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In an article titled "Popular majors have different job prospects," the number of students enrolled in the marketing management major was incorrectly reported. The program actually has over 80 students enrolled, according to YSU's office of institutional research.

Black poet honored

La Verne Sci, site manager for the Dunbar Museum in Dayton, will present a lecture entitled "Paul Lawrence Dunbar, 100 Years Later," today at 3 p.m. in McKay Auditorium in the Beechly College of Education. The lecture is part of YSU's celebration of African American History Month.

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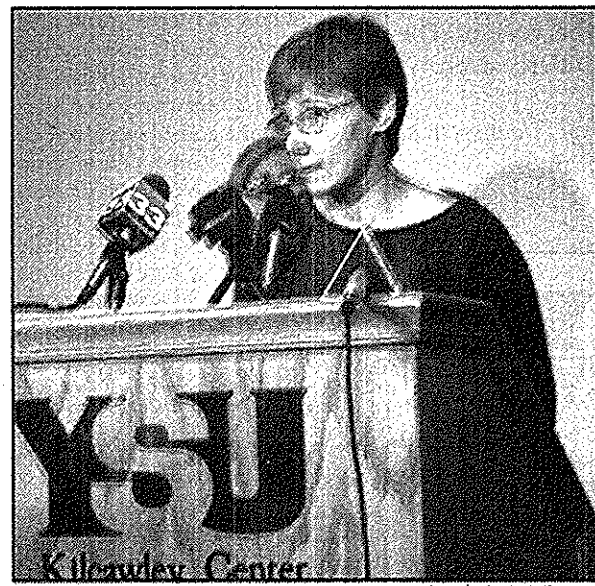
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Union heads deliver ultimatum



Julia Gergits, OEA president, briefly answers a question during Tuesday's press conference.

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

Two unions said Tuesday they would comply with a Labor-Management Review Panel recommendation and dissolve their negotiating teams only once two top administrators are no longer employed at Youngstown State University.

The faculty and classified employees unions said they wanted John Habat, YSU's administrative vice president and Hugh Chatman, YSU's director of human resources, out of the university before observing the panel's recommendation. In addition, the unions want Christine Domhoff, president of the classified employees union rehired.

The announcement came six weeks after the Labor-Management Review Panel, chaired by YSU Provost Robert Herbert, released its recommendations to improve the climate of labor relations on campus. The panel was created by

President David Sweet to research the causes of the August 2005 faculty and classified employees strike.

Of the report's 24 recommendations, one calls for the members of each negotiating team involved in the last negotiations to step down. The panel also declared that Habat and Chatman are unfit to serve the university and recommends that Domhoff be rehired. Domhoff lost her position at YSU's Cisco Networking Academy last year when the academy closed.

The unions called for Sweet to begin to fully implement the report.

"The time has come to do what we can to motivate President Sweet to exercise his leadership immediately and decisively," a joint statement released by the two unions read.

Sweet had announced previously that he wouldn't announce any action on the recom-

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Possible SGA ballot issue could increase tuition

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With the Student Government Association elections coming up in April, the 'body is discussing which issues to include on the ballot.

In the next general meeting, SGA will vote on whether or not to pursue a bill proposed by the Tuition and Fees Committee that would allow students to vote on whether or not an additional \$50 fee would be added to student's tuition.

If the issue goes on the ballot, students could vote on whether or not to implement the fee to create a fund that SGA could control.

Tuition and Fees Committee Chair, Shannon Baker said the money could be used to fund a new parking lot or campus-wide wireless Internet.

If implemented, the extra \$50 will bring in an extra \$1 million to campus. SGA President Bob McGovern said that because SGA represents students, it would give them a chance to influence how the university spends money.

"I think students will like the idea of having control over money on campus," McGovern said. McGovern said he can see where students might think charging the extra fee would be hypocritical.

"On one hand we are trying to cut costs, yet on the other hand we are trying to get them to pay extra money, but it's an issue of responsible spending," McGovern said.

Vice President of Financial Affairs, Josh Hinzay, said if students adopt the issue, then SGA will become an active body.

"We will actually have the funds to do things, not just write up resolutions that will just be tossed away," Hinzay said.

Representative Joe Issue said he is unsure if SGA will actually be able to put the money to good use.

"I'm not for saying SGA should have control of more funds that they may not be able to use effectively," Issue said.

Baker said she admits that students may not like the idea of paying more money.

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SGA reduces budget 2 percent

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

President Bob McGovern passed a bill to reduce the organization's budget by 2 percent in the Student Government Association's meeting on Monday.

McGovern said he and Josh Hinzay, SGA's Vice President for Financial Affairs, came up with the idea last weekend after finding out about shortfalls in the campus budget.

"I asked Josh Hinzay if we were going to be asked to cut our budget, and he said no, but we decided we could trim the fat," McGovern said. SGA hasn't decided where \$1,524.20 will be moved to, and McGovern said he is consulting with Judy Gaines and Cynthia Anderson to find out.

"We would like to see it go toward a campus-wide program, not just one college or department," McGovern said.

To save the university money, validation stickers, which are sent to students along with their bills, will be eliminated starting this summer.

Bill Countryman, the university registrar, said an estimated \$7,794 will be saved in one academic year, and \$1,300 will be saved in the summer term.

McGovern and SGA Vice President Amanda Mielke toured Cushwa Hall with John Hyden, YSU's executive director of facilities, Joe Scarnecchia, YSU's director of support services, and John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration.

The walkthrough was

Seuss on stage



Gertrude, played by Nicole Dionisio, and the Cat in the Hat, performed by Nathan Beagle, rehearse a scene from this weekend's "Seussical: The Musical." The show, performed by YSU Theater, opens tonight in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater. See **ENTERTAINMENT**.

FINANCIAL AID Grants give students emergency aid

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Valley students who have exhausted traditional funding resources could receive emergency scholarship aid provided by a new grant from the Marion G. Resch Foundation.

The Marion G. Resch Foundation donated \$25,000 to start The Resch Scholars Program, which will provide need-based emergency scholarships to benefit Youngstown State University students.

The awards will be given to full-time students from the Mahoning Valley, who demonstrate financial need and maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA.

Paul McFadden, YSU

Chief Development Officer said the awards will help students to graduate.

"The awards are focused on encouraging students to commence, or prevent students from discontinuing their college education due to lack of financial resources," McFadden said.

Financial need is determined after students fill out the FAFSA.

The scholarships could pay a student's remaining balance aid such as federal Pell Grants and merit-based scholarships.

Elaine Ruse, the director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at YSU gave an example of a student that would be eligible for the scholarship.

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"We would like to see it go toward a campuswide program, not just one college or department."

