said. YSU President David Sweet joined in the ribbon cutting. He congratulated the council for their achievements. "Diversity is clearly a goal of ours and we made progress and still have much more to make," he said. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

2004-2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

# A look back...

The top stories of the academic year



## Fahrenheit YSU

As part of his Slacker Uprising Tour, filmmaker Michael Moore spoke at Kilcawley Center on YSU campus. Moore stumped for presidential hopeful John Kerry, and to encourage voting among college students. (Jambar photo by B.J. Lisko)

**1. Tuition Increase**  
This year's tuition increase is The Jambar's top story of the year. The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees voted in January to raise tuition 9 percent, the eighth consecutive year for such a decision.

The increase was split into three separate packages: a 6 percent general tuition increase, 2 percent for technology improvements and 1 percent for financial aid.

In mid-April, however, the Ohio House of Representatives passed a version of Ohio Gov. Bob Taft's budget that would set a strict 6 percent tuition cap. The budget will need final approval by the Ohio Senate, where it may undergo further changes.

If the budget is passed, YSU will be forced to scale back its tuition increase to 6 percent. Vice President for Administration John Habat, said, "I think students lose in the long run here."

**2. Michael Moore Visits Campus**  
In early November, about 800 people came to hear Michael Moore speak inside Kilcawley Center with hundreds more watching on video screens outside. The visit to YSU was a stop on Moore's "Slacker Uprising Tour," an initiative to get non-voters out to the polls.

**3. John Robic's contract not renewed, Slocum new head coach**  
After six years as men's basketball head coach, John Robic's contract was not renewed after amassing a 58-113 record with the

Penguins. Replacing him will be Jerry Slocum, former head coach of the Gannon University men's basketball team. "I am one of the luckiest men alive," Slocum said.



SLOCUM

**4. University terminates car entry policy**  
Youngstown State University officials officially stopped the campus police practice of entering unlocked vehicles in September after questions were raised about it may violate

the constitutional right to privacy. The practice had been in place since the late 1970s.

**5. University feathers ruffled over partisan Pete photo**

A photo of the YSU mascot "Pete the Penguin" holding a 'Bush-Cheney '04' sign was found on the official George W. Bush Web site. The photo was eventually removed after YSU contacted the Webmaster citing copyright infringement.

The identity of the person inside the costume was never discovered.

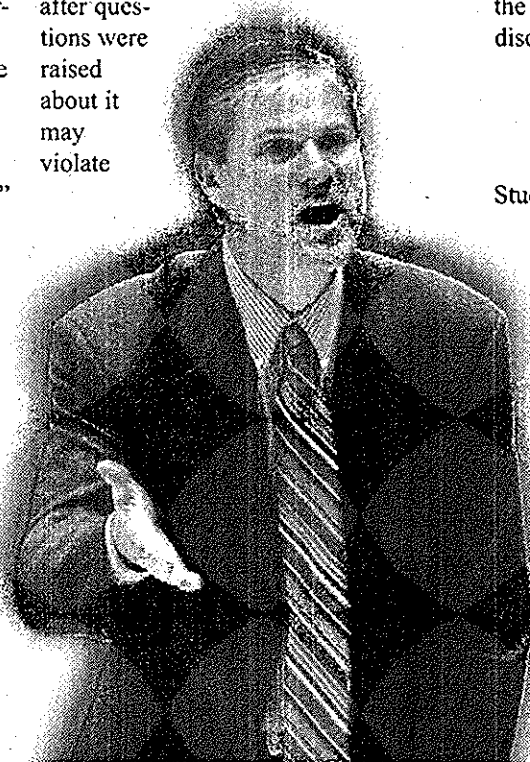


**6. YSU will borrow funds to finish center**  
In order to finish the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness center, YSU will "borrow" \$4.2 million to finish construction due to a funding gap.

The university has received \$12.1 million in pledges for the construction, but the \$4.2 million comes from funds the university will not receive until the center's completion.

The YSU Board of Trustees authorized the transfer of funds at a December meeting.

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**Penguin Review celebration Friday**

The Penguin Review Staff will hold a celebration for the 2005 Penguin Review at 7 p.m. May 6 at Inner Circle. Brady's Leap, a musical band comprised of YSU professors, will be in attendance.