Bob McGovern
Student Government President

initiated as a way to find out what needs to be fixed when the university plans to renovate the building in the next capital biennium.

Although funds to redo the building won't be available until next calendar year, Meilke said she made a bet with Habat to get it done sooner. If Meilke could find a way to permanently keep students from tossing cigarette butts on the ground, he would find

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the money to redecorate Cushman.

"This desperately needs to be done, so start thinking of ways to do this," Meilke said, urging SGA to come up with ideas.

During the visit to Cushman, McGovern said he found another money saving possibility for the university.

"John Hyden is running the numbers for me to see how much the university could save if paper towels were eliminated," McGovern said.

The Student Affairs Committee discussed the possible creation of a

"Student Master Plan" to go along with university President David Sweet's "Centennial Master Plan." The plan would include ways to give both commuter and residential students things to do in Youngstown.

"There needs to be more for college students to do downtown, like restaurants and nightlife," said Sarah Vansuch, the chair of the committee. "You need to have activities to keep students around campus."

The Student Affairs Committee plans to show the movie "Rent" March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Chestnut

Room. SGA appropriated money to the following organizations:

\$870 of \$3,984 requested to the American Marketing Association to defray the costs of attending the AMA International Collegiate Conference in Orlando \$1,255 of \$5,065.60 requested to the United Nations Association to defray the costs of attending the Model NATO Conference in D.C.

\$500 of \$500 requested to Alpha Psi Omega to pay for travel expenses to attend the South Eastern Theatre Conference in

Orlando \$500 of \$500 requested to the YSU Collegiate Middle Level Association to defray the cost of attending the Ohio Middle School Association State Conference.

\$700 of \$2,730 requested to SWAY to attend the Success in Your Hands conference at Ohio State University

\$2,000 of \$4,700 to the YSU Percussion Federation to defray the cost of The Ohio Day of Percussion.

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which may have started World War I.

•Martin Van Buren grew his world-famous ostentatious sideburns as the result of a bet, and even after getting the money he kept them because he was a total jackass.

•Calvin Coolidge was so lazy that he was accidentally pronounced dead eight times during his presidency. He also had to have his legs removed due to complete muscle atrophy.

•Because grade-A jerk Woodrow Wilson is dead and the Sedition Act has been repealed, you can now say terrible and hurtful things about the former President. For example, Woodrow Wilson has a face that looks like a catcher's mitt and he would regularly shop in convenience stores located in poor immigrant communities using the only amount of currency with his face on it, the \$100,000 bill. He would slide the

bill over the counter towards the poor, starving shopkeeper, and say, "You see this rich guy on this bill here? Well, he's hungry for some steak!"

•Lyndon B. Johnson actually kept track of how many kids he killed in the Vietnam War, and that catchy protest chant featuring his name was not a result of unrest, but rather a request for data.

•Ronald Reagan not only called his wife Nancy by the creepy moniker "Mommy," he also used this word to identify 90 percent of the people, animals, colors, and concepts around him. This is why from 1983 to 1987 the State of the Union address was replaced by the "State of the Mommy."

•In 2004, current President George W. Bush was actually preferred and elected by the majority of Americans! Holy wow!

Bob Mackey encourages you to use these facts responsibly. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.

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mendations until the next internal affairs committee meeting of the YSU board of trustees, which will meet today.

The faculty and classified unions' negotiating teams are made of seven members each. If the administration carried out its resolutions, members such as Domhoff and Ivan Maldonado would step down from the classified union negotiating team. For the faculty union, members such as Stan Guzell would step down.

Sweet announced the resignation of the administration bargaining team following the report's release. Union officials said they chose to wait until they could hold a clarification meeting with the members of the panel to discuss dissolving their teams.

Sweet said previously that some of the panel's recommendations would need further discussion, and that the administration may not comply with all of them. The president released a personal statement in support of Habat after the report came out.

Faculty spokesperson Stan Guzell said he didn't believe the union's conditional following of the report would be a hindrance to resolving the labor climate at YSU.

"We can't unilaterally disarm," Guzell said at one point in the conference.

Julia Gergits, the faculty union president, said the unions were looking forward to following the panel's rec-

ommendations, especially one that called for the unions to meet regularly with the president to discuss labor concerns.

Gergits pointed out last month, following Sweet's announcement to retire his negotiating team, that it would be difficult for the faculty to dissolve their team because they were still meeting with the university to resolve issues such as pay rates for summer classes.

Guzell said the faculty negotiating team could be dissolved and then new members could be appointed, rather than voted in by the bargaining unit.

"This shouldn't be an obstacle to the full implementation of the report," Guzell said.

SGA President Bob McGovern was in attendance for the conference, saying afterwards that he was disappointed by what he heard. McGovern said he believed that YSU students were forgotten as a product of the ongoing conflict between the labor and management. He said he noticed more concern for students during the strikes.

"Now it feels like we're out of the picture," McGovern said.

When asked about McGovern's comment, Domhoff pointed out that the unions were moving forward with the recommendations so they could put labor

problems behind them and continue to serve the students.

Domhoff announced that four of her pending grievances against the university for the loss of her job were about to enter arbitration. The grievances cover complaints that the university did not make a good faith effort to relocate her to a different position at YSU. The university has argued before that Domhoff's position at the academy was externally funded, and not subject to relocation rights typical classified employees enjoy.

Domhoff's arbitrations begin March 14 and 16.

Chatman and Habat were out of the office yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Should the classified union team be dissolved, Domhoff and Maldonado would still retain their positions as union president and vice president, respectively. Both leaders have one year left in their terms as union officials.

The members of the ACE union who would be stepping down are Christine Domhoff, José Riviera, Bernie Hamrock, Willa Mattern, Joe Iacobacci, Paul Pavlich and Ivan Maldonado. Gergits could not be reached to identify the members of the faculty negotiating team.

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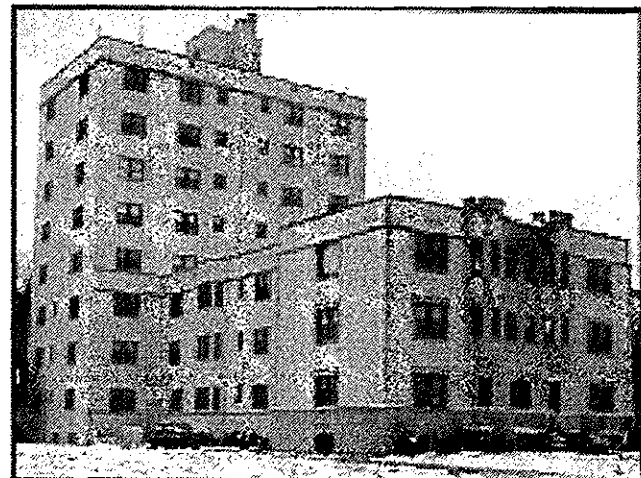
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OUR SIDE

Panel report has only made labor relations worse

When the Labor-Management Review Panel was formed, its goal was to improve the labor environment at YSU, but all it has really done is make the labor situation worse.