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News Briefs

**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.

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YSU

## Dean search suspended indefinitely

The search committee endorsed three of the four finalists for the post

By Chuck Rogers  
The Jambar

The search for Dean of the college of Arts and Sciences has been scrapped indefinitely, according to university officials, despite final recommendations submitted to the administration by the search committee.



BOWERS

YSU Interim Provost Bege Bowers today said the search committee endorsed three of the four finalists for the post. They are: Todd Porter, chairman of the department of economics, Jim Mike, associate dean of Arts and Sciences and

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YSU

## Mavrikis, Holt pleased with SGA efforts

Both said they were happy with the relationships they built between SGA and YSU

By Bill Rodgers  
The Jambar

Student Government Association President Angela Mavrikis and Vice President J.T. Holt stopped by The Jambar office Tuesday to discuss their year as the leaders of the executive body.

The pair discussed their accomplishments, their disappointments and their expectations for the next year.

The first part of the year, they said, was spent building relationships with both the other members of SGA and with the Youngstown State University community.

"You have to build relationships

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the jambar poll question

Last question

Are you stressed over finals week?

22% Yes 58% No

Today's question: Do you go to karaoke bars?

vote online  
www.thejambar.com

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**7. Serowik hire controversy**

Adding to the list of YSU's questionable hires, Joseph Serowik came under immediate scrutiny due to allegations he gave erroneous testimony in the 1988 trial of Michael Green.

Green was sent to jail on a rape conviction but was freed in 2001 after DNA testing proved his innocence.

After his resignation in April, Serowik would be offered a non-tenured track position for the upcoming academic year.

**8. Pilfered Penguin**

"Mosaic in Metal," one of the 31 Penguin Parade sculptures, turned up missing in July from its display location on the south side of Tod Hall. The penguin's whereabouts still remain a mystery.

**9. Wick Pollock Inn**

YSU announced it had reached an agreement to pay \$500,000 to First National Bank of Pennsylvania for leasehold interest, personal property and other assets FNB has in the Wick Pollock Inn,

freeing the university to pursue other development options for the inn.

YSU President David Sweet said the inn is likely to reopen in late 2005 or early 2006. The university will work with the city of Youngstown to create a detailed plan for the inn, which requires extensive refurbishing.

YSU is expected to sign an agreement with Cleveland developer Paran Management that would commission a pre-development study for the

inn.

**10. Trustees sweeten pot for president**

The YSU Board of Trustees unanimously approved in November to extend YSU President David Sweet's contract through 2010 and give him a 3 percent salary increase to a base salary of \$209,626 retroactive July 1, 2004.

Sweet donated this year's raise, \$6,106, to the university.

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with negative results. The site was reopened and work was resumed," the report stated.

Construction would again stop late after 8:15 a.m. when an administrative assistant in the office of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety reported another threat.

The report stated the secretary contacted police after a voicemail message left at 6:39 a.m. warning that a bomb would detonate at 9:45 a.m. in Kilcawley Center and at the construction site.

YSUPD Lieutenant Greg Clementi said the proper safety procedures were immediately taken after the threats were made.

Clementi said officers were dispatched to the two locations, evacuated people from both sites and proceeded to close off the entrances.

The bomb squad was then put on notice in case any suspicious device was found,

Clementi said. Thorough searches of both sites by the YSUPD did not turn up any objects in which a bomb could be placed, Clementi said.

"Our officers systematically searched from top to bottom," Clementi said.

Nearby sites such as DeBartolo Hall, which is beside the construction site, and Kilcawley House were not evacuated because Clementi said the threat was considered minor.

While the sites were being searched, Clementi said students were moved away from the buildings and redirected to zones at a safe distance.

According to the report, Kilcawley Center reopened to crowds "without incident" at 10:15 a.m.

Clementi said the first call was traced back to a pay phone on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Scott Street

across from Stambaugh Stadium.

Clementi added he could not comment on the context of the threats because it is "instrumental to their apprehension."

Clementi said the few bomb threats made in the past were usually by a disgruntled student, employee or "a nitwit with a problem" and never caused any damage.

Although they have no suspects yet, Clementi said the department is "aggressively investigating" the incidents under the crime of inducing panic.

According to the report, Fire FOE said they are not currently having labor problems.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

The Youngstown State University police department was called to the Courtyard Apartments on May 1 for a fight between a girlfriend and boyfriend. When the officer arrived on the scene, both individuals met him. The two were involved in a heated verbal argument according to the police report. Melissa Klemann said her boyfriend Julian Folsome had hit her and knocked the wind out of her. Folsome said Klemann kicked him in the leg. According to the police report, Klemann smelled of alcohol. Klemann was extremely emotional and crying, and at one point swung at Folsome in front of the police. She was placed under arrest and both were taken to the station. Klemann was issued a summons for disorderly conduct and then was released to a friend.

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# SEVEN NIGHTS with SIMPLY ED

Being a fly on the wall of the "Simply Ed World Tour"



Simply Ed Marso, right, gives some words of encouragement to a participant of his karaoke show on the "Simply Ed World Tour."

By Leonard Crist  
The Jambar

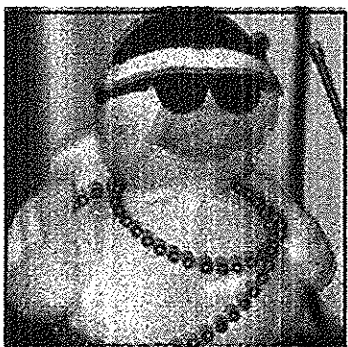
His name is Ed. Simply Ed. If you don't know him, chances are you've at least heard his name. As host of the Simply Ed Laser Karaoke Show (which, by the way, is noticeably absent lasers), Ed can be found at seven different bars, one for each night of the week.

Usually sporting a Jagermeister hockey jersey with a Cleveland Indians hat perched atop his long, graying, ponytailed hair, Simply Ed does out a laid back, sarcastic brand of humor to all who attend his karaoke shows.

Being a huge Simply Ed fan, and also a self-proclaimed karaoke superstar, I decided to run a karaoke marathon.

The proposition was simple. I would embark on the Simply Ed World Tour, following the King of Karaoke to all seven bars he works at, performing at least one cheesy rap song per night. The tour would start on a Monday (Irish Bob's in Youngstown) and end on a Sunday (O'Donold's Irish Pub in Warren). In total, the Simply Ed World Tour would take me to three counties in two states for seven nights of karaoke madness.

Or so I planned. After the second night



Simply Ed's mascot "Duck"

of Simply Ed, I got sick, a head cold, and postponed the rest of my touring activities for a week. The following Wednesday, I restarted my flailing karaoke marathon and went five straight days with Simply Ed.

What follows is my general impression of each bar that I walked in to and stumbled out of and a brief recounting of my various exploits. Enjoy.

Day one: Monday  
Venue: Irish Bob's (Youngstown)  
Cover charge: \$1  
Song sang: "Informer" by Snow

Irish Bob's is full of the kind of people I don't usually associate with: jockey frat kids with flipped up collars on their striped polo-shirts; and young girls with really short skirts and low cut shirts, all Gap-bought, who really, really love the band Sublime and every time it comes

on, they will, like robots, shout out at the top of their lungs, smiling, raising their alcoholic beverage to the sky, "I don't practice Santeria..."

On a Monday night, Irish Bob's is packed, sometimes uncomfortably so. Still, with the exception of the occasional shouting and shoving match, most everyone is pleasant. Monday nights are highlighted by the weekly performances of Youngstown State University student "Friggin" Murad Shorrah. In addition to being an outstanding singer, Murad is also insanely funny. He often gets to sing a little more than the other people, because his fraternity is willing to slip Ed \$20 in exchange for an encore performance by their favorite brother.

When I finally sang, I chose the most difficult song in all of karaoke-dom: "Informer" by the white Canadian reggae rapper Snow. This was my favorite song when I was 12, and the lyrics have been stuck in my head ever since. I would wager that knowing the words to "Informer" has probably brought me more success at karaoke bars (and by success, I mean drunk guys slapping me on the back, yelling, "That was awesome!") than it has Snow himself. Overall rating: 7/10

Day two: Tuesday  
Venue: Kahunaville (Niles)  
Cover charge: Free  
Song sang: "Nuthin' but a G Thang" by Dr. Dre and Snoop Doggy Dogg

Kahunaville, in the Eastwood Mall is a little too big and spread out for anybody to truly get into the karaoke spirit. There was a decent sized crowd, but because the place is so big, it still looked empty. On the bright side, there is an arcade. If you get bored with karaoke, you can play ski ball, generic Dance Dance Revolution, or Whack-a-Mole.