Instead of the unions and the administration working together to achieve common goals, the unions and the panel members are using the report as a weapon against the administration.

On Tuesday, the faculty and staff unions held a press conference reminiscent of the days leading up to the strikes, flexing their muscles and issuing an ultimatum that their leadership won't step down until two top administrators — John Habat, YSU's executive vice president, and Hugh Chatman, YSU's human resources director — are no longer gainfully employed by YSU, as recommended by the panel report.

This comes shortly after panel member and YSU professor Tom Shipka announced that he would no longer emcee YSU events until the administration accepted all of the panel's recommendations.

Cry us a river. YSU President David Sweet asked the panel to investigate the causes of the August 2005 faculty and staff strikes and recommend ways to recover from the bitter labor battle.

The key word here is 'recommend.' Sweet didn't ask the panel to assume the role of the president, he simply asked for advice. And not all advice is good.

The panel, appointed by a public university, conducted interviews in secret with none of the "witnesses" put under oath. Recordings were not made and transcripts were not kept of the testimony.

After compiling this "evidence," largely against Habat and Chatman, neither administrator was given time to respond to any of the "charges" against them.

In fact there were no specific charges. The report neglected to give this evidence, or any real reason why Habat or Chatman should be fired. There are no allegations against them, just a vague statement that they are unfit to serve the university in any capacity.

While many of the panel's recommendations were excellent (and even the bad ones probably well intentioned), the overall importance of the report has been inflated.

"It was never a given," Sweet wrote in a letter to Shipka earlier this month, "that I would automatically, and without consultation, accept every syllable of the Panel's recommendations. No president I know of, at any university I know of, would ever do that."

Sweet also pointed out that panels are not accountable for implementation, but presidents are: "Presidents have to be both accountable and responsible. They must function within the law, within standards of ethical behavior, within contractual commitments, and within very real budget constraints — many of which can affect every division and unit in the university."

Ahh and there is the rub. The strikes didn't happen because Habat and Chatman were terrible, evil people; the strikes happened because YSU doesn't have a lot of money to throw around for pay raises without raising tuition the maximum amount allowed by state law each year.

At Tuesday's union press conference, YSU's Student Government Association President Bob McGovern said he was concerned that the students were being forgotten during all this labor panel rigmarole.

And the sad truth is, he is right. If the unions and administration spent as much energy on finding ways to cut costs and provide better and more efficient services for students as they do on bickering with each other, we might not be faced with outrageous tuition hikes each year.

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COMMENTARY

Slavery museum would help Americans move forward

By: Douglas Turner
KRT

WASHINGTON — Learning about America's one-time addiction to slavery is like peeling back layers of a tough white onion.

For example, how many know that New Yorkers kept slaves through 1840; or that a fifth of New York City's population in 1776 was slave? Outfitting slave ships was a churning engine of the city's prosperity, according to black historian W.E.B. DuBois.

How many schoolchildren in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Indiana, Delaware, New Jersey, Ohio and Rhode Island are taught that the federal census of 1840 counted slaves in their states?

Douglas Wilder, the grandson of slaves, former governor of Virginia and now mayor of Richmond, hopes to cut right through the hard onion with a lot of help from his friends.

Wilder was in Washington recently to push the proposed U.S. National Slavery Museum. A \$200 million effort, the museum will be located near Fredericksburg, Va. just off Interstate 95 — the nation's major north-south freeway along the Atlantic Coast.

It is being designed by the firm of architects that did the East Wing of the National Gallery of Art and the pyramid addition to the Louvre in Paris.

Early help is being given by Bill and

Camille Cosby, musician Wynton Marsalis, actor Ben Vereen, Best Western, Hyatt Hotels, Toyota, Mitsubishi, McDonald's and "many, many others," Wilder said.

No shrinking violet, Wilder, in a speech at the National Press Club, called on a number of large corporations by name to join the parade of donors.

"And I'm calling for them now to get involved, not as a sense of reparation — and I want to be as clear as I can be about that — but as a sense of acknowledgment of doing what is right," Wilder said.

A full-size replica of the Portuguese slave ship, *Dos Amigos*, will be the centerpiece of the museum.

Wilder said historian John Hope Franklin urged him to put a slave ship in the place. "Not just because it's a ship," Wilder said. "But it'll be a place to see the size of the seats that the people had, the hold that they had to go into, the deck that they had to come to for the shortest period of time, to empathize with how people could endure two to three months of this."

Americans have been served a lot of bogus history about slavery through Reconstruction Period that followed the Civil War, right up to now.

Few if any schools teach that slavery was woven through the Constitution's fine print. The document not only mandated the continuation of slavery through 1808 and forbade any amendment from abolishing it until 1808, but also perpetually

required the return of escaped slaves.

The Constitution had to be amended four times to give African-Americans their rights, the last time in 1966.

Vereen, who came here with Wilder, said school kids are taught "once we had slavery, and then President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation and then they were free."

Not quite. Wilder noted that Abraham Lincoln's proclamation exempted the Atlantic coast counties of Virginia and what is now West Virginia.

With advice coming from Brown, Duke and Howard universities, the museum will have classrooms, and distribute instructional materials to schools that seek to get in step with the truth.

"We'll give the educational tools," Wilder said. "But we will provide no crutches for anyone to say this is an excuse for you not to excel, to be competitive, to do the best you can."

There is a museum about African-Americans being built on the national Mall. Wilder said the Fredericksburg facility will not compete for funds with the federal one. "There are plenty of art museums," he noted.

Besides, I think I prefer a private place run by African-Americans to one governed by the Smithsonian Institution and Congress, particularly this Congress. They are, after all, white establishments.

Douglas Turner is the Washington bureau chief of *The Buffalo News*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To be, or not to be, that is the question for YSU

Editor:

Like Hamlet, YSU is confronted with two choices. His were to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of troubles and by opposing end them. Ours are to accept the way things are going between the unions, administration and board, or, by trying to overcome the weight of historic agendas, we might begin to save the institution from the follies of its sin-cerities. Many of us faculty came

here with the expectation that this would be a good place to help the next generation leverage themselves to a higher level of accomplishment in an increasingly complicated world than they would have been otherwise able to attain without a higher education. In the classrooms and laboratories throughout the campus this is still happening — at the micro level — no small thanks due to the dedication, talent and energy of those on the faculty, in the administration and classified employees, on the board of trustees and among the students, all still focused on the purpose of why we are here in the first place.