Ed doesn't work every karaoke night, and on the Tuesday I went, some-

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## A JAMBAR KARAOKE

...He wanted to give me a nickname. I went to one of my gigs when I first started working for him, he had flyers up that said Electric Eddie. He wanted to give me some kind of moniker. And I said, "No, no, no, no, no, no, I'm not Electric Eddie, I'm just simply Ed." It was kind of a joke that I said it, but it stuck. That's kind of how the Simply Ed thing came about, because he tried to call me Electric Eddie. I don't know if I want that public. I don't want people coming to shows saying, "Electric Eddie!" But that's the story.

— Simply Ed

# SIMP

A Jambar profile of Youngstown's re

By Leonard Crist  
The Jambar

By night, he's Simply Ed, the King of Karaoke. But by day he's 44-year-old Ed Marso: stay-at-home dad, husband, suburban homeowner.

I sat down with "Electric" Eddie on a recent Friday night (day five of my Simply Ed World Tour) at Quaker Steak and Lube in Sharon, Pa., to talk about his name, his life and of course, karaoke.

JAMBAR: When did you take on the moniker "Simply" Ed?

Ed: [The] 1990s, when I started doing karaoke. It'll be 15 years in October, my anniversary.

I was running sound for bands prior to that. I used to be the sound engineer for the Fabulous Flashbacks. I was a roadie for Jam Sound. I worked with bands like the Ramones, the Michael Stanley Band, Donnie Iris and the Cruisers —

as a roadie, just pushing boxes and stuff. In the 80s I was all rock 'n' roll, a sound man for bands and stuff, local bands.

After I left the Flashbacks in '88, I was looking for something to do and my buddy of mine called me and said, "I bought this thing, it's called a karaoke machine. You've got to check it out." I had a local DJ company. And he bought one. Everybody in town ate it up, I bought another one and asked me to be the second system.

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### SIMPLY FACTS

- REAL NAME: Ed Marso
- ALIAS: Simply Ed
- WEBSITE: www.simplyed.com
- Got his start in karaoke nearly 15 years ago
- Has a wife Toni, and 3-year-old son Donato
- Roadied for The Ramones, Donnie Iris, Michael Stanley
- Former sound engineer

### BANNED

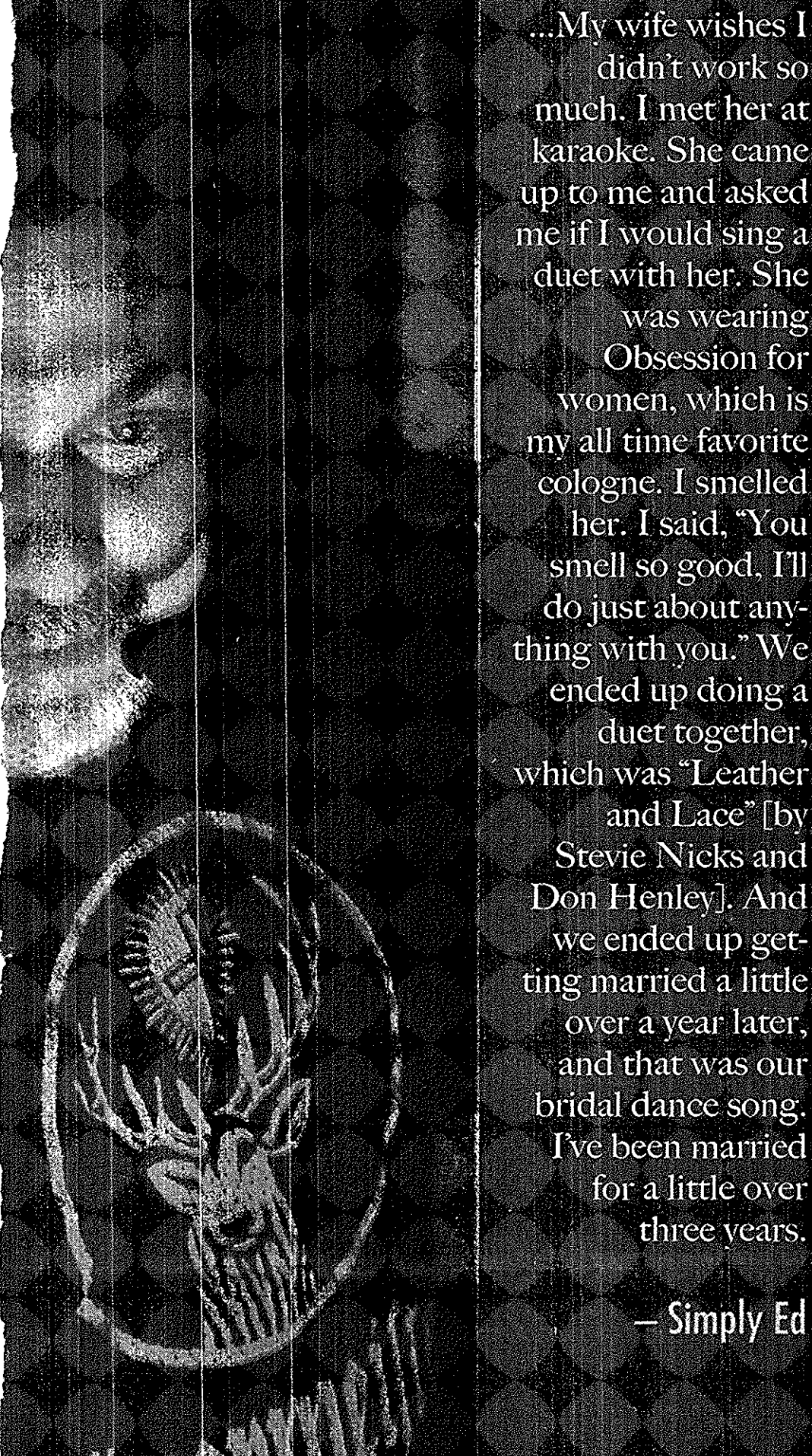
Tunes you won't hear in the Simply Ed rotation



Celine Dion, "My Heart Will Go On"

SEXUAL HEALING," by Marvin Gaye (Laura Cagley), "ENFORMER," by Snow (Leonard Crist), "SISTER CHRISTIAN," by Night Ranger (Justin Smolkovich)

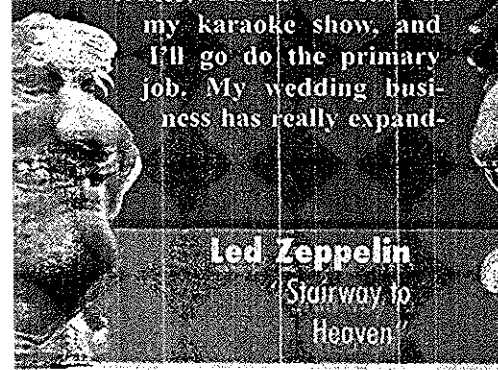
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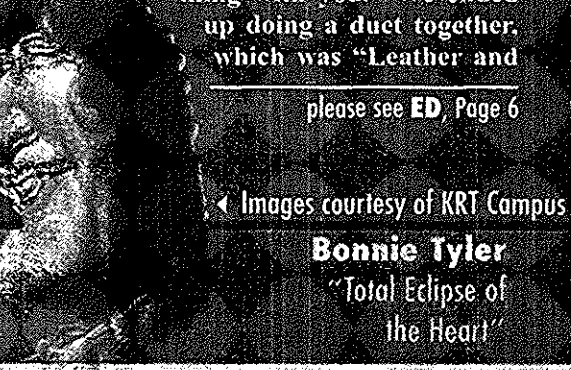
# ED

ent king of karaoke, Simply Ed Marsco

shows saying, "Electric Eddie!" But that's the story. I worked for him for a couple years, and my reputation as a karaoke host, or karaoke jock, I guess that's what they call us, grew. And CD-106 The Wolf, back in about '93, approached me about sponsoring our shows, they didn't want to sponsor RT Audio shows, they just wanted to sponsor me. So I made the decision to go out on my own. I worked a rent-to-own deal with RT Audio and ended up buying the equipment that he used to pay me to run. I've had my own company now for 2 years, Simply Ed Productions. [I] do the wedding DJ service now, and private parties. It's not just the bar scene anymore. We've kind of expanded. We do some corporate work. I have other guys that work for me now, and if I get certain jobs that are priorities, I'll have them run my karaoke show, and I'll go do the primary job. My wedding business has really expand-