Lately I have seen the separate agendas of these parties take preeminence, and we are near the point where they are taking over the institutional momentum, leaving I believe the majority of us agape that things have gotten this bad. The relationships between the parties that represent our university constituencies have become so corroded that at times I think we will not survive them. But in the end, doesn't this amount to the tail wagging the dog? It has never been easy in the past 35 years to implement the labor-management model in a

higher ed institution, but I think we have always found a way to maintain a credible and even respectable equilibrium, that has made YSU the foundation of many distinguished careers, of graduates and even former employees, that we can all take pride in contributing to in our own small ways.

If the agendas that want to say "we have to show them who really runs this place", or "we have to show them we won't take that kind of treatment" take over, then we end up with warring parties who will seemingly stop at nothing to undermine and embarrass the other side — to pay them back for some real or perceived humiliation. This kind of siege mentality is where we are now, and it has led to an immense loss of confidence in the ability of the institution to manage its own affairs — like a family feud that's gotten out of control — and by the way, it's their fault!

What we need now is a little clear headed reasoning that will find a way to extricate us from this impasse, and the realization that when both parties want a contract, there will be a contract. Even though it's hot in the kitchen, let's not throw away 35 years of really productive histo-

ry that has served us all well. Can we get with the program?

Howard Mettee
Professor of Chemistry

Professor satirical victim of "hoax"

Editor:

Thanks to the keen investigative skills of Leonard Crist (Editorial, Feb. 16), I now realize that I have been the victim of an elaborate hoax. It seems that, for several years, the Chemical Engineering faculty members have been recruiting pedestrians from the streets around campus to populate their lectures in a desperate attempt to keep their jobs. Now I find out that they actually have only one student enrolled in the Chemical Engineering program. The faculty even went so far as to fabricate 40 folders of student records, complete with grade reports, and place them in the department's files. This hoax obviously required the collaboration of other staff members at the University, and calls for a thorough investigation. I suggest that Mr. Crist get going on it immediately.

Scott C. Martin
Chair, Civil/Environmental & Chemical Engineering

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"Many students would have an issue with adding even \$10 extra to their bills," Baker said.

Hiznay said he feels students may support the fee.

"Years ago, students voted in favor of a fee to go toward construction of the rec center and they were asking for more money that time," Hiznay said.

Students did not end up paying that fee, though, because of private donations through fundraising. Students do pay an additional operating fee for the rec center.

Representative Danielle DeChant said in light of possible tuition increases, the fee would not be in the best interest of students.

"I don't think students will appreciate it with the pending 6 percent tuition increase," DeChant said, "We should have the student's backs and not charge them more money."

If the Board of Trustees votes to raise tuition to 6 percent, the state may not allow SGA to include the fee because of the tuition cap.

Another issue is low voter turnout - only 700 of 13,000 students voted last year.

"A vote on election day would often not be a good representation of the entire student body's opinion," Baker said.

Letting students vote for the issue on SOLAR, the program students use to register for class was discussed. However, it was decided that SOLAR wasn't a viable option because of registration dates.

"Students can use SOLAR up to drop date in the middle of the semester, how will we be able to enforce a cutoff date?" Hiznay asked.

SGA officials said their intentions are to educate, and not promote the bill.

"We don't mean to endorse the issue, we think it something students should vote on for themselves," Vice President for Student Affairs John Vogel said.

SGA decided to wait to vote on the resolution, which would add the issue to the ballot, until the next general meeting because it will give the committee time to revise resolution's language.

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"Let's say the cost of tuition is \$12,000 for a semester and the family contribution was slated at \$6,000. Let's also say the student doesn't receive Pell Grants or scholarships. Then, the student would be able to have the Resch program pay for the remaining \$6,000," Ruse said.

Funding for the scholars will continue as long as the students maintain a 2.7 GPA and full-time status.

Students in the program will be required to meet twice a year with the Executive Director of The Marion G. Resch Foundation to review their academic progress and make sure they are scheduling future classes.

Ruse said students who take out loans could still receive the scholarship.

"The premise behind the

program is to keep students from having to take out so many loans," Ruse said, "If they don't have to pay the mandatory fees out of pocket, then they will take out less in loans."

Ruse estimated the program could assist four to five students a year, with more recipients being added on each year.

"The amounts which the students need will vary depending on how much they owe. We would also have to fund them going forward," Ruse said.

The Resch Scholars Program is a new addition to the Marion G. Resch Foundation, which has grown over the last four years to include \$625,000 in aid.

Ruse said that last year the foundation assisted 213 students with a total of

\$150,000 in aid.

"The foundation is able to benefit more students because it gives out the awards at a fixed rate of \$1,000 each, the Scholars program will give money in variable amounts," Ruse said.

While the existing program doesn't maintain strict GPA requirements, Ruse said students who aren't doing well in classes are being questioned.

"Students have to demonstrate success in the classroom. Not necessarily a 3.8 GPA, but we do expect decent academic performance and hold students to a 2.5 or 2.7," Ruse said. For more information on scholarships and financial aid,

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- ▶ 2/23-25 — Swimming @ Horizon League championships
- ▶ 2/23 — Women's basketball @ Loyola
- ▶ 2/24 — Men's tennis vs. JPFW
- ▶ 2/25 — Women's tennis vs. Wright State

YSU BASKETBALL

Women prepare for final home game

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

For guard Ashlee Russo and her fellow seniors, Thursday night's game against Loyola is not only the final regular season game of the year, but it will also mark the last time the group ever don the Penguin uniform at Beeghly Center.

"It is sad that it is actually coming to an end now," Russo said during Tuesday's press conference. "I am going to try and keep my emotions to the side and concentrate on the game."

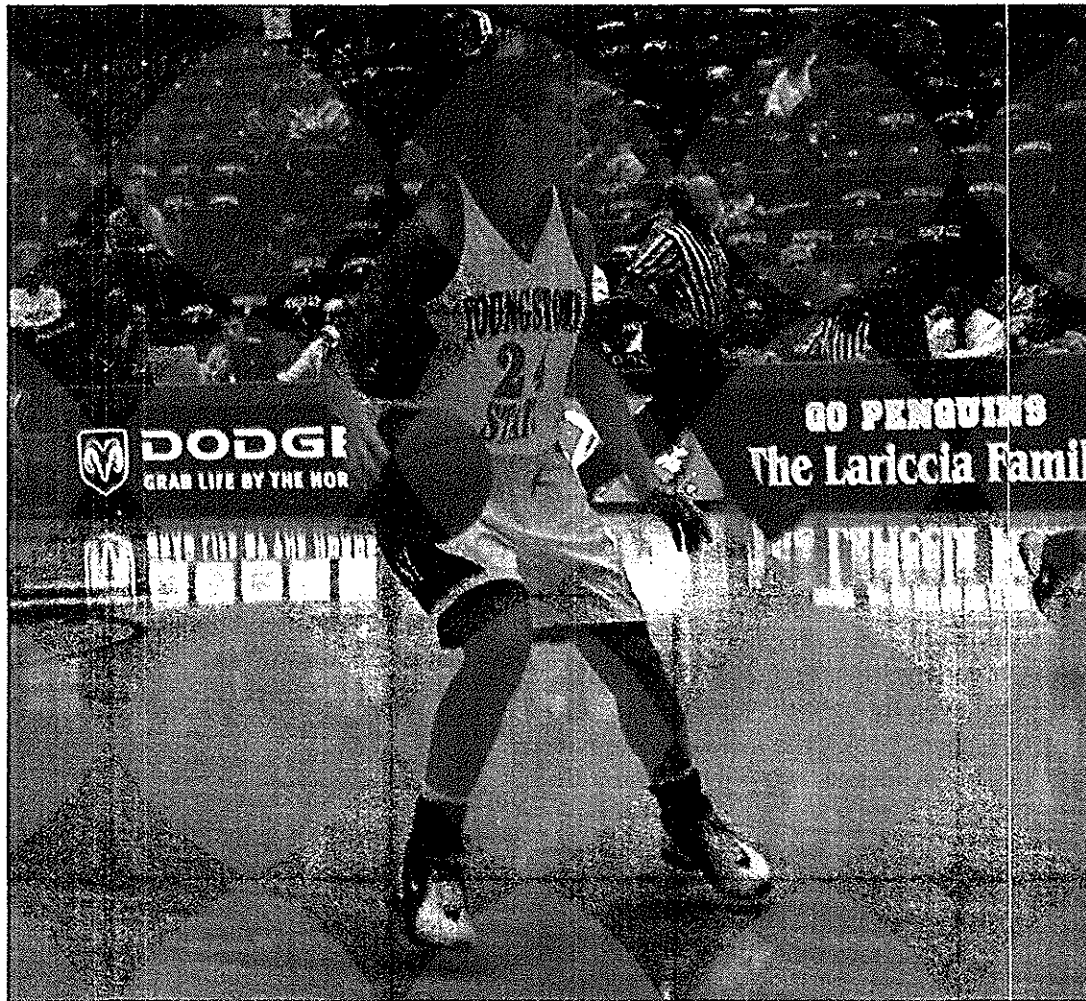
The Penguins, who own an overall record of 7-19, play Loyola for the second time this season. They lost earlier this season to Loyola by a tally of 75-65.

Head coach Tisha Hill said that a late season win against a team that handed them a loss earlier in the campaign would be sweet retribution.

"We didn't play well out there against Loyola, we didn't get them the first time so we definitely want to follow up with a win against them," Hill said.

The Penguins will not only have to a team that is one spot higher in the league standings, but battle an emotional night that will say goodbye to three seniors.

Hill said she felt that Thursday night would be bittersweet, as she would be both proud and sad to see her senior group take



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Senior Ashley Russo is seen here running the offense in a recent women's home game. Tonight will be the last home game for seniors Russo, Michelle Holmes and Aliyah Sabree. The Penguins will take on Loyola at Beeghly Center tonight for the last regular season home game.

Roselli Court for the last time in their careers.

"It is difficult to say goodbye to three young ladies that have put a lot of heart in soul into the game," Hill said.

The three seniors that will be honored are Russo, Michelle Holmes and Aliyah Sabree. Holmes currently leads the Penguins with a 0.52 percent field goal percentage while Russo leads the team in both free throw attempts and free throws made, leads the team in assists with 2.5 and is second on the team in scoring, chipping in 10.7 points per game.

Despite the emotions that will be sure to flow throughout Beeghly Thursday night, Hill said that with the Horizon League tournament looming in the near future, each and every game is pivotal and can give the Penguins an edge come March.

"In February, every single game is absolutely important," Hill said. "No matter what you are coming up on."

With a win Thursday over Loyola, the Penguins can lock up the seventh seed in the league tournament, creeping past Loyola. Despite Loyola's 3-22 overall record — tied in league play with YSU with three wins — Loyola has 11 losses compared to the Penguins 12.

Thursday night's game is set for 7:05 p.m.

Call Justin Smolkovich at (330) 941-3758

YSU HOCKEY

YSU Ice Hockey Club to host playoffs

By: Katie Libecco
COPY EDITOR

The Youngstown State University ice hockey team, 8-0 in league play, will host the College Hockey Association Playoffs at the Ice Zone, 360 McClurg Road, in Boardman this weekend.

The league, ACHA Division II, is comprised of five teams from four states. The Penguins, 11-8 overall, are the top seed against Hilbert College, California of Pennsylvania, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Frostburg State.

The captain of the team is Joe Steinman and they are coached by the Mahoning Valley Phantoms' Rocky Russo. He said that he is confident in his team.

"We're gonna win it. Absolutely," Russo said Wednesday night.

Russo said the team's strategy to winning would be running some new systems the team has been practicing, which defenseman Phil Colucci, a junior at YSU, also sited as the way to win the championship.

"We're just going to keep playing the systems we've been practicing and sticking to what we know," Colucci said. "We're also not going to underestimate the other guys we're playing."

Russo said that he was confident in his team as they entered the run for their first championship title.

"We're the best team in the league right now," Russo said, adding that he thought the Penguins were "prepared and ready to go."

Although the team wasn't ready to go earlier this year, losing seven of eight games in the fall semester, they've played strong so far this semester. The Penguins are entering their first playoffs on Saturday as the top seed. "The boys worked very hard all year. They deserve this," Russo said.

Russo said eligibility for the team is similar to NCAA regulations. There are currently 15 players on the team for YSU ice hockey.

All of the losses for the team this season came from out-

of-league defeats against teams in Division I.

Not only is this the first time for YSU to host the playoffs, it is their first appearance ever in the ACHA Division II playoffs. Russo said this is the first year the team has been sanctioned with the division.

"This is pretty exciting, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of us. We have a few seniors on the team and it's a good way for them to go out," Colucci said.

The first game will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. with Frostburg State pitted against California (Pa.). The winner from Friday's contest will then play YSU Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Hilbert College will play IUP.