**Led Zeppelin**  
"Stairway to Heaven"



**Bonnie Tyler**  
"Total Eclipse of the Heart"

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Images courtesy of KRT Campus

...My wife wishes I didn't work so much. I met her at karaoke. She came up to me and asked me if I would sing a duet with her. She was wearing Obsession for women, which is my all time favorite cologne. I smelled her. I said, "You smell so good. I'll do just about anything with you." We ended up doing a duet together, which was "Leather and Lace" [by Stevie Nicks and Don Henley]. And we ended up getting married a little over a year later, and that was our bridal dance song. I've been married for a little over three years.

— Simply Ed

# RULES OF KARAOKE

Your guide to true karaoke stage stardom



Rule #4: You are encouraged to pick cheesy dance songs so the bar can have fun instead of having to sit through your own personal pathos in the form of a Staind song.

By Leonard Crist  
The Jambor

When performing at a karaoke bar, song choice and attitude are vital determinants when calculating whether the other drunk people in attendance will pay attention and clap when you are done or if they'll just continue their conversation and act in a general manner that suggests your karaoke-ing is a brief inconvenience on an otherwise enjoyable night.

To truly earn the respect and admiration of other karaoke fans, you must work hard for the money (so hard for it, honey). So you better do it right. To help, I have devised a list of rules that will set you on the road to karaoke superstardom. By following my simple eight-fold path, you too can become a master in the not-so-ancient Japanese art of karaoke.

**RULE 1**

If your significant other recently broke up with you, do not sing a slow ballad full of heartbreak, perhaps originally performed by Celine Dion or Toni Braxton, in an attempt to show the world (or, more realistically, the bar) how inconsolably lovelorn you are.

**RULE 2**

If you attempt to sing a difficult song, and it's starting to sound pretty bad, make sure you do something funny to fill in the gaps.

**RULE 3**

In no instance should you ever sing a nine-minute heavy metal song with three 90-second guitar solos interspersed unless you are really entertaining. Otherwise, you'll just be standing on the stage a lot, looking down at the monitor, waiting until it's time to sing again.

**RULE 4**

You are encouraged to pick cheesy dance songs so the bar can have fun instead of having to sit through your own personal pathos in the form of a Staind song.

**RULE 5**

Under no circumstances should you ever, ever, EVER sing anything by the bands Nickelback, Creed, or any other group that utilizes the Eddie Vedder/Pearl Jam voice. Not even ironically. These bands are terrible and their songs shouldn't

be dignified with the honor of a drunken karaoke performance. This rule also applies to Pearl Jam songs. (Though Pearl Jam isn't inherently awful, the millions of wannabe rock stars who copied Eddie Vedder's gravelly baritone have forever sullied their legacy. This can be explained through the following axiom: Creed wouldn't exist if it wasn't for Pearl Jam, therefore it is Pearl Jam's fault that Creed exists; ergo, Pearl Jam is liable for all crimes committed against rock by Creed and Creed-like bands, and as such, Pearl Jam songs should also never be performed at karaoke bars.) If for some reason you do pick one of these songs, thereby violating rule number 5, do not attempt to recreate the Eddie Vedder voice. If you do, the karaoke gods will surely strike you down.

**RULE 6**

If possible, avoid singing the latest pop-country novelty song (i.e. "Redneck Woman" by Gretchen Wilson and "Save a Horse Ride a Cowboy" by Big and Rich) because anybody embarking on a Simply Ed World Tour will grow tired of hearing the same two songs performed every night for six nights straight.