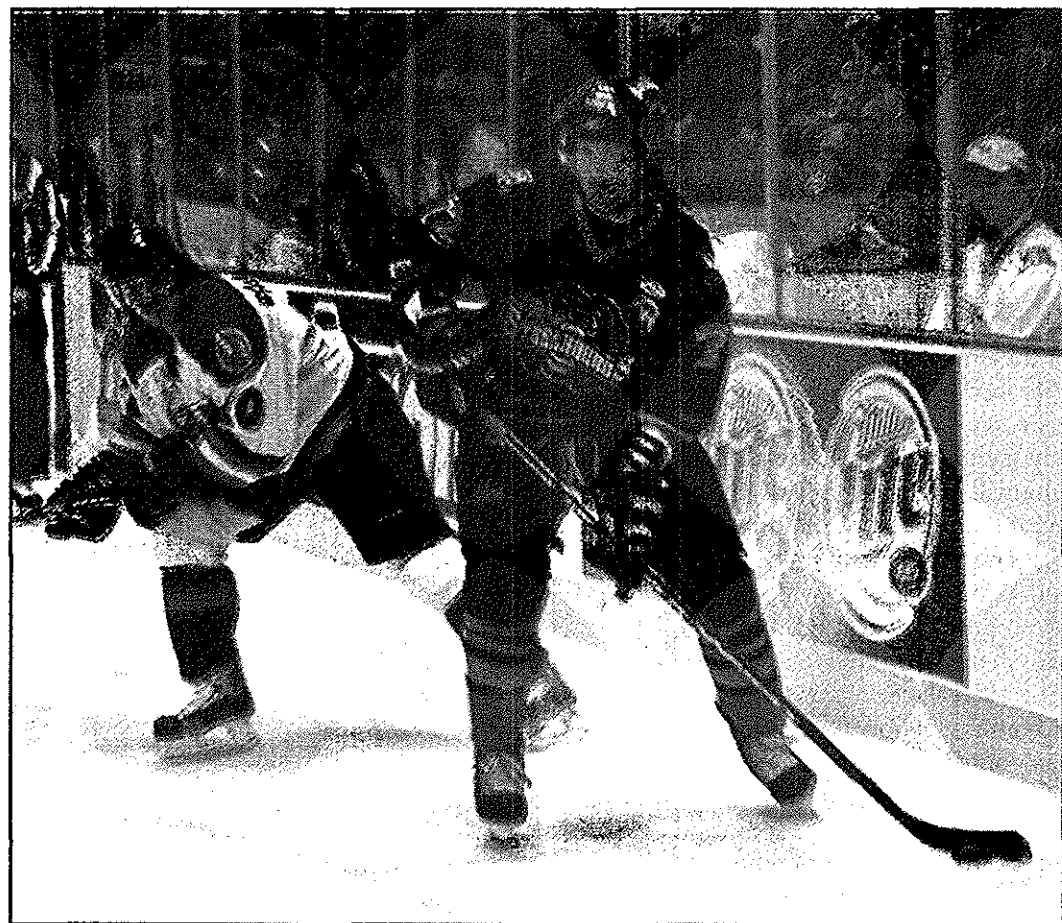
The two winners from Saturday's games will then play the championship game Sunday at 12 p.m.

Tickets for individual games are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students with a valid school ID and free for children 12-years-old and younger. For more information, visit www.theicezone.com.

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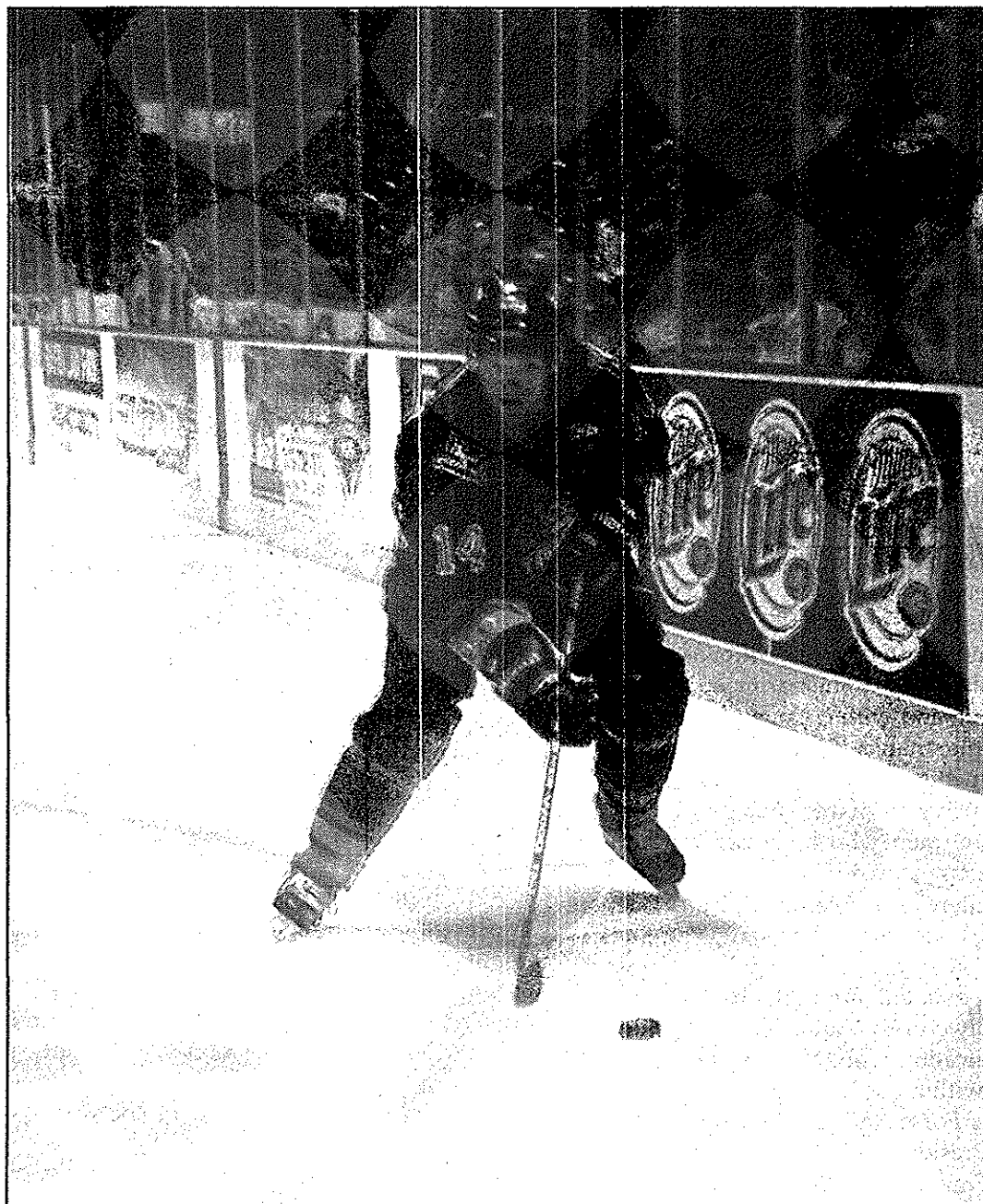


Hounds fall to Mudbugs, 5-4



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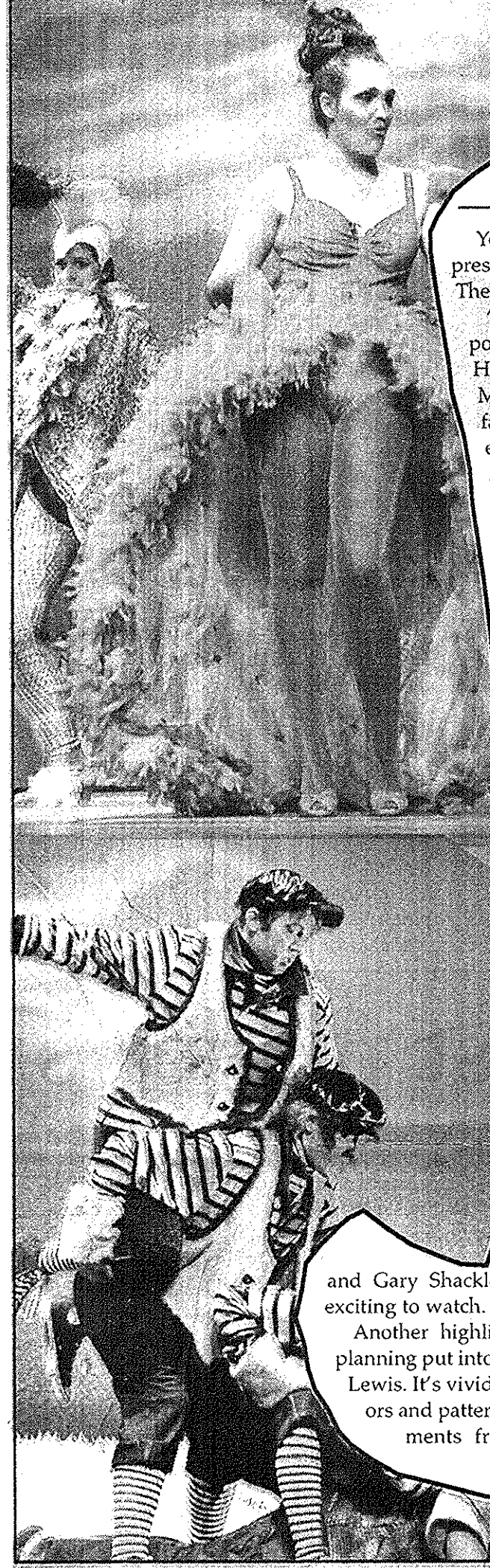
ABOVE: SteelHounds forward Jeff Christian looks for an teammate during Wednesday's game at the Chevrolet Centre. The Hounds lost, 5-4 to the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs. **RIGHT:** Forward Chris Richards takes the puck down the ice during Wednesday night's game against Bossier-Shreveport. The game started off a three game homestand against the Mudbugs. The teams will meet up again Friday and Saturday night.



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THEATER

HOORAY! SEUSSICAL PLAYS TODAY



By: Maysoun Abdelrasul and Katie Libecco

Youngstown State University Theater will present "Seussical: the Musical" at Ford Theater in Bliss Hall starting tonight.

"Seussical" explores interactions among popular Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton, Gertrude, the Cat in the Hat, Mayzie, the Grinch and the Whos. But the fairy-tale setting serves as a canvas for exploring adult emotions of love, loneliness and friendship.

The play incorporates elements from at least 15 of Dr. Seuss books. The light-hearted whimsical play delivers many important messages. Director of University Theater Frank Castronovo said even though it is a play based on Dr. Seuss books, the messages are not just for children; it is a musical for all ages.

"It teaches the lessons in life to accept differences and have respect for each other," Castronovo said.

But what truly makes this production stand out from previous YSU productions is the attention and enthusiasm put into details.

Most noticeably, the costumes are outstanding. Rick Shilling, University Theater Associate Staff Designer, along with the help of the students, put the colorful, vibrant costumes together. Despite some quick costume changes, the design allows the actors to quickly change into a costume completely different than before, keeping the show exciting.

The creative choreography of associate professor of dance Christine Cobb with YSU students Richard Bell and Gary Shackelford keeps the show high-paced and exciting to watch.

Another highlight of "Seussical" is the thought and planning put into the set, designed by YSU student Rachel Lewis. It's vividly designed, with whimsical shapes, colors and patterns. Lewis beautifully brings together elements from Dr. Seuss's books with flair and charm.

But another important aspect of what makes "Seussical" enjoyable is the outstanding performances each time every actor is on stage. Often times in musical theater, those in chorus roles feel that their part is not as important as the leading roles and put little effort into their parts.

This is not the case in "Seussical." Every time every actor graces the stage, they are vibrant and shining. Each movement, facial expression and note performed by the cast of "Seussical" has effort behind it.

Castronovo said there really is not one major role, it is more of an ensemble where everybody comes together and has an important role.

The ensemble includes Allison Crawford, Jen McCombs, Rachael Rossi, Gretchen Breslawski, Krista Barr, Missy Bookbinder, David Munnell, Aaron Franek and Arcale Peace.

The cast includes Nathan Beagle as the Cat in the Hat, Ryan Ruth as Horton, Nicole Dionisio as Gertrude and Stephanie Ottey as Mayzie.