**RULE 7**

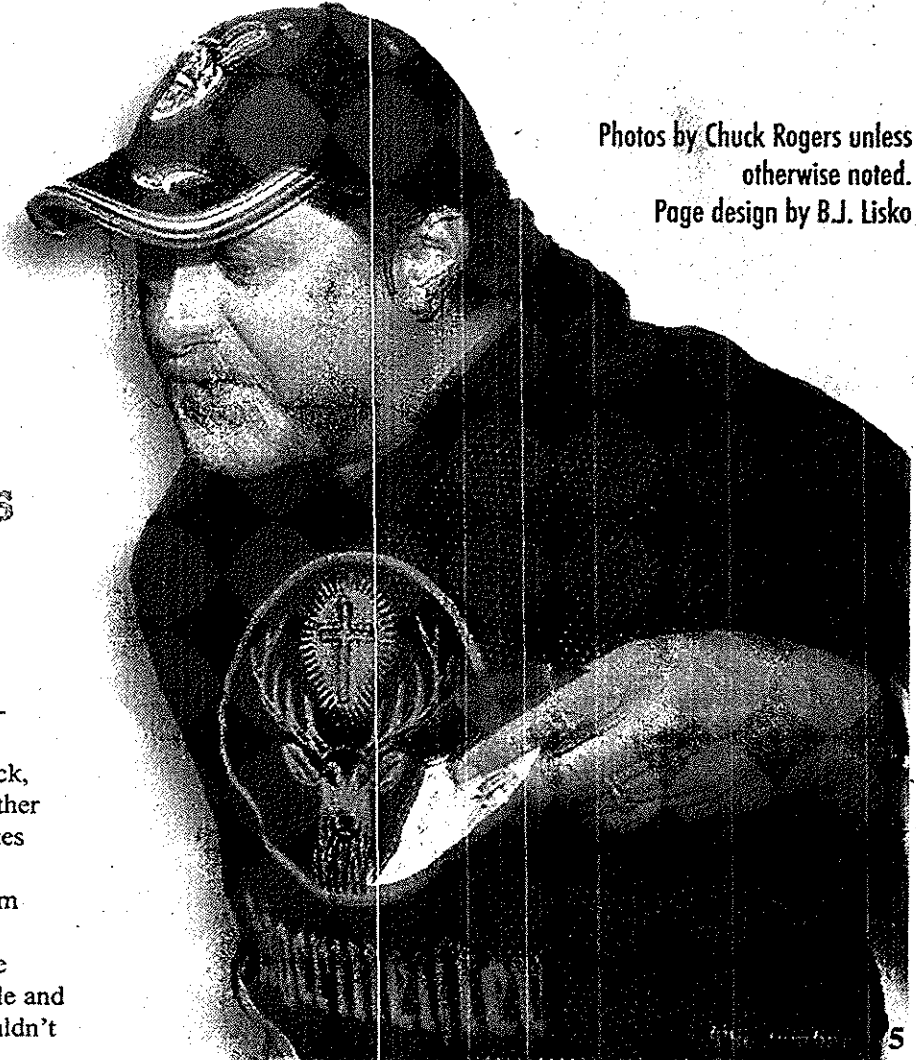
If you are a really good singer, professionally trained perhaps, think twice before coming to karaoke to show off how awesome you are. In reality, it's pretty sad that you need karaoke to fill the hole in your empty, empty heart where the hope of a successful singing career once flowed. You will not get famous singing karaoke. The attention you do get from belting out "The Greatest Love of All" lasts about 15 seconds, or the time between when you finish your last notes and when the next person comes up to sing.

**RULE 8**

Have fun. Don't take karaoke too seriously.



Rule #5: NO NICKELBACK (KRT Campus)



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"People don't see us up at 10 or 11 at night recruiting kids and helping kids on the team with personal problems," Gorby said.

The burden of running the track team, however, does not deter Gorby—he said they are still striving to be better.

"I feel fortunate to be part of this," Gorby said.

"We are still trying to take it to the next level, not only in the conference but in the state."

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JAMBAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

# KALYN

# LEVETO

By Justin Smolkovich  
The Jambar

**F**our years and four conference titles later, senior diver Kalyn Leveto has etched her name into the record books at Youngstown State University as one of the school's most accomplished athletes.

Leveto, who recently captured her fourth Horizon League diving crown, competed in the NCAA Regional Diving Qualifier at Purdue University. Leveto was only one of five horizon league athletes to advance as far.

Leveto is the second diver to be named 'Jambar Athlete of the Year' following in the footsteps of Brandi Goettsch.

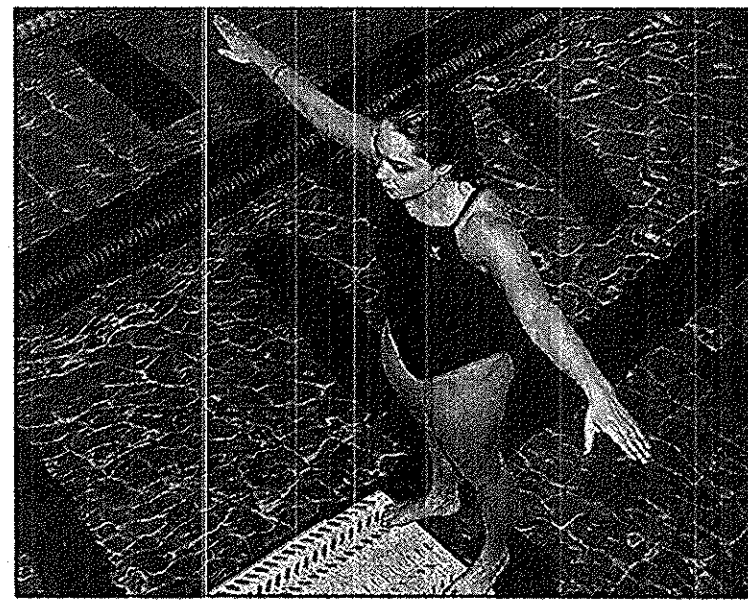
Nick Gavoulas, diving coach for the Penguins, said Leveto has had a fierce determination in nearly every facet of her life.

"She worked hard not only in the pool but also in the classroom, which is a tribute to her," Gavoulas said.

Having a diver on the roster with the capabilities of Leveto, Gavoulas and the rest of the Penguins always knew that they were a threat to other teams in the scoring.

While Leveto has spent the past four years setting marks in the Horizon League, Gavoulas said it was her determination that set her apart from the pack.

"Her tenacity is great. If you told her she couldn't do something, she wanted to prove you wrong," Gavoulas said. "She



(Photo courtesy of Sports Information)

hated being second."

Leveto's accomplishments will leave the Penguins looking for a new top diver and the entire coaching staff recognizes that having her on the squad was vital to the Penguins' success every meet.

Head swimming and diving coach Matt Anderson said that the time she spent here was a great time to be a Penguin.

"She is a great athlete who has worked very hard, we were happy to have her the four years

she was here," Anderson said.

Leveto, who is the school record holder in the 1-meter dive and has been a Zone C qualifier the past three years, will leave big shoes to fill as the Penguins regroup for next season.

"It is always hard to replace someone of that caliber," Gavoulas said.

Leveto earned diver of the year awards in 2003 and 2004.

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## Athlete of the Year

Kalyn Leveto is the second diver to be named Jambar Athlete of the Year. Leveto recently captured her fourth Horizon League diving crown. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

JAMBAR COACH OF THE YEAR

Track and Field coach Brian Gorby has raised the bar for YSU athletics

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Penguin Track and Field coach Brian Gorby has led the team to three straight conference championships. (Photo courtesy of Sports Information)

# Setting THE Precedent

By Justin Smolkovich  
The Jambar

**F**ifteen conference championships, a recent three-peat in conference championships and numerous coaching accolades. This is track team head coach Brian Gorby's resume.

However Gorby, who is now enjoying his 15th year at Youngstown State University, said he believes that much of his success comes from those around him.

"All you have to do is surround

yourself with great people," Gorby said of his ability to elevate the Penguins track team into one of the most feared squads not only in the Horizon League, but in Ohio.

Gorby said his entire coaching staff deserves this award as much as he does and believes that they do a lot of work that goes unrecognized.

"I believe 'Coach of the Year' should actually be 'Coaching Staff of the Year,'" Gorby said.

"When you have 65-70 people on the team, you need to get everyone improved, and that's where they come

in," Gorby said of his hard working staff.

The Penguins, under the guidance of Gorby, have pushed the Penguins to the role of favorite nearly every year in the conference. Gorby said bringing in top talent is the key to success at this point.

"It is a credit to the kids because they are the ones putting in the hard work," Gorby said. "The kids really believe in what we are doing as a staff."

The staff that Gorby praises consists of Matt Folk, Marcella Bohla,

Shawn Cobey and George Evans.

The staff along with Gorby have improved nearly every aspect of the track program culminating with nearly 24 personal records at the Conference Indoor meet a few weeks ago.

While coaching technique and training athletes year round are a large part of Gorby's day to day routine, much of what he does along with his staff is less glamorous but just as important to maintaining the level of the program.

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