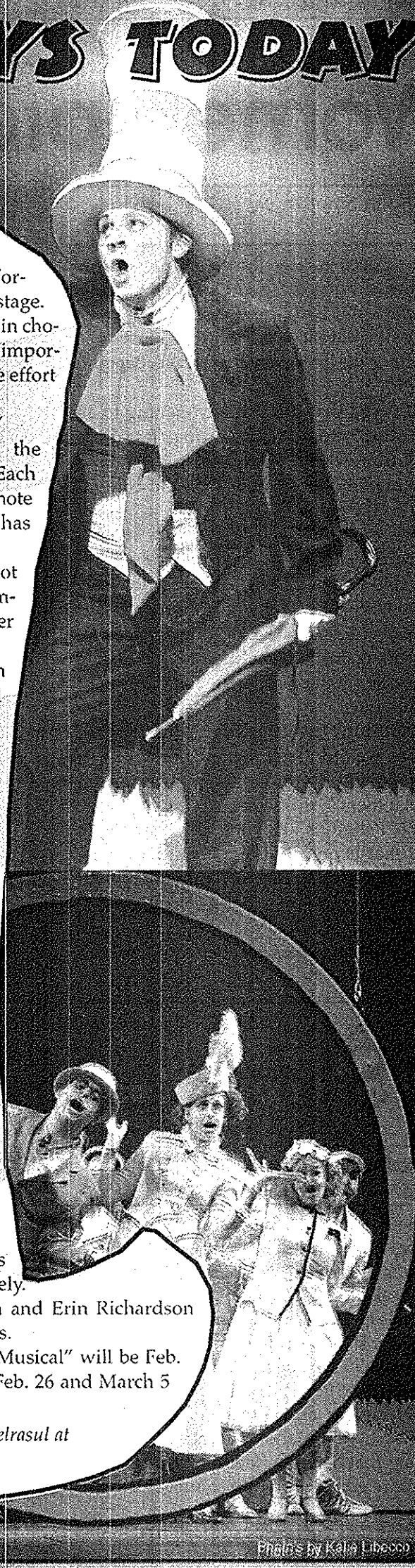
Mr. Mayor (of the Whos) is played by Vince Basile and Angela Medaugh plays Mrs. Mayor. Also of Who descent is the character of General Schimtz, played by Shawn Lockaton.

Roberta Beekman appears as Beekman, Cristina Cala performs as Sour Kangaroo and Vaughn Schmidt takes on three roles as the Grinch, Judge Yertle and Vlad Vladikoff.

Richard Bell, Gary Shackelford and Randy Huffman perform as Wickersham 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Kari Kleemook, Roxanne Hauldren and Erin Richardson finish out the rest of the cast as birds.

Performances of "Seussical: The Musical" will be Feb. 23-25 and March 3-4 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 26 and March 5 at 3 p.m.

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COMMENTARY

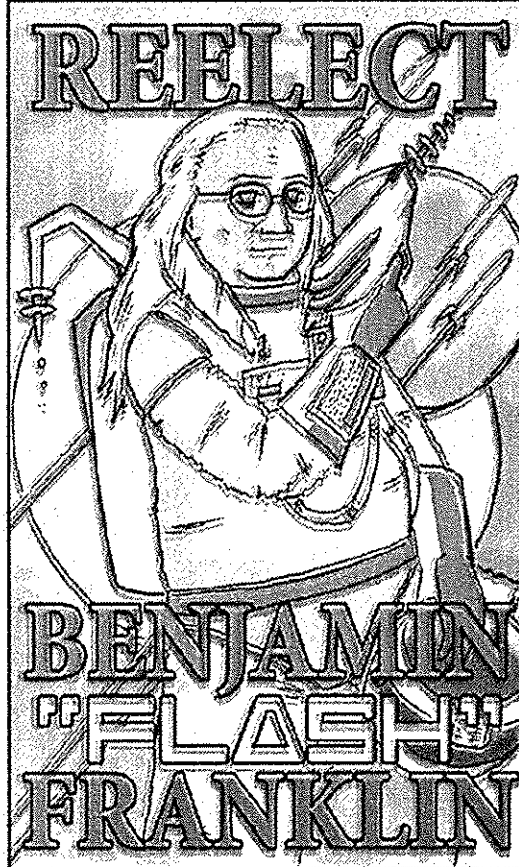
Mackey warns: Believe it... or else

By: Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

President's Day was Monday, and if you're not exactly sure of the holiday's true meaning, it's a day when Americans come together and local businessmen dress up in powdered wigs and beards while slashing prices on waterbeds, all in celebration of the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Of course, the two Presidents were not born on the same day, which is kind of a bummer for both of them; if you think sharing a birthday with someone so close to Christmas isn't a travesty, then you obviously haven't been bled to death or shot in the head.

This is one of the reflections that came to my mind after the traditional American President's Day binge drink and detox center visit, and with it came many more. For example, thanks to my pre-college education in the American school system, I've been privy to many amazing facts about the fine men who have run our country that many may not know. And, despite the best interests of a certain "history" department, I will share these amazing facts on this very day. You'll believe it... or else!

The dollar amount on paper money actually corresponds with the President on it, indicating where the person on the bill falls within the chronology of the presidency. For example, Washington was the first President, Lincoln was the fifth, and Ben Franklin will be President sometime around the year 2300.



Art by Nick Daniel

Washington commissioned the first Washington Monument shortly before his death as part of the United States' first space program. His remains were to be launched from the giant structure into space, where Heaven was widely believed to be located. Unfortunately, although his servants packed his remains for the trip, they neglected to pack any of his finely carved antique furniture or his collection of beanbag chairs. A second Washington

Monument was built in the late 1800s as a tribute to how uncomfortable the President must be in the afterlife.

Thomas Jefferson thought the Louisiana Purchase was a steal, but suffered a crippling bout of buyer's remorse when he realized how much of the Purchase included the South. He offered France most of what we now know as Mexico, but Jefferson couldn't even return the Purchase for store credit. France used this money to build the Eiffel Tower, which, in movies that take place in France, can be seen from any point in the country.

John Wilkes Booth's infamous words upon the shooting of Lincoln were actually, "Sic semper tyrannosaurus rex!" The assassin was very high on ether and was merely trying to protect the audience from Abraham Lincoln, whom he thought was 20 feet tall and king of the dinosaurs.

Apparently, for four years, some guy named Franklin Pierce was President. I'm not even joking. Don't tell me that you've actually heard of him. He's not even real.

The 1908 election was the first time the Presidential election was decided with an eating contest. William Howard Taft ate thirteen steak and kidney pies before he even knew an eating contest was going on, and, in doing this, triumphed over William Jennings Bryan, who was so afraid of Taft's cavernous mouth that he refused to approach the eating platform unless cannons were aimed in the direction of Mr. Taft at all times. After his victory, President Taft spent most of his term in the bathtub.

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WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday:

The Dana Flute Festival will be held Friday night with guest artist, Mathieu Dufour, principal flute of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Bliss Hall. For more information contact: Kathryn Thomas Umble at (330) 941-1831.

Audion, Bestowed, Mind Latch, Theory 38 and When All Else Fails at The Nyabinghi, 1229 Salt Springs Road. (18+)

The SteelHounds will take on the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs at 7:05 p.m. at the Chevrolet Centre, 229 E. Front St.

The Cheats, The Kellys and Beefist at Cedar's Lounge, 23 N. Hazel St. (21+)

Saturday:

Tilt 360 will play the Nyabinghi with My Sister the Sun at The Nyabinghi. Show starts at 10 p.m. (18+)

SteelHounds vs. Bossier-Shreveport at 7:05 p.m. at the Chevrolet Centre.

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